

Cross Words

August 2019



Strait from the Pastor

She gave me a broken fish. That's right, broken. Father's Day rolled around a year ago and she knew the bowl and rocks and plants she made me buy for myself two years ago was empty, and she decided to do something about it. Here she showed up with two goldfish. One was the typical orange color your ordinary generic goldfish come in. Generic. That means cheap. The other was more colorful with orange and white and black. It was slightly smaller than, let's call him Generic Bob, but there they were. Two new goldfish for Father's Day two years ago. Unfortunately, one fish didn't last long, a week maybe, leaving me with Generic Bob, and it's Generic Bob I'm talking about. He's broken. Whatever organ makes it possible for a fish to just glide up and down from the top of the bowl to the bottom of the bowl with ease, well, Generic Bob doesn't have one that works. He's a floater. He has to battle to get to the bottom of the bowl. He has to wedge himself, or herself – maybe we should call her Generic Bobette – under the plastic leaves of the plastic plants that do a better job of staying in place than ole Generic "B" does. After battling all day to swim to the bottom of the bowl in the hunt for food there are times when "B" just calls it a day and accepts the laws of anti-gravity and floats to the top and, I assume, sleeps. Somehow ole "B" has made it more than a year, more than the pretty, slim and trim and fully functional fish. Every morning when I feed the dogs and cat I feed "B" and watch as floating to the surface takes little time or effort. My fish is broken, but my fish is still fighting the fight. Sometimes I wonder if I should free "B" of its suffering, its brokenness, you know, let "B" sleep with the fishes, as they used to say in the gangster movies. Then it hits me. This is all "B" really knows, well, if it knows anything at all. Maybe in that little fish brain ole "GB" is at home with how it has to eat and swim and float and swim and eat and float...and float...and float. Maybe "GB" is just fine and doesn't even recognize that I think it's broken. And then I realize the giftedness of "B" because of all the possible choices, my daughter picked that one out just for me. Like when a little child hands you a dandelion, or a toy phone, or a soggy cookie, are whatever it is, you take it because it is the bond that matters more than the object. You know what I'm saying here, don't you?

It is the bond between the people of God that speaks louder than our brokenness. We are not defined by anything less than the perfect love that knows us, claims us, and enlivens us. I cannot help but ask, is it not what God sees in us, in you and me, in us and them, in we and they, that makes all the difference? What makes us gift in the world is the bond we have with God and how that bond gives us eyes to see and hands to work with one another, as church together and as believers in the world. I am in love with the knowledge that we are pushing the parameters of what it is to embrace the ministry of all believers. I see your faces when youth break the bread and lift up the cup. Some would tout they are too young and do not yet have "full knowledge." What if we, as church together, found it our mission to see God's beauty in all people and sought to find a way to let that beauty shine? What if this was the way we viewed all the people in all the places of our lives? What if we saw the bond of love before we saw the label of generic?

Grace and Peace,

Loren



Save the Date

- 08/04/19 - Blessing of the Backpacks
- 08/11/19 - Executive Board Meeting after fellowship
- 08/14/19 - WoW Summer Get-together 5:30 pm at Rosalie's
- 08/25/19 - Worship in the Park with Picnic and games afterwards!
- 08/25/19 - Ministry Team discussion of Chapter 10 of *The Real Good Church* after fellowship



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We will use Country Club Glen (16335 Sheridan Ave, Clive) to Worship in the Park on Sunday, August 25th. Our Reservation is from 8 am - 2 pm. Following worship there will be a potluck picnic and games. If you have games that you can share, please feel free to bring them!



Julie Cornelius is our Visiting Pastor.

Please let her know if you are hospitalized or would like her to make a visit. Her phone contact is 515 370-3144.



Sunday School will resume on September 15th. This year, we will try having THREE groups! 2nd Grade and under will be with Nancy & Marvin Cross and Lorie Keller. 3rd & 4th Grade will be with Janelle Taylor & Holly Showalter. 5th Grade and up will be with Mike Showalter & George Risinger. Holly and Janelle would like some volunteers to do the class from time to time. It's good for the kiddos! There will be a sign-up sheet if anyone is interested!

Thank you!

Thanks to

- All the supporters of our Shoe Drive! We couldn't do it without your support!
- Jim Pfeifer for staining the play set and making it look new again!
- Rev. Donna Rose-Heim and her husband, Rev. Bill Rose-Heim for providing the sermon on July 21st and for the special music!
- The Foltz's, Taylor's, De Jong's, and Risinger's for providing transportation for our guests from General Assembly.



All Women of Waukee Christian Church are encouraged to join the membership of WoW (Women of Waukee Christian Church).

If you would like to get email information and participate in our activities, please let Cimberly Hansen know. She is the current chairwoman of the group.

WoW is having the last of the summer get-togethers on Wednesday August 14 @ 5:30 hosted by Rosalie Pfeifer.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 08/01 Beckie Myers
- 08/03 Karen Neese
- 08/06 Thomas Ruggles
- 08/23 Lee Foltz
- 08/26 Mike Neese
- 08/28 Derek Heisdorffer

Happy Anniversary

- 08/05 LeRoy & Linda Graham
- 08/12 John Helmich & Sophia Ahmad



Thanks to Judy Tyler and her endless energy, the first Outdoor Flea Market held in the parking lot of WCC was very successful! WCC made **\$2,290.38** at this event! Thank you, Judy!!

Noisy Offering

August 11th



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Help a student who can't afford school supplies start the school year equipped to succeed!

It seems like summer's just begun but it's already time to talk about collecting school supplies for WACS. This year I'd like to focus on just collecting the following:

- wide tip washable markers - 8 or 10 count Classic colors,
- black dry erase markers,
- sticky notes
- #2 pencils.

These are some of the most needed items for the approximately 350 back packs we will fill. Also, new or slightly used backpacks would be accepted. Many of the supplies that aren't donated are purchased, so if you prefer to donate cash that is also welcome.

There will be a basket in the fellowship hall every Sunday in July. WCC will bless these backpacks and donations on Sunday, August 3rd. The supplies will be organized and distributed on August 20th.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Sue MacRae
515-987-9678



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

	April	May	June
Receipts	\$ 11,606.00	\$ 14,552.37	\$ 10,564.19
Expenses	\$ 10,150.00	\$ 11,248.05	\$ 10,656.11
Difference	\$ 1,456.00	\$ 3,304.32	(\$ 91.92)
Money available for expenses	\$29,707.68	\$33,012.00	\$32,920.08

If you are going to be gone, please secure your substitute and let the office know of the change. Thanks!



Serving On Sunday


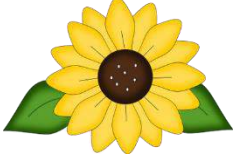


August Serving Schedule

August	4 th	11 th	18 th	25 th
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Karen Neese	David Grandgenett	Mary Lou Harris	Worship in Country Club Glen Park (16335 Sheridan Ave, Clive) followed by potluck picnic and games!
A/V	Dave Grandgenett	Holly Showalter	Jason Keller	
Greeter	Lee Foltz	Linda Foltz	Suzanne Koch	
Youth Greeter	Kayson Tayler	Gavin Reeck	Easton/Beckett Showalter	
Candle Lighter	Colten Silverthorn	Kayson Taylor	Sadie Infante	
Children's Moment	Shari Burgus	George Risinger	Kathy Dean	
Reader	Lee Foltz	Mike Showalter	Cathy Conklin	
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer	Holly Showalter	Linda Foltz	Ron Hardersen	
Offering & Communion Servers	Tammy Hardersen	David Grandgenett	Shari Burgus	
Communion Invitation	Linda Wilcox	Shari Burgus	Linda Foltz	
Communion Prayer	Linda Foltz	Suzanne Koch	Tammy Hardersen	
Fellowship (please remember to take out trash)	Vicki Teas	Youth Fellowship	Linda Foltz	
Child Care Attendant	Tasha Schnell	Brooke Howsare	Zoey Koch	
Monthly Tasks				
Food Pantry Delivery	Lanita Cavanaugh	Lock up after church		Marc De Jong

September Serving Schedule

September	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Linda Foltz	Mary Lou Harris	Linda O'Hair	Jan De Jong	Karen Neese
A/V	Ryan Taylor	Holly Showalter	Jason Keller	Dave Grandgenett	Matt Hansen
Greeter	Lee Foltz	Suzanne Koch	Karen Neese	Linda Wilcox	Dave Grandgenett
Youth Greeter	Colten Silverthorn	Kayson Taylor	Sadie Infante	Beckett Showalter	Gavin Reeck
Candle Lighter	Sadie Silverthorn	Gavin Reeck	Kayson Taylor	Sadie Infante	Easton Showalter
Children's Moment	Shari Burgus	George Risinger	Kathy Dean	Pastor Loren	Shari Burgus
Reader	Sue MacRae	Linda Wilcox	Cathy Conklin	Linda Foltz	Lee Foltz
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer	Lee Foltz	Cathy Conklin	Suzanne Koch	Jan De Jong	Linda Wilcox
Offering & Communion Servers	Dave Grandgenett	Mike Showalter	Linda Foltz	Shari Burgus	Cathy Conklin
Communion Invitation	Janelle Taylor	Ryan Taylor	Marc De Jong	Linda Wilcox	Linda Foltz
Communion Prayer	Linda Wilcox	Lee Foltz	Janelle Taylor	Ryan Taylor	Suzanne Koch
Fellowship (please remember to take out trash)	Mary Lou Harris	Shari Burgus	Sue MacRae	Vicki Teas	Linda O'Hair
Child Care Attendant	Brooke Howsare	Zoey Koch	Tasha Schnell	Brooke Howsare	Zoey Koch
Monthly Tasks					
Food Pantry Delivery	Mary Lou Harris		Lock up after church		Chuck Teas

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION Through August 4th</p>				1	2 Recycle	3 
4 9:30 am Worship Blessing of the Backpacks 	5	6 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	7	8 Trash	9	10 Church Reserved
11 9:30 am Worship Noisy Offering today! Ministry Team Meeting after fellowship	12	13 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	14 WoW Summer Social 5:30 pm Rosalie's Home	15 Trash	16 Recycle Newsletter Articles Due	17
18 9:30 am Worship	19	20 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	21	22 Trash	23 	24
25 9:30 am Worship WORSHIP IN the Park Country Club Glen followed by potluck picnic and games!	26 Between the Covers BOOK CLUB 5 pm	27 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	28	29 Trash	30 Recycle	31

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Coffee

...OUR STAFF...

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~Living Faith on the Edge of Waukee ~



Connecting people to each other and the world.

Growing spiritually through the renewing of our minds.

Honoring the Image of God in all people.

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