

Waukee Christian Church



January - February 2025

Pastor's Corner



As we have been preparing to re-launch the newsletter for Waukee Christian Church after quite a long hibernation, it has been a time of wondering about what we have to share as a congregation. We have asked questions about what kinds of information should we share? What dates, or details, or signups are people feeling like they missing out on? What ways can we do a better job

at helping people feel connected to, and informed about, the ministry at WCC?

Some people have advocated for detailed financials to be included. Others want sign-ups for servers and readers. Others have hoped for prayer concern lists, and yet others information about what is happening during board meetings.

We of course cannot include all of the things in one newsletter every month. Over the course of the year, there will be a wide variety of types of information shared in the monthly newsletter. Some things will be there every month like sermon information, news from the larger church, important upcoming dates and events. There will also be things that only happen occasionally, like sharing that we completed 2024 with revenue exceeding expenses by \$659.85, and information about our food collection drive.

I hope that as we move back into this way of sharing and communicating, you will offer your feedback and suggestions, as well as your engagement with this important tool. As we continue to rebound from some years of significant change and hardship, I hope that this will be yet another source of encouragement and support for not only the congregation of WCC, but each of us as a part of this shared ministry together.

—Rev. Channels

WCC Board News

Our officers and committee chairs follow. If you are interested in one of the open positions, contact George Risinger at: 515-707-0837 or by [email](#).

Officers

- **Chair:** George Risinger
- **Vice Chair:** OPEN

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We are located one mile west of Waukee on Hickman Road

Sunday Schedule

Children – Youth - Adult

Sunday School: 9:00-9:45 am

September thru May

Worship Service: 10:00 am

Join us in person or live on



Watch our previous services on



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- **Secretary:** Christy Snover
- **Financial Secretary:** Shari Burgess
- **Treasurer:** Suzanne Koch

Committee Chairs

- **Education:** Holly Showalter
- **Fellowship:** Karen Neese
- **Financial:** Suzanne Koch
- **Property:** Charles Teas & Ron Hardersen
- **Outreach:** OPEN
- **Worship:** Vicki Teas & Marlene Risinger
- **Waukee Area Christian Services Representative:** Kathy Dean

Christian Conference Center News

New Executive Director

Eric Lahart will serve as the Executive Director of the Christian Conference Center.

Eric has a deep and long involvement with the Christian Conference Center and our regional church camps. He was a church camper at the CCC, a member of the Upper Midwest Youth Council (UMwYC), and a two-time summer intern. He has counseled and directed multiple camps.

Eric has served in management in Hy-Vee stores for over 20 years and brings a wealth of experience in daily management, staff leadership, and marking. [Read the full announcement.](#)

Week of Compassion News

We continue to pray for all of those affected by the devastating wildfires in Los Angeles county, those who have lost loved ones, those who have lost their homes and businesses, the firefighters and first responders, and those gathering to help their neighbors.

To support the communities impacted by these devastating fires, please [make a gift](#) to Week of Compassion, designated for “California Wildfires 2025.” Of your contribution, 100% of your contribution will go directly to assist disaster-affected communities, both in immediate relief efforts and in ongoing recovery.

Local Connection

Rev. Brandon Johnson is Pastor of First Christian Church, Burbank, CA. Brandon grew up in the Upper Midwest, attending camp at the CCC, serving on the Upper Midwest Youth Council (UMwYC), and eventually ordained as a timothy of First Christian Church, Cedar Falls, IA. First Christian Church of Burbank has a long-standing ministry to people on the margins. Their weekly support of those unhoused in their community continued yesterday, in a different way, and [you can see some pictures of that in the Week of Compassion update.](#)

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Upcoming Sermon Topics

January 26 – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - Sermon “Being the Body” - Theme: You are the body of Christ.

February 2 – Jeremiah 1:4-10 - Sermon “You Don’t Mean Me Do You?” - Theme: We are all called.

February 9 – Luke 5:1-11 - Sermon “God Wants Me to Do What?” - Theme: Jesus calls the disciples to fish for people, but they first must be astounded by the power of Jesus.

February 16 - Psalm 84 - Sermon “Are We Happy?” - Theme: Finding the Dwelling of the Lord.

February 23 – Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 - Sermon “What now?” - Theme: What to do in the meantime.

Outreach News



Our Christmas tree was full of food until Monday, January 13, when our church donated 354 pounds of food and \$150 to the [Waukeee Area Christian Services](#) food pantry. Their staff shared that the pantry shelves had received an abundance of generous holiday donations, and they were happy to see us bringing much-needed items to refill the shelves.

If you would like to purchase some food for our next donation, bring your donations to the fellowship hall. Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Jim Pfeifer
- Marlene Risinger
- Julie Cornelius
- Shari Burgus
- Janelle Taylor
- Dennis Dowell
- Lorrie Grandgenett
- Shawn O'Hern
- Pat Consolver
- Joe Younger

Dates to Remember

February 9 - Board Meeting

February 28 - March 2 Regional Youth Assembly grades 6-12

March 5 - Ash Wednesday

Our Confession

As members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) we confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the World.

Who We Are

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) makes no requirement of our members to believe a certain way or make a certain confession beyond the one above. Our perspectives are diverse and our practices inclusive of many viewpoints. All are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table to celebrate communion each Sunday.

We believe each person is a part of the ministry of the Church. This is an invitation to study, learn, and grow our faith through education, reflection, worship, and service.

Give to WCC

We have the eGiving option that is easy for individuals and families to sign up for and embrace. It is secure, easy to use, and more efficient for both you and the church.

You have the option to create an account or donate as a guest. If you create an account, you will be able to setup recurring donations, access donation history and setup various methods of payment.

You can donate via an ACH directly from your bank account or via a credit card. Click [eGiving](#) to start giving.

Need Pastoral Assistance?

Contact:

Pastor Jason-Paul Channels by phone at: 515-518-0841 or [email](#) or

Pastor Julie Cornelius by phone at: 515-370-3144 or [email](#).

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