

# waukee

## United Methodist



### LIFE TOGETHER

*DAY BY DAY, AS THEY SPENT MUCH TIME TOGETHER... (ACTS 2:46A)*

This is an exciting time in the life of the church. We have stepped out in faith and followed the Lord on an adventure. God is doing new things. We are merely months away from the end of our building project and moving into the new Ministry Center on LA Grant Parkway.

This is a major moment in the life of our congregation. That's why, in October, we will be having a church-wide worship and stewardship emphasis called Life Together. During this time, we will consider how the early church lived their life together after Jesus' resurrection, and we will ask you to make a financial commitment to our 2023 Ministry Budget.

For 2023, as you are able, we encourage all members and friends to increase their Annual Giving to support the Ministry Budget for the ongoing and expanding ministries of the church in a new facility, reaching out to this growing community. This is our time to step up and grow in all that we're doing. As we seek to be faithful in all the new things God is doing, our Ministry Budget is growing significantly. It's such a big step forward for us, but Jesus teaches us to risk everything that God entrusts to us. The Kingdom of God is risky business (Matthew 25:14-30).

A packet with a pledge card has been mailed (or could be picked up at the Welcome Center). We will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through the church in the coming year. We will highlight the ministries to be funded by our commitments during a special Celebration Sunday Worship and Dinner on October 23. That Sunday we won't meet at our interim gathering space (South Middle School) and instead we will meet at Country Lane Lodge (29300 Prospect Circle, Adel). If you're unable to join us that Sunday, you will have an opportunity to return your commitment the following Sunday, October 30 back at the school where we will also consecrate the commitment cards. You're also welcome to mail it to the church office or make your commitment directly in the Realm App.

Please join us in October! The mission and ministry of our church is dependent upon the grace of God and the support of God's people through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the ministry of our congregation!

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Drew Klein, our new Director of Discipleship, introduces himself
- Children and Youth Ministries begin the first week of October
- Waukee Area Christian Services needs volunteers





## MEET DREW KLEIN!

Hello, I am Drew Klein, the new Director of Discipleship. A little background about me: I was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and I have always been in the church. Both my parents have always been heavily involved in all areas of the church. At the age of nine, I made the suggestion we move to Iowa in hopes of being closer to family. So we did! We moved up to Waterloo, Iowa where I attended grade school and high school. I was involved in the youth group at First United Methodist Cedar Falls. When I was a senior, I helped plan and run our Wednesday youth service.

After graduating high school, I decided to stick close to home and go to UNI for school. At UNI I was involved with the campus ministry called BASIC. Through BASIC I grew in my faith exponentially and made many deep relationships. I also volunteered with the youth program at one of the local churches where I led a group of students all the way from 7th grade through their senior year of high school. While at UNI I obtained my degree in Long Term Care Administration, which allowed me to become the administrator of nursing care facilities.

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Post-graduation I worked in a few long term care facilities, helping to manage them. With the last company I was an administrator for, I worked many short term assignments in towns like Ottumwa, Forest City, Villisca, and even a town called Wagner in South Dakota. I finally decided to take on a facility in Postville, Iowa for a more permanent assignment. After many trying months of the pandemic, I decided I would leave the nursing home world and try to figure out what I wanted to be when I grew up. More recently, while I was trying to figure that out, I worked for Veridian Credit Union.

I have been attending a summer camp called Summer Games University since I was in 6th grade. During my years there, I met Pastor John and Mara. While at the camp this year I was approached by several people who asked why I was not doing ministry full time. I did not have an answer for them. I started praying and talking with others and came to the realization that I was being called outside of just volunteering my time for God. I was being called to serve God and his people within my professional life as well.

Then Pastor John reached out to me about this position, and that is how I got here. I am so excited to see what God has planned for this church, myself, and these ministries I have been called to lead. I hope to make long lasting connections with all who attend Waukee United Methodist, and I pray that God may use me to bless this community.

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

2	Su	8:30 AM	Sunday School
		9:30 AM	Worship
			Communion Sunday
4	Tu	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
5	W	6:00 PM	Kids of God (KoG)
		6:15 PM	Confirmation
		7:00 PM	Youth Group
		7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal
6	Th	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Women's Group
		7:30 PM	Band Rehearsal
9	Su	8:30 AM	Sunday School
		9:30 AM	Sunday Worship
10	M	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl
12	W	9:00 AM	UMW Meeting
		6:00 PM	KoG
		6:15 PM	Confirmation
		6:45 PM	Youth/Children Meal
		7:15 PM	Youth Group
		7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal
13	Th	7:30 PM	Band Rehearsal
16	Su	8:30 AM	Sunday School
		9:30 AM	Sunday Worship
17	M	5:30 PM	Finance
		7:00 PM	Trustees
18	Tu	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
		6:30 PM	SPRT
19	W	6:00 PM	KoG
		6:15 PM	Confirmation
		6:45 PM	Youth/Children Meal
		7:15 PM	Youth Group
		7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal
20	Th	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch
		6:30 PM	Ad Board
		7:30 PM	Band Rehearsal

## BUILDING UPDATE

As you read this, we may have a floor in the church. We are two weeks delayed from when we thought we would get it poured due to delays with plumbing. But, we have a roof, the big dirt piles have been spread across our property, the HVAC systems have been placed on the roof, and we have power to the property.

October will bring some things you can see as you drive by - windows, tree planting, sidewalks, and maybe the building painted - as well as things you can't readily see - inside framing, electrical, plumbing, and sprinkler system.



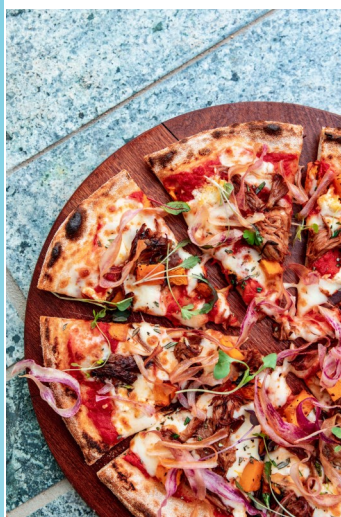
23	Su	9:30 AM	Celebration Sunday
			Worship and Dinner
24	M	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl
26	W	6:00 PM	KoG
		6:15 PM	Confirmation
		6:45 PM	Youth/Children Meal
		7:15 PM	Youth Group
		7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal
27	Th	7:30 PM	Band Rehearsal
30	Su	8:30 AM	Sunday School
		9:30 AM	Sunday Worship

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Natalie Blackford	1
Maegan Tyrrell	1
John & Joyce Bridger	2
Ken & Tamie Hopper	3
Byron & Amanda Gutshall	3
Owen Sparks	3
Ella Sparks	3
Rick & Sonia Arnold	4
Brian Krohn	5
Connor Froehlich	5
Shirley Thomas	7
Corbin Schrodt	7
Kathy Kunath	7
Randy Olson	9
Kooper Schmitz	9
Greg & Laura Allen	10
Winifred Johnson	11
Rick Huscher	12
Dwight Papenberg	14
Vicki Erickson	15
Alan & Pat McGee	18
Maya Marcel	18
Pat McGee	18
Dan & Kristy Jensen	20
Barb Johansen	20
David Timmerman	22
Rachel Boothroyd	22
John Shoeman	23
Karla Venard	25
Dale Johansen	27
Gavin Slaybaugh	27
Katie Hovda	28
Shannon Lingala	28
Aimee Dunn	29
Jim Merhar	29
Dave & Cindy Baker	31
Linda Hakeman	31

## BOOK TALK

The Book Talk group will meet up on Monday, November 14 at 2:00 PM at Ann & Greg Ruble's home to discuss *Beneath the Polish Moon* by Iowa author, Jake Kaminiski. The novel follows Luke Karpinski as he grows up in Milwaukee, becomes an undercover cop in Miami, and then, old and alone, returns to Milwaukee and an opportunity he never expected. The reviews are good, so it promises to be another interesting discussion.



## THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH

You are invited to meet up in the north party room at the Pizza Rand on Thursday, October 20 at 11:30 AM. You'll pray, enjoy favorites from the buffet, and get to know members of your church family a bit better—all for the price of one meal. What a great deal!

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The next meeting for the UWF (formerly United Methodist Women) is October 12 at 9:00 AM at the parsonage. Hostesses are Flora Wise and Trudy Black with devotions by Michal Byland. The program will be by Amber Peterson, Director of Independent Village.



United  
Women  
in Faith

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## MID WEEK YOUTH AND CHILDREN MINISTRIES

Youth ministries will be kicking off on October 5th. The first week will be a fun laid back time to meet new people and get to know the new Director of Discipleship, Drew Klein. KoG (grades 3rd through 5th) will be meeting 6-7 PM. Then from 7-8 PM we invite our 6th through 12th graders to come. There will be food, games, and a time for Drew to discuss what the rest of the year will look like. All students and their families grades 3rd through 12th are welcome, and it will be a perfect opportunity to bring a friend along with you, so go out and invite someone new today.

The schedule moving forward for Wednesday night youth activities will be 6-6:45 PM for KoG, a meal for all ages from 6:45-7:15 PM. After the meal we will have a large group for grades 6th through 12th, and once the large group is finished, we will have small groups until 8:30 PM. Confirmation will continue to meet 6:15-7 PM in October. Contact Drew at [drew@waukeechurch.org](mailto:drew@waukeechurch.org) with any questions or if you would like to volunteer to help this year.



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*Youth and children activities are back!*

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS

Each Sunday, our Sunday School teachers have provided a little snack for the children. It's something small but the kiddos really look forward to it. Since our teachers already prepare and lead the lessons each week, we're asking members of our congregation to help lessen their load by choosing a Sunday and donating three dozen snacks for that day. You may prefer to donate money for someone to purchase them and that works, too! Be watching for a sign-up or talk to Ann Ruble or Darcy Wold about donating.



We're also still looking for teachers! You may choose to share a class with others or just lead once a month. The teacher guides are very helpful and the children are wonderful. (And, you don't have to provide snacks!) Youth grades 7-12 are invited to help out too!

**Sunday School starts October 2 and goes from 8:30- 9:15 A.M.**

## WE ARE BUILDING!

Until our new Worship Center is complete on LA Grant Parkway in Waukee, we invite you to worship with us in person on **Sundays at 9:30 AM** at our temporary location at **South Middle School**.

You can also find our worship service at **waukeechurch.life**, **Facebook**, or **YouTube**.

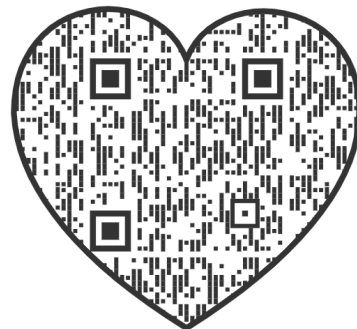
## WAUKEE AREA CHRISTIAN SERVICES

We need you right now. We are experiencing record-breaking levels of visitors while struggling to find volunteers who can serve monthly or weekly. When you volunteer with WACS, you are:

- Using your talents and skills to improve the lives of others
- Meeting other like-minded people who love to serve
- Helping to get food on the table, ensure students have nice clothing and provide housing stability.

Several different volunteer opportunities are available – with clients or behind the scenes – greeting and directing visitors, shopping for food, stocking rescued food from our partners, sorting clothing donations and much more.

Please consider joining our team of dedicated volunteers. Shifts vary from two to three hours. Visit our website at [WaukeeChristianServices.org/Volunteer](http://WaukeeChristianServices.org/Volunteer) or scan the QR code. Thank you!



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