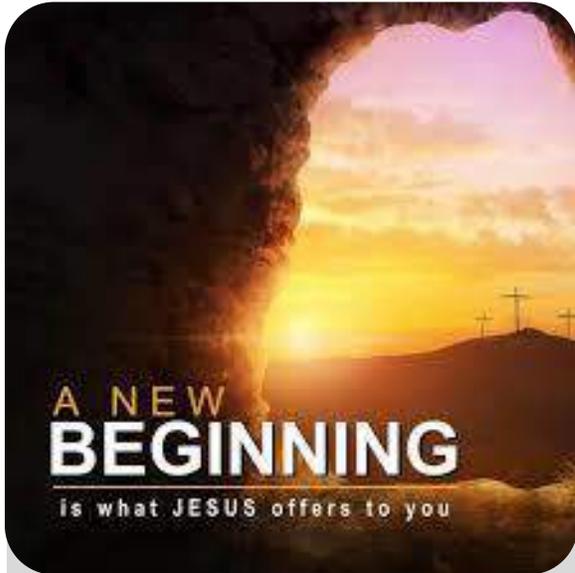


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The Pastor's Pen

Well, here it is the last full week in May. In just a few days my time with you as the interim minister will come to an end. I want to thank you for the affection and the kind words you have shared with me this past year, and especially this past month.

As I said in my last newsletter, there is a saying among those who serve churches during times of transitions. That saying is: When it comes to an interim ministry, the beginning is the end and the end is the beginning. What is meant by that is that the beginning of an interim ministry marks the end of a settled ministry. A pastor has left and there is grief for the loss and an anxiety about what the future will hold. The end of an interim ministry, though, marks the beginning of a new settled ministry, with all the excitement and opportunities new beginnings bring.

In the middle is the interim period - a time of transition. We have been through the interim together. During the transition you have come together in conversation and discernment about where you believe God is leading you and what kind of church God is calling you to be. That seeking after God's will has led to calling Rev. Loren Strait to be your new settled pastor. I want to welcome Pastor Loren and Mary as they come to lead and labor with you in the work of the gospel. They will find a church that will embrace them in love, humor and laughter. I am excited for WCC's new beginnings and look forward to hearing about the great things God is doing in the Waukee community.

So, with a great deal of satisfaction and affection for you all, I now close out the interim period and the interim ministry that it was my privilege to share with you this past year. When I was in seminary the chaplain of the seminary would end her newsletter with the words, "Remember who you and whose you are." That is the way I would like to end my last newsletter to you. Waukee Christian Church, remember who you and remember whose you are.

God's continued blessing and guidance be yours and I will be seeing you along the way

Pastor Brad Thornton

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Save the Date

- June 3rd - Church Outside the Walls
- June 10th - Short Church service followed by shoe bagging
- June 17th - Father's Day Hymn Sing
- June 24th - Reception for Pastor Loren & Mary BBQ after worship

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We will be holding "Church Outside the Walls" on Sunday, June 3rd. We will all go to Spurgeon Manor in Dallas Center. They have several ways to serve: yard work, gardening, music, visiting with residents, you name it, you can do it! Please plan on attending and show that "church" is everywhere, not just in a sanctuary!

SHOE DRIVE



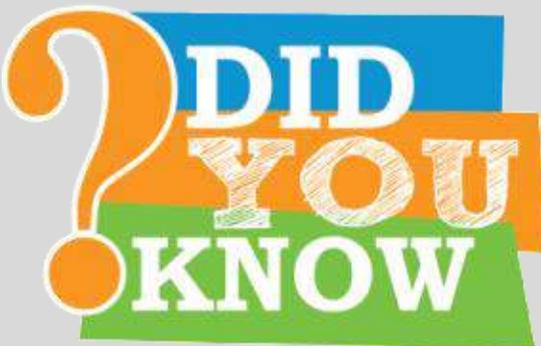
HAPPENING NOW!!

Save Your Souls! Our 5th Annual Shoe Drive is now underway! We are collecting used but wearable shoes now through June.

So clean out your closets and donate those shoes that never get worn anymore. You can also help by asking your neighbors, co-workers or extended family members to do the same.

These donations will support micro enterprises in developing nations and help keep unwanted shoes out of our landfills.

Thanks for supporting this ministry!!



We have "Visitor Bags" hanging under the edge of the table in the Narthex that are available to give to church visitors. If you notice a new face, please make sure they get one of these "Visitor Bags" before they leave! We want to make sure all visitors feel welcome at Waukee Christian Church!



Thanks to each of you who played a role in our successful Creating Connections Gala

fundraising event. We were able to double last year's results with a net income of over \$37,000. As a result, WACS will be able to assist more individuals and families in the year ahead. We'll be able to expand food pantry hours and capacity for client advocate services.

Our Waukee Christian Church silent auction basket raised over \$200. Thanks for all the great contributions!

There are many ways to support WACS throughout the year, including but not limited to volunteering in the Pantry or Garden, serving on the board, helping in the Clinic, donations (toilet paper, diapers, cereal are some of the much needed items). Please see Sue MacRae if you're interested in becoming more involved with this organization of which we've been a part since 2005.

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Thank you to everyone for a successful year for WOW. What a terrific and talented group. You're awesome. If you were a hostess, thank you for opening your home and for those who gave devotions, they were inspirational and thoughtful and sometimes, so needed. I know the things we accomplish are time consuming, and often go unnoticed, but the time we spend together laughing, loving and sharing is priceless and will long be remembered. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Tammy Hardersen



The Fruitful Vine Garden

A COMMUNITY GARDEN BENEFITTING THE
WAUKEE AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

Located on the grounds of Westview Church in Waukee, **The Fruitful Vine Garden** was started in 2009 to provide fresh produce to patrons of the Waukee Area Christian Food Pantry. In its first season, more than 400 pounds of produce — tomatoes, peppers, cantaloupe, watermelon, squash, eggplant, pumpkins, beets, turnips and cucumbers were harvested — all grown chemical-free. The garden is a collaborative effort of volunteers, including individuals, families, community groups, and members of the Dallas County Master Gardeners.

All types of volunteers are needed, whether you would like to "adopt" a section to care for, or if you would like to occasionally come out and pull weeds or water plants. 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.

Sign up to serve [HERE](#).



BETWEEN THE COVERS

Between the Covers will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, June 25th to review *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman (historical fiction). See you there!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 06/05 Sarah Infante
- 06/13 Tammy Hardersen
- 06/15 David Grandgenett
- 06/19 Robert Wright
- 06/26 Eli Infante
- 06/28 Wayne Erdman



Twelve women of Waukee Christian Church met May 9th at the Club Car for dinner and the final meeting of the year. After dinner, Juanita McBeth invited us all to her home for dessert. The evening was spent on her deck enjoying the yummy dessert, the warm weather and the time together.

During our short business meeting, it was decided to have our church wedding shower for Jessie and Amanda Foltz on July 22nd during fellowship hour. Tammy Hardersen will get the cake and Marlene Risinger and Juanita McBeth will do decorations. It was also decided to begin next year with a regular meeting in September and hold it at the church on September 12th at 6:30 pm. All women of the church are invited to attend. We will again this year continue with Summer Get-togethers in July and August. The first will be July 18th at the home of Mary Lou Harris and in August we will meet at the home of Linda Foltz on the 22nd.

happy ANNIVERSARY

- 06/02 Janelle & Ryan Taylor
- 06/06 Darcey & Kelly Gruber
- 06/11 Sue & Ric MacRae
- 06/16 Lorrie & David Grandgenett
- 06/25 Marlene & George Risinger
- 06/29 Nancy & Marin Cross

Jerry and Rev. Sue Woods are hosting a Disciples trip to see the 2020 Passion Play. Since 1634, the oldest and most famous Passion Play has been held in Oberammergau, Germany every 10 years. The Passion Play depicts the final week of the life of Christ.

The 12-day trip would also include a cruise of the Danube River, visiting Austria, Hungary, Germany, and Slovakia.

There are brochures and information on the table in the narthex.

If you want more info, contact Sue or Jerry at 515-577-4543, or by email at rev.woods.sw@gmail.com.

Lorrie Grandgenett gave an update of upcoming events at church. We have a lot going on at church, including a farewell reception for Brad and Jill and a welcoming reception for our new pastor and his wife, Pastor Loren and Mary Strait. Please check the church calendar for the chance to share your summer with others at church. We have so much for which to be thankful.

We offered prayers and concerns for those who are having a difficult time right now and Rosalie Pfeifer gave a very positive report on Jim's progress. Marlene Risinger reported on her experience handing out a blessing bag to a transient on I-80. Blessings to all as you gear up for a busy summer ahead. Remember to include church in those activities and thank God for the opportunities we have to enjoy each other and to finally be able to spend time outside.

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Waukee Christian Church held a very successful Box Lunch Auction, raising over \$700 for our general fund.

There were many very creatively presented box lunches and from all the comments heard, the food was absolutely awesome! People enjoyed the bidding competition and a lot of fun was had by all!

Please enjoy these pictures of this event and we hope to have another at a future date!




thank

YOU!

Thank you so much for the kind words, cards and gifts that you all shared with us on Sunday, May 20th!

- Pastor Brad & Jill

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Thank you!

Thanks to

- Pastor Brad for so graciously providing us with spiritual guidance during the past year. You will be missed!
- Our wonderful "educators" who teach Sunday School and/or provide meaningful "Children's Worship" during Sunday services. You are all awesome and appreciated!!
- All those who made and/or purchased box lunches. Thanks to you all, we had a very successful Box Lunch Auction!



Thank you so much for the numerous cards, emails and texts during my stay at the University of Iowa Hospital and since my return home. They are much appreciated! A special "Thank You" to the Sunday School class for their card! Made my day! Also, thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during this journey!

Jim Pfeifer



Hello All,

The chairs for the Local Area Missions Committee for GA 2019 need some help with recruitment of committee members. I really think that our Des Moines area pastors may have some perfect names.

Would you please help with this?

Every church that I've been a part of has a number of individuals for whom local mission work is their passion. They are the ones who get people signed up to help with food packing or serving dinners for those in need.

Many of our members participate on boards or are regular volunteers of community agencies that serve the needs of the Des Moines area.

These are the folk we are looking for!

If you have individuals like this in your church who might be interested in helping to see that the masses of assembly-goers do some great work for those in need in the Des Moines area, please send me their names!

If you send me a name and either email or phone number, the Local Area Missions chairs will take it from there.

Thanks!

Lori

Lori Krase-Cayton lkcumw@gmail.com

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Julie Cornelius is our Visiting Pastor. Pastor. Please let her know if you are hospitalized or would

like her to make a visit. Her phone contact is 515 370-3144.

Camp Dates 2018

Elementary Age

Beginner Camp (Grade 2): July 1-3
 Junior Camp (Grades 3-5)
 Session 1: June 10-15
 Session 2: June 24-29
 Session 3: July 8-13
 Session 4: August 5-10

Intergenerational

Grand Camp (Age 4 to grade 2 and grandparent)
 Session 1: June 22-23
 Session 2: July 13-14

Family Camp (Kids 0-18 with an adult)

Session 1: June 8-10
 Session 2: August 17-19

Adults

Young Adult Mission Camp (Ages 18-25)
 May 20-25

Middle School

(All MS camps grades 6-8)
 Rustic Chi Rho 1: June 10-15
 Rustic Chi Rho 2: June 17-22
 Rustic Chi Rho 3: June 24-29
 Rustic Chi Rho 4: July 8-13
 Cabin Chi Rho: August 5-10
 ADAM Camp: July 15-20
 Adventure Camp: July 29-Aug 3

Senior Adult Retreat (Ages 55+)

Session 1: July 1-3

High School

(All high school camps grades 9-12)
 CYF 1: June 17-22
 CYF 2: July 22-27
 ADAM Camp: July 15-20
 Adventure Camp: July 29-Aug 3
 Standing Rock Camp: June 9-16



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Please let the office know if you have a new address, a new email address or if you would like to receive this publication in a different way (email, snail mail, etc.)

FATHER'S DAY

Join us in honoring "our" fathers and all men of our church on Sunday, June 17th.



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	\$ 8,769.95	\$ 13,791.25	\$ 10,167.23
Expenses	\$ 8,721.13	\$ 10,777.43	\$ 10,160.00
Difference	\$ 48.82	\$ 3,013.82	\$ 7.23
Money available for expenses	\$ 32,037.10	\$35,050.92	\$35,058.15

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Serving On Sunday

June Serving Schedule

June	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Church Outside the Walls	Ryan Taylor	Shari Burgus	Linda O'Hair
A/V		Matt Hansen	Ryan Taylor	Jason Keller
Greeter		Marilyn Dowell	Mary Lou Harris	Linda Wilcox
Youth Greeter		Sarah Infante	Gavin Reeck	Kayson Taylor
Candle Lighter		Gavin Reeck	Kayson Taylor	Sadie Infante
Children's Moment		Ellie Bullington	Kathy Dean	Shari Burgus
Reader		Cimberly Hansen	George Risinger	Lee Foltz
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer		Judy Tyler	Tammy Hardersen	Linda Wilcox
Offering & Communion Servers		Cathy Conklin	Marlene Risinger	Marc De Jong
Communion Invitation		Linda Foltz	Cimberly Hansen	George Risinger
Communion Prayer		Lee Foltz	Matt Hansen	Ryan Taylor
Fellowship (please remember to take out trash)		Jack/Mary Lou Harris	Linda Foltz	Linda O & Lorrie G
Child Care Attendant		Reagan Cavanaugh	Zoey Koch	Reagan Cavanaugh

Monthly Tasks

Food Pantry Delivery	Mary Lou Harris	Water Indoor Plants	George Risinger
Visiting Shepherds	Cimberly Hansen/Shari Burgus	Lock up after church	Lorrie Grandgenett

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

July Serving Schedule

July	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Jack/Mary Lou Harris	Beckie Myers	Marlene Risinger	Ken/Lanita Cavanaugh	Linda O'Hair
A/V	Jason Keller	Dave Grandgenett	Suzanne Koch	Lanita Cavanaugh	Matt Hansen
Greeter	Lee Foltz	Marilyn Dowell	Judy Tyler	Matt Hansen	Jan De Jong
Youth Greeter	Sadie Infante	Gavin Reeck	Kayson Taylor	Colten Silverthorn	Sadie Silverthorn
Candle Lighter	Colten Silverthorn	Sadie Infante	Sadie Silverthorn	Gavin Reeck	Kayson Taylor
Children's Moment	George Risinger	Ellie Bullington	Shari Burgus	Kathy Dean	George Risinger
Reader	Linda Foltz	Juanita McBeth	George Risinger	Cimberly Hansen	Lee Foltz
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer	Cathy Conklin	Lee Foltz	Matt Hansen	Shari Burgus	Ryan Taylor
Offering & Communion Servers	Cimberly Hansen	Janelle Taylor	Lee Foltz	Ken Cavanaugh	Suzanne Koch
Communion Invitation	Janelle Taylor	Cathy Conklin	Juanita McBeth	Lee Foltz	Cimberly Hansen
Communion Prayer	Juanita McBeth	Linda Foltz	Linda Wilcox	Lorry Grandgenett	Shari Burgus
Fellowship (please remember to take out trash)	Suzanne Koch	Sue MacRae	Ron/Tammy Hardersen	Beckie Myers	Ken/Lanita Cavanaugh
Child Care Attendant	Zoey Koch	Reagan Cavanaugh	Zoey Koch	Reagan Cavanaugh	Zoey Koch

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>Happening NOW! Bring in your shoes!</p>			1	2 
3  Church Outside the Walls Spurgeon Manor, Dallas Ctr. 10:00-11:30 Sign-up sheets available	4	5 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	6	7	8	9
10 10 am Worship Shoe Bagging after shortened worship Noisy Offering today! Support Team after fellowship	11	12 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	13	14  Flag Day	15	16 
17 10 am Worship Hymn Sing Sunday 	18 	19 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	20	21 	22	23
24 10 am Worship Welcome reception for Pastor Loren & Mary  Lunch after worship	25 	26 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	27	28	29	30 

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Coffee

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