

Save the Date

- Nov. 5th - Support Team 11:30 am
All Saints Sunday
Memorial Dedications
- Nov. 7th - Voting at the church
- Nov. 12th - Noisy Offering
Thanksgiving Feast
- Nov. 19th - Congregational Meeting
after worship
- Nov. 26th - Decorate church for
Christmas after worship
Light lunch provided.



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The Pastor's Pen

It is Fall and the leaves are falling, the fields are being harvested and we are settling into new rhythms. One of those new things we are settling into is an adult Bible study class at 9 A.M on Sunday mornings. We meet for about 45 minutes to study and talk about the book of Acts. The book of Acts is the foundational book for the people who founded the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the early 1800's. Alexander Campbell and Barton Stone both looked to the book of Acts as guidance on how the church should be governed and some foundational beliefs, such as baptism, the Lord's Supper and other things. Our first class was this past Sunday. We will be meeting for the next four weeks until Advent. So, if you are interested in how the first Christians took the message of Jesus to the world and the conflicts and arguments they had, I would invite you to come and participate in the study of this interesting book.

The first Sunday in November, November 5, is what the church calls "All Saints Day." Julie and I will lead a time of reflection and thanksgiving for the members of the church who have passed on this past year to the gathered church in heaven. We will be mentioning them in the service, giving thanks to God for their life and their participation in this church.

Good things are happening at Waukee Christian Church. Exciting times lay ahead. May God's blessing and presence be with you this month and I will be seeing you along the way.

Pastor Brad Thornton

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Between the Covers will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, November 27th to review *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman (fiction). See you there!

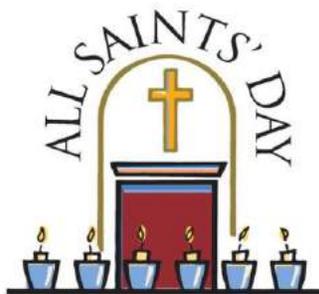


Boxes due at the church by Sunday, November 12th

Time to be thinking about packing an Operation Christmas Child box. Fliers with instructions and boxes will be available in the Fellowship Hall. We are hoping that you and your family will enjoy packing boxes together and then return them to church by Sunday November 12, where we will have a dedication service and see that they get to the drop location.

If you are able, you can put \$9 in the box to cover shipping and handling (checks made out to Samaritan's Purse). Donations can also be made online at: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> then click on the Donate link in the upper right hand corner.

Thank you for your participation!!



The first Sunday in November is All Saints Day. We will have a special portion of our service on November 5th dedicated to acknowledging the Saints, those who have gone before us who now reside in the presence of the Eternal. It is a day of solemn remembrance, and a day to give thanks for those who taught us through their own lives the death defeating love of God.

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On October 7th, Funds2Org came and picked up the shoes from our annual shoe drive. I am happy to report that we had 176 bags of shoes that were loaded onto the truck. I want to express my appreciation to everyone who contributed shoes, collected shoes from friends and family, and went around town and outside of town picking up shoes others wanted to donate to our drive. Thank you to all of you who helped bag our shoes and for those of you who showed up to load them on the truck.

Sorry to those of you who came to help but when you got there they were already on the truck. The driver showed up early and didn't let me know ahead of time.

Not only is this a big fundraiser for the church but it also helps people in countries where making a living wage is very difficult and gives them a chance at a better life. It puts shoes to good use that otherwise may just go into a dump somewhere.

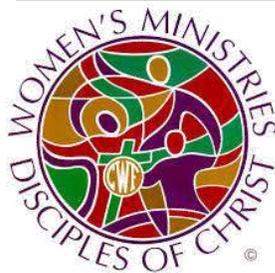
Again, thanks to everyone who was a big part of this project. We couldn't do it without you!!



Our Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 12th, after worship. A sign-up sheet will be available in fellowship hall. Please join us in giving thanks for all our blessings!



Daylight Savings Time end on November 5th. Don't forget to set you clocks back one hour on Saturday night!



The CWF will be meeting Wednesday, November 1, at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come.

At the October meeting we approved a months payment on the loan for the black top.

We would like to thank all those who patronized our booth at the Craft Show and want to remind everyone that there are still cookbooks for sale. They make great Christmas presents!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/03	Gerrit Hansen
11/04	Tom Dean
11/04	Judy Tyler
11/16	Jordan Hansen
11/19	Ron Hardersen
11/20	Howard Wilson
11/26	Vicki Teas



11/08	Linda & Lee Foltz
11/17	Lois & Orville Bannister



Change of Address? New email?

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.)



Get in the holiday spirit as we prepare for the Advent season by decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 26th after worship. A light lunch will be provided.



The October WoW meeting was held, October 11th at the church hosted by Linda O'Hair. Eight members were present. Following our opening prayer, Karen Neese gave the Financial Report. We filled out the 2017/2018 meeting calendar (through May) with meeting dates set for the second Wednesday of each month except, February meeting will be on Tuesday, the 13th. Linda Wilcox will host the popular 'Cup of Cheer' Christmas get together that will be held, Wednesday, December 13th at Thomas Place. Mark your calendar. If you have never attended, ask one of us what it is all about and join us. All women of Waukee Christian Church are welcome to attend this and all meetings. If you need a ride, let anyone of us know.

We had wanted to do a "Trunk or Treat." Our thought was to join the community effort at the "Waukee Triangle" but we decided there was not enough information or time to plan it for this year.

Cimberly Hansen set up the Operation Christmas Child table in fellowship hall with boxes and information on the annual "Samaritan's Purse" mission. We encourage everyone to fill boxes for this awesome mission. The boxes are due back to the church by November 12. Time is sneaking up on us.

Linda Foltz suggested we start using 'Sign Up Genius'. She will work with Linda O'Hair in first using it for funeral cookies and help sign ups. It will make this process quicker and easier once we get familiar with it.

Prayer requests were shared including Prayers for our chair person, Tammy Hardersen, who had just gone through two hip replacements Oct 9 and 11th. We closed with the CWF Benediction.

Following the meeting we worked to prepare for the Church Craft/Bake Sale coming up on Saturday (Oct. 14th). It was agreed that the monies made from WoW's portion of the bake/craft sale will be given to the church general fund.

WoW was sponsoring the Bake Sale portion along with our church table of crafts and knitted items from Shari Burgus and the Knit Wits. Juanita McBeth donated two quilts. Lanita Cavanaugh donated handmade greeting cards. Marlene Reisinger gave us pointers on how to package cookies and breads. And we helped Marlene set up the area where we were going to sell the bake and craft items. Refreshments were served.

The next meeting is November 8th at Shari Burgus's home at 6:30 p.m. Juanita will have Devotions. Please come join us. All are welcome. If you need a ride give one of us a call.

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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.

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Adding a person to our prayer list may seem like a small thing, but after having gone through surgery recently, let me say that I felt the care and love coming from my church family. Thank you so much to everyone who has endured this journey with me over the past few months. The prayers, cards, visits, food and kind words of encouragement were so greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Linda O'Hair for taking over my duties at WOW and to Julie Cornelius for her hospital and home visits. Thank you just doesn't seem like enough. I love you all,

Tammy Hardersen

Thank you!

Dear Waukee Church Family,

Thank you so much for the time, energy, work and effort you put forward this past Sunday for the Pastor Appreciation Dinner. The food was great, but the company was even better. Waukee Christian Church is a special place and we are so blessed to be here with you.

Pastor Brad Thornton
Pastor Julie Cornelius

Thank you!

Thanks to

- The Pastoral Search Committee for their time and dedication to locating a settled minister.
- Everyone who organized, helped, and supported the Craft and Bake Sale!!
- Everyone who prepared the delicious Birthday Cakes!
- Everyone who helped prepare the meal and celebrated Pastor Appreciation month with Pastors Brad and Julie!

Prayer Squares Available

Do you have a friend or family member that needs comfort and prayers? Then pick up a free prayer square in the fellowship hall to give to them.



Prayer squares are small yarn items that have been hand made by the Knit Wits just for that purpose. They come with a printed message that you can give to someone who needs comforted. They are small enough to fit in a pocket or purse, but remind them that others are thinking and praying for them. The prayer squares are located on the tall round table by the memorial plaque in the fellowship hall.

Prayer shawls are also available too. They are can be found in the prayer room.



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

	July	August	September
Receipts	\$ 10,571.06	\$ 6,893.78	\$ 11,979.79
Expenses	\$ 10,488.75	\$ 8,763.14	\$ 5,592.26
Difference	\$ 82.31	(\$ 1869.36)	\$ 6,387.53
Money available for expenses	\$ 23,651.19	\$ 21,781.83	\$ 28,169.36



November Serving Schedule

November	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Marlene Risinger	Jack/Mary Lou Harris	Linda O'Hair	Ryan Taylor
A/V	Matt Hansen	David Grandgenett	Matt Hansen	Jason Keller
Greeter	Lorrie/David Grandgenett	Suzanne Koch	Ron Hardersen	Sue MacRae
Youth Greeter	Alice Ruggles	Zoey Koch	Sam Ruggles	Austin Younger
Candle Lighter	Cathy Conklin	Kayson Taylor	Ellie Bullington	Janelle Taylor
Children's Moment	Pastor Brad	Ellie Bullington	Shari Burgus	Kathy Dean
Reader	Juanita McBeth	Linda Foltz	Linda Wilcox	Ron Hardersen
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer	Linda Wilcox	Matt Hansen	Ron Hardersen	Ryan Taylor
Offering & Communion Servers	David Grandgenett	Cathy Conklin	David Grandgenett	Linda Wilcox
Communion Invitation	Janelle Taylor	Juanita McBeth	Cimberly Hansen	Linda Foltz
Communion Prayer	Marc De Jong	Ron Hardersen	Ryan Taylor	Matt Hansen
Fellowship (please remember to take out trash)	Marilyn Dowell	Sue MacRae	Ken/Lanita Cavanaugh	Janelle/Ryan Taylor
Child Care Attendant	Reagan Cavanaugh	Alayna Younger	Reagan Cavanaugh	Zoey Koch

Monthly Tasks

Food Pantry Delivery	Shari Burgus	Lock up after church	Marc De Jong
Visiting Shepherds	Shari Burgus/Marlene Risinger	Water Indoor plants	Lanita Cavanaugh

December Serving Schedule

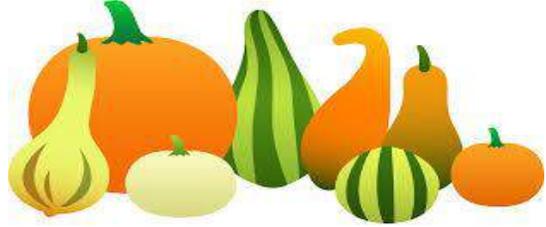
If you are going to be gone, please secure your substitute and let the office know of the change. Thanks!

December	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th	31 st
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Marlene Risinger	Ken/Lanita Cavanaugh	Beckie Myers	Jan De Jong	Shari Burgus
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Greeter	Judy Tyler	Linda O'Hair	Linda Wilcox	Dave/Lorrie Grandgenett	Suzanne Koch
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Candle Lighter	Cathy Conklin	Kayson Taylor	Janelle Taylor	Cathy Conklin	Kayson Taylor
Children's Moment	George Risinger	Ellie Bullington	Kathy Dean	Shari Burgus	Pastor Brad
Reader	Ryan Taylor	Sue MacRae	Judy Tyler	Cimberly Hansen	Juanita McBeth
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Child Care Attendant	Alayna Younger	Reagan Cavanaugh	Zoey Koch	Alayna Younger	Reagan Cavanaugh

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CWF 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall	2	3	
5 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship All Saints Day Support Team after fellowship	6	7 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	8 WOW 6:30 pm	9 	10	
12 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Noisy Offering today! Thanksgiving Feast after worship	13 	14 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m. <div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Newsletter Articles Due </div>	15	16	17	18
19 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Congregational Meeting after worship	20	21 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	22	23 Office Closed 	24	25
26 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Decorate church for Christmas after worship - light lunch provided	27 	28 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	29	30		

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

...OUR STAFF...

Interim Pastor: Reverend Brad Thornton
Visiting Pastor: Julie Cornelius
Admin. Assistant: Lanita Cavanaugh

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~ 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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