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March, 2017



Save the Date

- June 3rd - Blitz Build at the Camp in Newton
- August 23rd - All Congregational Gathering at the CCC in Newton.

Lanita will be out of the office during the week of March 16th through March 21st. If anyone would be willing to help out in the office during her absence, please let Lanita or Pastor Sue know. Thanks!



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The Pastor's Pen

Saying "goodbye" is hard. "Hellos" are easier, not that they should be. After all, with "hello" you really don't know what you're in for. Will these people be kind? Will they work hard for God's kingdom? Will they welcome new members? Will they pinch every penny or trust in God to fund ministries?

"Hello" should be full of anxiety - but "goodbye" is still harder.

Goodbyes are hard because all those questions have been answered. Yes! Yes! And Yes again! You have been trusting, flexible, generous, welcoming, and, above all, kind - kind to each other and kind to Jerry and me. So this isn't easy for any of us.

We have enjoyed so much together here in God's vineyard. Together we have built walls at the Camp and Conference Center, painted walls in this space, hosted funeral dinners that helped people grieve well, celebrated weddings and baptisms, revitalized our building, and collected more shoes than anyone thought possible. What a joy this has been!!

Thank you for these years of joint ministry. Words fail me. But, as someone once said, I can't expect God to write the next chapter in my life if I don't open the page. Jerry and I are ready for that next chapter.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, while this is certainly a significant time in the life of WCC, I leave here in confidence that a great leadership team will help this congregation move into God's future. Already, God is calling someone to be your next pastor, and you will welcome her or him with the same love you gave to me.

As I make this transition, I ask you to remember one thing: while I am moving on, God is staying put. In the words of God's spokesman, Jeremiah: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

Blessings,

Pastor Sue & Jerry

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Thank you!

Thanks to

- Shari Burgus' Sunday School class for the Valentine's Day Cards
- Kathy Dean for pulpit supply
- Linda Wilcox for staffing the office during the WIC Clinic
- Men's Group for serving our Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday
- Pastor Julie for your many visits, calls, and cards on behalf of WCC



The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (known as WIC) will be using our building from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on March 14th and March 15th (Tuesday and Wednesday).

Baptism

On March 5th, we will celebrate Alice Ruggles' baptism. Baptisms are always a joyful event. Greet Alice into the Christian family.



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.



Between the Covers will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 27th to review *Flight of the Sparrow* by Amy Belding Brown (Historical Fiction). See you there!



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

	November	December	January
Receipts	\$ 10,771.03	\$ 11,409.08	\$ 9,371.25
Expenses	\$ 10,038.25	\$ 11,773.44	\$ 9,282.99
Difference	\$ 732.78	(\$ 364.36)	\$ 88.26
Money available for expenses	\$ 27,453.84	\$ 27,089.48	\$ 27,177.74

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T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE!

There are several church T-shirts available for anyone wishing to purchase them. We have some various sizes available, but other sizes can be ordered (we have to order a minimum of 10).

Please let Lanita know if you wish to purchase any of the ones currently available!



WoW met February 8th at the home of Karen Neese with eight members in attendance. We discussed our 'annual' Ronald McDonald House (RMH) evening meal menu scheduled for Thursday, April 6th. Our idea is to have Chef Salad, bread and dessert. We will prepare the meal for forty at RMH Methodist and serving at both Methodist and Mercy RMH. We will finalize the menu & volunteers at our March mtg.

The decision was made to postpone the talent auction to next year. It was agreed that we could donate the black and white (heavy) dishes, to make room for the new Corelle dinnerware.

Cimberly Hansen shared her excitement of the birth of her first grandchild (William) earlier that day. Karen's mother had fallen that same afternoon (in Liberty, MO) breaking her femur. Our thoughts and prayers were also shared for Pastor Sue retiring, and for our congregation as we work and pray together during this changing time for our church family.

Linda Wilcox shared the 'history' of Valentine's Day and how chocolate is a part of that history. Our next meeting will be hosted by Shari Burgus following our first Lenten Soup Supper, March 8th at the church.



Support Team
Meeting
March 12th
after worship

We have had the altar cross and candle holders re-plated and have some new candle lighters also. Please note that **no cleaners** should be used on these items (just wipe clean with a soft dry cloth). Also, when the candle lighters are extinguished, remember to push the wick back out to prevent wax buildup inside. Thank you.

Noisy Offering March 12th



Make sure to bring your change on March 12th to contribute to our Noisy Offering, taken every **second Sunday** of the month!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 03/01 June Andeberg
- 03/02 Nancy Cross
- 03/03 Kathryn Llewellyn
- 03/04 Austin Younger
- 03/07 Marvin Cross
- 03/10 Lorie Keller
- 03/13 Megan Keller
- 03/16 Steve Keller
- 03/18 Joyce Breckenridge
- 03/22 Colten Silverthorn
- 03/22 Sadie Silverthorn
- 03/22 Alayna Younger
- 03/23 Jack Carpe
- 03/23 Lisa Hiatt
- 03/24 Cathy Phillips
- 03/27 Suzanne Koch
- 03/27 Dennis Petty
- 03/29 Joshua Hansen

SHOE DRIVE



Save Your Souls! At the Annual Calendar Planning Meeting, it was decided to again hold the Shoe Drive. We will kick it off in May, but in the meantime, save your souls!

If you can, store them at home... if not, we can save a few bags of shoes here at church. Thanks for supporting this ministry!!



Our Guatemala Missions folks on their mission trip. We look forward to hearing all about it!

THANKS

Dear Friends

Jerry and I have been blessed by your outpouring of love these past few weeks. Thank you for the many cards, lunches, and words of support as I prepare to retire. Your kindness is sweet and so much appreciated!

Pastor Sue

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 03/14 Linda & Leonard O'Hair
- 03/19 Suzanne & Clint Koch



Waukee Area Christian Services is excited to announce *Creating Connections*, our First Annual Gala, coming up April 28th! Please save the date to attend.

If you would like to help with the event, we would love to have you! Opportunities to get involved include: event sponsorship, donations for silent auction, as well as planning committee roles. Please contact Melissa Stimple at melissa@WaukeeChristianServices.org if you would like to learn more.



Camp Dates 2017

Elementary Age

Pee Wee July 5-7

Junior #2 June 11 - 16

Junior #3 June 18 - 23

Junior #4 July 9 - 14

Junior #5 August 6 - 11

Middle/High School

Chi Rho #7 June 11 - 16

Chi Rho #8 June 18 - 23

Chi Rho #9 June 25 - 30

Chi Rho #10 July 16 - 21

Cabin Chi Rho August 6 - 11

CYF #15 June 25 - 30

CYF #16 July 16 - 21

CYF #17 July 30 - Aug 4

ADAM Camp July 23 - 28

Adventure Camp July 30 - Aug 2

Intergenerational

Grand Camp June 16 - 17 or July 14-15

Family Camp August 18-20

Adults

Senior Adult Retreat June 26 - 28

Lenten SOUP Suppers

Lent is the 40 day period, not including Sundays, which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Sunday's are not included in Lent because every Sunday is a mini-Easter - a celebration of the resurrection.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection, prayer, reconciliation and preparation for Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus's withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

At Waukee Christian, we use this time to gather during mid-week to share at the fellowship table and to reflect on some aspect of the faith journey. This year we are excited that several members of our congregation will share their own faith witness story.

What is a witness story? Once you become a Christ-follower, one of the most natural things you can do is tell other people how Christ has affected your life. This was how the Christian faith spread to the four corners of the world. In the courtroom, a witness is someone who is able to testify to what he or she has seen or experienced personally. The Bible often uses the word "witness" as a way of sharing the personal experience of God in our lives.

Every faith story is different. Some are dramatic with unexpected twists and turns. Others are more straightforward. Regardless of the details, all faith witness stories share our personal relationship with Christ. Everyone is the expert witness to their own life. Come and hear the witness of Christ in our lives.

Soup is served at 6 p.m. with table fellowship followed by our presenter's story.

March 8th	George Risinger
March 15th	Pastor Julie Cornelius
March 22nd	Juanita McBeth
March 29th	Dave Grandgenett
April 5th	Sharing Our Stories

At left is a list of camp dates and below are links to all the forms and informational posters. Remember that Waukee Christian Church may have scholarships or financial assistance available!

[Camp Registration Form \(PDF\)](#)

[Camper Medication Form](#)

[What to Bring to Camp List](#)

[2017 Summer Camp Poster](#)

[2017 Camp Dates Poster](#)

[2017 Camp Descriptions Poster](#)

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March	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Lanita Cavanaugh	Ryan Taylor	Jan De Jong	Shari Burgus
A/V	Ryan Taylor	Lanita Cavanaugh	Jerry Woods	Jason Keller
Greeter	Matt Hansen	Sue MacRae	Marilyn Dowell	Suzanne Koch
Youth Greeter	Alice Ruggles	Austin Younger	Zoey Koch	Sam Ruggles
Candle Lighter	Kayson Taylor	Janelle Taylor	Alayna Younger	Cathy Conklin
Children's Moment	Kathy Dean	George Risinger	Pastor Sue Woods	Rosalie Pfeifer
Reader	Cimberly Hansen	Juanita McBeth	Tammy Hardersen	Sue MacRae
Communion Invitation	Tammy Hardersen	Linda Wilcox	George Risinger	Ryan Taylor
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer	Suzanne Koch	Ron Hardersen	Cimberly Hansen	Linda Wilcox
Communion Prayer	Shari Burgus	Cimberly Hansen	Janelle Taylor	Marc De Jong
Offering & Communion Servers	Ken Cavanaugh	Jerry Woods	Jim Pfeifer	David Grandgenett
Fellowship (please remember to take out trash)	Linda O'Hair	Tammy Hardersen	Marlene Risinger	Lanita Cavanaugh

Monthly Tasks			
Food Pantry Delivery	Tammy Hardersen	Lock up after church	Ron Hardersen
Visiting Shepherds	Cimberly Hansen & Shari Burgus	Water Indoor plants	Karen Neese













April Serving Schedule

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

April	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Marlene Risinger	Beckie Myers	Linda O'Hair	Lorrie Grandgenett	Mary Lou/Jack Harris
A/V	Matt Hansen	Dave Grandgenett	Suzanne Koch	Ryan Taylor	Lanita Cavanaugh
Greeter	Karen Neese	Linda Wilcox	Jim Pfeifer	Linda Foltz	Marc De Jong
Youth Greeter	Kayson Taylor	Austin Younger	Sam Ruggles	Zoey Koch	Alice Ruggles
Candle Lighter	Tammy Hardersen	Kayson Taylor	Janelle Taylor	Cathy Conklin	Austin Younger
Children's Moment	George Risinger	Rosalie Pfeifer	Kathy Dean	George Risinger	Pastor
Reader	Linda Foltz	Ryan Taylor	Ron Hardersen	Shari Burgus	Jan De Jong
Communion Invitation	Pastor	Linda Foltz	Cimberly Hansen	Juanita McBeth	Cathy Conklin
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Offering & Communion Servers	Cimberly Hansen	Marc De Jong	Beckie Myers	Linda Foltz	Suzanne Koch
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  Ash Wednesday — Lent Begins Ashes to Spurgeon Manor	2	3  World Day Prayer	4
5 9 am Education Hr. 10 am Worship 1 st Sunday of Lent	6	7 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	8 WOW 6:30 p.m. at the church Soup Supper 6 pm	9 	10	11 Change your clocks & smoke alarm batteries! Don't Forget to... Spring Ahead 
12 9 am Education Hr. 10 am Worship 2 nd Sunday of Lent Noisy Offering today! Support Team after worship	13 <div style="border: 1px dashed red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Newsletter Articles Due </div>	14 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.  8:30 am - 5 pm	15 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.  8:30 am - 5 pm Soup Supper 6 pm	16 Lanita Vacation	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day! Lanita Vacation	18 Lanita Vacation
19 9 am Education Hr. 10 am Worship 3 rd Sunday of Lent Lanita Vacation	20 1 st day of Spring  Lanita Vacation	21 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.  World Forestry Day Lanita Vacation	22 Soup Supper 6 pm	23  World Meteorological Day	24	25
26 9 am Education Hr. 10 am Worship 4 th Sunday of Lent Sue Vacation	27  Between the Covers 6:00 pm	28 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	29 Soup Supper 6 pm	30	31 Keller Wedding Rehearsal	

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Welcome
Spring

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Education Hour
10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Coffee

...OUR STAFF...

Pastor: Reverend Sue Woods
Visiting Pastor: Julie Cornelius
Admin. Assistant: Lanita Cavanaugh

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~ 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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