

# Cross + Words

July 2019



## Strait from the Pastor

There are moments when life suddenly takes a change. Not that we weren't aware of the possibility or hadn't had conversations about it but when the call arrived, and the expectations were presented we knew at that moment things were going to be different. For how long? Who knows? But it was fast, and we were sent scrambling. Life with a newborn reveals how settled we had become with the routines we had created. My mornings were calm and quiet, maybe breakfast, always coffee, almost always time to read for an hour or two, and then off to work. That book has been sitting on that stand now for a few weeks. That routine now includes taking turns to get up, change, feed, burp, change again, cuddle, comfort, burp again, and checking the calendar to see what appointments are required for the day. That routine now includes tag teaming with Mary because the great truth discovered is that Loren becomes an absolute monster when he doesn't get any sleep. There is no doubt if Jesus had asked me to come to the garden while he prayed before the Roman guard came and arrested him, and he found me sleeping and woke me up to complain about me sleeping, it would have been worse for him than what Rome was about to do! Life with a newborn has been no small endeavor. At the same time, I am amazed at all that surrounds this little life and the people with whom his life is connected. For every question or challenge there is a person and a team who understands where things are and endeavors to build the possibilities of where things can be. All those people are making possibility possible.

One of the things I've been talking to our Executive Board Chairperson about is the challenge presented in our common life as church together. You are the first congregation I have served with a structure without Elders and Deacons. You have found a way to work and serve together in a different way. By no means is that a bad thing! It's a creative thing! It's a visionary thing! And it moves me to focus even more on who we are and what we are becoming while at the same time not losing our sense of identity as part of the family within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and here is where I have been landing. One of the great things we have treasured in our history is our shared ministry among the many roles and offices within the church. We often refer to it as "the ministry of all believers." You and I share in the great call of making the ministry of Jesus real in our lives and especially in our shared life. The ministry of all believers calls us all to be present in service and witness. The ministry of all believers challenges us to see the value and gifts of one another in that service and witness. Whenever you made the change in your structure you saw something in one another that said "together, we can make this happen," and I believe it! You are amazing people with beautiful gifts to empower a ministry together that not only proclaims the good news of God's unconditional love offered to all but speaks to the needs of life all around us. Imagine what this "ministry of all believers" can be and do. Not one of us is alone. Not one of us is without others. Not one of us is left to strive without sisters and brothers to journey alongside them. For every question or challenge there is a person and a team who understands where things are and endeavors to build the possibilities of where things can be. All those people, all you people, all you believers, are making possibilities possible.

Grace and Peace,

Loren



**We are Church Together. . .**

## Save the Date

07/14/19 - Birthday Cake Celebration  
07/20-24/19 - General Assembly in Des Moines  
07/21/19 - Guest Preacher



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

07/02 Sam Ruggles  
07/06 Clint Koch  
07/07 Bella Reeck  
07/11 Ryan Taylor  
07/11 Bethalene Finestead  
07/12 Ken Cavanaugh  
07/12 Linda Foltz  
07/19 Duane Sindt  
07/22 Cassie Hansen  
07/31 Jessica Heisdorffer

## Happy Anniversary

07/26 Rev. Loren & Mary Strait

### Noisy Offering

July 14<sup>th</sup>



## 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



Thanks to Judy Tyler and her endless energy, the first Outdoor Flea Market held in the parking lot of WCC was very successful! A report of the final numbers will come as soon as we get the information!

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Our denomination's biennial national assembly is being held in Des Moines this summer!

For those who have not heard, there is a Day Rate available for General Assembly!

Anyone can plan to attend just for a single day (or two) at the rate of \$50/day. This is a walk-in rate, so you cannot pre-register for the Day Rate. To utilize it, you'll head to the cashier registration stations at the Convention Center and request the walk-in rate. You'll pay on site and be able to attend the business sessions, educational workshops, exhibit hall worship, local mission efforts, etc.

Couple of notes about the day rate:

- Banquet tickets must be purchased separately whether you utilize the day rate or preregister.
- Using the day rate, you cannot reserve a spot in a workshop, but it will only be unavailable if it fills up.

You can register today by clicking on the button below or going to <https://ga.disciples.org/registration/>

[Start your registration](https://ga.disciples.org/registration/)

## 2019 All Congregational Gathering and Reception for Bill Spangler-Dunning

*After 20 years of service in ministry to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Upper Midwest, Bill Spangler-Dunning will be moving.*

*Join us for a gathering of our congregations and an opportunity to express our gratitude for his service with us as Disciples Together.*

**Forte Banquet and Conference Center  
615 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309**

**Sunday, July 21, 2019  
Come and Go Reception  
4 p.m.-6 p.m.  
Formal Program at 4:30 p.m.**



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

	March	April	May
<b>Receipts</b>	\$ 18,066.46	\$ 11,606.00	\$ 14,552.37
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 14,370.01	\$ 10,150.00	\$ 11,248.05
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 3,696.45	\$ 1,456.00	\$ 3,304.32
<b>Money available for expenses</b>	<b>\$28,251.68</b>	<b>\$29,707.68</b>	<b>\$33,012.00</b>

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taco 'bout our  
Great Sunday School  
Volunteer Staff!

WCC is so blessed to have these awesome teachers!

We recently recognized all those who serve our youth by teaching Sunday School and providing Children's Sermons. We are so blessed with this wonderful list of volunteers! Thank you for all you do!!

- Nancy Cross
- Marvin Cross
- Lori Keller
- Janelle Taylor
- Suzanne Koch
- Holly Showalter
- Sarah Infante
- Rosalie Pfeifer
- Shari Burgus
- Kathy Dean
- Jessica Heisdorffer
- Pastor Julie Cornelius
- Pastor Loren Strait
- George Risinger



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.

## Thank you!

Thanks to

- All the supporters of our Shoe Drive! We couldn't do it without your support!
- All those who participated in Church Outside the Walls. We all need occasional reminders that church can be anywhere, not just in a sanctuary!
- Our wonderful hospitality crews for all the special occasions that they handle with ease!

**LIGHTS  
CAMERA  
AUCTION**

Our first Silent Auction Dinner fundraiser was also very successful! Although the dinners are still in the process of being held (I'm still trying to schedule mine!) the ones that have already occurred have reported lots of fun! And for having fun and good food, we raised \$1475 for our general fund!

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We just wanted to take a moment to thank Pastor Strait, Shari Burgus and all of the wonderful ladies at the Waukee Christian Church for the memorial service and meal for our mother, Sara Aldrich. She would have been very proud and touched to be remembered in such a lovely manner. We truly appreciate your thoughts and prayers as well.

Sincerely,

Cris Aldrich & family, Steve Aldrich & Diana (Mike) Haynes & family



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 3 social events over the summer.

- Wednesday June 26 @ 5:30 hosted Linda Foltz
- Wednesday July 10 @ 5:30 hosted by Marlene
- Wednesday August 15 @ 5:30 hosted by Rosalie

## SHOE DRIVE



We are still collecting shoes as this article is being written. A report of our final count will be published as soon as we know the numbers.

We have been blessed to have the wonderful support of many congregations and local businesses in our efforts and their support means so much! We thank each and every one of you!

Once the shoes arrive at third world countries, they will create inventory for a local entrepreneur. This isn't your typical shoe store, however. These shoes are sold on the side of the road or in small villages. And the income helps to support a family and boost the economy.

Your generosity makes a big impact. Thank you! Thank you! If your congregation hasn't been involved yet, please consider it next year!!

Thanks for supporting this ministry!!



On June 16th Waukee Christian welcomed Bill Consolver into the life of the church as he transferred his membership by confession of faith! Welcome, Bill!!! We are so happy you and Pat are with us!

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



## Serving On Sunday

### July Serving Schedule

July	7 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Suzanne Koch	Jan De Jong	Mary Lou Harris	Linda Foltz
A/V	Matt Hansen	Jason Keller	Ryan Taylor	Suzanne Koch
Greeter	Lee Foltz	Tammy Hardersen	Karen Neese	Linda Wilcox
Youth Greeter	Gavin Reeck	Sadie Infante	Sadie Silverthorn	Colten Silverthorn
Candle Lighter	Sadie Infante	Lincoln Lamb	Gavin Reeck	Theo Lamb
Children's Moment	Shari Burgus	George Risinger	Kathy Dean	Pastor Loren
Reader	Lee Foltz	Mike Showalter	Jan De Jong	Sue MacRae
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer	Suzanne Koch	Christy Snover	Lee Foltz	Cathy Conklin
Offering & Communion Servers	David Grandgenett	Tammy Hardersen	Shari Burgus	Linda Foltz
Communion Invitation	Linda Foltz	Marc De Jong	Linda Wilcox	Jan De Jong
Communion Prayer	Linda Wilcox	Christy Snover	Linda Foltz	Holly Showalter
Fellowship (please remember to take out trash)	Naomi Brumfield	Youth Fellowship	Shari Burgus	Mary Lou Harris
Child Care Attendant	Zoey Koch	Tasha Schnell	Brooke Howsare	Zoey Koch
<b>Monthly Tasks</b>				
Food Pantry Delivery	Sue MacRae	Lock up after church		Ron Hardersen

### August Serving Schedule

August	4 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Karen Neese	David Grandgenett	Mary Lou Harris	Lee Foltz
A/V	Dave Grandgenett	Holly Showalter	Jason Keller	Mat Hansen
Greeter	Lee Foltz	Linda Foltz	Suzanne Koch	Tammy Hardersen
Youth Greeter	Kayson Tayler	Gavin Reeck	Easton/Beckett Showalter	Sadie Infante
Candle Lighter	Colten Silverthorn	Kayson Taylor	Sadie Infante	Gavin Reeck
Children's Moment	Shari Burgus	George Risinger	Kathy Dean	Pastor Loren
Reader	Lee Foltz	Mike Showalter	Cathy Conklin	Kathy Dean
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer	Holly Showalter	Linda Foltz	Ron Hardersen	Linda Wilcox
Offering & Communion Servers	Tammy Hardersen	David Grandgenett	Shari Burgus	Linda Foltz
Communion Invitation	Linda Wilcox	Shari Burgus	Linda Foltz	Ron Hardersen
Communion Prayer	Linda Foltz	Suzanne Koch	Tammy Hardersen	Holly Showalter
Fellowship (please remember to take out trash)	Vicki Teas	Youth Fellowship	Linda Foltz	Linda O'Hair
Child Care Attendant	Tasha Schnell	Brooke Howsare	Zoey Koch	Tasha Schnell
<b>Monthly Tasks</b>				
Food Pantry Delivery	Lanita Cavanaugh	Lock up after church		Marc De Jong

# July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	3	4 Office Closed <i>happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July</i>	5 Recycle	6
7 9:30 am Worship	8 	9 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	10 WoW Summer Social 5:30 pm Marlene Risinger's Home	11 Trash	12	13 
14 9:30 am Worship <i>Noisy Offering today!</i>	15	16 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	17	18 Trash <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	19 Recycle	20
21 9:30 am Worship	22 <i>Between the Covers</i> BOOK CLUB 5 pm	23 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	24	25 Trash	26	27
28 9:30 am Worship	29	30 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	31	 <b>SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION</b> <i>Through August 3rd</i>		

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Waukee, Iowa 50263



## 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

### ... CHURCH OFFICE ...

**Administrative Office Hours**  
Tuesday & Thursday  
8:30AM – 3:30PM

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Tuesday-Friday  
9:00AM – 1:00PM

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## Waukee Christian Church

### NOTICE:

If you no longer wish to receive the WCC newsletter, please notify the office at 515-987-4937. If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically, send your email address to waukeechristianchurch@msn.com. Thank you.

~ We are People of the Table ~  
~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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