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Take care, everyone!
Seth

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We hope our new app and online means of communication will just be one more way we can connect with one another.

Realm Connect, located online, and in your smart phone app store, is a new tool we are launching. This will not replace our newsletter or weekly emails.

Every email address in the church has been sent a direct link to the secure Wakonda account. Please follow the link in your email to set up your account, and download the app if you have a smartphone.

This app will serve as a digital directory, easy means of communication amongst groups and ministries, and be a one-stop shop for all your volunteer and service days for deacons, elders, Worship and Wonder, etc.

In this app you can:

- Update your contact information
- Upload a family photo
- Provide next of kin and emergency contact information

We understand not everyone is comfortable with newer technology. The church staff and leadership are also learning this new system – let's learn and connect together. Even if you do not want to use the app, by registering with Realm Connect online, you can have all communications sent directly to your email, so you won't miss a thing!

We're going to take this new technology in stages and will provide support all along the way.

Stage 1: Registering all members. Even if you do not want to utilize this new system, by registering you ensure your contact information is included in the directory.

Support for Stage 1: Sundays, Oct 1, 8, & 15 we'll have our own Wakonda Genius Bar available in the Narthex. During the Sunday school hour our youth and Podcasts with the Pastor Sunday school class will help you download the app and set up your registration. Coffee and donuts also provided, along with a great opportunity to connect with another member of Wakonda.

What you need to bring: Your smartphone (if you have one), your email login and password information. We will not retain this information; we will just use it to retrieve your Realm Connect link.

Stage 2: Training our leaders and setting up our communication groups.

With everyone in the system, we can better set up our ministry groups. These will be our Sunday School classes, Youth and Children's groups, Bible Studies, Choir, Book Clubs, Women's and Men's groups, etc.

We'll also set up our Service Groups. This will be our Elders, Deacons, Worship and Wonder Storytellers and Greeters. Any group where you volunteer on a specific day. This app allows us to have your unique schedule sent directly to your phone.

Phase Two will begin in November in training our leaders in their specific groups. We hope to fully launch this phase with the entire congregation after the first of the year.

Your questions are valuable and your engagement on the app will only improve our connections and communications. Thank you for your participation and patience in getting us more deeply connected.

Connecting with you,
Pastor Robyn

FALL OUTDOOR WORK DAY – Saturday, October 21st at 9 AM

It's that time of year where we are all preparing our yards, shrubs, plants, etc. that we have outdoors for the winter months. We have shrubs to trim, leaves to gather, plants to prune and any other outdoor needs that can get done more quickly if we have a group of people. We are designating Saturday morning, October 21st starting at 9 AM for this clean up. Many hands make it easier to work and less time to get done. Any and all are gladly welcomed to help with this FUN outdoor event! Bring your rakes, clippers, gloves and anything else you think can be helpful and join us in getting our outdoor grounds prepared for the winter months.

Thanks, Gene

September Outreach Giving

Disciples Mission Fund \$1657

Food Pantry \$585

Week of Compassion \$1056

Total \$3298

October Worship:

1: *When Discount Eye Surgery is a Good Idea*, Mark 8:22-26, Guest Preacher Rev. Ryan Starr

8: *The Raising of Lazarus*, John 11:1-44

15: (Begin Stewardship) Youth Sunday, Help, Thanks, Wow, Wakonda! Psalm 66

22: *Help Me Do What I Can Do*, Matthew 22:34-40

29: *Thanks For All You Do*, Matthew 22:34-40



Spiritual Writer, Ann Lamott says “...there’s something to be said about keeping prayer simple. Help. Thanks. Wow.” These three essentials prayers, when everything is said and done, are enough.

As we enter our Faith Promise Stewardship season, we’re echoing this sentiment. We seek God for help, offer our thanks, and stand in awe of God’s wow! We gather together to be a community who offers help to others, freely share our gratitude, and wow, Wakonda, we do some fantastic work!

During worship we will hear how your youth are living out these lessons and prayers. We’ll spend time reflecting upon how we too have experienced Help, Thanks, and Wow. And most of all, we’ll respond to God’s invitation to freely share these prayers to God, one another, and the world.

Our time together will center around the beloved 23rd Psalm – the epitome of Help, Thanks, and Wow.

*⁝You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

Psalm 23:5

The ways we offer our time, our presence, and our dollars are all expressions of prayer. Please join us this season in celebrating these simple prayers of a profound ministry at Wakonda Christian Church.

Stewardship Worship:

- **October 15:** Youth Sunday, *Help, Thanks, Wow, Wakonda!* Psalm 66
- **October 22:** *Help me Do What I Can Do*, Matthew 22:15-22
- **October 29:** *Thanks For All You Do*, Matthew 22:34-40
- **November 5:** **Stewardship Faith Promise**, *Wow, God’s Ministry is Amazing*, Matthew 22:1-14



Empowering people to
save starving children

What: Meals from The Heartland packaging meals for our neighbors
Clothes: comfortable clothes you can bend and move in well and shoes you feel comfortable standing in for extended time
Date: Saturday, October 14
Time: 9:30-11:30 AM
Location: 357 Lincoln Street, West Des Moines
Age: All volunteers must be 14 years or older or at least 8 years old and accompanied by an adult

Wakonda needs a minimum of 30 volunteers to participate, please sign up at the church at the kiosk in the narthex just outside the sanctuary. I'd be happy to sign you up, just let me know and I'll get your name on the list!

Music Notes...

Hi, everyone.

As many of you now know, I took a bad fall on September 9th and dislocated my right shoulder. I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I am - and not the least bit surprised - that our special guest, Kristi Gilbreth, pianist Mike Walag, and your Wakonda Choir, were still able to step up and bring you beautiful music the next day, on Celebration Sunday.

I have returned to singing at services, and may start bringing the guitar soon, but am trying to take the long view of recovering well now, so I can keep doing this guitar thing for a long time to come.

Meanwhile, your choir will return to worship in October Sundays to come. I really look forward to sharing some new music with you, including a piece in German, and to have you see them with their sleek, new choir folders.

If there is anything else we in the music department can do to make your worship experience better, please let me know.

Take care, everyone!
Seth

Preschool News...

We are in full preschool mode! Students began on September 5. We have a Monday and Tuesday two's class, Monday- Friday morning and /or full day 3's and PreK/TK. We still have a few openings in all classes. If you or someone you know is interested please have them contact : jane.bishop@wakondapreschool.com. We also have before and after school care for families that need it.

The kids enjoy attending chapel on Tuesday mornings when we go to "big church" with Pastor Robyn. The fall weather has been very welcome and has provided lots of outdoor learning time. We love hiding acorns and walnuts for the squirrels. We would like to add some bird feeders for winter bird watching from the classrooms. If you have any feeders and/or bird food we would welcome it.

Thank you for your continued support of our preschool.

Jane



Join us for

10 AM

**YOUTH
SUNDAY**

Oct.
15th

Youth Sunday October 15th:

Support our youth by joining us for Youth Sunday Worship and Wakonda Stewardship Kick-off on October 15th.

What is Youth Sunday?: Youth Sunday is a special worship service we have every year where our youth lead our worship service. From picking songs, to reading scripture, to the sermon, our youth do just about every part of the service. This is a great opportunity for youth to get more connected with the church, learn leadership skills, share their faith with others, and practice speaking in front of crowds. Please invite friends and family to join us for this special service where we celebrate our brilliant, talented youth at Wakonda! Let's pack the pews for our youth!!

October Birthdays

1 Sharon Mitchell	4 Ann Bridgewater	5 Mark McMichael	6 Kate Badger
10 Dave Thomason	12 Betty Ridout	13 Pat Dawson	17 Kirk Mitchell
18 Dennis Page, Clara Uthe	19 Randy Lane	23 Kent Wiese, George Stilwell	
27 Susan Haberthur	30 Richard Guentert	31 Melinda Kabel	

Sunday School for children and youth at Wakonda:

There's something for every age. We have so much to offer your entire family on Sunday mornings, and we hope you will spend that special time with us learning all about our amazing God. All are welcome!

Age 0-2 Nursery:

- **Leader-** Dexter is our regular nursery attendant
- **Time-** Nursery is available starting at 9:00 AM
- **Time-** Nursery is available until 11 AM or as soon as worship is over
- **What to Expect-** Play and socialize with friends in faith
- **Location-** Preschool Wing downstairs, second door on your left

Age 3-2nd Grade Worship and Wonder Sunday School Class:

- **Leaders-** class with storytellers and greeters that rotate each week
- **Time-** 9-9:45 AM
- **What to Expect-** Worship and Wonder centers around the idea that children already know God, and leaders are just enhancing and growing their relationship. You will learn lots of unique stories from the Bible in this class through demonstrations with special materials to help tell our stories.
- **Location-** Downstairs in the classroom across from the bathrooms

3rd-5th Grade Sunday School Class:

- **Leader-** Class with Laura Lane
- **Time-** 9-9:45 AM
- **What to Expect-** This is an interactive class where your faith will grow as you ask questions, participate in fun activities, and create exciting materials. You will learn lots of unique stories from the Bible in this class as you read scripture, and hear the stories through creative activities.
- **Location:** Classroom next to Worship and Wonder room

6th-12th Grade Sunday School Class:

CYF 6-12th Grade Sunday School Schedule:

******It's a busy fall, so we are being flexible with our Sunday School classes to accommodate all that is happening in the church!**

- **October 1, 8:45-9:45 AM:** Youth help with Realm app tech training (no prior training needed, just bring your phone or tablet if you have one), meet in Thomason Room, ask Kristen for more details
- **October 8, 8:45-9:45 AM:** Youth help with Realm app tech training (no prior training needed, just bring your phone or tablet if you have one), meet in Thomason Room, ask Kristen for more details
- **October 15: October 15:**
8:30 AM: Youth Sunday Practice in Sanctuary, ALL participants are required to be at this practice
10 AM: Youth Sunday worship starts
- **October 22, 8:45-9:45 AM:** Starbies and Jesus begins, meet at church preschool door and Wakonda provides transportation, stay for worship at 10 AM with your friends

SUNDAY SCHOOL



WAKONDA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP JYF

- 9:00-9:45 AM
- 3rd-5th graders
- meet at 2nd classroom by the downstairs bathrooms

NURSERY

- anytime between 8:45-11 AM
- available for infants-2nd graders
- located in the preschool wing

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CYF

- 8:45-9:45 AM
- 6-12th graders
- meet in the CYF room downstairs

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AND WONDER

- 9:00-9:45 AM
- 3 years- 2nd Grade
- Meet at 1st classroom by the downstairs bathrooms
- Please pick up your children at 9:45 AM

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- 8:45-9:45 AM
- adults of all ages
- various locations throughout the church

WAKONDA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Sunday School:
Adults, looking for a place to fit?
Grow in faith & friendship
Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

- Podcasts with the Pastor**
TEDTalks & Podcasts point to great matters of faith. Discuss every Sunday morning in the Library
- Fellowship**
Enjoy a cup of coffee and friendly conversation in the Narthex
- New Horizons**
Dive deeply into this classic Bible Study meeting in the Thomason Room.
- Crossroads**
Use the Wireword and discuss matters of faith right from today's headlines. Meet at the end of Education Wing.

Wakonda Christian Church
6th-12th Graders
meet at church,
transportation provided to and from Starbucks

Starting October 22nd
8:45-9:45 AM

STARBIES & JESUS

CAUTION: May Experience...
Deep Conversations
Joy and Laughter
Friendship
A Relationship With God

Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 29th from 3-5 PM this year. Our goal this year is to have 20 trunks! If you would like to host a trunk, please let Kristen Alstott know or look for the signup in the Narthex... Those hosting a trunk should arrive at 2 PM to begin setting up. Can't be there for Trunk or Treat? Help us by donating Halloween candy and placing donations in the candy bin in the Narthex.



What's Happening at Wakonda

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	2 6:30 p.m. Literacy Center	3 10:00 a.m. Chit Chats	4 10:30 a.m. Bible Study via ZOOM	5 11:30 a.m. WOW @ Barettas 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6	7 8:00 a.m. BOB 7-11 a.m. Lions Pancake Breakfast
8 8:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	9 6:30 p.m. Literacy Center	10 10:00 a.m. Chit Chats	11 10:30 a.m. Bible Study via ZOOM 6:00 p.m. W@W	12 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	13	14 9:30 a.m. Meals From the Heartland
15 8:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	16 6:30 p.m. Literacy Center	17 10:00 a.m. Chit Chats	18 10:30 a.m. Bible Study via ZOOM 5:30 p.m. Vision Team Mtg 6:00 p.m. W@W 7:00 p.m. Elders Mtg	19 1:00 p.m. Coloring Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	20	21 9:00 a.m. Church Workday
22 8:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	23 6:30 p.m. Literacy Center	24 10:00 a.m. Chit Chats	25 10:30 a.m. Bible Study via ZOOM 5:30 p.m. Finance Team Mtg. 6:00 p.m. W@W 6:0p.m. Mission Ministry Team	26 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	27	28
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