



THE MEETING HOUSE

Washington United Methodist Church

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April's flower is the Daisy The birthstone is the Diamond. April 2 is Maundy Thursday. April 3 is Good Friday. April 5 is Easter. April 19 is Native American Sunday.

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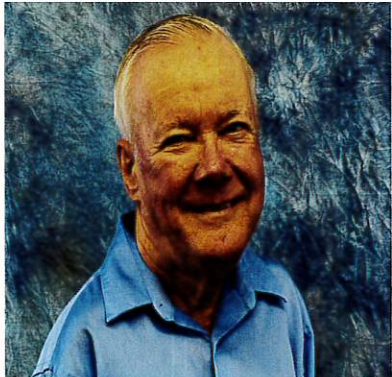
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BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS



Lori Bauer has always been very involved in the Church. She has been Lay Leader for years and has been on several committees. She works behind the scenes, doing yard work, washing windows, shampooing the carpets, etc.



Tom Patterson is on the finance committee. He is a faithful member and is an active supporter of the Church.

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Rick Bonar is an active member of the Praise Team and the Chancel Choir. He works behind the scenes doing yard work and supports the church in many ways.



Shirley Textor is very involved with the Church. She fills in as the pastor when needed, is chair of the Care Notes Ministry and teaches bible study every Sunday after service.

Relying on God has to start all over every day, as if nothing has yet been done.

- C. S. Lewis

EAGLE RANCH



Pastor's Corner



Pastor's Corner April 2026

During the Easter seasons, there are two stories that we often read. During Easter Sunday, we read about the account of the resurrection from John 20. The second Sunday of Easter always includes the account of what is properly known as “Doubting Thomas”. In this account, we read the following famous verse from John 20, verse 25: So the other disciples told him (Thomas), “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

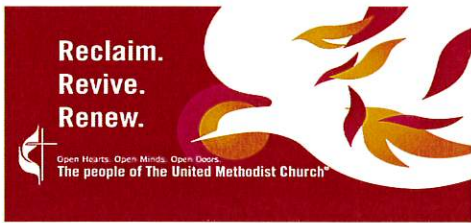
There are different ways that people come to believe in Jesus. Some of us have grown up in the Church and have always believed. Some people see other Christians and the way they act and then believe in Jesus (this was my experience!). Other people see a miracle and that leads them into believing in Jesus. What Thomas asks for is not inappropriate. He wants a faith in Jesus that is **real, something that he can see and experience.**

The church will grow when more of us Christians decide to be real. Sometimes that involves being honest and saying something like, “I don’t understand this about my faith, but I am ok with where I am at and I have the faith that God will explain these things in time.” That’s being real and that’s what the world is looking for in us.

I encourage you to be real with your faith. I encourage you to talk to your friends and family members about your faith and simply invite them to church. You don’t have to have all of the answers. I don’t have all the answers either, but I do have the faith that God is at work in all of us to make us more real, more like the people that God created us to be. We need to be brave enough to embrace that and be willing to be transformed.

The spring flowers point the way for us. Easter is a time of growth. Flowers are popping out of the cold ground and are being transformed by the soil, sun, and rain to become something beautiful for us to enjoy. What if we decided to be open to the transforming work of God and become the beautiful flowers that are waiting to be revealed after a cold winter?

See you in Church!
Pastor Alyssa



Are you interested in becoming a member of the church?

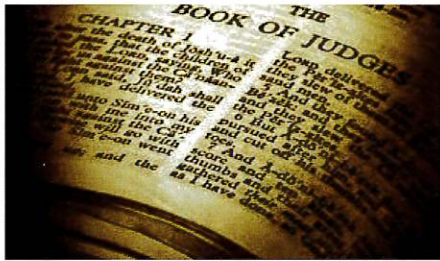
Pastor Alyssa is opening up an invitation for you to become a member of Washington UMC.

Here are several options for you to consider:

Baptism-if you are interested in baptism of yourself or of a child, Pastor Alyssa would love to do a baptism for you at the end of May. Please call the office or speak to Pastor Alyssa. You will need to meet with Pastor Alyssa before the baptism takes place.

New Members Class-if you are interested in transferring your membership to Washington UMC or becoming a full or associate member, Pastor Alyssa is planning on scheduling some classes in July. Please note that you need to be baptized before you can become a full member of the church. Please call the office or speak to Pastor Alyssa.

Confirmation-if there are any young people who are interested in Confirmation classes, Pastor Alyssa is planning on scheduling some classes starting late summer or early fall. Please note that you need to be baptized before you will be able to be a full member of the church. Please call the office or speak to Pastor Alyssa



A new Old Testament Bible Study starts in May!

On Thursdays at 5PM starting on May 7, Pastor Alyssa will lead a Bible study on the book of Judges. We already read about the time of exile in Daniel and Esther. The book of Judges helps us understand why the Jewish people were sent out of their promised land and into exile more in depth.

The book starts out with the Jews entering their promised land after being released from slavery in Egypt. The judges are appointed to help run Israel and we will look at these judges in the study. We will look at the well-known judges such as Deborah, Gideon, and Samson, as well as others who are not well known, such as Othniel, Ehud, and Jephthah.

The book of Judges shows the best and the worst of the Jewish people. There is violence and some disturbing events. God does not stay silent and is active in the lives of the Jewish people.

This study is a starting point that will help us look at the history of Israel and will perhaps help us understand the cultural conflicts of modern-day Israel. This book will also be the beginning of a longer Bible study in which we will study 1st and 2nd Samuel and 1st and 2nd Kings.

You are encouraged to come any time you are available. It's a fascinating study and you will enjoy it. It's also a good study to start off with if you are unfamiliar with the Bible. Pastor Alyssa will provide the Scripture readings and questions. See you then!



Pastor Alyssa's Thank You's

Thank you to those who participated in the Lent book study! We had great discussions and fellowship together!

Thank you to those who are servant leaders of the church! I appreciate your hard work and I recognize all of your time and effort that you spend volunteering for the church! I especially want to recognize the Trustees, as they are busy with various building projects and repairs.

Thank you to the Trustees and the Daycare subcommittee. We had a positive meeting with Kids Corral and I appreciate Bruce Timmins' lead in the meeting. We left the meeting hopeful that an agreement can be reached that will be beneficial for the church and the daycare.

Thank you for all of you who ordered flowers and helped with Easter decorations in the sanctuary. It's become a bright and beautiful worship space.

Thanks to the office staff for working extra hours to get things ready for Palm Sunday and Easter. I appreciate all of your extra time and effort!

Thanks to Linda Soukup for arranging joint Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services for Washington UMC and Immanuel Lutheran. Thanks to all of those folks who are reading, singing, and attending these special services.

Thank you to Marilyn Whitenack for providing the snacks during Sunday worship. If you are able to pitch in and help with the snacks, please contact the church office.

Thank you for your prayers and help while by back heals from sciatic nerve pain. I deeply appreciate your care and concern.



NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Honoring the
ministry, culture
and influence of
Native Americans

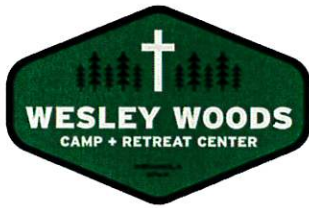
UNITED  **IMPACT**

**SPECIAL
SUNDAY**

The United Methodist Church



GIVE NOW



Pastor Alyssa would like to encourage our young people to attend a United Methodist Camp this summer! It's a great opportunity to do fun things and develop new relationships with other campers. Camp also provides an opportunity to learn new skills and to deepen your relationship with God.

More information can be found online at www.iaumc.org/camps. Check out the different programs that are being offered and there is also contact information for you to reach out if you have any questions. Registration needs to be done online.

Washington UMC may also be able to provide scholarship assistance. The camps also have opportunities for scholarship assistance as well.

Pastor Alyssa recently attended a retreat at Wesley Woods and would be happy to provide some information to you or answer any questions you may have.

If you would like to provide a financial gift for the camping ministries, there is information on how to do so at the website above, or you can write a check to Washington UMC and write Wesley Woods or Lake Okoboji in the memo line and we will forward your donation to the camp. The camps greatly appreciate your support!





April Mission: HACAP

Giving to the Washington Co. HACAP is supporting the people in our community who need help.

What does HACAP provide for our community?

HACAP: gives out boxes of food:

1. HACAP gives away 100 boxes of food weekly
2. Price is \$1,000.00 per 100 boxes
3. There is enough food to last 3-4 days
4. Because food stamps have been cut-not only more families need this service but there has been many more elderly in Washington County needing these services.
5. Many of these families, the elderly and homeless come in weekly.
6. Boxes cost HACAP a \$1.50 per box.



HACAP: gives local assistance for low income households in Washington County for help with heating, water, electricity, homelessness, (does not include food assistance)



1. 1,567 people living in 712 households were served between Oct. 1, 2022 to Sept. 30, 2023.
2. Each household received average support of \$787.00 each=\$560,140.00 total.

This includes:

1. \$350,304.00 in energy assistance
2. \$90,305.00 for 6 furnaces repaired or replaced, and 3 completed weatherization projects.
3. \$17,192.00 in emergency water assistance to 54 households.
4. 7 homeless veterans and their families were found permanent housing and were provided case management to help manage household needs.
5. \$36,547.00 for rent assistance or deposits.

HACAP: provides Head Start:

Head Start which has 32 preschool classroom slots in Washington County. Head Start provides a child with development and growth as the start of their education. This advantage provides the child the opportunity for a solid foundation for future years in schools and as productive and well adjusted adults.



MARCH 19, 2026 MISSION MEETING MINUTES

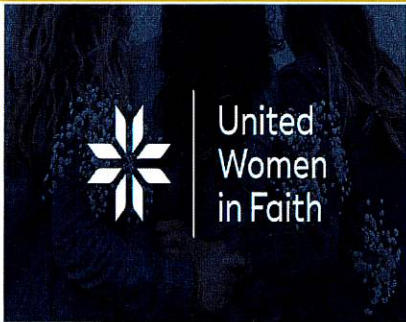
Present: Deb Lueck, Sue Meeks, Kim Charlier

Our April Mission will be HACAP. Deb suggested we have Renella come speak about HACAP one Sunday in April during church. The second Sunday (April 12) was discussed. The office will check with Renella.

Deb reported some feedback that there might be people taking advantage of the Blessing Box that didn't really need it and they suggested people be required to come inside to the Resource Room and to take the Blessing Box down. Those present discussed it and felt the need far outweighed those who might take advantage. Also, we felt that anyone taking advantage would still come in and use the Resource Room as well. It was agreed that the Blessing Box will stay.

Our next Mission Meeting will be April 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Sue Meeks



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING MARCH 13, 2026

Twelve members of the United Women in Faith and FOUR guests: Lisa Crawford, Toni Adrian, Linda Soukup and Linda Birney, met at the Church for a noon luncheon, hosted by Margaret Crawford and Karen Norman. Before the meal, Marilyn White-nack led us in prayer.

Alberta Bonar gave the devotions. It was about St. Patrick and read a St. Patrick day prayer. Marilyn Klise reported on an article out of the Response Magazine about Jesus washing feet.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Connie Pence gave the Treasurer's report and we have a balance of \$2,044.77. Charlotte Magdefrau talked about when, in 1996, the ladies of the Church got together and made quilts. The quilts were given to the police and given to people in need, people in accidents and Church members who were ill. Several of the members and guests brought quilts and gave a short interesting talk about the history behind them. Several members took some to give to members and friends in the nursing homes.

Karen Norman, Secretary



**Washington United Methodist Church
Worship Committee Minutes
March 17, 2026**

The Washington UMC Worship Committee met at the Wesley Center Library on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 5:15 p.m..

Linda opened the meeting with a devotional, followed by prayer. Those present were: Linda Soukup, Chris Marshall, Pastor Alyssa Nantt, Shirley Textor, Alison Greiner, Sue Meeks, Dana Rembold and Jean Potratz. Minutes from the February 2026 meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

Technology:

New microphones for the praise team and Pastor Alyssa were ordered--single earpieces at \$220.00 each for praise team members and a double headset for Pastor Alyssa at \$250.00, total of \$1,584.37. The committee discussed that Facebook distortion is related to the volume setting on the soundboard, and that our Pro-Presenter software is becoming obsolete. Our Apple computer in the sanctuary could be replaced with a Windows operating system laptop, with a panoramic monitor. This will be discussed with Carolyn from Impressions Computers, to help make this decision with the best combination with our AV system.

Gratitude:

Shirley reported that notes were sent to homebound members in February. In March the committee will complete care notes to Halcyon House members at 1p.m. on Thursday, March 26th.

Youth and Adult/Education:

Alison reported that the youth group and Sunday School class are going well. They use the same large room in the Wesley Center, with a wall up in the middle to divide the areas. There will be no Sunday School or Children's message this week since both Alison and the Timmins girls are gone; and there will be no Youth Group meeting the next two Wednesdays. The group agreed that we have two great teachers at WUMC with both Pastor Alyssa and Shirley teaching groups such as The Grace of Les Misérables Lenten Study, "Great Awakenings" Sunday Study, and the Thursday night Bible Study. All agreed that the history included in discussion adds a lot. A new member class will begin after July 20th, and the group discussed if any people wish to be baptized or attend confirmation classes. Baptism will happen either May 24 or May 31. Confirmation classes will also be added in the fall if there is interest. Pastor Alyssa noted that there are three possibilities to join the Church included in the newsletter—Baptism on Pentecost May 24 or another date. New member class that will be 6 weeks in the early fall; or confirmation classes, also in the fall of 2026. Pastor Alyssa has a 6-week curriculum that she likes for small rural churches that is flexible.

Ushers/Greeters/Hospitality:

Linda gave a rotation update for the Acolytes. Sunday hospitality service at the back of the Church as created by Marilyn Whitenack was discussed. The group expressed appreciation for Marilyn's work with her large assortment of food and drinks, as it draws people together.

Altar/Decorations:

Easter flower orders are currently in progress, and flowers will be up near the altar for both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday (put in the back for the Good Friday service). Palms will be ordered on Monday for Palm Sunday. Lisa Crawford will decorate the Church for Lent and Holy Week, with creation of a tomb representing before and after Jesus has risen.

Worship/Music:

—March 29, Palm Sunday. This is also the 5th Sunday. Linda noted we could wait to do Music Sunday on May 31st; the group agreed. Palms will be waved during the first hymn.

—April 2, Maundy Thursday. Our choir will join the Lutheran Choir at the Lutheran Church for their service there at 6:15 p.m..

—April 3, Good Friday. The Lutheran choir will join the Methodist Choir at the Methodist Church for our service, also at 7 p.m. We will not have communion since there will communion on April 2 at the Lutheran Church.

—April 5, Easter Sunday. We will have bells, choir and praise team on Easter, so we will bump communion to the following Sunday, April 12th. Sue will call servers to let them know.

—June 14 (Sunday), Iowa Annual Conference in Des Moines, Pastor Alyssa will attend

—July 6 to July 20, 2026. Pastor Alyssa vacation. Jim Cluney will be called to see which of these Sundays (June 14, July 6, July 20 and also August 16) he is available to cover.

Old Business:

Choir and acolyte robes were cleaned and are now ready for use.

New Business:

Special Sundays include: Native American Sunday on April 19.

CAT Survey—'Congregational Assessment Tool'. This 91-question survey will be promoted on March 15, and the survey will open online on April, 6. It will close on April 27, 2026. The document can also be printed to hard copies, and then we can give assistance adding them online or help people at a computer.

Mother's Day and Father's Day recognition gift ideas—Linda presented candles and bookmarks for women, and small book/pen sets for the men. The group liked these ideas.

We have no 2026 high school graduates.

Summer movie night—After Easter, maybe once a month, we hope to plan to have movies followed by discussion, theology, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m..

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 5:15 p.m., in the Church Library.

Trustee's Meeting Agenda 12 March 2026



Meeting called to order at 6:00

Present:

Bruce Timmins

Jeff Lueck

Toni Adrian

Alyssa Nantt

Julie Timmins

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 in the Church Library. An opening prayer was given by Pastor Alyssa.

Fire Alarm Inspection Report

We did not fail but have the following deficiency: 1) strobes not synchronized. 2) Also noted during the annual inspection it was noted that the 9 smoke detectors are due for sensitivity testing and the 3) batteries are past the three-year life span.

The estimate for sensitivity testing of the alarm system is \$1,975.00, this includes 7 batteries at \$59.00 each (2 of which were replaced during the inspection) and a labor rate of \$ 290.00/ hour which includes travel time and fuel costs to come to Washington.

To synchronize the horn strobes, they will have to trouble shoot the programming of the fire alarm panel at labor rate of \$290/hour if done while there doing the sensitivity testing.

It was also noted that our system is not monitored by a third party. They offered the installation of cellular communicator at a onetime cost \$1626.00 plus tax and yearly monitoring for \$630.00 per year, billable each July.

It was proposed to check rates with other companies to see about getting a cellular communication fire alarm system for the church and the Wesleyan Center.

A motion was made by Toni, "To go ahead for sensitivity testing," seconded by Richard. The motion passed unanimous.

Jeff made the motion that "We do not synchronize strobes" which was seconded by Richard. The motion passed unanimous.

Floor in Treasurer Office

Jeff checked with Marshal Furniture in the treasurer office for the furniture to be moved out, the old carpet to be torn out and replaced with a high- quality carpet for \$1500.00. He also checked on vinyl plank that would be double of the \$1,500.

Bruce also checked on vinyl plank flooring at the cost of tearing out the carpet and replacing it with the vinyl plank for an estimated cost of \$950 – \$1084.00 depending on style of plank, but this did not include taking out the furniture.

Richard stated that he thought that the vinyl plank would last longer. Jeff stated that he thought since this was a low traffic area, carpet would be fine. Richard made the motion "to install vinyl plank in the treasurer's office", which was seconded by Toni. The vote passed all ayes except for 1 nay.

Trustee meeting con't...

Handy Person? (Wash Windows, Clean around Church Property inside and out)
Marcisa Salgado asked if she could do something type of labor for pay? Pastor Alyssa suggested that she could wash windows, clean chairs and pew covers and be hired as a temporary as needed employee. If she is hired, she will have to have to provide documentation that she can legally work for us. Since this would be a staff member on call basis this must go through the SPRC/Finance committee and they would have to develop a job description. SPRC would need our input to come up with a job description.

Mowing Contract

At this time Mike Roder mows the church property and blows off the sidewalks at the cost \$75.00/wk., billing the church by-weekly. The contract needs to be renewed. Jeff moved that the contract be renewed which was seconded by Richard. The motion passed unanimous.

Parking Signs

The problem continues with the apartment residents to the north blocking areas to the church and Pastor Alyssa is worried about the church's liability if something would happen. She would like no parking signs or church business parking only posted.

Richard made the motions "to put up no parking except for church business signs" which was seconded by Toni. When given the chance for further discussion, Jeff brought up how the signs would be posted. An amendment was made by Richard and second by Jeff "that the no parking except for church business signs be mounted on the Wesleyan Center building". The motion passed unanimous.

Update on Radon System for Church/ Electronic Controls for Wesleyan Center

Bruce has a phone call in with Tony Renoux to see if he could put the system in the church but has not heard back from him. He will try and get in touch with him sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Electronic Controls – Jeff will check with Wayne Kauffman to get the background of who he talked to in the past to see if any local vendors would be interested. One possible vendor may be Leets. If any of the local vendors are interested, then someone would need to be present to explain what needs to be done.

Jeff also brought up that the air filters on all the units need cleaning before the need for the air conditioning units are used. Toni, Jeff, and Bruce volunteered to work to clean the filters.

Orange and Black Give Back Day – Friday, May 15 (8:30-11:30)

Washington Middle School sent a flyer explaining that Orange and Black Give Back Day is a volunteer day for the students to help out in the communities. Some ideas of what the students could do was to clean out the leaves around the fences and flowers and wash windows. Pastor Alyssa said she would make a list of some other tasks that they could do. It was decided that the church was going to send the school and email requesting to participate. Sue will be here since it will be on a Friday and Bruce will try to attend to help supervise and will have his dump trailer available for the trash.

Trustee meeting con't...

Kids Corral Sub-Committee meeting:

The sub-committee planning meeting will be held 5:30 p.m. on March 23rd in the Church Library. This will be a lengthy meeting to discuss what items are negotiable and those that the church members feel are non-negotiable. Paster Alyssa gave the internet as a example of a non-negotiable item.

Other items brought up by the members were:

Cleaning – who will clean - Shaffer has complained about the toilets not being flushed

Repairs that are needed – They are supposed to be doing this now, but they are not doing this presently

Joint Monthly inspections – A volunteer will be needed for the inspections and it was suggested that they take pictures of any problem areas.

The subcommittee members may talk to church members to get their ideas before the meeting. An email will be sent out to the subcommittee members about the meeting for input about this proposal. A copy of the previous proposal will be sent out to all of the members on the committee.

Richard stated that he would like to see a washer/dryer and a shower installed for people who may need access to a place to go shower, beside the Y.

The meeting with Kids Corral board is set for 4 p.m. on March 25th in the Church Library.

Questions or Comments

Jeff brought up the following items to be considered by the committee:

The current daycare contract with Kids Corral needs be reviewed and updated.

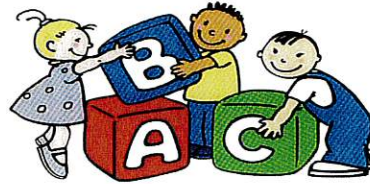
At this time, Shaffer family do not have a cleaning contract with the church. This needs to be produced.

The treasurer, pastors, and secretary's offices have all requested to have new window coverings like what is now in the library. The treasurer and secretary's office window have blinds but pastor's office has curtains. Jeff stated that he thought that the pastor's office should have priority in receiving the new window covering. Bruce said he would get the measurements for all the windows and would get back to the committee of the cost to replace the old coverings with ones like the library.

The driveway between the Church and Wesley Center – It was brought up that the driveway between the church and driveway needs to be replace. Jeff said he would get quotes for new cement for the entire driveway from Christner Concrete and Vogel. Bruce recommend we also get a quote from Coleman Concrete. Richard mentioned that whomever does the work, that they need to be certain that the elevation and the water flow is corrected so that water flows away from the building. It was brought up that part of the cost of the work could be paid out of Mission and rest through the general and memorial funds.

A closing prayer was given by Pastor Alyssa.

WUMC and Kids Corral Meeting March 25, 2026



Day Care attendees:

Kim Farrell, Mindi Rees, Janelle Johnson, Brenda Miles

Church attendees:

Toni Adrian, Jeff Lueck, Bruce Timmins, Karen Norman, Kathy Wallace, Jill Moore, Connie Larsen, Dave Birney, Robin Plattenberger, Richard Gilmore, Alyssa Nantt

The Day Care explained why we have not heard back from them since the fall meeting. They were making some staff changes. One of the changes was in leadership. Kim Farrell is now the director of the Day Care.

The Day Care also suggested that a smaller committee with both Church and Day Care representatives meet to put together a proposal to bring back to the larger committee.

Pastor Alyssa Nantt explained that the biggest concern for the church is the care of the building.

Kim Farrell said she was stressing open communication from both groups to handle issues before they become problems. Kim asked if there were current concerns. Pastor Alyssa explained the cleaning company stating that the toilets are not always flushed which cause cleaning and plumbing concerns. Also, the back door was propped open and not locked one day this week. Kim said they would address both issues.

Bruce Timmins mentioned the idea of joint monthly inspections to address maintenance and any other issues. The Day Care agreed that it would be a great idea. The Day Care also said they were fine with the church having a key to get in even if they were not there. They were also okay with the door being propped open on Sundays for the church members to use the restrooms.

Some items for the smaller committee to iron out includes who will be paying for what improvements, repairs while in use, etc.

At the prior meeting, a laundry area was mentioned. It was not included on the prior floor plan the Day Care presented. The Church pointed out that the 1st floor was preferable because of the cement floors and flooding concerns if it is on the 2nd floor.

The Day Care said they plan to bring their current appliances with them, this includes a large refrigerator and freezer. The Church explained that upgrades to the electrical may possibly be needed to accommodate their appliances.

Cleaning was brought up as a concern by Robin Plattenberger. Kim Farrell said they do their own cleaning. They are required to do certain types of cleaning on a daily basis and other cleaning on a rotation and as needed basis. They are required to use certain cleaning products.

She is open to the church being involved in inspections to make sure things are being cleaned.

Currently the Day Care pays for a pest service at their current building. The pest service comes once monthly and sprays inside the building and outside. Sounds like they would be doing the same if they moved to our building.

WUMC and Kids Corral Meeting con't.....

The Day Care plans to apply for grants to help with improvements needed with the change of buildings. They got a grant from the Riverboat for a playground. They need to complete the installment of the playground by November 2026. The Day Care asked if we had concerns about Riverboat money being used. Pastor Alyssa explained that the church can not apply and use Riverboat money but the Day Care could without a problem.

The Church also brought up the concern about parking. The use of the current parking lot would be limited because of funerals, the emptying of the dumpster, etc. The Day Care said they would make it clear where staff and parents could park.

The Day Care concluded by saying they wish to be partners with the Church. They are a non-profit and are supplying a needed service of Day Care for the community at a fair price. They would love to have our congregation be involved with the kids by reading to them, helping kids with their lunch, etc. Partnering with the church would help eliminate some logistical problems for them. Currently they have to duplicate staff, supplies, lunch, paperwork, etc. If all the kids were in one building they would not need to do that. They also would like to grow. Being at the Church would allow them to increase the number of kids they can take. They are currently having to turn people away.

The meeting concluded with the agreement to come up with meeting dates for the small group committee to meet and get into details about a proposal to present to the Church.

The CAT survey starts on April 6!

It's Time for the CAT survey!

The Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) will be open for you to complete starting on April 6-April 27. The church leadership is requesting that everyone complete this survey which will help the church obtain valuable information. The results of this survey will help the church leadership understand what it does well and what areas need improvement. It will also give us some ideas on what ministries the church should do in the future.

The survey should be completed in one setting. It will take between 30 and 45 minutes to complete. We are asking you to complete it online if possible. If you are unable to complete the survey online, please contact the office and we can make arrangements for someone to sit with you to help you complete it or we can get you a paper copy and someone will enter the information online for you when you finish the paper copy.

The link to complete the survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WASHINGTONUMC>

Please do not start the survey until April 6. Surveys need to be completed by April 27.

Thank you for your time and attention!



This & That

I would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to Jean Knowles!!
 She takes me for walks and goes with me to my Doctor appointments.
 She is my best friend!

Love you!

Bart:

Chief of Church Security



ENCORE EXPRESS MEALS

Immanuel Lutheran Church on 2nd & 4th Thursday each month at 11:30 a.m.

Meals for seniors 60+-no income requirements

These meals are **for all seniors over 60**

There is a suggested price of \$5.00 if you have it.

Great food-socializing-educational information available.

For reservations call 319-653-3950 and leave your name to attend.



To my Church family,

I had a nice birthday with family. I was pleased
 when Pastor Alyssa delivered my beautiful red rose.

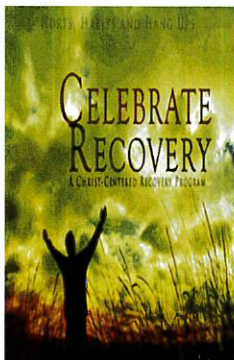
Martha Lowe

For the Resource Room:

The Resource Room could use donations of items like shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper,
 laundry soap, dish soap, paper towels and feminine hygiene products.

Also, gently used blankets, sheets, towels, curling irons, hair dryers, or other items.

Celebrate Recovery



This recovery program is a Christ centered curriculum
 with foundations firmly established in the Bible.

**Recovery from drugs, alcohol, trauma,
 physical/mental/emotional abuse
 or any other hang-ups or hurts you have experienced.**

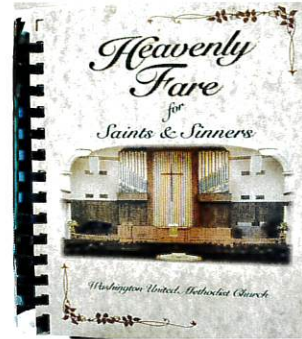
Every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.-supper and childcare provided.

Please consider volunteering your time to help with this program

Contact Chuck Clifton at 319-480-2012 with any questions

THE RECIPE CORNER

Recipes taken from the:
"Heavenly Fare for Saints & Sinners" Cookbook
(page 84 & 147)



Easter Breakfast Casserole

From the kitchen of Ellen Miller

1-3/4 lb. smokey links, bite size
12 eggs, beaten
8 slices bread

3 c. whole milk
2-1/2 tsp. dry mustard
2-1/2 c. grated cheese

Brown links, drain and reserve. Remove crusts from bread and break into pieces and spread evenly in bottom of 9" x 13" pan. Sprinkle links over bread. Mix eggs, milk and mustard and pour over the first 2 layers., carefully. Top with grated cheese and refrigerate, covered, overnight. Remove cover and bake at 350° for 45 minutes. Serves 10 to 12 people.



Monkey Bread

From the kitchen of Margaret Crawford

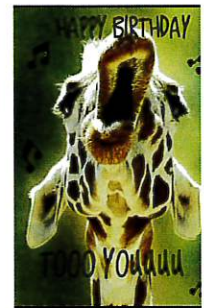
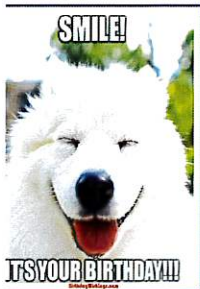
4 tubes buttermilk biscuits
3/4 c. sugar
1 T. cinnamon

3/4 c. margarine, softened
1 c. additional sugar
1-1/2 T. additional cinnamon

Remove biscuits from the tube. Cut each into fourths. Mix the first cinnamon and sugar together. Roll each piece of dough in mixture. Place pieces of dough into greased angel food or bundt pan. Stack evenly. Mix second batch of cinnamon and sugar with margarine. Bring to a rolling boil. Pour over biscuits. Bake at 350° for 40 to 45 minutes.. Let stand 5 minutes. Invert on plate and pull biscuits apart.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



1
Creighton Guy
Mandi Lueck

2
Julie Timmins

3
Chase Greiner
Ashton Manz
Vic Patterson

4
Kendall Manz

5
Lisa Crawford
Kyle Schindler

7
Barbara Kessell

9
Olivia Hartzler

10
Caitlin Fishback
Carla Pepper-Kleese
Jean Potratz

12
Evan Miller

14
Ainsley Lueck

15
Cheri Crone
Jim Wells

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Cole Thomas

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Pennie Brinning
Butch Morgan
Bob Roddy

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Linda Lowe

18
Jan Gallagher
Myron Shields

19
Susan Beatty
Madysen Hinrichsen
Rick Meeks
Kevin Myers
Jennifer Weidman

20
Kerri Bell

21
Marty Collett

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Stephanie Ellingson

24
Keith Massey

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Jadon Crawford

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William Fredrick
Danielle Sutton
Shannon Unternahrer

28
Pam Murphy

29
Isabelle Peterson

30
Stacy Sturdevant
James Williams

90+ BIRTHDAYS

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Stan & Jean Potratz
04/04
45 years

Eric & Shawna Manz
04/05
18 years





APRIL 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Handbell practice 5:45 p.m.-FH MYLIFE 6:30 p.m. WC Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.- Sanctuary Praise Team TBA Sanctuary	2 Maundy Services 6:15 p.m. Lutheran Church	3 Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.	
5 EASTER SS. Youth 10:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:15 a.m. Library	6 Men's Fellowship 9:00 a.m.-Library	7 Zoom Prayer Meeting 1:00 p.m. Finance 2:00 p.m. Library Celebrate Recovery 6:00 p.m. FH	8 Handbell practice 5:45 p.m.-FH MYLIFE 6:30 p.m. WC Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.- Sanctuary Praise Team TBA Sanctuary	9 Trustee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Library Bible Study 5:00 p.m. FH	10 UWF 12:00 p.m. FH Pastor's day off	11
12 Communion SS. Youth 10:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:15 a.m. Library	13 Men's Fellowship 9:00 a.m.-Library	14 Zoom Prayer Meeting 1:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery 6:00 p.m. FH	15 Handbell practice 5:45 p.m.-FH MYLIFE 6:30 p.m. WC Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.- Sanctuary Praise Team TBA Sanctuary	16 Missions Meeting 1:00 p.m. Library Bible Study 5:00 p.m. FH	17 Pastor's day off	18
19 Native American Sunday SS. Youth 10:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:15 a.m. Library	20 Men's Fellowship 9:00 a.m.-Library	21 Zoom Prayer Meeting 1:00 p.m. Worship Meeting 5:15 p.m. Library Celebrate Recovery 6:00 p.m. FH	22 Handbell practice 5:45 p.m.-FH MYLIFE 6:30 p.m. WC Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.- Sanctuary Praise Team TBA Sanctuary	23 Bible Study 5:00 p.m. FH	24 Pastor's day off	25
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Sunday Worship

Traditional Service: 10:00 a.m.

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