

Cross + Words

January 2019



Strait from the Pastor

Our first journey through Advent and the celebration of Christmas has been a true gift. When I think about all the families who have been a part of the Advent readings with the lighting of the candles, I smile. When I think about all the time and effort made to put together a Christmas presentation with the youth, the stories of Christmas memories by church family, the songs and skits by the youth along with their gifts of instrumental music, I smile. When I think of all the bodies working alongside others to decorate and make our worshipful space inspiring, I smile. When I think of more than enough people willing to have a part in the Christmas Eve service, I smile. All along in the background there was Lanita putting bulletins and information together. There was Pastor Julie lining up readers. There were the ladies planning special times of fellowship together. There were all those doing the behind the scene things, yet unrecognized, and I celebrate your devotion, your kindness, and I smile. We are church together.

I would like you to carry that forward into the New Year. We are church together. We may be taking an honest look at ourselves in the hopes of meeting the future that is coming at us faster than we realize but we can do it because we are church together. We may be ongoing in our efforts to understand our new structure and how processes and decisions are made but we are doing so with boldness and confidence because we are church together. We may be changing some things, yes, changing some things, in the daring confidence of becoming vibrant and engaging but we know in the effort of trying and failing and trying again and succeeding we can do such things because we are church together. And to show that your thoughts and words and visions are not forgotten, we will be finding ways to stay in touch with and responsible to the strategic plan developed while you were in the time of soul and pastoral searching. We can hold close to those things we value and are willing to risk because we are church together.

The future to which Jesus calls us arises before us as this New Year unfolds and I am confident that we, as church together, are filled with the gifts, the talents, the lives, the believers, it takes to claim that future with a bold and engaging faith. I ask that you pray for our shared life together. I invite you to be an inviting people who not only find ways to be engaged in the many ministries and opportunities we have and will discover but also bring new friends and family to be a part of this shared life. I ask that you keep the leadership of Waukee Christian in your prayers as they continue to read and study and risk new ideas while leading us toward this future unfolding around us. May we above all, seek to nurture this body of faith, together, in accordance to the way of Christ who truly makes us one. Happy New Year!

Grace and Peace,
Loren

Save the Date

- 1/1/19 - New Years - office closed
- 1/2/19 - CWF 1:00 pm at the church
- 1/9/19 - WOW 3:30 pm at the church
- 1/20/19 - Annual planning meeting following fellowship.

REVITALIZE
WAUKEE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Remember to get your 2018 Revitalize pledges in by 12/31/18 in order to receive a tax deduction for your 2018 taxes!

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Thank You's to:

- Jan De Jong for her leadership and many hours of painting fellowship hall and hallways.
- Matt Hansen for climbing high into the nooks and crannies of the sanctuary and narthex to clean out the cobwebs.
- Lanita and Ken Cavanaugh for providing a fun evening of movie and great refreshments for all!

Rosalie Pfeifer

Dear WCC Family,

Words cannot convey what your gift of the season means to me. You all make working and worshiping here a true joy!

May Waukee Christian Church thrive and grow as you continue to shine your grace and share God's blessings!

~ Lanita

To all of you at Waukee Christian Church, how thankful we are for all kindness shown to us through this holiday season. The gifts, the food, the cards, the flower arrangement and financial gift, have touched our hearts tremendously. Your kindness is not taken for granted and thanks is given to God for the wonderful people you are.

Grace and Peace,
Loren and Mary

Noisy Offering

Jan. 13th



Thank you

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to each of you for your expressions of love and support! Working together we accomplish so much in His name! I am delighted to continue serving as Visitation Pastor. I am confident that 2019 will be a fruitful exciting year for Waukee Christian Church! Thank you and Happy New Year to one and all!

Pastor Julie

Thank you all for making the journey of Advent wonderful and the celebration of Christmas wonderful here at Waukee Christian Church!

- Thanks to the Younger, Showalter, Silverthorn and Infante families for leading in the Advent Candle readings and lightings.
- Thanks to so many people who participated in the Christmas Eve service in so many ways! Jessica Heisdorffer, Megan O'Hern, Judy Tyler, Rosalie Pfeifer, John Helmich, Jan De Jong, Pastor Julie Cornelius, Ryan Taylor, Mary Strait, Holly Showalter, Kayson Taylor, Cimberly Hansen, Suzanne Koch, Pastor Alan Finestead, Linda Foltz, Sadie Infante, and Vicki Teas – your participation made this service special!
- Thanks to all who made our time of fellowship after Christmas Eve a great time to gather!
- Thanks to Shari Burgus, Nancy Cross, Lorie Keller and their helpers for the Youth Christmas Program.
- Thanks to all who made WCC a beautiful worship space during the holiday season!
- Thanks to Jack Harris as he completes his term as President of the Executive Committee. Welcome to Jim Pfeifer who will become the President in 2019 and Marc De Jong who becomes the Vice Chair.
- Thanks to Linda O'Hair as she completes her service as Recording Secretary of the Executive Committee. Welcome to Juanita McBeth who becomes the new Recording Security beginning 2019!
- Thanks to everyone who made the Celebration of Life for Vivian Smith and the time of fellowship for the family afterward so perfect. Your kindness and love are truly a blessing.
- Thanks to Lanita Cavanaugh for her outstanding work in keeping up with all the demands at WCC through this busy time of year. We are grateful for all you do!



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

	September	October	November
Receipts	\$ 10,773.51	\$ 12,593.25	\$ 10,303.21
Expenses	\$ 12,869.46	\$ 10,283.02	\$ 13,962.22
Difference	(\$ 2,095.95)	\$ 2,310.23	(\$ 3,659.01)
Money available for expenses	\$34,652.80	\$36,963.03	\$33,304.02

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WOW held their annual "Cup 'O Cheer" in December. Here are pictures of the fun event.

The next WOW meeting will be at the church on January 9th at 3:30 pm.





Our Family Memories of Christmas

Enjoy these photos from the children's Christmas program. What talented young people we have been blessed with!



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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.



01/02	Jim Pfeifer
01/03	Marlene Risinger
01/09	Julie Cornelius
01/11	Darcy Gruber
01/12	Roberta Petty
01/21	Shari Burgus
01/24	Janelle Taylor



The CWF will meet on January 2nd at 1:00 pm. Please join us.



The December Support Team Meeting

The following is a summary of the Executive and Support Team meeting. If a full report is desired, please let Lanita or Pastor Loren know and a copy will be provided. The Monthly Board meeting is open to the congregation and announced in the bulletins.

If you would like to know more, please speak to any of the members of the Executive Team or Support Teams.

Old Business: We have volunteers to count and post the weekly tithe collection, so two are there each time. The all congregational meeting (ACM) to approve the budget and 2019 slate of officers was held after church December 2.

New Business:

- Welcomed new slate of officers: Jim Pfeifer chair, Marc De Jong co-chair, Juanita McBeth (absent) Recording Secretary, Ryan Taylor Treasurer, Beckie Myers Financial Secretary and Chuck Teas Property Chair. Thanked Jack and Linda for their years of service on the board.
- Congregation will meet January 20, following fellowship, to plan the 2019 activities calendar.
- Ryan presented a purchase order form to be used in the future when requesting items for the church. The Ministry Team members are to be informed of any changes going on with the church for their approval whether with a form or not.
- It was agreed to put the Ministry Team Meeting Old and New business agenda in weekly email prior to monthly meetings to enhance communication.
- Any flowers or plants left at the church following a funeral service will be enjoyed at the next service.
- As a security measure, we are now locking the back-entry doors at 9 a.m. Thus, it is important that sidewalks be clear of ice and snow prior to service to all doors.
- The purchases of shades, sideboard for Narthex and matching table were approved. Linda O' will talk to Jan De Jong regarding paint and supplies with idea to complete Fellowship Hall before painting any other rooms. The storage shelves for the office supply room will be put on hold.
- Jack suggested By-Laws be reviewed to make more consistent. We use words such as Board, Support Team, Executive Team, etc. that are not in By-Laws. Others agreed with him that the church needs to put more emphasis on outreach i.e. Waukee Christian Services. It was agreed to review this quarterly.
- We will meet December 21 following fellowship to go over chapter 3 & 4 of Real Good Church and get Chuck and Juanita copies of the book for them to join us.
- Pastor's Report: Pastor Loren presented his report. Will change way we have people sign in at beginning of service by having one register per side handed back. Pastor will get it started. Social Media Committee will be getting started to update the website and work on Facebook.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

- Finance: Ryan reviewed the November financials.
- Honoring: The Christmas Eve service will be at 6 P.M. Encourage people to visit shut ins. Left over advent books will be sent to those unable to be at church. Julie hopes to visit those one more time before Christmas.
- Property/Revitalize: Marc - The front doors need some additional trim to help keep out rain. We will try it for a while. Additional greeter to open the doors as people enter would be helpful, as doors are heavy. Chuck will replace light bulbs in Fellowship hall so they are all consistent.
- Hospitality: Lorrie will coordinate fellowship following the Christmas Eve. service. Planning a silent auction fund raiser in January and a box lunch auction in March. Beckie asked if there was a way to invite the public to some of these fund raisers vs depending always on the congregation for donations?
- Growing: Janelle and Holly are working with Shari regarding teaching Sunday School.

The next Support Team/Board meeting is January 13, 2019.

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Serving On Sunday

January Serving Schedule







January	6 th	13 th	20 th	27 th
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Linda O'Hair	Marlene Risinger	Ken/Lanita Cavanaugh	Dave Grandgenett
A/V	Suzanne Koch	Dave Grandgenett	Lanita Cavanaugh	Jason Keller
Greeter	Ron Hardersen	Sue MacRae	Suzanne Koch	Tammy Hardersen
Youth Greeter	Kayson Taylor	Easton/Beckett Showalter	Sadie Silverthorn	Gavin Reeck
Candle Lighter	Colten Silverthorn	Sadie Infante	Gavin Reeck	Kayson Taylor
Children's Moment	Kathy Dean	Pastor Loren	George Risinger	Shari Burgus
Reader	Kimberly Hansen	George Risinger	Juanita McBeth	Ron Hardersen
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer	George Risinger	Judy Tyler	Shari Burgus	Suzanne Koch
Offering & Communion Servers	Cathy Conklin	Marc De Jong	Ken Cavanaugh	Jim Pfeifer
Communion Invitation	Linda Wilcox	Cathy Conklin	Ryan Taylor	Kimberly Hansen
Communion Prayer	Shari Burgus	Lorrie Grandgenett	Judy Tyler	Shari Burgus
Fellowship (please remember to take out trash)	Janelle Taylor	Beckie Myers	Tammy Hardersen	Shari Burgus
Child Care Attendant	Zoey Koch	Tasha Schnell	Reagan Cavanaugh	Brooke Howsare
Monthly Tasks				
Food Pantry Delivery	Sue MacRae		Water Indoor Plants	George Risinger
Visiting Shepherds	Kimberly Hansen/Shari Burgus		Lock up after church	Marc De Jong

February Serving Schedule

February	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Suzanne Koch	Jan De Jong	Ken/Lanita Cavanaugh	Karen Neese
A/V	Holly Showalter	Dave Grandgenett	Lanita Cavanaugh	Jason Keller
Greeter	Linda Wilcox	Karen Neese	Marilyn Dowell	Christy Snover
Youth Greeter	Sadie Infante	Gavin Reeck	Easton/Beckett Showalter	Sadie Silverthorn
Candle Lighter	Sadie Silverthorn	Sadie Infante	Gavin Reeck	Easton Showalter
Children's Moment	Kathy Dean	Pastor Loren	George Risinger	Shari Burgus
Reader	Christy Snover	Jan De Jong	Mike Showalter	Kathy Dean
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer	Cathy Conklin	Christy Snover	Tammy Hardersen	Linda Wilcox
Offering & Communion Servers	Mike Showalter	Holly Showalter	David Grandgenett	Sue MacRae
Communion Invitation	Suzanne Koch	Shari Burgus	Linda Wilcox	Cathy Conklin
Communion Prayer	Marc De Jong	Tammy Hardersen	Cathy Conklin	Holly Showalter
Fellowship (please remember to take out trash)	Sophia & John	Sue MacRae	Vicki Teas	Naomi Brumfield
Child Care Attendant	Zoey Koch	Tasha Schnell	Reagan Cavanaugh	Brooke Howsare
Monthly Tasks				
Food Pantry Delivery	Jan De Jong		Water Indoor Plants	Linda O'Hair
Visiting Shepherds	Clint Koch/Tammy Hardersen		Lock up after church	Jan De Jong



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Office Closed	2 CWF 1 pm at the church	3 10 am Pastor Loren Cluster Meeting Trash Pickup	4 Recycling Pickup	5
6 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	7	8 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	9 WOW 3:30 pm at the church	10 Trash Pickup	11	12 
13 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Noisy Offering today! Support Team after fellowship	14 <div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Newsletter Articles Due</div>	15 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	16	17 Trash Pickup	18 Recycling Pickup	19
20 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Congregational meeting to plan events for the 2019 calendar	21	22 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	23 	24 Trash Pickup	25 	26
27 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	28 	29 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	30	31 Trash Pickup		

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

...OUR STAFF...

Pastor: Reverend Loren Strait
Visiting Pastor: Pastor Julie Cornelius
Admin. Assistant: Lanita Cavanaugh

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Growing spiritually through the renewing of our minds.

Honoring the Image of God in all people.

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