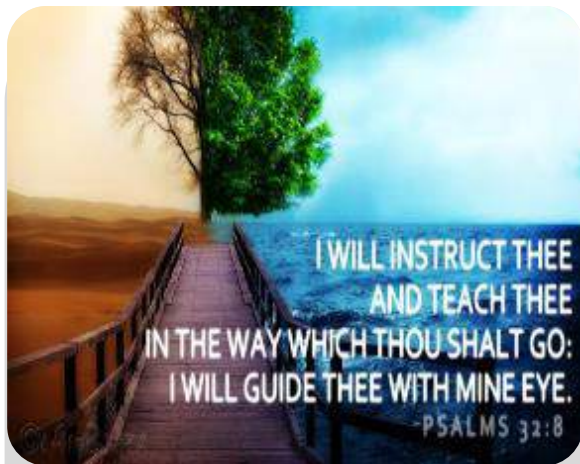


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Save the Date

- Sept. 3rd - Worship at Centennial Park at 10:00 am. Child care will not be provided, but children are welcome to play in the park. Bring your lawn chairs!!
- Sept. 10th - Sunday School resumes
- Sept. 10th - Stewardship kickoff
- Sept. 24th - Church Outside the Walls at Many Hands Thrift Shop in Grimes 10 - 11:30 am.

COMING SOON!!



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The Pastor's Pen

One of the things a church can do during a transition period between settled ministers is to discern what kind of church God is calling it to be and to whom God is calling it to serve. In that regard, these past four or five months have been productive ones at Waukee Christian Church. In April Jack Harris began an ad hoc strategic planning group. The intent behind the group was to provide discernment and strategic processes for planning the future of the church. During the past five months the church has held conversations and engaged in activities to help the congregation discern its purpose and its mission to the community.

During that time, I have observed a community of faith here who is committed to being church and to considering new ways of being to a constantly changing and rapidly expanding neighborhood. As we go into September, the search committee has been in conversation with the Regional Minister and has put the final touches on the church profile. I truly believe the time the strategic planning group and members have spent with each other has already been valuable and will continue to bear good fruit.

Finally, in case you don't already know, I want to let you know that I will be absent for most of the month of September. Jill and I had made plans in February to spend most of the month of September in Hot Springs, Arkansas, near the grandchildren. The search committee and church board were gracious enough to allow me that time when I interviewed for the interim position. During the Sundays of September the pulpit will be filled by talented members of this congregation. I will be back in the pulpit on Sunday October 1 and will continue the interim journey with you. In the meantime, if you should need to reach me, please don't hesitate to do so. The office, Julie and others have my cell phone number and I will be available to you that way if you should need anything.

Exciting things have happened and will be happening at Waukee Christian. The next few months will be eventful and I am looking forward to watching what God will do here. I truly feel blessed to be a part of your journey and history.

Many thanks and many blessings and I will be seeing you along the way.

Rev. Brad Thornton

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Fall/Christmas items

Crochet items

Wood crafts

Jafra

Scentsy

**College/school
colored items**

**American girl &
18" doll clothing**

Quilted items

Needlework

Sock monkeys

Jewelry/accessories

Hairbows

Baby items

Lip color

Paparazzi

Jamberry

Embroidery items

Goat Milk Soap

Monat products

Bakery items

Tupperware

Screen printed shirts

Miscellaneous crafts

**CRAFT
SALE**
Bake Sale & Lunch

Saturday
October 14th
9 am – 3 pm

**Waukee Christian
Church**

29043 T Ave, Waukee
Corner of Hickman & T Ave
Between Waukee & Adel

Come shop with us, get an
early jump on Christmas
shopping & pick up some
Homemade Bakery Items!



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Youth Ministry Toolkit TRAINING



All Youth
Workers
Welcome

Leader: Tiff Williams, Assoc.
Regional Minister

WHEN? You schedule it with Tiff

WHERE? Your Church or a church
near you!

Topics we will discuss will include (but are not limited to): Healthy and Ethical Boundaries for volunteers. Child Development - teaching lessons that are age appropriate Sustainable growth for your ministry, Dreams for the future - gathering ideas about new region wide youth events

We hope to have solo pastors, youth group sponsors, youth directors, associate ministers, Sunday school teachers, or anyone else who loves working with youth in a congregational setting join us.

If you would like to host one of these Youth Worker Training events in your part of the region, Call Tiff at 641-521-3115 or email at tiff.umw@gmail.com



FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME:

We currently need someone to volunteer to teach Sunday School to our elementary aged kids. It can be full-time or part-time. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Shari Burgus at 515-987-8037 or skburgus@gmail.com.



We will worship at Centennial Park on September 3rd. Centennial Park is located at 1255 Warrior Lane. We will gather in the Open Shelter at 10 a.m. Bring a lawn chair if you like.

In the event of rain, we will gather in Fellowship Hall at church. Child care will not be provided, but children are welcome to play at the park during worship if parents allow.



Support Team
Meeting on
September 10th
after
fellowship



“Women Healing Women: the Best Medicine!”

Proverbs 17:22 says, “A cheerful heart is good medicine.”
What else can we offer each other? Come learn, and laugh,
with us!

Mark your calendars now for the Upper Midwest Christian
Women's Fall Retreat ... and invite a friend!

September 22- September 24, 2017

Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds - Paynesville, MN

Promised: Singing. COMMUNITY. Prayer.
LAUGHTER. Healing.

Rev. Alison Phillips Robuck, CNHP, Keynote
Rev. Laurie Feille, Sr. Pastor of FCC-Mpls., Chaplain
Cynthia Gaunt and Elaine Tucker, Coordinators

Can't make it? Tell a friend - scholarships are available!
Then, please consider sponsoring a new retreat-goer or
donating to offset organizational
costs.

[RETREAT FLYER](#)

[REGISTER HERE](#)



WIC will be using our building
from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm on
September 12th and 13th. (Tuesday
and Wednesday).

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 09/01 Jason Keller
- 09/06 Orville Bannister
- 09/06 Caitlyn Keller
- 09/09 Rosalie Pfeifer
- 09/13 Lois Bannister
- 09/13 Alice Ruggles
- 09/14 Linda Wilcox
- 09/16 Chuck Teas
- 09/22 Sean Dean
- 09/23 LeRoy Graham
- 09/26 Linda Graham
- 09/27 Marilyn Dowell
- 09/27 John Wasson
- 09/29 Kathy Dean

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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 09/04 Marilyn & Dennis Dowell
- 09/10 Lanita & Ken Cavanaugh
- 09/22 Robin & Joe Younger
- 09/27 Vicki & Chuck Teas



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

	May	June	July
Receipts	\$ 8,569.73	\$ 7,293.04	\$ 10,571.06
Expenses	\$ 10,720.04	\$ 10,001.94	\$ 10,488.75
Difference	(\$ 2,150.31)	(\$ 2,708.90)	\$ 82.31
Money available for expenses	\$ 26,277.78	\$ 23,568.88	\$ 23,651.19

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Fall Fellowship Gathering

The Women of Waukee (WoW) Christian Church and the Men's Fellowship Group are hosting a joint meeting on Wednesday, September 13th at the church. It is open to all members of the church.

The purpose of the meeting is for fellowship, food, and fun. We will also be brainstorming ideas that the men's and women's group can do together. So please plan on attending. Child care as well as "kid friendly foods" will be available

Please bring an appetizer, snack, dip, or dessert to share. Drinks and table service will be provided. The fun starts at 6 pm. Who knows you may even be a contestant on a game show!

The theme for this stewardship year is the climactic line from the parable of the Good Samaritan: "Go and Do the Same." (Luke 10:25-37). The implication is that God calls us to "go and do the same" as the Samaritan with all our resources—material, human, and natural.



Here is a story that catches the spirit that we hope permeates this resource.

My spouse and I live in Indianapolis, Indiana. We get most of our food from a nearby farmer's market. In the late summer, the sweet corn comes in. I do not mean to cast aspersion on any other state, but Nebraska is the only state that grows better sweet corn than Indiana. Round, full kernels—moist, tender, and sweet, truly sweet.

The first time we visited the farmer's market during sweet corn season I sidled up to Dad's Sweet Corn, in part because I love sweet corn (four ears make a complete meal), and in part because Dad is from Tipton County where my spouse serves the West Street Christian Church. I wanted to contribute to the local, local economy.

The sweet corn is in bags of a dozen. I called out, "I'll take a dozen." Dad the Daughter gave me a bag. When we got home, I took the ears out of the bag to put them in the fresh vegetable basket on the kitchen counter. Mindful that vendors all over the country are reducing the sizes of their products, I counted the ears. One . . . two . . . three . . . four . . . five . . . six . . . seven . . . eight . . . nine . . . ten . . . eleven . . . twelve . . . thirteen . . . fourteen.

I know that Tipton High School would never graduate a student who does not know that "a dozen" is "twelve." So I assumed a worker had lost count when putting the ears in the bag.

When I returned the bag to Dad the Son the next Saturday, I called for another dozen. I gave Son the price of the twelve plus an extra dollar for the two extra ears of corn in the previous week's bag. "Oh no," he said, "I can't take that money. We give extra ears to everybody." Sure enough. We have never received fewer than two extra ears, and we have received as many as six. Yes, that's a total of eighteen ears in a bag labeled "A Dozen."

Dad's generosity not only brings us back to Dad's truck every Saturday during sweet corn season, but it is now in the back of my mind all the time. What can I do . . . at home . . . in the classroom at the seminary where I teach . . . in relationship with our children and grandchildren . . . in the congregation . . . in the neighborhood . . . in regard to the policies and practices of the various levels of government . . . to put extra ears in the bag of life?

I know how I felt when I discovered those extra ears. I would like for other people to feel similarly in other arenas of life. If enough people catch that spirit, we will have a different world, a world more like the one the Great Parent seeks for us.

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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.



MANY HANDS THRIFT MARKET

We are Just Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Once a lawyer, in an attempt to rationalize his own racial prejudice, asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). This lawyer-scribe unknowingly expresses a fundamental issue in all of ethics: For whom are we responsible in issues of justice and mercy? Jesus' answer was the parable of the Good Samaritan.

This profound parable of Jesus, with its teaching on the importance of showing love for anyone within one's reach, along with Jesus' command to love one's enemies (Matt 5:43-48) became foundational for the early church's missionary efforts

This is why we will be working at Many Hands Thrift Market for our fall "Church Outside the Walls" on **Sunday, September 24th** from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 am. We will serve our neighbors and show others we care and make a difference in our community. We will begin with a short devotion before working at the donation center by sorting and pricing clothing and items to be placed on the sales floor. Also stocking the shelves and some basic cleaning of the floor and frequented areas.

Thank you!

Thanks to

- All those who so generously contributed to the School Supply Drive
- Pastor Julie Cornelius for pulpit supply and for the back-to-school blessings for our students.
- The Strategic Planning committee on their continued efforts to lead us down God's path.
- All those who so generously donated shoes to our Annual Shoe Drive this year.
- Lorrie Grandgenett and all her helpers for the church meals.
- The Pastoral Search Committee for their time and dedication to locating a settled minister.
- Both those who brought and those who bought the beautifully wrapped Boxed Lunches!



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.)



Between the Covers will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, August 28th to review *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout (fiction). See you there!



September Serving Schedule

September	Church in the park	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th
Communion Prep & Clean-up		Jan De Jong	Shari Burgus	Ryan Taylor	Jack/Mary Lou Harris
A/V		Jason Keller	Suzanne Koch	Lanita Cavanaugh	Ryan Taylor
Greeter		Matt Hansen	Beckie Myers	Linda Foltz	Marc De Jong
Youth Greeter		Alice Ruggles	Sam Ruggles	Austin Younger	Kayson Taylor
Candle Lighter		Cathy Conklin	Tammy Hardersen	Ellie Bullington	Kayson Taylor
Children's Moment		Judy Tyler	Ellie Bullington	Shari Burgus	Kathy Dean
Reader		Cimberly Hansen	Jan De Jong	Linda Foltz	Judy Tyler
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer		Jan De Jong	Linda Wilcox	Judy Tyler	Matt Hansen
Offering & Communion Servers		Cathy Conklin	Cimberly Hansen	Tammy Hardersen	Suzanne Koch
Communion Invitation		Tammy Hardersen	Janelle Taylor	Cathy Conklin	Linda Foltz
Communion Prayer		Marc De Jong	Judy Tyler	Linda Wilcox	Cathy Conklin
Fellowship (please remember to take out trash)		Janelle/Ryan Taylor	Sue MacRae	Marc/Jan De Jong	Ken/Lanita Cavanaugh
Child Care Attendant		Reagan Cavanaugh	Alayna Younger	Zoey Koch	Reagan Cavanaugh

Church Outside the Walls

Monthly Tasks

Food Pantry Delivery	Marlene Risinger	Lock up after church	Ron Hardersen
Visiting Shepherds	Cimberly Hansen & Tammy Hardersen	Water Indoor plants	Ellie Bullington

October Serving Schedule

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

October	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Lorrie Grandgenett	Lanita Cavanaugh	Beckie Myers	Jan De Jong	Shari Burgus
A/V	Dave Grandgenett	Lanita Cavanaugh	Matt Hansen	Jason Keller	Ryan Taylor
Greeter	Cathy Conklin	Marlene Risinger	Jack Harris	Mary Lou Harris	Linda O'Hair
Youth Greeter	Alice Ruggles	Zoey Koch	Sam Ruggles	Austin Younger	Kayson Taylor
Candle Lighter	Janelle Taylor	Cathy Conklin	Ellie Bullington	Kayson Taylor	Tammy Hardersen
Children's Moment	Judy Tyler	Ellie Bullington	Kathy Dean	Pastor Brad	Shari Burgus
Reader	Ryan Taylor	Shari Burgus	Cathy Conklin	Cimberly Hansen	Jan De Jong
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer	Cathy Conklin	Cimberly Hansen	Jan De Jong	Juanita McBeth	Linda Foltz
Offering & Communion Servers	Jan De Jong	Lorrie Grandgenett	Suzanne Koch	Tammy Hardersen	Ron Hardersen
Communion Invitation	Cimberly Hansen	Cathy Conklin	Linda Wilcox	Ryan Taylor	Tammy Hardersen
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Child Care Attendant	Alayna Younger	Reagan Cavanaugh	Zoey Koch	Alayna Younger	Zoey Koch

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					3 10 am Worship  Church in the Park Centennial Park 1255 Warrior Lane	4 
10 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Noisy Offering today! Support Team after fellowship	11	12 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.  8:30 am - 5 pm	13  8:30 am - 5 pm Fall Fellowship Gathering 6 pm at the church	14	15	16 
17 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	18 	19 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	20	21	22 	23
24 9 am Sunday School Church Outside the Walls at  MANY HANDS THRIFT MARKET 2900 SE Grimes Blvd, Grimes	25  Between the Covers 6:00 pm	26 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	27	28 	29	30

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

...OUR STAFF...

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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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