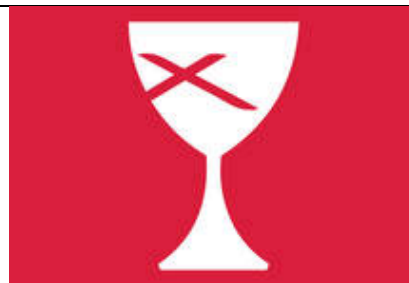
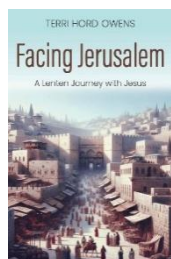


Waukee Christian Church



February–March 2025



Lenten Devotions

Rev. Julie Cornelius will lead a Lenten devotional study *Facing Jerusalem* written and shared by Rev. Terri Hord Owens, who serves as the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This study will be in conjunction with our Lenten Soup Supper starting at 4 pm Beginning on March 12.



Lenten Soup Suppers

Starting Wednesday, March 12, and continuing through Lent, come to the church for soup and fellowship. Serving begins at 5 pm and continues until 6:30.

If you would like to contribute soup, bread, dessert, or help, look for sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall.

Waukee Area Christian Services Name Change



WayPoint Resources kicks off 2025 by announcing its new name!

WayPoint Resources represents the dedication to supporting individuals and families in times of hardship, offering direction and hope on their path to stability.

While their name has changed, their mission remains the same: to serve people's immediate needs and create connections that encourage lifelong wellness. The new name captures their role in meeting people where they are and walking alongside them during difficult moments in their lives.

Why the change to WayPoint Resources?

For nearly two decades, Waukee Area Christian Services has proudly served our community, inspired by faith and compassion. As the organization has grown, so has their vision. They wanted a name that:

- Welcomes everyone with open arms, regardless of background.
- Represents our role as a waypoint—a place of direction, support, and rest for those navigating life's challenges.
- Reflects the broader scope of services we offer to meet the diverse needs of individuals and families.

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We are located one mile west of Waukee on Hickman Road.

Sunday Schedule

Children –Youth – Adults

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



As usual, our partnership with this organization continues. Thank you for your continued support. For more information about this change, visit their website at waypoint.care. In the meantime, feel free to continue donating money or items. Items dropped off at our church will be taken to WayPoint.

Pastor's Corner



Right now, in our country, there are people making decisions and claiming that they are living their Christian faith in a variety of official and public acts. But it consistently looks like they are furthering their own personal desires, hopes, wants, and trying to stave off their own fear and anxiety...NOT making decisions based in what God has called us to do.

The Disciples ran and hid in the upper room because their fear for their own well-being blinded them to possibilities of God. They locked themselves away from the world and from the mystery of God because all they could see around them were enemies. The moment Christians decide that those they have labeled as enemies are more powerful than God, they have lost their faith.

Not only should we not fear the enemy being stronger than God, but God calls us to love the enemy. God's strength and the power of love are more than any mythology of the enemy we could create. But as soon as we allow our fear to define our faith, then we have not faith. As soon as we allow our desire for power and control to dictate our witness and our living, we no longer are the Samaritan stopping and helping. We become the priest and the Levite who walked on past on the other side of the road, more concerned about ourselves than Jesus' reminder to love thy neighbor as thyself. If we choose the path of the Levite, we choose the end of our faith. If we choose the path of the Samaritan, we choose the end of our selfish life and the start of our faithful life.

This Lenten Season, we will be exploring the topic of ENDINGS as we wonder about how the story of Jesus on Easter is both an ending and a beginning. The dichotomy found in the tomb is part of what challenges us, as Christians, to be looking for the full story of God, not just what we hope or expect to find. As we make this journey, we will be looking at a variety of endings' characteristics...the end of struggle, what it means to be at the end of an effort, the end of the Exodus and the Disciples' time with Jesus, and the end of silence. I invite you to join us both in person and online for this journey through Lent and to wonder what this might mean in your life!

—Rev. Channels

Upcoming Sermon Topics

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.

March 2 - Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)
Sermon "How are We Changed?"
Theme: Transfiguration Sunday

March 9 - First Sunday of Lent
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Sermon "Still Waters"
Theme: ENDINGS: Celebrating the end of struggle.

March 16 - Second Sunday of Lent Luke 13:31-35
Sermon "Keep On Keeping' On" Theme: ENDINGS: Never an end to the effort.

March 23 - Third Sunday of Lent Luke 13:1-9
Sermon "Are We There Yet?"
Theme: ENDINGS: When does the end come?

March 30 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
Joshua 5:9-12
Sermon "Staying Put"
Theme: ENDINGS: The end of the Exodus.

Church Online

Take time to check out the Waukee Christian Church online recordings of worship on either our [Facebook](#) or our [YouTube page](#). In the last couple of weeks, we have made some significant changes to the way we have edited and presented the recordings of our services. We will continue to strive to improve both the recordings of the services as well as the online presentations.

A reminder: you can check our service live on Sunday mornings on the church Facebook page starting about 10 a.m. You can also usually view the edited versions on these platforms by Sunday midafternoons.

Please feel free to share these with others, like them in the feeds, post them to your social media accounts. The more ways we can share our witness in this way, the better!

Church Directory

We will be updating the church directory this spring. We be taking pictures of members at the church after services on Sundays starting April 27. You can also submit a RECENT photo for the directory. More details to follow!

WCC Board News

The board welcomes the people who stepped up to fill the needed positions last year. We are still looking to fill a vacant vice-chairperson position.

The vice-chair fills in when the chairman is absent and will become the chairperson the next year.

If you want to get more involved in the life of the church, contact board chair, George Risinger at: 515-707-0837 or by [email](#).

Disciples News

Important Statement from the General Minister and President:
Multifaith Action

February 11, 2025

Dear Disciples,

Today we are proud to join a multifaith coalition and the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection (ICAP) in opposition to the rescission of the sensitive locations policy, which is a direct violation of the First Amendment and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). This decision directly interferes with our ability to fulfill our religious mandate and serve all of our congregants equally and with the dignity they deserve. We don't take this step lightly, but this extreme action from the federal government challenges a foundation of our faith and threatens to shatter our consecrated spaces. Our faith compels us to take a stand and protect our places of worship. As Disciples of Christ, we seek to protect the right of each congregation to worship and serve in their spaces as they wish to do. Our General Assembly invited all congregations in a 2017 resolution to become "immigrant-welcoming." We take seriously the command in Scripture to welcome the stranger (Leviticus 19:33-34 NRSV), and

Our Vision

To be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality, and a passion for justice. Micah 6.8

Our Mission

To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

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.

Jesus' teaching that whenever we minister to one of the least of these, we are ministering to him (Matthew 25:40 NRSV). Our General Board unanimously approved our joining this multifaith coalition in taking this action.

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. As part of this multifaith coalition, we seek to affirm that we do indeed welcome all. If you or anyone in your congregation has a question about this action, please feel free to contact: news@disciples.org.

Moving towards wholeness together,

Rev. Terri Hord Owens
General Minister and President



Let There Be Light

Have you been out to the church lately? There now seems to be more light at night than there is during the daytime, thanks to Sam Ruggles! Thanks, Sam, for installing the new light fixtures on the parking lot poles. And thanks to two persistent onlookers, who mostly tried to make sure Sam was safe while staying out of his way.

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.

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

February and March Birthdays:

- Dennis Dowell
- Lorrie Grandgenett
- Shawn O'Hern
- Pat Consolver
- Joe Younger
- Nancy Cross
- Marvin Cross
- Lorie Keller
- Megan O'Hern
- Evan Helmich
- Cathy Phillips
- Suzanne Koch
- Don Lang

Anniversaries:

Clint & Suzanne Koch

Dates to Remember

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

March 5 – Ash Wednesday

March 8 – Board Retreat from 9 to noon at the church. For all current board representatives and elected board positions.

March 9 – Board Meeting after worship

March 12 – Lenten devotion study 4 pm; soup supper; 5 to 6:30 pm

March 19 – Lenten devotion study 4 pm; soup supper; 5 to 6:30 pm

March 26 – Lenten devotion study 4 pm; soup supper; 5 to 6:30 pm

April 27 – Church Directory Pictures (ongoing) after worship

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:

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