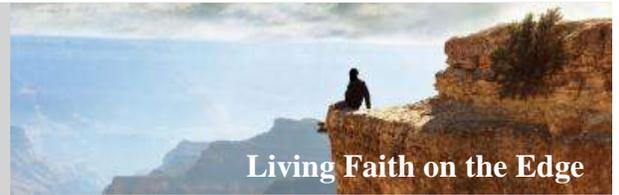


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Lent Begins February 13th, 2013



Old-fashioned spring cleaning used to mean throwing open all the windows, hanging bedding out on the clothesline and bringing carpets outdoors to beat out the winter's dust. Now we have machines to take care of cleaning and there's no need to wait for spring. We can—for better or worse—get it done anytime, year-round.

So, let's start now. This year, the Worship Team at WCC is offering a Lenten Devotional to individuals and families who would like to prepare themselves for the Surprise of Easter.

The devotional is called *Spring Cleaning*. Let the fresh air and sunlight into your life. Rely on God's gifts of light and air to urge us to open ourselves and honestly reflect, truly repent.

If you would like a copy of the devotional, please let the office know at 515-987-4937.

Free Will Offering accepted



The Pastor's Pen

I talk on the phone while driving. In fact, when I get behind the wheel, the first thing I think is, "Who should I call?" That's unfortunate for so many reasons - the first of which is that I should be focused on the road.

I used to have more time: time to think about what I needed to do that day... or what I had set aside and why. Time to wonder why on earth I snapped at that sales clerk. Time to consider what this unsettled feeling is all about. I used to have time to think about my response to others. I used to have time to think about God's grace. But I don't have as much time anymore-- not since I started talking on the phone while driving.

Do you remember having time? Time to sort things out. Time to deliberate. Time to prepare. Time to pray.

My cell phone just might be the universe's black hole for sucking away time. Oh, sure, it's great for checking up on the kids or scheduling appointments or marking things off the to-do list while taking the on ramp at 50... I mean 45... miles per hour. But, before you know it, I've missed my turn or lost my way. And there goes 10 minutes all because I talk on the phone while driving.

Sometimes I'm so busy **doing**, that I forget to pay attention to where I'm **going**. I think I know God's will for my life, when I suddenly realize I've been focusing on the wrong thing and missed what's important.

If we are serious about this faith thing, then the Holy Spirit has already paved the road we need to take. The Spirit is alive and energized at Waukee Christian Church. We're busy discovering the road God has set for us. It's not about *doing* more things... it's about being *open* to following God's direction.

Take some time during Lent to quietly reflect on the road before us. It's important... that quiet time... so we don't miss the critical moment when God asks, "Where are you going?"

Blessings,

Pastor Sue

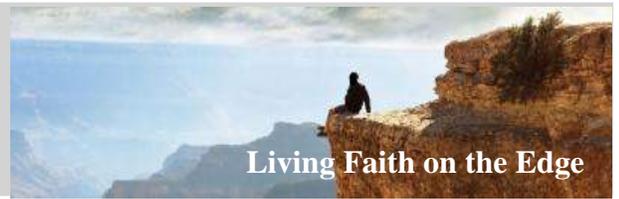
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Spiritual Practices

One of the requests at our recent Pot Luck Learning was for more opportunities for Small Group formation and Spiritual Development. Here's your chance. During Lent, Pastor Sue will lead a spiritual practices group as we discover together the ways we can enter into that holy space of God. Have you tried Breath Prayer? Do you use the ancient worship of Lectio Divina? Would you like to know more about these and other spiritual practices? Then join us at 6 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, February 13th, 27th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th for fun and spirituality on our Lenten Journey.

Soup Supper provided. Sign up on the sign-up sheet on the board.

New Sunday School Class Led by Pastor Sue

*Faith Lessons
on the Promised Land*

Pastor Sue is leading a new Sunday School Class: Faith Lessons Video Series. All adults and teens are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. for a great video on places in the Holy Land where the Bible stories actually happened.

Dates to Remember

St. Boniface Luncheon	Feb. 2 nd
WOW!	Feb. 6 th 7:00 pm
Board Mtg.	Feb. 10 th 7:00 pm
Ash Wednesday Soup Supper	Feb 13 th 6:00 pm
Elders Meeting	Feb. 18, 7:00 pm
World Day of Prayer	March 1 st , 2013

Opening our Doors

30 members of the Exira Christian Church will be spending the night in our Fellowship Hall on March 8th. They are coming to Des Moines for the Acquire the Fire event in Des Moines. Acquire the Fire is a 2-day (27 hour) event packed with powerful Christian bands and speakers, setting the stage for your teens to have a life-changing encounter with God. They will be in the building from around 10:30 p.m. Friday night and leave by 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. We are grateful to have a place to host our family in Christ.



Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet if you are willing to bring a soup.

6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Hosted by the Worship Team and Hospitality

Followed by a casual brief service.

The book club that began at WCC 14 years ago is still going strong. We meet the 4th 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. Happy Reading!
February's Book: *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio: How My Mother Raised 10 Kids on 25 Words or Less*, by Terry Ryan.



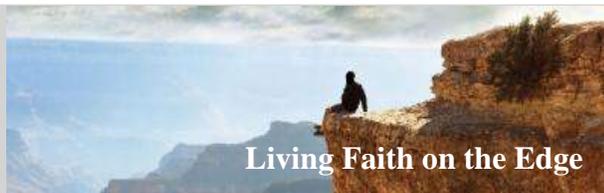
FREE CLINIC VOLUNTEER OPENING

Waukee Area Christian Services is seeking an MD, DO, or Nurse Practitioner to take on a leadership role within the Waukee Area Christian Free Clinic as a volunteer Medical Director. It is not mandatory that the Director be present during all clinic hours of operation. For more information, including a Position Description, please contact Melissa Stimple at 515/321-0894 or Melissa@WaukeeChristianServices.org.

The Free Clinic is a non-profit outreach that serves the health needs of the uninsured and under insured in the community. Their mission is to show Jesus' love as they provide free health services to promote physical, emotional, and spiritual health and healing. Waukee Area Christian Free Clinic is a member of Free Clinics of Iowa.

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Coffee with the Pastor

Come have coffee with Pastor Sue on Thursday mornings at McDonald's on Hickman Rd. She will be there **at 9 a.m.** for anyone who would like a small format for getting acquainted.

Please note: there will be no coffee on Thursday, 2/7/13.



Pot Luck Learning

Let's continue our discovery of where God is leading us with another Pot Luck Learning. This time we will explore our Core Values and grade ourselves on how well we welcome, serve, and shepherd others. Bring a dish to share for lunch on February 24th following worship.



FACEBOOK

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

BAPTISM

If you would like to know more about baptism or are ready to take that step of faith, please contact Rev. Woods. Sue will be holding Pastor's classes in preparation for baptism this spring

Building a Path Together

It is our time as the present generations to build **NEW PATHS** for Future Disciples!! Help Fund a part of The Christian Conference Center History! Join us as we build this path for the future to make sure many more generations will have their lives changed on Holy Ground.

We invite you to celebrate with us the generations of campers who have walked the paths by purchasing named bricks. We will be installing engraved pavers as part of a new outdoor worship area. This is a wonderful way to support the building fund while making your name, the name of a loved one, pastor or business a permanent piece of our history.

- Give a monetary gift without a brick
- \$250-\$999 gift for a 4x8 brick, engraved with up to 3 lines of print, 12 characters per line (includes spaces and punctuations)
- \$500 gift for a 4x8 Honor a Clergy brick, engraved with Clergy symbol, also can be engraved with up to 3 lines of print, 9 characters per line (includes space and punctuations)
- \$1,000 gift for a 8x8 brick, engraved with up to 5 lines of print, 12 characters per line (includes spaces and punctuations) <http://www.uppermidwestcc.org/2012/12/12/give-to-our-path-together/>

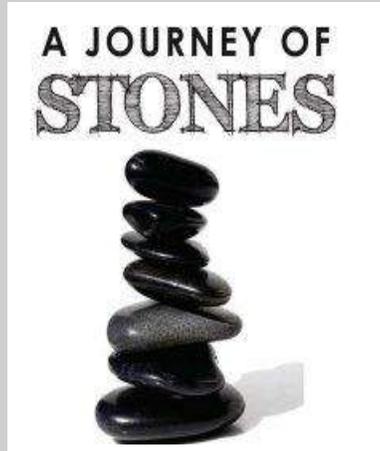
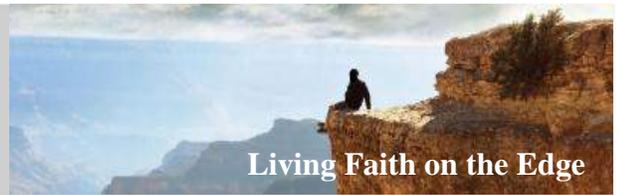
Week of Compassion offering collected Feb. 17-24



Known among many Disciples as a disaster relief fund, Week of Compassion actually supports so much more: long-term development projects in North America and around the world and basic Needs. Week of Compassion Offerings will be Collected Feb. 17th and 24th. Consider your outreach.

Welcome!

Please welcome Lanita Cavanaugh as our new Administrative Assistant. Lanita lives just southeast of Woodward with Ken, her husband of 35 years. They have 3 children and 8 grandchildren who all live within the central Iowa area. Lanita comes from a strong computer and clerical background. She worked for the State of Iowa for 36 years before retiring in 2011, where she was a Computer Programmer.



Drawing on the rich imagery of stones in scripture, our Lenten Sermon Series centers around the compelling metaphor of stones (and our willingness to throw them) as representative of our broken human nature. As worshipers enter the sanctuary, they are invited to pick up a small stone as a symbol of each week's message. When the stones disappear on Easter morning, it will be a visual illustration of how God removes our hardness and opens us up to grace and peace. Come with us on the Lenten Journey of Stones. February 17th - March 29th.

Joyful Noise!

A choir is forming sing praise on Easter morning! We will practice 4-5 times on Wednesday nights during Lent. If you would like to be a part of the choir, let Ruth Sindt know. We need to know number to order music.

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CWF will be meeting February 6th, 2013, at the church. Please bring your CWF book. All Ladies are welcome to attend.

Thank you

To Our Dear WCC Friends,

Knowing that my brother found Jesus seven years ago and changed his life, was one of the happiest times of my life. Knowing that he is no longer in pain and is with Him now, makes his passing so much easier to accept. And knowing that we have friends at WCC that were praying for us at this difficult time was so comforting.

Thank you for your beautiful cards, encouraging texts, and timely phone calls during this time. We love and treasure our church family.

~Tammy and Ron Hardersen

Thanks to

Linda Foltz and Marlene Risinger for their secret shopper abilities in acquiring two "new" chairs for the Pastor's Study

Joyce and Wayne Breckenridge and Alan and Bethalene Finestead for attending the Elders Workshop at Adel Christian Church. Much learning was shared!

Ron Hardersen for installing the door chimes at the church

Pat and Jack Carpe for helping with the newsletter mailing. Everyone who attended the Pot Luck & Learning to discover ways to be hospitable to people of all generations

To anyone who visited with one of our youth after worship

Those who contribute to the Waukee Food Pantry

Ruth Sindt for providing the wings to worship through music

The people who, in the midst of snow, are already planning this summer's Vacation Bible School event! (Spoiler Alert! It's going to be something different this year!!)

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Date/Time: Wednesday, February 6 at 7 p.m.

Location: Jan Jensen's home

13916 Briarwood Lane, Urbandale

Lesson: Kathy Dean

Who: Women interested in fellowship and service



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Sun School 9 am Worship 10 am	4	5 9:30 am Knit Wits	6 9:00 am CWF Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm WOW Mtg. at Jan Jensen's	7 10 am Cluster in Perry	8	9
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Worship Service 10:00 am

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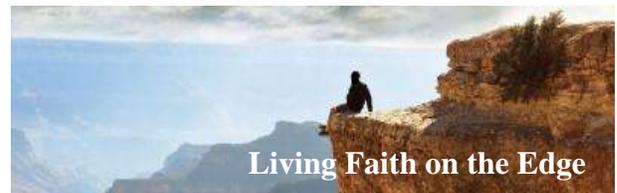
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NOTICE:

If you no longer wish to receive the WCC newsletter, please notify the office. Thank you.

February Lectionary

Join us in worship as we explore....

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| 3rd | Luke 4:14-30
<i>Living on the Edge of Faith</i> |
| 10th | I Corinthians 13:1-13
<i>The Potter Principle</i> |
| 17th | Matthew 4: 1-11
<i>Stones to Bread</i> |
| 24th | Exodus 32: 1-24
<i>Written in Stone</i> |