

WAKONDA NEWS

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From the pastor's desk...

Palm Sunday Transformation

*We were together.
Voices blending;
Talking over one
another,
Even.*

*Arms waved.
Palms flapped.
Joy filled the
Wind stirring air.*

*And a lone visitor
walked into the very
center.
Braving the new
space,
A different place.*

*Someone brought him a chair.
Another draped his coatless shoulders
with a blanket.
Embracing him.
Welcoming him.
Saying, you are loved.
May we shield you from the cold
blasting wind,
If even for a moment?*

*Communion.
A time where we shine.
Where our hospitality reaches through,
Sharing the gospel love of Christ.*

*Only now, we carry that communion
with us;
Not to share, but to witness the breaking
Of what we have, into what is enough.*

*The time of breaking apart,
Peering longingly upon what was once a
whole, now divided,
Is Over.*

*The time of separation,
On that first Good Friday;
In this longest of Good Friday's,
Is finished.*

*From our table, the bread cracked.
A token carried across the pocked and
marked asphalt.
Hand to hand.
A gesture of kindness.
A reaching across so much that divides –
To finding Christ,
The sacred,
The holy,
Before our very eyes.*

*Where what we have is not only enough;
But more than enough,
For it is what we have to share.*

*This is where we all begin.
This is where we begin, again.
What was, is not the end.*

*God's love speaks loudest and last.
God's life will be what
Lasts.
Amen.*

*May we live like only Wakonda can, in this
Eastertide.*

*In love and service,
Pastor Robyn*

Preschool Update

Wakonda Preschool is wrapping up another wonderful school year. Although we have had many challenges, we have persevered. Our wonderful teachers and families have enabled us to carry on our school year without a hitch.

Plans are well underway for the 2021 Summer Camp. This time, camp will be held completely outdoors and all participants will be masked. We will have camps June 21-24, July 12-16, and August 9-13. We will again be asking for donations, as well as volunteers. If you're interested in helping, please contact me.

Finally, we are working on an outdoor graduation ceremony next month and are actively enrolling for next school year. Spots seem to be filling up more quickly than usual, so if you know anyone looking for preschool for the 2021-2022 year, send them our way!

Mission Trip 2021

I'm SO excited to announce that our youth mission trip will be at the Christian Conference Center in Newton, IA. The trip is scheduled for Monday, August 9-Friday, August 13th! Please mark your calendars. We will be staying in the McKee Retreat House on the Chi-Rho side of camp. The Retreat house is absolutely gorgeous with a rustic cabin-type feel, built in 2019, and overlooks the camp lake. I can't think of a better place on camp grounds to house our youth for the week.

If you are interested in volunteering a week or your time to be a youth sponsor for our mission trip, please get in touch with Kristen. My email is kristen.alstott@wakondacc.com

Blessings, Kristen

Outdoor Worship
Social Distance 🌿 *Close to God*

Join Worship:

- 🌿 On the lawn or parking lot
- 🌿 Over your car radio
- 🌿 Online Sunday afternoon

Bring You Own:

- 🌿 Chair or Blanket
- 🌿 Communion
- 🌿 Mask

Second Sundays of the Month



LIVING OUT GOD'S WELCOME

ANTI-RACISM

BOOK CLUB

Begins Tuesday, April 13
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Meet on Zoom.

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C.A.T CONGREGATION INTERPRETATION

Monday, April 26
7:00 p.m.
on ZOOM

The C.A.T. is outta the bag.
Hear what other members hope for our church.
Join together in God's vision for Wakonda

Music Note...

Hi, Wakonda!
I'm feeling good. In-person worship has been going well. Many of us have been able to worship together in the Sanctuary in a safe and responsible way over the last month, and it's been great seeing you there! I'm hearing about more and more people in our congregation getting vaccinated as well, so that's great! Meanwhile, my wife and three-month-old son are happy and healthy at home. All these things... I mean... as the song goes, "it might as well be Spring." Oh wait!! It is!! That, too! That means more potential outdoor opportunities for worship, more seeing each other in-person, more open air!

So, as we enter April, I wish you all a very Happy Easter. And I hope you experience the fullness of the sun, rain, flowers, and all things that Spring brings.

See you soon!
Seth Hedquist
Wakonda CC Music Director

Good News from your Covid Task Force!!

We provided the Board with an updated proposal for In Person attendance for Sunday worship and they approved it. Beginning in May, we will be increasing the number of families for in person worship from 7 to 16! Our current model for 7 families has worked well so looking to increase as vaccinations are getting completed and positivity rates are lowering.

Look for an e-mail in April with a new reservation request to complete. We will then set up the schedule for May and June. Looking forward to seeing more masked faces in the sanctuary.

April Sermons: Among the Living

April 11, John 20:19-31 Bruce Preaching
April 18, Feasting Again, Luke 24:36b-48
April 25, The Power to Live, John 10:11-18



Property Needs...

I often get asked what I could use some help with around the church building. Now that we are all anxious for Spring and Summer to get here and stay here, I have put the following list together for where we could use assistance.

- . We could use about 25 bags of Red Cedar Wood chips to put around the bushes and flower beds.
- . The windows need washing again! This seems to be a never ending project, just like your windows at home.
- . We could use some good dusting of the furniture as we are starting to have some activity within the building again.
- . There is indoor painting that needs touching up.
- . Much of the woodwork in the church needs to be refinished.
- . The yard always has sticks to be picked up. Using even 30 minutes to walk around and pick up sticks can be a daily exercise for someone! Those sycamore trees drop a lot of branches!!
- . The garage needs some of the wood trim replaced as well as around the entrance door.
- . The pre-school rooms need the floors polished which requires moving furniture in and out of the rooms. Any help with that would be appreciated.
- . We have a need to patch/repair some cement.

I know that many of you will say you do not have the physical capability to do some of this work, however, maybe you could pool your financial resources with some others and hire this work to be done! (This would mostly be the window washing.) I did recently see where the Lincoln Boys Basketball team was looking for this type of work as a fund raiser for their team.

Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

Gene, your building maintenance man.

Following is the list of those who have contributed lily plants or have donated to the Youth Endowment Fund during this Lenten Season



Gary & Diana Babberl, 4 YEF units in memory of Rose Marie Holman, Mary Sokolik, Billy Babberl, Todd Babberl

Ray & Jo Burnett, 2 lilies in honor of their parents

Gene & Nancy Koll, 2 lilies and 5 YEF units in memory of the many lives lost this past year and in honor of grandchildren Gabe, Nic, Zac, Ellie & Zoey

Fred & Brents Oliphant, 1 lily in memory of Lt. Col. & Mrs. Fred Oliphant Sr. and Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Giltner

Tom & Marian Scott, 2 lilies in memory of our parents Elmer & Elizabeth Bloom and Arnold & Ruth Scott

Sue Slater, 3 lilies in memory of Jerry Slater, Vern Lundberg and Dorothy Lundberg

Jean Williams, 2 lilies in memory of Jim Williams, Larry Williams, William Jensen, Howard & Gennetta Jensen and Russell & Ver Williams

Rob & Sherry Worthington, 4 lilies in honor of children, Noah, Nicholas, Natalie and Nathaniel



Whats Happening at Wakonda

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 10:00 a.m. Outside In Person Worship	5	6	7 6-7:00 p.m. Youth Group	8 2:00 p.m. Bruce's Book Study	9	10
11 9:00 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. Online Worship	12	13 10:00 a.m. Chit Chats 4:00 p.m. Book Club	14 10:30 a.m. Bible Study via ZOOM 6-7:00 p.m. Youth Group	15 2:00 p.m. Bruce's Book Study	16	17
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March Outreach Giving

DMF \$1629

Food Pantry \$1395

W.O.C. \$975

Anawim \$325

Total \$4324

April Birthdays

1 Sarah Hall
12 Abby Munsell
19 Lynda Hauptert

4 Anne Mitchel
13 Bev Moe
22 Sue Slater

5 Diana Babberl
15 Doris Long
25 David Brown

7 Jake Badger
16 Tom Scott

