

# Waukee Christian Church

March 2021

## EASTER BASKETS OF LOVE CHECKLIST

Easter baskets from WACS will look different this year! There will be NO individual basket for children. Instead, it will be a family basket with small basket toys and mainly an additional food basket. Donations of small basket toys are still needed but cash donations would be most helpful.

NO UNDERWARE AND SOCKS COLLECTED THIS YEAR.

Thank you for sharing with WACS families!

### DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

- WAUKEE AREA CHRISTIAN SERVICES
- WAUKEE YMCA
- PARTNER CHURCHES
  - Immanuel Lutheran Church
  - Lutheran Church of Hope – Waukee
  - St. Boniface Catholic Church
  - Waukee Christian Church
  - Waukee United Methodist Church
  - Westview Church
  - Westwind Church

DONATIONS DUE BEFORE  
APRIL 2, 2020

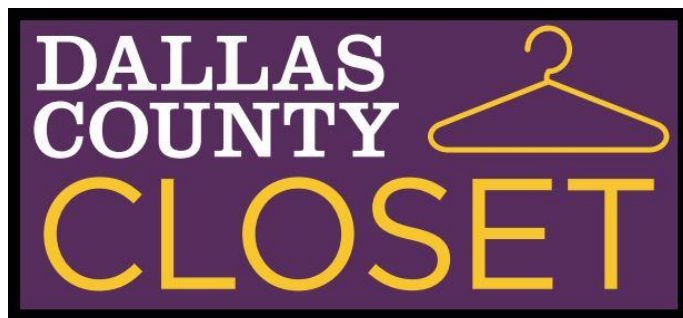


Questions? (515) 987-5523

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A donation box will be located inside the front breezeway.



## 43 NE Carefree Lane

Free clothing is available to children, students, and families in need living in Dallas County.

[waukeecommunitycloset@gmail.com](mailto:waukeecommunitycloset@gmail.com)

## March **SHOPPING** Hours:

All shopping is by appointment only.

Please use the link below to make an appointment.

[www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ba9a622a64-march3](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ba9a622a64-march3)

Dates and times available for appointments are:

Monday, March 8: 4:30-6:45pm  
Wednesday, March 10: 4-6:15pm  
Wednesday, March 24: 4-6:15pm  
Saturday, March 27: 10am-1:45pm

## March **DONATION**

### Hours:

Monday, March 1: 5-6:30pm  
Tuesday, March 16: 12-1:30pm  
Wednesday, March 31: 4-5:30pm

\*\*\* Bring donations to the back door. #43 \*\*\*

# Lent

In Mark 1:12-13, the Holy Spirit sends Jesus into the wilderness, where he fasts and confronts the temptations of Satan for 40 days. Our tradition of Lent is loosely based on this spiritual journey, and we seek to emulate Jesus' discipline, at least somewhat, through our resolutions.

Usually, our observance of Lent includes 'cutting out' something in our lives which we enjoy. Frequent sacrifices include coffee, sugar, television, Facebook, smoking, junk food, or shopping. These small pleasures consume an ever-growing portion of our lives; we can quickly become servants to these niceties instead of mere users. Consider the rate we use our smartphones, often spending more time staring at the screen than the room right in front of us.

But as disciplined and noble as it is to give up a normal part of our lives, it's all for nothing if we don't return to the *purpose* of our 40-day fast.

Sacrifice which ends with us is not sacrifice at all; it is a self-service and continues to distract us from God. For example, if you have cut out your morning coffee order and begun brewing your own cup of joe at the office, you may take pride in the money you save over the 40 days. Or, if you have given up smartphone games and replaced it with reading your massive backlog of paperback books, you've already rewarded yourself with the enjoyment of book reading.

We cannot spend Lent substituting one pleasure with another. The space opened by our sacrifice must be filled only with the Spirit—the same Spirit which led Jesus into the desert.

In our pain-killer culture, we often try to avoid discomfort at all costs. We have forgotten the spiritual and meditative discipline of sitting with our unease and stillness. We can experience legitimate symptoms of withdrawal

in even the shortest spans of time without some kind of stimulation. We fill our lives to the brim so much with daily pleasures that there's no more room for God.

But God is a companion that meets us in discomfort. God is an excellent counselor and friend who does not take away our pain but walks the path by our side. It's our mandate to endure discomfort to find closeness with God.

Here's some practical advice to fill your empty space with God.

- Sit somewhere quiet where you won't be disturbed.
- Close your eyes; breathe in through your nose, counting to five, then out through your mouth, counting to five again. Do this several times.
- Enter into a space of gratitude. Express thanks to God for every little thing you can think of. Avoid bitterness and passive-aggressive "even though's." Allow simple gratitude to pervade your spirit.
- Sit in the stillness and offer your discomfort to God as a gift. Your discomfort should never be torturous or intense, but restless. Commit to spending time with God in a focused manner, as you might set your phone down when you enjoy lunch with a friend.
- Do this daily at a regular time.

If you begin to find joy in your meditations with God, do not think your sacrifice is in vain. God meets you here, and God desires time with you. Giving something up and giving God the time that it took is what is asked for. I hope you find peace and tranquility this Lenten season.

-Pastor Gray

# Homebound Members

Here is a list of our friends homebound or in care facilities. These friends need your prayers but also would welcome cards or visits (in person or by phone). Their days are so long with many hours to ponder why none of their church family visits (cares). They are a special part of our church family. A few minutes out of your day would mean so much to them!

~ Pastor Julie

- Lois Bannister  
Kennybrook Village  
200 SW Brookside Drive #20  
Grimes, IA 50111
- Orville Bannister  
Trinity Center at Luther Park  
1555 Hull Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50316
- Bethalene & Alan Finestead  
13240 NW 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
Granger, IA 50109  
Home: 515-999-2367  
Cell: 515-240-770
- Barry Snover  
Independent Villages  
1505 SE Laurel St – Apt. #8  
Waukee, IA 50263



Your giving is important to the future ministry of God's church in this place. Please give generously and with a cheerful heart.

	January 2021	February 2021
<b>Receipts</b>	\$ 10,363.30	\$ 4,059.00
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 5,891.59	\$ 3,724.32
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 4,471.71	\$ 334.68
<b>Money available for expenses</b>	<b>\$ 37,629.56</b>	<b>\$ 37,964.24</b>



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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 03/02- Nancy Cross    | 03/22- Alayna Younger     |
| 03/04- Austin Younger | 03/22- Colten Silverthorn |
| 03/07- Marvin Cross   | 03/22- Sadie Silverthorn  |
| 03/10- Lorie Keller   | 03/23- Lisa Hiatt         |
| 03/13- Megan O'Hern   | 03/24- Cathy Phillips     |
| 03/16- Steve Keller   | 03/27- Suzanne Koch       |
| 03/16- Evan Helmich   |                           |



03/14- Clint and Suzanne Koch

## Summer Camp 2021

As February 1, 2021 registration for Summer Camp 2021 at the Christian Conference Center is open! You can visit our website for more information about camp, including dates, costs, publicity materials and more. Below is the direct link to our summer camp information page.

<https://www.uppermidwestcc.org/summer-camp>

A packet of promotional materials will be mailed to our congregations in the next few weeks. All the information that will be mailed to you is also available online at the link listed above. If you should need any assistance, please feel free to email me at [tiff@uppermidwestcc.org](mailto:tiff@uppermidwestcc.org) or call the CCC office at 641-792-1266. Thank you for all the ways you support the ministry of the CCC.

While we are still determining our final protocols for overnight youth camp and cannot completely eliminate the risk of a Covid-19 spread, we can promise that the following measures will be in place: lower bed capacity, physically distanced gatherings, mask requirement in large groups, outdoor recreation whenever possible, and extra air filtration systems in our large group meeting spaces. We will also have written protocols that will be available upon request.



# SPRING

# March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Worship</p>	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Caregiver Appreciation Day</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>World Day of Prayer</p> 	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Popcorn Lover's Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Plant a flower Day</p> 	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship</p> <p>Exc. Board Meeting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>First Day of Spring</p> 
<p>28</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship</p> <p>Palm Sunday Special Easter Offering</p> 	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>Take a Walk Day</p> 	<p>31</p>			

**March Is Red Cross Month: Give Back in Your Community**



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### ***WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

9:00 am-9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service

### ***...OUR STAFF...***

Pastor: Gray Fredericks  
Associate Pastor: Pastor Julie Cornelius  
Admin. Assistant: Katie De Jong

### ***...Pastor's Office Hours...***

Zoom- by appointment.  
In Office:  
Every other Friday and every Sunday  
after church

### ***... CHURCH OFFICE ...***

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
7:30AM -12:00PM



Please remember to keep your Revitalize Pledges as current as possible. If you are unsure of the status of your Revitalize Pledge, please call the office.