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Living Faith on the Edge



The Pastor's Pen

Did you know that the chemistry of soil affects the taste of wine? That's right. Wine produced from vines grown in Italy taste different from wine produced in California, or Australia, or Iowa. It turns out that the chemistry of the soil gives the wine a distinct fingerprint.

Vintners in California don't try to make a French Bordeaux. They know they don't have the right soil. So why is it that churches, God's vineyard, try to mimic other churches planted in other soil? The rural Iowa church that longs to become the Metropolis mega church will fail. The soil isn't right. As workers in the vineyard, it's important for us to know where we are planted and how we are unique.

On February 24th, members of Waukee Christian Church gathered to talk about where God is leading us. We prayed as we sought to understand our soil - what it is that makes us unique. Three Core Values were identified: **Connecting** people; **Growing** spiritually; and **Honoring** God.

From these Core Values, our mission – the work of our vineyard – emerged. The Board has approved the new Mission Statement, and on Pentecost Sunday, the congregation will a it in corporate worship. On Pentecost, we celebrate the birth of the church. Let's also celebrate the work that God has given the church in **this** place – this vineyard – as we embrace new ministry.

~ We are People of the Table ~ Living Faith on the Edge of Waukee ~



Connecting people to each other and the world. (This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15: 12)



Growing spiritually through the renewing of our minds. (Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds. Romans 12:2)



Honoring the Image of God in all people. (Our bodies are *temples of the Holy Spirit, which we have from God, and we are not our own.* 1 Cor. 6:19)



GRADUATION
SUNDAY
WE HONOR YOU



On May 19th, we will celebrate the achievement of the graduating seniors who worship with us.

Come join **Brooke Howsare** and **Jordan Hansen** as they embark on the next step of their journey. Bless them with your fellowship at the reception following worship.

Congratulations Brooke and Jordan. Your church is proud of you!



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Installation

A Service of Installation will be held during worship on Sunday, May 5th. It is the formal beginning of a new ministry as well as a symbol of the bond between the new Pastor and the congregation. It's a time of celebration when, together, we will covenant before God to be the church in this place.

Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning will give the message that day, and the Hospitality Committee will provide a special time of Fellowship following the service. Plan to share in the joy of the ongoing life of the church.



The book club that began at WCC 14 years ago is still meeting on the last 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. May's Book: *Wench* (period fiction) 300 by Dolen Perkins-Valdez. Happy Reading!

Hymnal Donated

In the early morning hours of March 19th, lightning struck the steeple of the First Christian Church in Owensboro, Kentucky.



The fire quickly spread, and by midmorning the church had been destroyed. This was devastating to a congregation preparing to celebrate Easter.

In the spirit of unity, FCC Owensboro requested Disciples of Christ Churches across the country to donate one Chalice Hymnal so that the congregation could sing praise, even in the midst of their tears, to the risen Christ. Here is their letter of thanks.

Dear Waukee Christian Church,

We have been overwhelmed by the compassion and caring of our fellow Disciples.

Thank you for your gift of a hymnal. Continue to pray for us as we heal and move forward.

Sincerely,

FCC Owensboro KY

Thank you

Thanks to all who

- Helped with Spring Clean Up
- Are working on the Family Fun Fair Preparations
- Are planning to attend the Camp & Conference Center Mission Day
- Teach so that dreams can happen



CWF will be meeting

May 1st, 2013, at the Machine Shed for Breakfast Out! All Ladies are welcome to attend.

Elders' May Serving Schedule

	<i>Communion Prayer, Scripture</i>	<i>Call to Worship Unison Opening Prayer Invitation to Offering & Prayer of Dedication</i>	<i>Home Bound Calling</i>
May 5th	Duane Sindt	Bethalene Finestead	Duane & Bethalene
May 12th	Bethalene Finestead	Duane Sindt	
May 19th	Duane Sindt	Bethalene Finestead	
May 26th	Bethalene Finestead	Duane Sindt	

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Dates to Remember

- May 1st, 2013 CWF Breakfast at Machine Shed 9:00 am
- May 5th, 2013 Installation Service
- May 6th, 2013 Elders' Meeting 6:30 pm
- May 13th, 2013 Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- May 19th, 2013 Senior Sunday



Name Badges are available in the Narthex. Please remember to

wear them out of respect for our guests and visitors. If you do not have a name badge, leave a note for the office and we will get one made for you!



BOARD MEETING

Board Announcements:

- At the April 14th Board meeting, Dave Grandgenett was elected to complete the term of Treasurer for the current Board year. Suzanne Koch has stepped down from that position in order to assist with Youth Ministry. Our grateful thanks goes out to Dave and Suzanne for their service.
- The May Board meeting has been changed to the 13th at 6:30 p.m.
- Elders now meet on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.



The church garage sale will be held on **Saturday, May 4**, at the homes of two Members in the Waukee area (this is the same day as Waukee's city-wide garage sale). Please bring **gently used items** you would like to donate to these locations:

- Linda Foltz's home at 220 Parkview Drive in Waukee
- Marlene Risinger's home at 235 Southview Drive in Waukee
- Waukee Christian Church (please place your items in the last classroom past the men's restroom). These items will be distributed to the above locations to be sold.

Funds raised at the garage sale(s) will be used to purchase miscellaneous items for the church not provided in the budget such as: round dining tables, countertop ice maker, and beverage dispensers.

If you have any questions contact Linda Foltz at (515) 669-2271.



You will eat it, and you will like it!

Don't get smart with me!

If all your friends jumped off a cliff, would you jump too?

I'll give you something to cry about.

Your eyes will stick like that.

Remember all the things your mom told you? Some of them are silly, but all of them were said with the greatest hope – the hope that you would become the person you were created to be. Mothers are one way we can feel God's presence in this world. Mothers speak words of encouragement, help us be courageous, and give us strength. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ – much of the rest comes from our moms. Remember to thank God for your mother on May 12th and every day. And be in church. (You know she wants you there!)

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2013-2014 Upper Midwest Regional Prayer Calendar

In the coming year, join as Disciples in praying for congregations across the Region. Below is the schedule for May, 2013:

- May 5 First Christian Church, Adel, IA
Minn. Korean Dordom Church, St. Louis Park, MN –
Woodward Christian Church, Woodward, IA
- May 12 First Christian Church, Albia, IA;
Bethel Christian Church, Eddyville, IA; Oakland Christian Church, Oakland, IA
- May 19 Altoona Christian Church, Altoona, IA
First Christian Church, Eddyville, IA
Woodburn Christian Church, Woodburn, IA
- May 26 First Christian Church, Ames, Iowa
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Estherville, IA
Open Source, New Church Start, Rochester, MN



Our Church is Growing is the theme for the 2013 Pentecost Offering. Since 2001, when the church created the vision to start 1,000 new churches, the Disciples have started 800 new faith communities and brought 50,000 people to Christ. Your Pentecost Offering supports this New Church movement. New Disciples churches are being planted, new mission fields are being created, and communities are being transformed throughout the United States and Canada because of your vision and your generosity.

In the Upper Midwest Region, we currently have 5 New Church Starts:

- New Roots Ministries – Arthur, ND
- Korean Dordom Christian Church – St. Louis Park, MN
- Iglesia Nueva Jerusalem – Rochester, MN
- Open Source Christian Church – Rochester, MN
- Woodbury Christian Church, Woodbury, MN

The Pentecost Offering is an opportunity to share the Good News. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, one half of your gift stays in the Upper Midwest Region where you live and one half goes to Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation to support, recruit, train and coach new church pastors.

The Pentecost Offering will be collected on Sundays, May 12th and May 19th. Please consider your witness and give generously.



Time and Talent Instructions:

God calls us to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. And God has given each of us the talents to be church.

No matter your age or ability, there are always ways you can serve. On the following pages you will find the Waukee Christian Church Time & Talent form, listing the many ways we can serve the church and others.

Please review it prayerfully and indicate if you are willing to adopt an activity. (If you are receiving this electronically, you will need to print it off).

Then simply return it to the office. Remember that God is asking us to stretch ourselves through ministry. Please visit with Pastor Sue if you have any questions. Blessings!

MISSION WORK DAY

On June 8th, a group from Waukee Christian Church will be traveling to the Camp and Conference Center in Newton, Iowa to help on the Building a Path Together project to upgrade the camping facilities. Ask George Risinger for specifics – when we meet... carpooling... tools to take... etc. It's scheduled for Saturday, June 8th and I think there are about 10 people going. If you would like to join us please let the office know.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- I W Youth Group participant (circle one)
3rd – 5th grade 6th – 8th grade 9th – 12th grade
- I W Youth Group
_____ Leader _____ Assistant
- I W Participate in fundraisers for youth activities
- I W Help with Summer Family Fun Fair
- I W Help with puppet ministry
- I W Youth Mission projects & Events

I HAVE AN IDEA

I would like to visit with someone about an idea I have for the church.

Brief description: _____

I may be reached at _____

For more information contact the Pastor, Stewardship Chair, or Board Chair.



MY TIME AND TALENT COMMITMENT

Name: _____

With the joy of serving Jesus, I will serve Waukee Christian Church in the following ways during the coming year (**June 1, 2013 – May 31 2014**),. Please indicate your choices below by circling the appropriate letter to the left.

- I = Interested, but tell me more.
- W = Willing to serve.

ORGANIZATIONAL - Leadership

- I W Chair of the Church Board
- I W Vice Chair of Church Board
- I W Secretary of the Church Board
- I W Financial Secretary of the Church Board
- I W Treasurer
- I W Chair a Ministry
- I W Coordinator for Weddings
- I W Coordinator for Funerals
- I W Work with Computer Systems
- I W Office Volunteer

ORGANIZATIONAL – Ministry

- I W Christian Education
- I W Mission/Outreach
- I W Stewardship/Finance
- I W Short-term Task Groups
- I W Evangelism/Hospitality
- I W Property
- I W Worship

RELATIONAL:

Provide opportunities to grow in relationship with God and one another.

- I W Sunday school teacher
- I W Family Fun Fair volunteer (___ Teacher ___ Helper ___ Director ___ meals)
- I W Adult Bible study _____ leader _____ participant
- I W Share a talent with youth group or Sunday school classes
- I W Help with youth projects
- I W Provide a meal for youth group meetings
- I W Become a prayer partner with a youth
- I W Plan one or more small group activities
- I W Prepare & deliver a benevolence meal when called
- I W Help with funerals:
___ food, ___ serving, ___ set up/clean up
- I W Send birthday/anniversary cards
- I W Help set up tables and chairs for events
- I W Participate in Men's Group/Women's Group
- I W Participate in Breakfast Group/Coffee Club
- I W Visitor Center Attendant
- I W Visit prospective members
- I W Visit new residents in the area
- I W Visit the sick and shut-ins
- I W Participate in telephone prayer chain
- I W Help with members' needs
___ errands ___ transportation
- I W Provide baked goods to be used for visitations
- I W Coordinator for baked goods
- I W Crafts: (please circle interest)
crochet, knit, sew, quilt, scrapbooking
other: _____
- I W Baby-sitting for special functions
- I W Historian
- I W Photographer

SPIRITUAL: Enhance our corporate life through Word and Sacrament

- I W Communion preparation/clean-up
- I W Greeter
- I W Youth greeter (hand out bulletins)
- I W Candle lighter (age 8 and up)

- I W Operate A/V. system (training provided)
- I W Children's moment—**2 to 3 minutes (no longer)**
- I W Offering and Communion servers (age 12 and up)
- I W Communion meditation—**2 to 3 minutes (no longer)**
- I W Scripture reader (age 12 and up)
- I W Sunday morning fellowship host/hostess (includes clean-up)
- I W Provide fresh flowers on Sunday
- I W Seasonal Decorating & Banners/Parament care and placement
- I W Choir
- I W Youth Choir
- I W Sing solo/group (___ service ___ special)
- I W Play piano/organ (___ service ___ special)
- I W Play musical instrument (kind _____)
- I W Nursery attendant (16 & up)
- I W Nursery assistant (10-15 years)
- I W Present a sermon
- I W Be in a drama
- I W Prepare the quarterly schedule

PROPERTY: Support ministries through the care of the property God has entrusted to us.

- I W Be responsible for unlocking/locking the building for outside groups
- I W Yard care (bushes, trimming, etc.)
- I W Painting
- I W Carpentry
- I W Plumbing
- I W Electrical
- I W Wash windows
- I W Plant and maintain flower beds
- I W Kitchen Care Coordinator (organize and maintain kitchen)
- I W Purchasing agent (cleaning, kitchen, & communion supplies)
- I W Spring/Fall Clean up volunteer (Saturday)
- I W Change information on outdoor signage(alternate)
- I W Straighten and stock pew pockets & racks

MISSIONAL: Encourage and equip people with the Good News of Jesus Christ

- I W Help with Hands on Mission Projects (locally- globally)
- I W Deliver Food Pantry items
- I W Help with services at **insert care facility name**
- I W Walk in the Hunger Hike (October)
- I W Participate in a mission trip

May 

 It's 
May!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 am CWF Breakfast out at Machine Shed  Happy May Day	2 Cluster (Norwalk)	3	4
5  Installation 9 am Sun School 10 am Worship Installation Service	6 5:00 pm PRC. 6:30 pm Elders' Mtg.	7 9:30 am Knit Wits	8	9	10	11 
12 MOM Happy Mother's Day 9 am Sun School 10 am Worship	13 6:30 pm Board Mtg.	14 9:30 am Knit Wits	15	16	17	18 
19 9 am Sun School 10 am Worship Senior Sunday  Pentecost	20	21 9:30 am Knit Wits	22	23	24	25
26 9 am Sun School 10 am Worship	27  Between the Covers Book Club Meeting Memorial	28 9:30 am Knit Wits	29	30	31	

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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 – 3:30PM

Phone / Fax

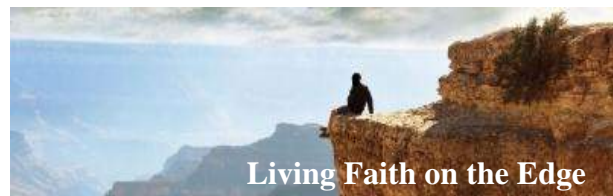
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