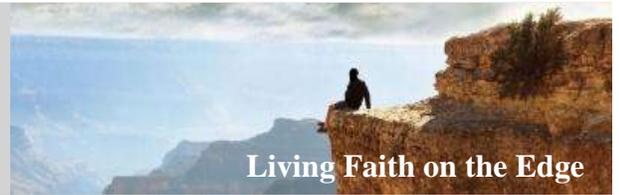


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The Pastor's Pen

I've been thinking a lot about weakness lately. My knee hurts a little... I get a stiff neck... I can't open the jar. It's so frustrating! I have to recruit Jerry to come to the kitchen and open the mayonnaise. It makes me feel so weak! But then Jerry comes and I'm so grateful. We spend a moment talking about our day. "What did you do...? Do you need me to...? How shall we...?" Rich conversation that wouldn't have happened if I had opened the jar on my own.

The Apostle Paul tells us "Since I know it is all for Christ's good, I am quite content with my weaknesses.... For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor. 12:10). "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Phil. 4:13). Everything except open that jar!

When I first visited with the Search Team, I remember them saying, "People don't know where we are! We're out here on the edge of town!" And, the way it was said sounded like a weakness. That got me to thinking.... hmmm.... God created us - including our weaknesses. So even those have a purpose.

What would happen if we started thinking about our weaknesses as opportunities? As the best thing God gave us? God uses us... all of us including our weaknesses... to bless the lives of others. When we are the weakest, God is the strongest. But when we feel strong, we can be tempted to lean on ourselves instead of on God.

What do you say? Let's give God our weaknesses so God can use them to encourage others and bring hope to the world. Maybe a great conversation will start to happen here - on the edge of town. Maybe this will open us all to something new and exciting.

Let's start living our weakness that God might do a great thing. Living our faith on the Edge of Waukee!

Striving to be Weak,  
Pastor Sue



Lenten Soup Supper Gathering

Lent is a traditional time before Easter when we can prepare ourselves for the cross and the empty tomb. It's usually spent in prayer and reflection about how God is calling us to walk with Jesus.

Our Spiritual Practices continue on Wednesday nights during Lent: March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Come and learn the many ways we can approach God in prayer: Breath Prayer, Bead Prayer, Lectio Divina, and more. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board by the kitchen for those who would like to help provide the light meal.



## Daylight Savings Time:

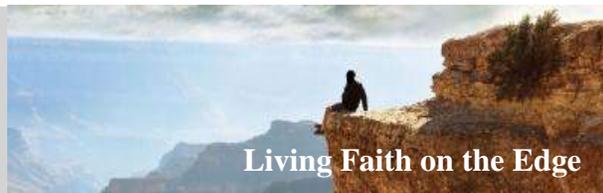
Spring in to worship on March 10<sup>th</sup>! Set your clocks ahead on Saturday night. If you forget, we'll see you in Fellowship Hour!

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## Joyful Noise!

**La la la la la!** Make a Joyful Noise! Be a part of the Easter Choir which is forming for one performance only. Let's raise the roof with songs of praise. Whether you've sung in choir before or only sing in the shower, God would love to hear your voice! Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays after the Lenten Soup Suppers: March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>. We will sing Easter morning.



## Dates to Remember

March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013	World Day of Prayer
March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Youth Group Planning 7:00 pm
March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	CFW 9:00 am Soup Supper 6:00 pm followed by Choir practice
March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Board Meeting
March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Elders Meeting



FACEBOOK

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

## Opening our Doors

30 members of the Exira Christian Church will be spending the night in our Fellowship Hall on **March 8th**. They are coming to Des Moines for the Acquire the Fire event in Des Moines. Acquire the Fire is a 2-day (27 hour) event packed with powerful Christian bands and speakers, setting the stage for your teens to have a life-changing encounter with God. They will be in the building from around 10:30 p.m. Friday night and leave by 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. We are grateful to have a place to host our family in Christ.



The book club that began at WCC 14 years ago is still going strong. We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month to discuss the book and enjoy table fellowship. If you can join us, that would be great. If not, you might enjoy reading some of the selections anyway. So, each month, we will list the book of the month here. Happy Reading! March's Book: *The Kitchen House* (suspense), by Kathleen Grissom.



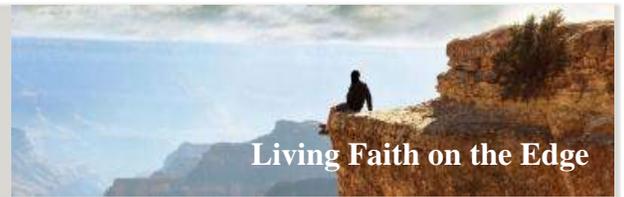
WOW will be having a church wide garage sale in May. Please start gathering your gently used items for the sale as you are doing your spring cleaning. Funds raised will go toward church-related projects. More details closer to the event.

# WOW

The Women of Waukee have cancelled their March meeting to participate in the Lenten Soup Suppers. Their next meeting will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>. A special guest speaker, Rev. Candice Brown, will give a presentation on **Quadrennial**, the Disciple Women Event, and to find out if a group of women from WCC would be interesting in attending in 2014. You can find out more about Quadrennial at [www.quadrennial.org/](http://www.quadrennial.org/).

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## Good Friday Service

The Passion of our Lord is remembered on Good Friday as a way for Christians to participate in the suffering of Jesus.

On Good Friday, **March 29th at 7 p.m.**, the Worship Team will set up prayer stations in fellowship hall so that friends and members can contemplate the meaning of the cross.

Our time at the stations will be followed by a brief service of Diminishing Light in the sanctuary.

This promises to be a meaningful time for anyone wanting to discern the deeper meaning of Easter.



## Easter Services

Peter and John ran to the tomb on Easter morning. We pray that you will come to worship with that same enthusiasm for our Risen Lord.

A continental breakfast will be provided by the Hospitality Team from 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. on Easter morning. Choir warms up at 9:30 and Worship at 10 a.m.

There will be no Sunday School on Easter morning.

**Congratulations** to Laura Helmus and Larry Doud!

Please check the bulletin board for your invitation to their wedding on **March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:00 pm.**



**Moving Day** –Where's the nursery? Where does the bride dress? Where do we keep office supplies? These are a few of the questions we get asked. It makes sense to create an efficient space while remaining as attractive to visitors as possible. On **March 16th**, we'll spend some time setting up a bridal room, relocating the nursery, and creating a Visitors' Station in the narthex. Can you help? Rain date is March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Time to be announced.

Click Here  
to Register for  
2013 camp

**Camp** – Camp registration forms are here! If you have been to camp, then you know about Holy Ground. If you have not, then you are encouraged to go and be caught up in being a part of the body of Christ. Camp is a special place where young and old are brought together in worship, fun, and friendship. Have questions? Talk to Pastor Sue. You can also register on-line at [www.christianconferencecenter.org/2013/2013-camp/](http://www.christianconferencecenter.org/2013/2013-camp/)

## March 24<sup>th</sup> Planning



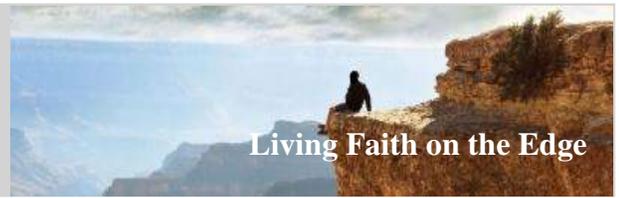
Remember when you were a child and the fair came to town? How excited you were! How much fun you had! What if we could be that for our neighbors?

WCC is planning a Family Fun Fair on July 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity for us to welcome our neighbors and share our love of God.

Instead of a traditional Vacation Bible School, we will be hosting a family-friendly event with old fashioned yard games, a pie baking contest, and a few new things thrown in. It will take everyone's help, so we're counting on you. Please mark your calendars now. Come to the planning event on **March 24<sup>th</sup>** right after worship to learn what it's all about and how you can be involved.

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## Coffee with the Pastor

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

NOTE: There will be no coffee on Thursday, March 7



## Adult Sunday School Class

The Adult class continues their Faith Lessons study. They have concluded the First Testament discussions. So now is the perfect time to join as we begin a new study on the *Death and Resurrection of the Messiah*. As Lent begins, we'll learn about Jesus, the Disciples, and their ministry around the Sea of Galilee.

In the weeks to come, we'll focus on the storms that surrounded his ministry, the pagan cults of the time and his uncommon love for the unlovable. Finally, we'll journey to Jerusalem as we watch Jesus on trial, crucified, and buried. This study is created to compliment our worship experience on Sunday mornings. Walk the Lenten Path with a group of caring people who seek to be faithful to the Easter message.

## Easter "BASKETS OF LOVE" -Waukee Area Christian Services



The food pantry is preparing for their annual Easter "Baskets of Love" distribution. For the last six years they have been spreading cheer through Easter Baskets. The baskets are given to children age 2 through 12 through the pantry. What makes these baskets unique is that each child will receive not just the traditional Easter goodies, but they also receive **new socks and underwear**.

Please help us continue to serve the growing number of children in need by donating an item or two to help fill our baskets. Items needed: new socks and underwear (sizes for ages 2-12, girls and boys), Easter candy, plastic Easter eggs, and small toys (bubbles, sidewalk chalk, cards, coloring books, jump ropes, etc.).

Cash donations are also needed to provide each child with an age appropriate Easter story book or bible and to purchase items as needed to finish filling up the baskets. Checks should be made payable to Waukee Area Christian Services (WACS) with a memo for 'Easter'. Donations can be dropped off at the food pantry during normal business hours or left in the shopping cart by the side doors by **March 18<sup>th</sup>**. Baskets will be distributed the week before Easter. For more information please contact us at (515) 987-5523 or [info@WaukeeChristianServices.org](mailto:info@WaukeeChristianServices.org).

# CWF

CWF will be meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in the Fellowship Hall.

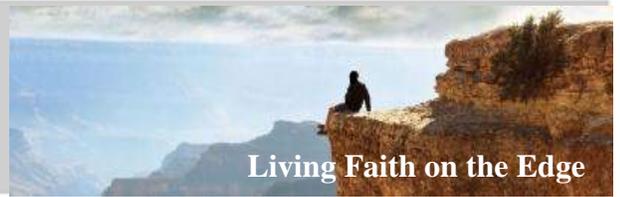
Please bring your CWF book. All Ladies are welcome to attend. Ruth Sindt will be hostess.



**HOPE CHEST** – Have you noticed the hope chest in fellowship hall? One of our ministries is to support the local Waukee Food Bank. Food Bank patrons find hope in your generosity. Please remember to fill the Hope Chest as a way to combat hunger.

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**General Assembly** –The 2013 General Assembly of the DOC, the biennial gathering of the denomination, will be held in Orlando, Florida on July 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>. Our Disciples mission is to be and to share the good news of Jesus Christ. This year’s theme, “Lord, Teach Us to Pray,” calls us to pray deeply for God’s direction, strength, courage, and initiative in mission. It offers the opportunity for praying communities of Disciples to connect with each other as the family of God. Early registrations are due by April 1. Pastor Sue will be representing WCC as a voting delegate. [www.disciples.org/GeneralAssembly/tabid/59/Default.aspx](http://www.disciples.org/GeneralAssembly/tabid/59/Default.aspx)



## Laughter Sunday

I once heard someone say, “If you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans.” Our God is a God of joy. And God gets the last laugh on Easter morning in the form of an empty tomb. Zephaniah 3:17 says that God delights in you! What better way is there to celebrate the joy of Easter than with a little laughter? So, on April 7<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday after Easter, worship will be filled with laughter. **Come prepared to share a joke as part of our Easter message.**



Thank you

**Thank You!** - Thanks to those who

- Prepare delicious meals on Wednesday nights!
- Brought cards and flowers to staff for Valentine’s Day!
- Visited, made a call, or prayed for our members struggling with health issues
- Greeted a child by name on Sunday morning!
- Served in worship!
- Helped with the Newsletter mailing!
- Come to Sunday School!
- Knit loving scarves for others
- Attended our All-Congregational events to discover God’s future for us!!



## Elders’ March Serving Schedule

Date	Communion Prayer, Scripture	Call to Worship/Unison Opening Prayer Invitation to Offering & Prayer of Dedication
<b>March</b>		
<b>Lent 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Joyce Breckenridge	Wayne Breckenridge
<b>Lent 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Joyce Breckenridge	Wayne Breckenridge
<b>Lent 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Joyce Breckenridge	Wayne Breckenridge
<b>Palm Sunday Lent 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Joyce Breckenridge	Wayne Breckenridge
<b>Lent Good Friday</b>	Joyce Breckenridge	Wayne Breckenridge (no offering this day)
<b>Easter 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Duane Sindt	Linda Wilcox

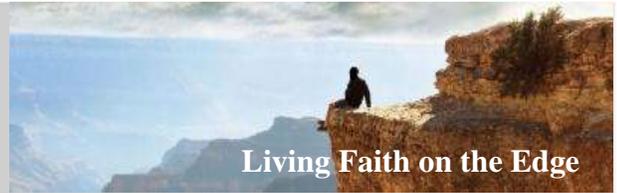


**HIPPA Law** - Under the regulations of the HIPPA Law, hospitals are unable to release any patient information. This includes contacting a church or pastor if someone is admitted to the hospital.

If you or a family member are taken to the hospital and would like pastoral care, please contact the church office immediately at 987-4937 so that care can be provided.

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\$10 Adults

\$8 children up to 18

Faith & Family Day Game

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at  
4:00 pm**

Fun entertainment for the entire church! Take a day off and come watch Iowa Energy Basketball and listen to some tunes!



**Come watch the Iowa Energy and enjoy a faith based concert following the game!!**

Signup sheet in Fellowship Hall

If you would like to order Easter lilies to decorate our Sanctuary, please fill out this form and return it to the church office by March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Cost is \$10.00 each.

You may take your lilies home after the Easter Service on March 31<sup>st</sup>.



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**Board Meeting** – There is much to do in response to the Holy Spirit. The Board meets on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to be a part of the worshipful work of God's church in this place.

# SPRING

# March 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> World Day of Prayer	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9 am Sun School 10 am Worship	<b>4</b> 7 pm Youth Group Planning Mtg.	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Knit Wits	<b>6</b> 9:00 am CWF Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Soup Choir after Soup Supper	<b>7</b> 10 am Cluster in Elkhart	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9 am Sun School 10 am Worship 4 pm Iowa Energy Game 7 pm Board Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Knit Wits	<b>13</b> 6:00 pm Soup Supper Choir after Soup Supper	<b>14</b> Coffee with Pastor Sue 9 am @ McDonald's	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Church Moving Day - Time to be announced
<b>17</b> 9 am Sun School 10 am Worship 	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm Elders Mtg.	<b>19</b> 9:30 am Knit Wits	<b>20</b>  6:00 pm Soup Supper Choir after Soup Supper	<b>21</b> Coffee with Pastor Sue 9 am @ McDonald's	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Rain Date for Church Moving Day
<b>24</b> 9 am Sun School 10 am Worship Family Fun Fair Planning following worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:30 am Knit Wits	<b>27</b> 6:00 pm Soup Supper	<b>28</b> Coffee with Pastor Sue 9 am @ McDonald's	<b>29</b>  7:00 pm	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 8:45 am Breakfast 9:30 Choir 10 am Worship 	 Laughter Sunday is April 7 <sup>th</sup> ! Bring a joke to share!					

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### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday School classes 9:00 am  
Worship Service 10:00 am

#### **... OUR STAFF ...**

**Pastor:** Reverend Sue Woods

**Admin. Assistant:** Lanita Cavanaugh

#### **... CHURCH OFFICE ...**

##### **Office Hours**

Monday-Wednesday-Thursday  
8:30AM - 4:00PM

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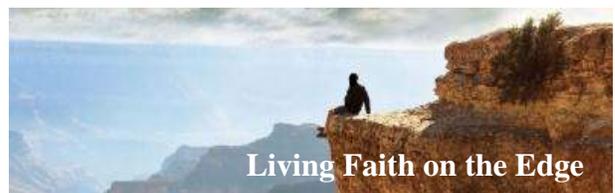
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### **March Lectionary**

Join us in worship as we explore....

**3<sup>rd</sup>** John 8: 1-12  
*Sticks and Stones*

**10<sup>th</sup>** 1 Peter 2: 2-10  
*Rejected Stones*

**17<sup>th</sup>** Matthew 16: 13-20  
*Upon this Rock*

**24<sup>th</sup>** Luke 19: 28-40  
*Crying Stones*

**31<sup>st</sup>** John 20: 1-18  
*Missing Stone*