

Well... the boxes are unpacked... the books are on the shelves... and the curtains are hung!

Moving into a new office is a great joy. It's like opening a Christmas gift from all of you. You have my heartfelt thanks for being so welcoming and showing me hospitality these first few weeks. It will take a while to learn all your names, but I have learned quickly who you are: caring people who love God and each other. I feel very blessed to be among you.

In the coming weeks, months, and even years, as the Spirit works in each of us, our worship, outreach, and our hearts will be transformed by God's grace. That is the promise, the blessing, and the challenge God gives us.

I hope you will drop by the Pastor's Study very soon for a cup of coffee and a cozy chat. I can't wait to get to know you better. But I also plan to be out in the community, building relationships and helping people learn about God's church in this place. So, if I'm not at the office, don't be surprised if you run into me around town.

You can reach me on my cell phone at 515-577-4543 or by email at swoods@qwestoffice.net.

I pray that God will use each of us to fulfill this prayer as we live "church" together here in God's Waukee vineyard. Let's be someone else's daily bread, today. Until then, give God the praise for this day and for our ministry together.

See you in church!

Pastor Sue

Congregational Meeting

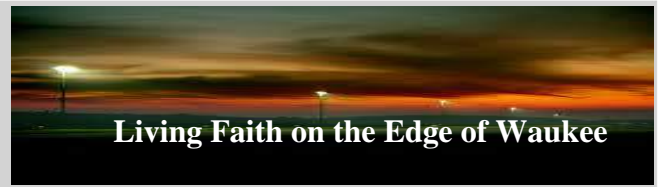
Calling all Members!

A meeting of the Congregation will take place on **January 6th** after worship to approve the budget and receive the recommendation of the Nominating Committee.

The newly elected Church Officers will be recognized and installed during worship on **January 13th**.

Be sure to thank those who have volunteered to serve!





Warm up to Worship

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

New Sunday School Class Led by Pastor Sue

*Faith Lessons
on the Promised Land*

Filmed on location in Israel, *Faith Lessons*, is an in-depth video tour of the buried, distant, forgotten places where the stories of the Bible actually happened. From this rich cultural perspective, we will explore well known Scripture passages. The result? You will never read the Bible the same again. The class is open to all ages.

Come join us on Sunday mornings
9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Dates to Remember

Congregational Mtg. Jan 6, 11 a.m.

Elders Mtg. Jan 27 4:00 p.m.

WOW! Jan 9th

Coffee with Pastor Jan 10th

Board Mtg. Jan 13th

What's Up
With Church? Jan 27th 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Blessing!

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. Jerry and I have felt so loved and welcomed already. Your generosity is another way you have opened your hearts to us. We pray for many years of ministry together as we seek to serve the One we celebrate on Christmas. Pastor Sue and Jerry Woods



A special thank you to those who have served God's church

- The Search Team for their worshipful work
- Those who helped on Sunday mornings and Christmas Eve
- Those who offered a message on Sunday morning
- The Property Angels who cared for the building during the recent blizzard
- The people who noticed a child and called them by name
- Those who provided music during Advent
- Everyone who has helped Pastor Sue settle in
- CWF for serving the funeral lunch

Opportunity

There are more ways to serve! Until the Secretary position is filled, Pastor Sue could really use help on Thursdays printing and folding the bulletins. Are you called to serve in this way? Please consider helping!



Coffee with the Pastor

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



FACEBOOK

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

Disciple Women will not meet in January

WOW!

Women of Waukee will meet on January 9th at the home of Kimberly Hansen.

Ministers' Institute

The 2013 Ministers Institute will be held January 28th and 29th at the Christian Conference Center in Newton, Iowa. This event qualifies for part of the continuing education credits required of clergy each year to maintain standing in the Disciples of Christ of the Upper Midwest Region. The theme this year is "Confronting the Elephants," featuring topics clergy should consider... topics that loom large but cause us to hesitate. These topics are:

- Programming Ministry with Limited Resources
- Dealing with Poverty in our Communities
- Becoming a Truly Welcoming Community
- Facing the Fear of Failure in our Congregations

The Keynote Leader will be Dr. Bryan Feille, Director of Supervised Ministry, Brite Divinity School, Ft. Worth, Texas. Pastor Sue will be attending Minister's Institute. She will also be available by cell phone for emergencies.



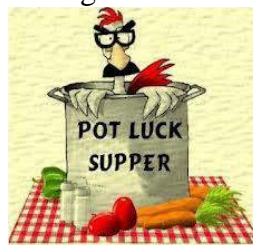
All-Congregation Event ~ What's Up With Church? ~

On **January 27th**, the Elders will host an all-church event to learn about the generational differences in the church.

What do Baby Boomers expect from church?

How does that differ from what Gen X-ers want?

Come learn why the church is changing – and how we can be open, inviting, and welcoming to others.



Pot Luck 5:00 p.m.

Learning 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Call the office for a ride.



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 4×8 brick, engraved with up to 3 lines of print, 12 characters per line (includes spaces and punctuations)
- \$500 gift for a 4×8 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 8×8 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/>

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