

Cross Words

May, 2016



The Pastor's Pen

I read an article by my favorite author, Anne Lamott, about advice she gives to aspiring writers. Their major complaint is that they can't find time to write. So she asks them about their busy schedules. They tell her about the hours spent at the gym, and work, and then the kids... (oh, the kids)... with all their activities that require a chauffeur, a referee, a dozen cupcakes. Those activities are followed closely by keeping up with the news, and volunteering, and social media, and meeting friends for coffee. How does anyone possibly have the time?

Lamott is gracious as she suggests they give up a 30 minute television show -- "You don't need to watch the local news unless you're married to the anchor," she says. Basically, she's asking them what they're willing to NOT do in order to clear some space for their passion.

We just celebrated the Passion of Christ - something I'm passionate about. And I hear from folks all the time how stressed they are, that there's no time, that they are just barely holding on. How can they possibly find time for faith, for the spirit to move in and through them?

I wonder if the one who came to offer abundant life, is pleased with our schedules. Lamott remembers the story of a beggar from India who sat outside the temple, begging for just enough to stay alive each day. The monks moved him to a tree across from the temple where he sat for the rest of his life, begging until he died. The monks decided to bury the man beneath his tree. While digging the grave, they found a stash of gold just a few feet under where the poor beggar sat.

Where is the treasure in your life? Could it be that it's just within reach? Can you give up an hour a week for worship? Or for reading the Bible? No? That's okay. I get it. Your car needs washed; your house organized. Just don't let them discover, when they bury you, that your deepest treasure was always within reach but untouched.

Every day you need 30 minutes to feed your soul - unless you're extremely stressed, in which case you need an hour. This Eastertide, be passionate about the Passion - it's the only thing worth your time.

Blessings,

Pastor Sue



Pentecost is Sunday, May 15th.
Don't forget to wear RED!!



Please help us honor our graduates on Sunday, **May 22nd**. Samantha Hornback is graduating from Simpson College and is going on for Graduate Studies at University of Arizona in Tucson. Let's celebrate as she takes "church" out into her new adventures!



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GET YOUR
RED OF
STUFF

WOW Yard Sale Saturday, April 30

Thanks in advance for collecting and donating your gently used household items for WOW's yard sale. **There's still time to donate!**

The yard sale will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 8:00 to 3:30 pm in conjunction with the Waukeez Citywide Garage Sales. You can bring your donations between Sunday, April 24 and Thursday, April 26 to:

- Marlene Risinger's house, 235 Southview Drive (515-987-4789)
- Linda Foltz's house, 220 Parkview Drive (515-669-2271)

You can call in advance to confirm someone is home to receive your donations or to schedule a pickup.

The money raised at the garage sale supports WOW's projects. Any items leftover after the sale will be donated to the Adel Crisis Intervention Advocacy.

We will be selling large-ticket items on consignment for church members. If you have an item that you want to share the proceeds with WOW to sell for you at the garage sale please contact Linda Foltz.



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!



Memorial Dedication

On Mother's Day, May 8th, we will have a Dedication Service for the third stained glass window and the outdoor playset. Please plan to attend and give thanks for these gracious gifts!

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Perhaps you enjoy spring cleaning, perhaps you don't. Either way, many hands make for light work. Please join us to spruce up the church space, inside and out, on Sunday, May 14th at 9:00 am. See you there!



Cimberly Hansen's Oatmeal Bread

- 2 C. oatmeal
- 2 C. boiling water
- 1 stick margarine
- 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. brown sugar
- 2 tsp. soda
- 2 C. flour
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. nutmeg
- 4 beaten eggs
- Pinch of salt

Put oatmeal, water and margarine in bowl and mix well. Add remaining ingredients. Bake in 2 loaf pans at 350 degrees until done.



Linda Foltz gave a reading about positive storytelling at the WoW meeting. We tell ourselves stories every day. And the most important stories we tell are about our own lives. There is a monologue going on almost continually in the backs of our minds about the events that happen to us on a day-to-day basis. We not only go through event after event, but we talk to ourselves about the meaning of these events.

Stories such as these play an important role in our lives and help shape how we think and feel about life. These stories are powerful influencers of our moods, attitudes, and behavior. Life is like a movie projector. We project our stories (our core beliefs) onto the world around us and they come back in the form of our experience. And the truth is, you can build a case for whatever you tell yourself. You can find plenty of reasons to tell yourself negative stories or positive stories. The origin of your experience in life is not "out there." It is "in here."

WoW's spring event entitled A Honey of an Event on March 19 was a success with approximately 65 in attendance. A spring style show took place and Natasha Bures spoke about pollination. Everyone enjoyed brunch and good discussion with friends. On April 1 and 2 WoW members prepared and delivered meals to Mercy Ronald McDonald Room for families with children in the hospital.

Upcoming WoW events include a garage sale on April 30th. If you have items to donate take them to Marlene Risinger's house the week of April 25th. The Adel Intervention Advocacy Group will be holding a garage sale and bake sale on June 8-10. If you'd like to help, give Shari Burgus a call. A women's supper outing will take place 5:30, May 11 at the Club Car in West Des Moines. All church women are invited.



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 gmdowell@aol.com

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



Join us in honoring "our" mothers and all ladies of our church with a reception during fellowship on Sunday, May 8th.



Please help us honor our teachers on Sunday, May 22nd. They work very hard and are extremely dedicated to working with our kids!

3rd Annual Shoe Drive!



The 3rd Annual Shoe Drive will kick off on Sunday, May 15th and end on August 15th. The first year we collected over 7,500 pairs. The 2nd year we collected over 16,000 pairs. This year our goal is collect one more pair than before. Let's keep stretching ourselves in mission!

Calling all Shoes!

On Sunday, May 15th, we have a great opportunity to collect shoes. Ryan Bryan, owner and operator of Seven Oaks Recreation Center in Boone, has invited us to collect all the shoes donated from this year's Gladiator Challenge.

Last year we collected an overflowing pick-up truck full of shoes - and we left shoes behind.

This year we would like to borrow two pickup trucks!!

You can help by donating a pick-up and by coming to Seven Oaks at 3 p.m. on Sunday May 15th! It's a great way to kick off the shoe drive. (And they are helping us this year by having the runners tie their shoes together for us - which will be much easier for us!)

Please let George Risinger know if you can loan a pick-up and if you can be there on Sunday afternoon!



Needed: Pastor Sue is in need of an old leaning ladder for summer worship. Please let her know if you have one that she could borrow. Hmmmm....interesting....worship and ladder....you'll have to come to worship this summer to find out what this is all about!

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Thank you!

Thanks to

- Our Sunday School Teachers
- Julie Cornelius, George Risinger and Kathy Dean for providing pulpit supply while Pastor Sue was away
- Everyone who helped provide a meal at Mercy's Ronald McDonald House
- Everyone who donated or helped work at the garage sales.



We will be holding "Church Outside the Walls" on Sunday, June 5th. 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!



Disciples Day at the Ballpark!

Monday, May 30th, which happens to also be Memorial Day, is the "Disciples Day" at Principal ballpark. The first pitch is scheduled for 12:05 pm. Please sign the pew registry if you are interested in attending. Tickets are \$12. We need to let the Region know well in advance how many tickets we want so sign up TODAY!!



Revitalize Continues to Receive Blessings

We continue to be blessed with donations from former members. Recently, we received a generous donation from someone who grew up in the Waukeee Christian Church, who wrote:

Please use these funds to pay on the new sign. As someone that grew up in the Waukeee Christian Church, I want to continue to see it thrive and grow.

Thank you, Mary Thomas Scheve and Family!



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

	January	February	March
Receipts	\$ 12,321.10	\$ 9,188.49	\$ 11,409.83
Expenses	\$ 11,303.72	\$ 12,450.54	\$ 11,133.46
Difference	\$ 1,017.38	(\$ 3,262.05)	\$ 276.37
Money available for expenses	\$ 28,358.62	\$ 25,096.57	\$ 25,372.94

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05/04 Vivian Wilson
05/05 Nancy Erdman
05/06 Dolores Brown
05/09 Sue MacRae
05/11 Isabella Spreacker
05/12 Leonard O'Hair
05/14 Haleigh Cross
05/15 Mike Keller
05/16 Marilyn Smith
05/18 Chris Keller
05/23 Libby Hansen
05/23 Brad Neese
05/24 Jean Swallow
05/26 Ruby VanCleave
05/27 Audrey MacRae
05/28 Wayne Breckenridge

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.



05/30 Matthew & Cimberly Hansen
05/15 Ron & Tammy Hardersen



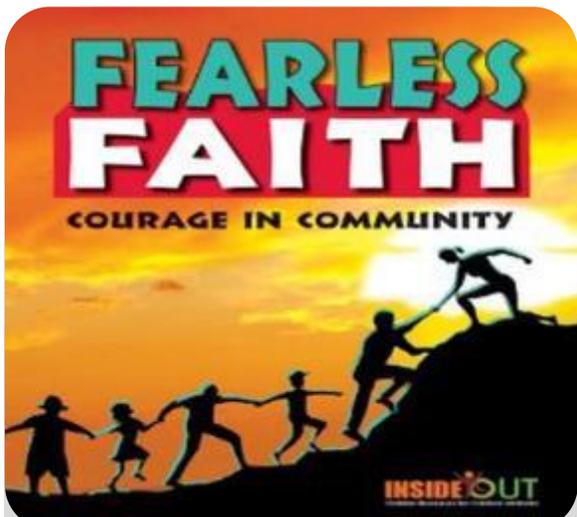
Let us know if we missed your special day!



May will be the 17th anniversary of Between the Covers book club! They will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 23rd to review *The Japanese Lover* (historical fiction) by Isabel Allende. See you there!

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Go to

<http://www.uppermidwestcc.org> for
Camp Descriptions & Dates or
[Click Here!](#)

Register online at

<http://www.uppermidwestcc.org> or
[Click Here!](#) (opens Feb. 7th)

Go to

<http://www.uppermidwestcc.org>
for the Camp Registration Form
or [Click Here!](#)

Go to

<http://www.uppermidwestcc.org> to
meet Tif Austin, Camp Director or
[Click Here!](#)

Attention TEACHERS!

Per fire code, the Sunday school classrooms should have doors closed when not in use. Please remember to close the doors when you are finished for the day.
THANK YOU!!



CWF will meet Wed. May 4th at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome, so come join us as we continue our projects for the year.

Last meeting we spent time discussing the Sept. 7th evening meeting. Put it on your calendar because you won't want to miss the exciting program that is planned. Watch for more information as the event gets closer.

Another upcoming project will be a grandparent's event. You or someone in your family will want to participate in this service. We will have more information on this at a later date.

We also started searching the history of the church. The pictures were of great interest to those in attendance. They were so far back that we were not recognizing faces, but hopefully someone can help us. We need all the information we can find, so if you have anything that may be helpful, send it to the church on a postcard, email it to the church, or send an e-mail to Evelyn Dowell or Ruth Sindt. We do need your help either by providing any information you have or helping us write this in a pamphlet or book form.

Don't forget to put September 7th on your calendar!!!!



Youth Group will meet on Sunday, May 1st after worship.

REMINDER: Don't forget to sign up for summer camps!

Summer Mission Trip Dates:
August 5th - 7th

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May Serving Schedule

May	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
Communion Prep & Clean-up	The Harris'	Beckie Myers	Audrey MacRae	Cheri May	Jan De Jong
A/V	George Risinger	Jerry Woods	Jason Keller	Suzanne Koch	Dave Grandgenett
Greeter	Chuck Teas	Vicki Teas	Cathy Conklin	Audrey MacRae	Ron Hardersen
Youth Greeter	Austin Younger	Alice Ruggles	Sam Ruggles	Ximen Markway	Zoey Koch
Candle Lighter	Alayna Younger	Austin Younger	Suzanne Koch	Linda O'Hair	Alayna Younger
Children's Moment	Pastor Sue Woods	George Risinger	Kathy Dean	Pastor Sue Woods	George Risinger
Reader	Juanita McBeth	Shari Burgus	Cathy Conklin	Ron Hardersen	Tammy Hardersen
Communion Invitation	Cathy Conklin	Julie Cornelius	George Risinger	Linda O'Hair	Juanita McBeth
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer	Shari Burgus	Ron Hardersen	Tammy Hardersen	Cimberly Hansen	Linda O'Hair
Communion Prayer	Cathy Conklin	Juanita McBeth	Cimberly Hansen	Cathy Conklin	Jerry Woods
Offering & Communion Servers	Cathy Conklin Linda Foltz	Jan De Jong Jim Pfeifer	Shari Burgus Juanita McBeth	Linda O'Hair George Risinger	Audrey MacRae Jerry Woods
Fellowship	Karen Neese	Linda Foltz	Beckie Myers	Linda O'Hair	Sue MacRae
Food Pantry Delivery	Jack and Mary Lou Harris				
Visiting Shepherds	Shari Burgus/Jerry Woods				
Lock up after church	Ron Hardersen				
Water Indoor plants	Karen Neese				

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				

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Support Team Mtg. 11:45 am Youth Group after worship	2	3 Knit Wits 9:30 am	4 CWF 9:30 am	5	6 	7
8 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship  Memorial Dedication Service	9 	10 Knit Wits 9:30 am	11 WoW Evening Dinner 5:30 pm at the Club Car	12	13	14 9:00 am  Spring Clean Up Day
15  Shoe Drive Kickoff 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Wear Red PENTECOST	16	17 Knit Wits 9:30 am	18 	19	20 <div style="border: 1px dashed red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Newsletter Articles Due </div>	21
22 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Graduation Sunday Honor teachers	23	24 Knit Wits 9:30 am	25	26	27	28
29 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	30  Between the Covers 6:00 pm Disciples Day at the Ballpark MEMORIAL DAY 	31 Knit Wits 9:30 am				

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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)

...OUR STAFF...

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~Living Faith on the Edge of Waukee ~



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Growing spiritually through the renewing of our minds.

Honoring the Image of God in all people.



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