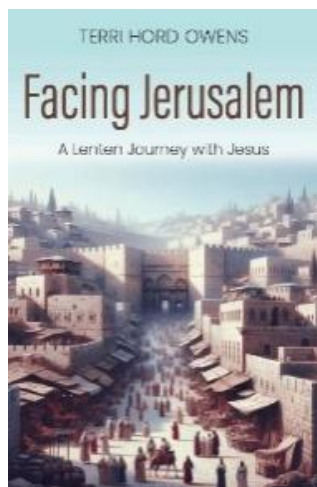


Waukee Christian Church



March – April 2025



Lenten Bible Study

Lenten season is upon us. In preparation for Easter, we are having a bible study titled *Facing Jerusalem—A Lenten Journey with Jesus*. We will meet in the fellowship hall every Wednesday March 1 to April 16 at 4:00 pm. The study is led by Pastor Julie Cornelius.

The study's subjects are:

- March 19—The Cost of Discipleship
- March 26—God is Able
- April 2—Enough is Enough
- April 9—Reclaiming the Blessing of God
- April 16—All are Welcome

Soup Supper follows at 5-6:30; carryout meals available.



Palm Sunday Breakfast

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to the complimentary breakfast at the church on Palm Sunday, April 13. Serving will be from 9 to 9:50 am in the Fellowship Hall. On the menu is egg casserole, pastries, fruit, juice, milk and coffee.



Church Directory

Next month is picture taking time for our new church directory. Please plan on either submitting a family picture for the directory or having your picture taken at the church on April 27 or May 4 or by appointment with Rev. Channels between April 27 and May 18. More information will be available about the requirements for pictures being submitted in the next newsletter.



WCC Board News

April Board Meeting DATE CHANGE! Sunday, April 6, following worship.



Lenten Soup Suppers

Come to the Lenten Soup Suppers Wednesdays 5-6:30 pm during Lent in the fellowship hall; carryout meals available!

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

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.

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



Pastor's Reflections

During Lent, it is important that we remember that this is a time of preparation and contemplation. As I shared in my sermon this week, it is a time of seeing our way to the cross of Jesus. This is why Lent has fasting, and Lent has struggle as a theme. It's why Lent is a somber and slow season for worship and church activities. It is this way to help us be in the spirit of ponderous living and pondering thought.

I invite you this season to join in the wondering about ENDINGS that we are sharing in the sermon series. To wonder about how you see endings show up in your journey toward the cross and how they can help to inform your faith life.

But all of our church effort cannot be spent thinking about endings, and our church leadership is embarking on just the opposite this year as we begin to explore what we might build as our new ministry as a congregation in the months ahead. It may be that a new beginning has some endings as part of its birth. A new ministry hopefully will mark an end to this time of malaise and doubt since COVID, and our congregational transition. It may be that this new ministry may also bring about an end to a suffering, a pain, a missing connection or some other hurt or injustice in our community.

There is much to do as we begin this process. And there will be chances for the congregation to be involved as well. But right now I ask that you would pray for discernment and wisdom, enthusiasm and vision, as we embark on this journey as a community of faith. And I look forward to celebrating Easter with you, the resurrection of Jesus and the beginning of new life in our savior!

– Rev. Channels



Women of Waukee Social

Join the Women of Waukee (WOW) group for a night of fellowship and food on Wednesday, May 14, for dinner at John & Nick's restaurant in Clive at 5:30 pm.

Please RSVP by Wednesday May 7 to Linda Wilcox @ 515-490-8885 or Karen Neese @ 515-205-3195.



The church board is excited to share that we will be hosting a return of a previous ministry this summer at the church! We will be the newest site of the YMCA's summer children's program. From June through early August, we will be hosting between 40 and 60 young people as part of the work that the Y does supporting children in our community. This will be led and staffed by the Y, but there will be a chance for us to do some preparatory work this late spring. More information will be available next month. This is an amazing opportunity for WCC to be sharing our space that is underutilized during the week, and to be exposed to new folks in our community. We look forward to hosting them this summer, the last time was nearly 15 years ago!

Upcoming Sermon Topics

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.

April 6 – Fifth Sunday of Lent John 12:1-8

Sermon "Iowa Goodbye"

Theme: ENDINGS: The end of time with Jesus.

April 13 – Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40

Sermon "Talking Rocks"

Theme: ENDINGS: The end of silence.

April 20 – Easter Sunday

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24, John 20:1-18

Sermon "It Ain't Over Till It's Over"

Theme: ENDINGS: The end of death.

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Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in honor or in memory of a loved one for just \$15, contact Marlene Risinger at 515-707-0058 by Sunday, April 13. You will be able to take your lily home after Easter Sunday services.

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

March and April Birthdays:

- Nancy Cross
- Marvin Cross
- Lorie Keller
- Megan O'Hern Evan Helmich
- Cathy Phillips
- Suzanne Koch
- Don Lang
- Beckett Showalter
- Zoey Koch
- Marilyn Lang
- Naomi Brumfield
- Robin Younger

Anniversaries:

- Clint & Suzanne Koch
- Mike & Karen Neese



Dates to Remember

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

April 2 – Lenten devotion study 4 pm; soup supper: 5 to 6:30 pm

April 6 – Church board meeting after worship

April 9 – Lenten devotion study 4 pm; soup supper: 5 to 6:30 pm

April 13 – Palm Sunday breakfast @ 9am

April 16 – Lenten devotion study 4 pm; soup supper: 5 to 6:30 pm

April 20 – Easter Sunday service @ 10 am; no Sunday School

April 27 – Church Directory Pictures after worship

May 4 – Church Directory Pictures after worship

May 14 – WOW Social Dinner at John & Nick's restaurant at 5:30 pm



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.

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.

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](#).