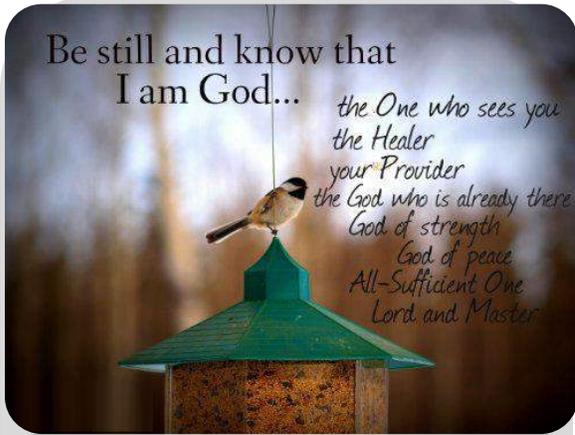


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happy FATHER'S day

Join us in honoring "our" fathers and all men of our church with a reception during fellowship on Sunday, June 19.

Casual Summer Sundays!

Enjoy the Summer Days in your casual dress. Casual Dress Sunday begins in June and extends through August. Casual, Comfortable, and Appropriate are the key words here.

In short, wear a t-shirt.

Well you don't have to wear a t-shirt, but it certainly qualifies as casual and that's the point!

The Pastor's Pen

As part of our Regional calling to be Disciples Together, I spent an evening and part of the next day at the Camp and Conference Center with eleven other ministers on a clergy retreat. We were blessed to have this time to share our call to ministry and develop deeper connections with churches throughout the Upper Midwest.

We formed a circle on the back porch of the Main Lodge. The place felt intimate and natural. As I listened to the various ways God has called people to formal ministry, I watched someone through the window as they mowed the campground's back field, making swipes of order out of the chaos of tall grass. Behind me, a wren was busy singing praise as he flitted from branch to branch.

Sometime after lunch on the second day, I realized that I don't listen to birds anymore. When I was young, we had a pet canary that woke us up every morning. And my mom and our neighbor, Ann, were envious over which tree the wren would choose this year.

I used to listen to song birds. What happened? For one thing, well-insulated houses. For another, serving a church that sits in a corn field. For another, inattention. Somewhere along the line, I forgot to pay attention.

Since the clergy retreat, I have spent my evening walks paying more attention to the song of nature - to the swipe of God's order through the chaos of my life. I'm envious for nature again. I'm surprised by the waft of lilacs coming from a neighbor's back yard. I'm caught up in the snare of Irises. I'm held hostage by the skitter of rabbits.

As I type this, my word processing program is unfamiliar with the phrase "the skitter of rabbits". It's asking me to consider revising. Yes. I think I will. I'm going to consider revising my day a little so that these things become more a part of my world. I'm going to pay attention again. And Microsoft is just going to have to deal with it.

May the ministry you choose to live be blessed by the call of nature.

In Peace and Love
Pastor Sue



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We will be holding "Church Outside the Walls" on Sunday, June 5 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Meet at Spurgeon Manor (Care Center) 1204 Linden in Dallas Center to show others we care and make a difference in our community. There are several ways to serve the residents:

- Sprucing up the courtyard
- Visiting
- Playing games, coloring, and/or puzzles
- Providing worship service
- Helping in the puppet show

Lunch Available

Lunch will be available at Spurgeon Manor after our event for \$4.00 per person. Lunch includes salad and soup bar plus entrees. Reservations are needed in advance. Sign up for lunch by May 30. You will pay the day of the event.

Sign Up Sheets

Signup sheets are in the fellowship hall. Please sign up to help with one of the activities. Please plan on attending and show that "church" is everywhere, not just in a sanctuary!



Need a Good Man Around the House?

The men's group of Waukee Christian Church would like to offer our services to any of our members who might need some assistance in some chores around the house.

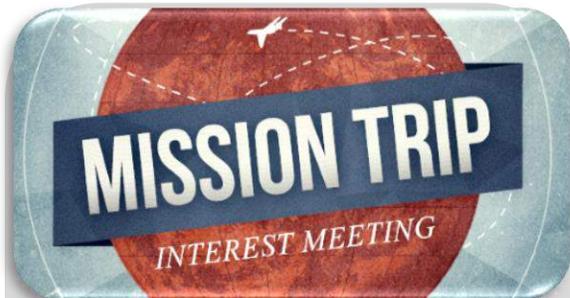
We are not professionals, so we won't be putting on a new roof or rewiring your house or plumbing your bathroom. If you do have some yard work, such as trimming bushes or trees or some small painting job or need some light bulbs changed please let the church office know.

We would like to arrange some Saturday in June where we could go out with a list of chores to help some of our members on a one-day blitz. We don't guarantee our work but we have good intentions. Really, if you have something you have been putting off because you can't do it yourself please let us know.



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

	February	March	April
Receipts	\$ 9,188.49	\$ 11,430.96	\$ 6,698.36
Expenses	\$ 12,450.54	\$ 11,133.46	\$ 10,322.07
Difference	(\$ 3,262.05)	\$ 297.50	(\$3,623.71)
Money available for expenses	\$ 25,096.57	\$ 25,394.07	\$ 21,770.36



Mission Trip Meeting, June 19, 2016

Mission Friends,

While researching and planning mission trips for our group I have learned that the word "Mission" has many different meanings to all of us. That is not to say that there is a "right" or "wrong" when it comes to Mission work!

Let's gather after worship on June 12th for a brief meeting. Please come prepared to share your thoughts and ideas on what you would like to experience in the way of lodging, distance from home and number of days to be away from work and/or family,

This information will help us to better plan for upcoming opportunities.

Thank you!

Rosalie Pfeifer



Men's Group Off and Running

Our newly formed men's group has now met twice. We met for breakfast at the church in April and brainstormed for ideas on the kind of things we would like to do as a group to promote fellowship and engage in some service projects for the church and the community. The group met again on May 12th at a local pub and are planning a couple of service projects for the coming months of summer. We hope to be able to arrange a Saturday to go out to the Camp and Conference Center in Newton to spend a day working out there. We are also planning to offer our services to members of the church who might need some assistance with minor home repairs or yard work for a work day. (See Page 2).

We have had 7 or 8 men at each meeting. If you would like to be a part of this group to get to know the other men in the church and to enjoy some good company and maybe accomplish something for someone else, please be on the lookout for future activities or give George Risinger a call to learn more at 707-0837.



Going on vacation? Don't forget your church giving while you are away. Your consistent support is vital to our church, especially during summer months. Just talk to your bank about billpay options that are automatic and free to use.

This option will allow your weekly or monthly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. You can "set it and forget it" so you can relax and get away without any worries!

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CHURCH HISTORY



Tell Your Story

What memories do you have of Waukee Christian Church? CWF is sponsoring "Tell Your Story", a fun way to share our memories. As CWF prepares to update the church's history, they would like to know a little about your part in this church. Write a note and let us know how you came to be in this church family. What story do you hold? 8" x 5" cards are available in Fellowship Hall for you to record your memories. Be sure to write legibly. Or you can email your story to Evelyn Dowell at gmadowell@aol.com

Thanks for being a part of the history of this church!

**SUMMER
FUN!**



Shoe Prep Sunday on June 12

As most of you are aware we are collecting shoes for our shoe drive mission project for the third consecutive year. The shoes are sent to third-world countries where impoverished people start and grow a business using the shoes. It also reduces landfill waste. Last year we collected about 16,000 pairs of used shoes.

As we gather used shoes from, May 15 to August 15, from your friends and neighbors they accumulate here at the church.

On Sunday, June 12 we will have a short worship service followed by service time where we will adjourn to the fellowship hall for shoe prep time. During shoe prep time we work in groups to match the pairs of shoes together, rubber band them together, and put them in bags of 25 pairs. Once we have a large enough quantity prepped, our partner agency sends a truck to pick them up.

We will be doing this service once a month during the shoe collection drive. Thanks for participating and keep those shoes coming!

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Ministry Corner

FAMILY FUN FAIR

SAVE THE DATE! July 31, 2016

This year's Family Fun Fair will be held from 2-5 pm on Sunday, July 31st. It will feature a bounce house, snacks, and cupcake wars. Watch for sign-up sheets coming to a Fellowship Hall near you!

We also have a matching grant of up to \$500 but are accepting donations to offset expenses so that we can keep this a free event for the community.

Have you ever wanted to try something new in worship? Do you want to explore how God might be calling to give your talents? The Honoring Ministry wants to include anyone who wishes to volunteer in worship. But they also know you might have questions. So each month, they are going to list a few of the Honoring Tasks on the Time & Talent Form with a brief description of what is involved. You can talk with Linda Foltz, Honoring Ministry chair, if you are interested in any of these.

Task	Description
Be in a drama	Skills range from memorized scripts to dramatic readings
Bell choir	Ability to read one line of music. Practices are event focused and not year-round
Call To Offering and Offering Prayer	Come forward during the Song of Response. Offering plates are located on the Greeting Table in the narthex. Invitations and Prayers are provided. Read from sanctuary floor. Not necessary to lean into the microphone
Candle Lighter	Come forward during the opening Praise Song and light the candles on the communion table - then extinguish the acolyte. Come forward during Song of Departing and relight the acolyte, extinguish the candles, and carry the flame out into the world. Instructions are posted by acolytes outside Pastor's Study
Children's moment (2-3 minutes)	Offer a 3-5 minute message during Children's time. Vocabulary should be age-appropriate. Resources available.



The **Support Team** (that's the church officers and Committee Chairs) will meet on Sunday, June 12th after the Missions Team. Pizza provided!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

06/01	Robert Phillips
06/05	Sarah Infante
06/13	Tammy Hardersen
06/15	David Grandgenett
06/15	Jesse Foltz
06/18	Mary Scheve
06/19	Robert Wright
06/19	Cheryl Phillips
06/26	Eli Infante
06/28	Wayne Erdman
06/30	Jamie Gruber

TO ALL OUR CHURCH GROUPS WHO MIGHT BE LOOKING FOR A MISSION/OUTREACH/SERVICE PROJECT CLOSE TO HOME:

Please consider signing up to work at Waukee Area Christian Services Community Garden. There are a variety of opportunities to be of service. Green thumb not required!

See the information below and check out the signup link or contact Melissa at the phone number given.

If you have questions you can also contact Sue MacRae at 987-9678. Thanks for your faithful support of WACS.

The Fruitful Vine Community Garden, a ministry of Waukee Area Christian Services (WACS), is now looking for individuals, families, and groups of all ages to join the 2016 garden season.

All types of volunteers are needed, if you like to plant, pull weeds, water plants, or help clients with the harvest, we need you. The garden is funded entirely by donations and maintained by volunteers.

Ongoing maintenance and harvest volunteers are needed April - October. Find available Garden volunteer opportunities on our SignUp Genius page by clicking the link below. Do you have a group that would like to serve together? Please let us know - we'd be happy to work with you to find a time to serve.

Signup here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054ca4ae2fa2f49-fruitful>

Questions? Contact Melissa at info@waukeechristianservices.org, or call 515.987.5523.

Happy Anniversary

06/02	Ryan & Janelle Taylor
06/03	Howard & Vivian Wilson
06/04	Todd & Kelley Robinson
06/06	Kelly & Darcey Gruber
06/07	Matt & Megan Spreacker
06/08	Tom & Marlene Wilkerson
06/11	Ric & Sue MacRae
06/11	Phil & Sandi Nichols
06/16	David & Lorrie Grandgenett
06/25	George & Marlene Risinger
06/29	Marvin & Nancy Cross



Let us know if we missed your special day!



Between the Covers book club will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, June 27th to review *Loving Frank* (historical fiction) by Nancy Horan. See you there!

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Thank you!

Thanks to

- All those who accepted the call to teaching ministry
- All students and graduates who share their lives with us
- Pastor Julie for sharing the Good News on Mother's Day
- Everyone who helped gather shoes at the Gladiator Challenge in Boone
- And to the many who have already given shoes
- Juanita and Lanita for creating our summer Beatitudes banner
- Vicki, Linda F., and Marlene for decorating for Pentecost
- Gavin Crees, Sam Ruggles, Austin Younger, and Zoe Koch for registering for Summer Camp
- And to the church family for supporting their adventure in faith
- Family Fun Fair Team for planning our July 31st event



Reminder

After several recent events, the church has not been fully locked or secured. If your group is meeting here, assign someone to lock-up. They need to remember four things:

Coffee - turn off the three pot warmers

Locks - lock the front and two side doors

Lights - sweep through the entire church to ensure lights are turned off (including both stained glass crosses)

Thermostats - turn the thermostats to 66 degrees in winter and 79 in summer. Press the up or down buttons until desired temp and then press "hold". Thermostats are located in the:

- o Narthex - under the coat rack
- o Sanctuary - next to the sound booth
- o Fellowship Hall - just outside the kitchen door
- o Adult Sunday School Room - next to the artwork

Thank you for being good stewards of our property!



Summer Mission Trip

August 5th - 7th

The trip will be to St. Paul, MN. Talk to Suzanne Koch for details.

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June Serving Schedule

June	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Linda O'Hair	Dave Grandgenett	Beckie Myers	The Harris'
A/V	George Risinger	Jerry Woods	Jason Keller	Suzanne Koch
Greeter	Tammy Hardersen	Linda Foltz	Cheri May	Beckie Myers
Youth Greeter	Austin Younger	Alayna Younger	Alice Ruggles	Sam Ruggles
Candle Lighter	Suzanne Koch	Austin Younger	Linda O'Hair	Alayna Younger
Children's Moment	Kathy Dean	Pastor Sue Woods	George Risinger	Kathy Dean
Reader	Cimberly Hansen	Cheri May	Suzanne Koch	Sue MacRae
Communion Invitation	Cathy Conklin	George Risinger	Linda O'Hair	Julie Cornelius
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer	Linda Foltz	Suzanne Koch	Jerry Woods	George Risinger
Communion Prayer	Juanita McBeth	Cathy Conklin	Cimberly Hansen	Jerry Woods
Offering & Communion Servers	Tammy/Ron Hardersen	Linda Foltz Jim Pfeifer	Beckie Myers Jan De Jong	Tammy/Ron Hardersen
Fellowship	Marilyn Dowell	Beckie Myers	Shari Burgus	Cimberly Hansen
Food Pantry Delivery	Sue MacRae			
Visiting Shepherds	Jerry Woods/Cimberly Hansen			
Lock up after church	Tammy Hardersen			
Water Indoor plants	George Risinger			

July Serving Schedule

July	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
Communion Prep	Cathy Phillips	Beckie Myers	Jack/Pat Carpe	Jan De Jong
A/V	Jerry Woods	David Grandgenett	Suzanne Koch	Matt Hansen
Greeter	Lee Foltz	Cathy Phillips	Vicki Teas	Chuck Teas
Youth Greeter	Austin Younger	Zoey Koch	Ximen Markway	Alice Ruggles
Candle Lighter	Sam Ruggles	Alice Ruggles	Zoey Koch	Ximen Markway
Children's Moment	George Risinger	Kathy Dean	Puppets	Sue Woods
Reader	Tammy Hardersen	Suzanne Koch	Shari Burgus	Ron Hardersen
Communion Invitation	Shari Burgus	Shari Burgus	Sue Woods	Sue Woods
Elders	Cathy Conklin Matt Hansen	Cathy Phillips Juanita McBeth	Jerry Woods Cimberly Hansen	Shari Burgus Cathy Conklin
Offering & Communion Servers	Jason Keller George Risinger	Marlene Risinger Audrey MacRae	Cathy Conklin Beckie Myers	Linda & Lee Foltz
Fellowship	Suzanne/Clint Koch	Sophia Ahmad (treats)	Beckie Myers	Sue MacRae Lorrie Grandgenett
Nursery Attendant	Abby Ellerman	Cassie Hansen	Abby Ellerman	Cassie Hansen
Food Pantry Delivery	Jan De Jong			
Visiting Shepherds	Jerry Woods & Marlene Risinger			

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

JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 	4
5 10 am Worship 	6	7 Knit Wits 9:30 am	8 	9 Men's Group 5:00 pm Saints Pub & Patio	10	11 Church Reserved
12 Shoe Sunday 10 am Worship Support Team Mtg. 11:45 am	13	14 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	15 GLOBAL WIND DAY 15 JUNE	16	17 <div style="border: 1px dashed red; padding: 5px; color: red;"> Newsletter Articles Due </div>	18
19 10 am Worship 	20 First Day of Summer	21 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	22 	23	24	25
26 10 am Worship	27 Between the Covers 6:00 pm	28 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	29	30		

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Education Hour
(Adults, Busy Bee's, High School)
10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Coffee
11:15 a.m. Youth Group
(Elementary/Middle School)

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