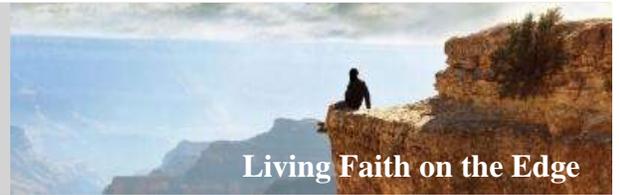


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The Pastor's Pen

T.S. Eliot declared, "April is the cruelest month, breeding lilacs out of the dead land, mixing memory and desire, stirring dull roots with spring rain." And at first I think, this poet had it all wrong. April is a wonderful month! Who doesn't love those first spring bulbs bursting forth from the cold ground? Who doesn't delight in the will of the stubborn daffodil erupting from a hill of snow? Who doesn't long for the lilac?

Winter keeps us warm and summer surprises us with rain showers, Eliot says. And he finds both of those to be acceptable. What's not acceptable to this poet is the surprise of new life where death once reigned.

As Easter people, we proclaim resurrection, God's possibility in the face of death's certainty. But do we really believe it? Do we believe that new life can happen? To us? Or is resurrection just a "Jesus thing"?

I've watched a lot of Easter people, shouting "Hosanna" on Palm Sunday and singing "Alleluia" on Easter morning, turn back to death once the lilies have faded. Easter people claiming there isn't enough money. Easter people declaring that, if we only had a few more folks in worship, or on committees, or in Sunday School. Easter people!! Easter, with the promise of resurrection, removes death's grip on us. But April is the cruelest month, because it's the month we have to let go of our grip on death.

I do that, you know. I hold on to death in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary. God works miracles all around me and I give excuses. God sends me opportunities, and I say "I'm tired". God breaks open the kingdom, and I hit the snooze button. Why do I do that? Why do I hold on to death with white knuckles?

This April, remember the power of the empty tomb. This April look deeply at the flower that is opening up for you and for this congregation, and gently let go of the cold you are wrapped up in. This April, look for the crocus reaching up through the clump of dust, and thank God for new life.

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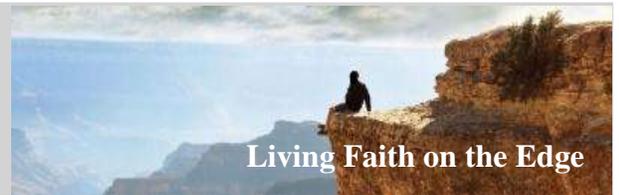
Laughter Sunday



I once heard someone say, "If you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans." Our God is a God of joy. And God gets the last laugh on Easter morning in the form of an empty tomb. Zephaniah 3:17 says that God delights in you! What better way is there to celebrate the joy of Easter than with a little laughter? So, on April 7th, the Sunday after Easter, worship will be filled with laughter. **Come prepared to share a joke as part of our Eastertide message.**

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CALLING ALL YOUTH!

We have several fun events planned that you won't want to miss. Come join in the fun and invite a friend!! Here's what's happening:

April 21st – Cookie Bake-Off: Are you Top Chef? Come cook up some fun as we bake and decorate cookies and then give them away at the YMCA for a fundraiser. We'll meet in the afternoon – time to be determined.

May 19th – Bike Ride and

Picnic – Get the wheels and helmets dusted off. We'll start at the church and take the trail to the park uptown for some Frisbee Golf and a picnic.

June 21st 7 p.m. – June 22nd

8:30 a.m. – Movie night lock-in. Sleeping bags required but sleep isn't!

July 4th - 4th of July Parade We

will be part of the Waukee 4th of July Parade and invite others to join us at the Family Fun Fair

July 28th 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. –

Family Fun Fair: An old fashioned carnival with dunk tank, inflatables, pie baking contest, games, and crafts. The big event of the summer!

August 18th – Pizza & Bowling

– We're going to challenge Adel Christian Church to a bowl-off. Bring it!

September – Youth

Sunday/Rally Sunday – Yep! You'll be doing worship that day! Can't wait to see what you create!

In addition to these activities, there is interest in a bell choir and puppets. You should receive a letter with the specifics so be watching for that in the mail!



The church garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 4, at various members homes throughout the Waukee area (this is the same day as Waukee's city-wide garage sale). Please bring **gently used items** you would like to donate to these locations:

- Kathy Dean's home at 285 Bel-Aire in Waukee
- Linda Foltz's home at 220 Parkview Drive in Waukee
- Marlene Risinger's home at 235 Southview Drive in Waukee
- Waukee Christian Church (please place your items in the last classroom past the men's restroom). These items will be distributed to the above locations to be sold.

Funds raised at the garage sale(s) will be used to purchase miscellaneous items for the church not provided in the budget such as: round dining tables, countertop ice maker, and beverage dispensers.

If you have any questions contact Kathy Dean at (515) 681-1167 or Linda Foltz at (515) 669-2271.



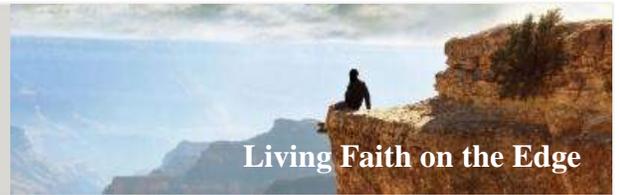
WOW!

The Women of Waukee will meet on April 11th. The host will be Marlene Risinger and lesson by Tammy Hardersen.

A special guest speaker, Rev. Candice Brown, will give a presentation on **Quadrennial**, the Disciple Women Event, and to ask if a group of women from WCC would be interesting in attending in 2014. You can find out more about Quadrennial at www.quadrennial.org/.

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Camp – Camp registration forms are here! If you have been to camp, then you know about Holy Ground. If you have not, then you are encouraged to go and be caught up in being a part of the body of Christ. Camp is a special place where young and old are brought together in worship, fun, and friendship. Have questions? Talk to Pastor Sue. You can also register on-line at

www.christianconferencecenter.org/2013/2013-camp/

Dates to Remember

- April 3rd, 2013 CWF 9:00 am
- April 11th, 2013 WOW 7:00 pm
- April 14th, 2013 Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- April 15th, 2013 Elders' Meeting 6:30 pm
- April 22nd, 2013 Earth Day



FACEBOOK

Like Waukee Christian Church on Facebook. Help spread the Good News of what goes on here!



10th Annual Hearts for Hope Women's Tea

Saturday, April 27, 2013

Announcing our 2013 Tea Speaker

Lizzie Velasquez

National speaker and author of ***Be Beautiful, Be You***

Lizzie Velasquez is one of only three known people in the world with a medical syndrome that doesn't allow her to gain weight or create muscle. She is the author of two books: *Lizzie Beautiful* and her most recent release, *Be Beautiful, Be You*.

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2013

Time: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Sheraton Hotel West Des Moines

Reservation: \$100/person

General registration now open.

Register online here or call (515) 265-7272

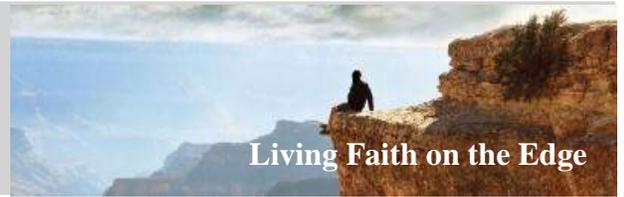


Elders' April Serving Schedule

APRIL	<i>Communion Prayer, Scripture</i>	<i>Call to Worship Unison Opening Prayer Invitation to Offering & Prayer of Dedication</i>	<i>Home Bound Calling</i>
	Jan Jensen	Karen Neese	Jan & Karen

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Name Badges are available in the Narthex. Please remember to wear them out of respect for our guests and visitors. If you do not have a name badge, leave a note for the office and we will get one made for you!



Lanita will be on vacation from April 15-April 22, 2013.

If anyone is interested in pitching in at the office while she is away, please contact the office.



Thursday, August 8 at 8:00 PM at the Iowa State Fair

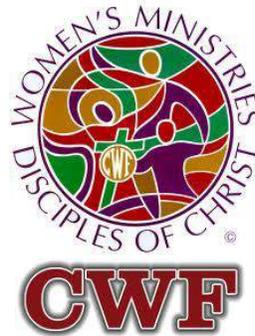
Casting Crowns

with special guest
Jeremy Camp

Sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for special pre-sale tickets for \$30. You MUST sign up by April 7th!



The book club that began at WCC 14 years ago is still meeting on the last Monday of the month to discuss the book and enjoy table fellowship. If you can join us, that would be great. If not, you might enjoy reading some of the selections anyway. So, each month, we will list the book of the month here. April's Book: *Then She Found Me* by Elinor Lipman. Happy Reading!



CWF will be meeting April 3rd, 2013, in the Fellowship Hall.

All Ladies are welcome to attend. This month's hostesses will be Evelyn Dowell and Louise Keller.

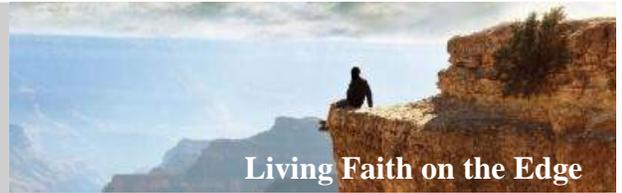


HOPE CHEST – Have you noticed the hope chest in fellowship hall? It's located in the Northwest Corner. One of our ministries is to support the local Waukee Food Bank. Food Bank patrons find hope in your generosity. Please remember to fill the Hope Chest as a way to combat hunger.



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Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center (CIAC) is hosting a Garage Sale Fundraising Event in the Varied Industries Building of the Dallas County Fairgrounds on May 3-4, 2013.

This is a fundraising event for victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, & homelessness. There are 3 ways that you can support victims and survivors:

1. Shop the sale on May 3-4 and buy a lot of stuff!
2. Provide a monetary donation to Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center, PO Box 40, Adel, IA 50003
3. Donate your gently used items to the sale. You can drop off your donations at the fairgrounds April 29th through May 2nd between the hours of 9am-3pm. Or call Mickie & Steve Kinney at 993-3394 and we will arrange to have volunteers pick up your donations and deliver them to the drop off site for you.

For more information, please call 515-993-4095 or email support@caic91.org

HIPPA Law -

Under the regulations of the HIPPA Law, hospitals are unable to release any patient information. This includes contacting a church or pastor if someone is admitted to the hospital. If you or a family member are taken to the hospital and would like pastoral care, please contact the church office immediately at 987-4937 so that care can be provided.

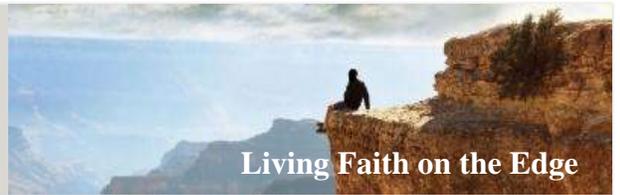


Thank You! - Thanks to

- The Movers and Shakers who helped on Moving Day!
- Hospitality Ministry for hosting wonderful Soup Suppers during Lent
- The people who operate our AV system
- The Elders who led our Good Friday Service
- Everyone who participated in World Day of Prayer
- The Family Fun Fair Planning Team and all who are willing to help
- The people who assisted the Exira Church by opening and locking up after the overnight at WCC
- All who celebrated with Laura Helmus and Larry Doud at their wedding
- The Easter Choir
- The Easter Bunny who left candy for the staff
- Our Board
- The Worship Team and others who provided for sacred space during Holy Week

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Please let the office know if you are interested in volunteering at the Christian Conference Center Build!



Volunteers will be needed all summer long – Memorial weekend will be the kickoff but there will be opportunities for individuals and groups to work whenever their schedules allow.



Have you found yourself asking this question? You're not lost! In order to make the best use of space, some things have moved.

The former Prayer Room is now a great **Work Room**. Office Supplies and Ministry Mailboxes are here. Board Members, Elders, and others involved in worshipful work will want to check their mailboxes often!

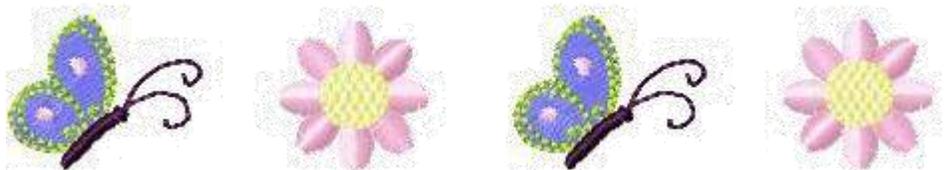
The room to the south of Fellowship Hall is now a multi-function **Lounge** for reading, prayer, and small groups. It will also make a wonderful room for bridal parties and families during funerals.

The toys have been moved back into the **Nursery** where children can crawl, create, play, and more. The room is appropriately furnished with a sink for clean-up.

On down that hall is a new **JYF room**. We are planning several youth activities this spring and summer, and this will be a great space to gather, kick back, and learn about God's love!

On the north side of Fellowship Hall you will find our new **Ministry Corner!** The **Food Bank's Hope Chest** is there – please remember to support this important program. Next to the Hope Chest is a **Card Ministry** desk. Have you ever heard someone's name lifted up in worship and thought, "I need to send them a card," but then forgot or didn't have a card on hand? The Card Ministry desk is stocked with cards for all occasions. Use them to keep connected with those who need your compassion and a word of encouragement. You can also donate cards. Just leave them at the desk!

If you have trouble locating anything, just ask!



We will be honoring Graduates on Sunday, May 19th during worship.

Please let us know of any seniors who will be graduating in the Spring of 2013.



Board Meeting There is much to do in response to the Holy Spirit. The Board meets on April 14th at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to be a part of the worshipful work of God's church in this place.



Time and Talent Instructions:

God calls us to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

And God has given each of us the talents to be church.

No matter your age or ability, there are always ways you can serve. On the following pages you will find the Waukee Christian Church Time & Talent form, listing the many ways we can serve the church and others.

Please review it prayerfully and indicate if you are willing to adopt an activity. (If you are receiving this electronically, you will need to print it off.)

Then simply return it to the office. Remember that God is asking us to stretch ourselves through ministry. Please visit with Pastor Sue if you have any questions. Blessings!

RELATIONAL:

Provide opportunities to grow in relationship with God and one another.

- I W Sunday school teacher
- I W Family Fun Fair volunteer (___ Teacher ___ Helper ___ Director ___ meals)
- I W Adult Bible study _____ leader _____ participant
- I W Share a talent with youth group or Sunday school classes
- I W Help with youth projects
- I W Provide a meal for youth group meetings
- I W Become a prayer partner with a youth
- I W Plan one or more small group activities
- I W Prepare & deliver a benevolence meal when called
- I W Help with funerals:
___ food, ___ serving, ___ set up/clean up
- I W Send birthday/anniversary cards
- I W Help set up tables and chairs for events
- I W Participate in Men's Group/Women's Group
- I W Participate in Breakfast Group/Coffee Club
- I W Visitor Center Attendant
- I W Visit prospective members
- I W Visit new residents in the area
- I W Visit the sick and shut-ins
- I W Participate in telephone prayer chain
- I W Help with members' needs
___ errands ___ transportation
- I W Provide baked goods to be used for visitations
- I W Coordinator for baked goods
- I W Crafts: (please circle interest)
crochet, knit, sew, quilt, scrapbooking
other: _____
- I W Baby-sitting for special functions
- I W Historian
- I W Photographer

SPIRITUAL: Enhance our corporate life through Word and Sacrament

- I W Communion preparation/clean-up
- I W Greeter
- I W Youth greeter (hand out bulletins)
- I W Candle lighter (age 8 and up)

- I W Operate A/V. system (training provided)
- I W Children's moment—**2 to 3 minutes (no longer)**
- I W Offering and Communion servers (age 12 and up)
- I W Communion meditation—**2 to 3 minutes (no longer)**
- I W Scripture reader (age 12 and up)
- I W Sunday morning fellowship host/hostess (includes clean-up)
- I W Provide fresh flowers on Sunday
- I W Seasonal Decorating & Banners/Parament care and placement
- I W Choir
- I W Youth Choir
- I W Sing solo/group (___ service ___ special)
- I W Play piano/organ (___ service ___ special)
- I W Play musical instrument (kind _____)
- I W Nursery attendant (16 & up)
- I W Nursery assistant (10-15 years)
- I W Present a sermon
- I W Be in a drama
- I W Prepare the quarterly schedule

PROPERTY: Support ministries through the care of the property God has entrusted to us.

- I W Be responsible for unlocking/locking the building for outside groups
- I W Yard care (bushes, trimming, etc.)
- I W Painting
- I W Carpentry
- I W Plumbing
- I W Electrical
- I W Wash windows
- I W Plant and maintain flower beds
- I W Kitchen Care Coordinator (organize and maintain kitchen)
- I W Purchasing agent (cleaning, kitchen, & communion supplies)
- I W Spring/Fall Clean up volunteer (Saturday)
- I W Change information on outdoor signage(alternate)
- I W Straighten and stock pew pockets & racks

MISSIONAL: Encourage and equip people with the Good News of Jesus Christ

- I W Help with Hands on Mission Projects (locally- globally)
- I W Deliver Food Pantry items
- I W Help with services at **insert care facility name**
- I W Walk in the Hunger Hike (October)
- I W Participate in a mission trip

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 9:30 am Knit Wits	3 9:00 am CWF Fellowship Hall	4 10 am Cluster in Bondurant	5	6
7 9 am Sun School 10 am Worship	8	9 9:30 am Knit Wits	10	11	12	13
14 9 am Sun School 10 am Worship 7:00 pm Board Mtg.	15 6:30 pm Elders' Mtg.	16 9:30 am Knit Wits	17	18	19	20 
21 9 am Sun School 10 am Worship	22 	23 9:30 am Knit Wits	24	25	26	27
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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday School classes 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

... OUR STAFF ...

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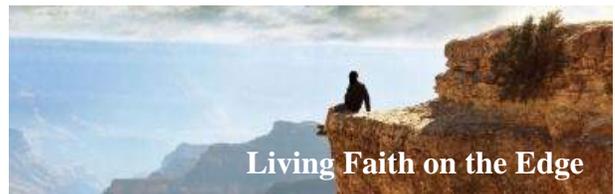
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April Lectionary

Join us in worship as we explore....

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| 7th | 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31
<i>Did you hear the one about the Christian?</i> |
| 14th | Acts 9: 1-20
<i>Blinded by the Light</i> |
| 21st | Acts 9: 36-43
<i>I Can See Clearly Now</i> |
| 28th | Acts 11: 1-18
<i>Daydream Believer</i> |

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