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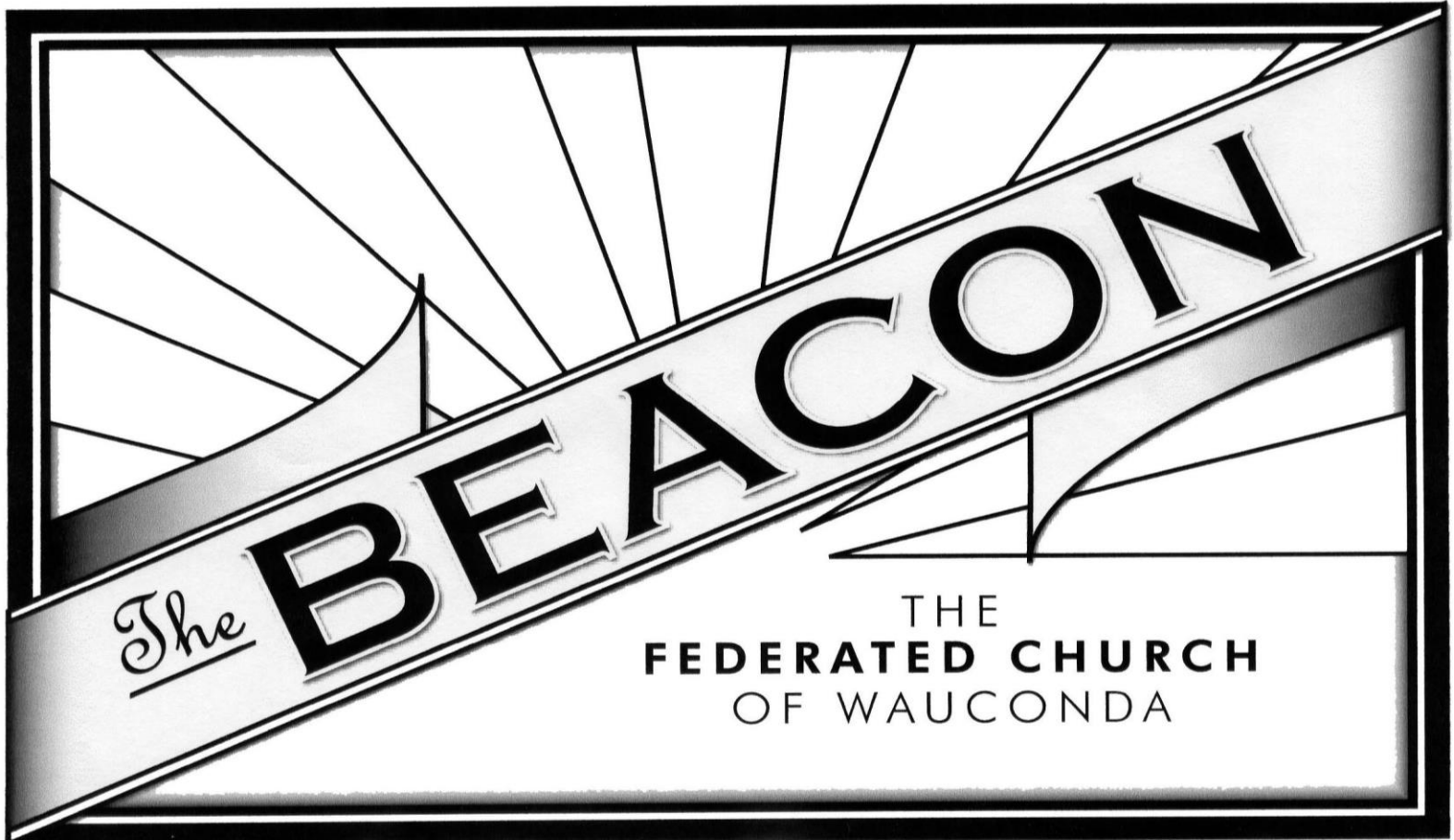
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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



I will ask for different types of prayers from the congregation on Sundays. I almost always ask how we can pray for others and we hear many responses. I also often ask for joys, which fill our sanctuary quickly. But sometimes when we ask for prayers of thanksgiving, there is a longer pause before we hear someone speak up. I don't for a moment believe this is because we are ungrateful. I have received many cards and private thankful words directed both towards me and to God. I think however that we don't often know how to say thank you as a prayer. Here is some valuable assistance from *The Valley of Vision*.

O My God,
You fairest, greatest, first of all objects,
My heart admires, adores, loves You,
For my little vessel is as full as it can be,
And I would pour out all that fullness before You in ceaseless flow.
When I think upon and converse with You
Ten thousand delightful thoughts spring up,
Ten thousand sources of pleasure are unsealed,
Ten thousand refreshing joys spread over my heart,
Crowding into every moment of happiness.
I bless You for the soul You have created,
For adorning it, for sanctifying it,
Though it is fixed in barren soil;
For the body You have given me,
For preserving its strength and vigor,
For providing senses to enjoy delights,
For the ease and freedom of limbs,
For hands, eyes, ears that do Your bidding;
For Your royal bounty providing my daily support,
For a full table and overflowing cup,
For appetite, taste, sweetness,
For social joys of relatives and friends,
For ability to serve others,
For a heart that feels sorrows and necessities,
For a mind to care for my fellow-men,
For opportunities of spreading happiness around,
For loved ones in the joys of heaven,
For my own expectation of seeing You clearly.
I love You above the powers of language to express,
For what You are to Your creatures.

Increase my love, O my God, through time and eternity.

We have so much to be thankful for and I know it gives God joy to hear them, both great and small. Let us be bold in sharing our thanksgiving, remembering that in sharing our gratitude out loud, the blessing is shared with all who hear it. I pray our prayer life continues to deepen as we grow in our walk of faith with the Lord.

Pastor Jason Hladik

Attendance

March 25 - 71

April 1 - 95

April 8 - 66

April 15 - 53

April 22 - 61

Meetings in May

Worship - May 2 @ 6pm

Trustees - May 9 @7pm

Federated Board - May 21 @7pm

Outreach - May 13 @10:45am

Education - May 27 @10:45

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are from 8:00am-12:00pm, Monday through Friday. If you need to drop off or pick up something we are always open during those times.

PASTOR JASON'S HOURS

Pastor Jason's hours are Monday through Thursday 9am-2pm. He will be in the office at this time unless called away due to ministry. Even when he is not in the office he can be reached 24/7 by phone or text at [630-673-0492](tel:630-673-0492). Pastor Jason's cell phone will go straight to voice mail between the hours of 10:00pm and 7:00am, but his phone will ring if you call twice. You can also contact him at pastorhladik@icloud.com.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR



Start your week off right with a time of fellowship with friends from the church. We meet every week on Monday at 8:00am at the Wauconda Café on Rt. 176. Join us for coffee, breakfast or just a good conversation.

BIBLE STUDY

Follow up with our Monday and Tuesday Bible Story Café Bible studies which are getting great reviews.

Join in one or both!

Monday 10 am New Testament Class

Tuesday 6pm Old Testament Class



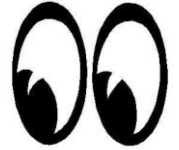


ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

You can help collect money for our church. Save your aluminum cans and bring them to the church to be recycled. There is a recycling bin outside behind the annex for you to drop off your cans.

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AROUND

Keep your eyes open for missing people. If you notice that someone has not attended for a few weeks, pick up the phone and let them know they are truly missed. Or, let Pastor Jason know if you are concerned about someone's absence.



SHUT-IN VISITS FROM PASTOR

If you know of a member of our church or a family member that could use a visit from Pastor Jason, please let him know.



WAUCONDA CARE SERVICE

A Wauconda Care Sing-along is held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 3:00pm. Meet at Wauconda Care, just off Rt. 176, at 2:45pm if you'd like to help pass out songbooks and greet the residents before the fun begins. Join us on May 23rd as we bring the worship of God in song to the people at Wauconda Care.



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PRAYER PARTNER EMAILS



If you are not receiving the Joys and Concerns Prayer Partner Email and would like to - or if you have a concern during the week - you can call Nancy Swanson or email her at nraswanson@gmail.com. Joys and Concerns from each Sunday's service are emailed each week to all who have signed up.

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is one of the ways we meet the needs of our congregation and our community. We have provided assistance to members in emergency situations as well as provide gift cards for food, medicine and gas.

If you or someone you know is ever in a time of need, please talk with Pastor Jason. Donations to this fund can be made by writing a check to the church with the words Pastor's Discretionary Fund in the memo line. Donations can also be given in the form of gift cards from local grocery stores or gas stations. We thank you for helping us serve our community. - Pastor Jason

THURSDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETINGS

The regular prayer meetings are held 3 times monthly. The first three Thursdays in May are the 3rd, the 10th and the 17th. Join us if you have personal requests or if you want to be in prayer on behalf of our church family, friends, or our community. We meet in the sanctuary at 7pm.

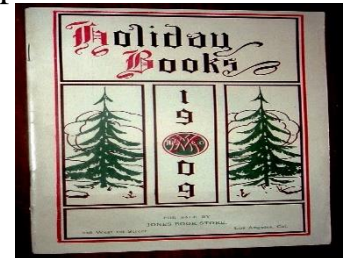


Thursday, May 3rd is the National Day of Prayer. We will be having a special prayer night at 7pm that day. We will have music and group prayer as well as helps, so that we can practice praying together. So, if you ever thought about coming, or were afraid to, this is the night to come. Join us as we lift our church, region and our Nation to the Lord. Bring scriptures if you want to share them.

See Minister of Prayer Cathy Mate for more information.

HOLIDAY MEMORIES

The ladies at FOCW have decided to expand our proposed Christmas Traditions book to include other holidays. Young people today have no idea of how we older people used to celebrate these special occasions. There were some foods and activities that we didn't have available all year round. We didn't have social media to tell us what the rest of the world was doing. The internet didn't exist for us to surf for ideas. Many of us didn't have air conditioning so we played and socialized outside. For example: a trip to the park for a picnic was a big adventure.



If you have an interesting story about a holiday or activity from your past, we'd love to hear about it. Accompanying pictures, recipes or craft directions are welcome. Please write about it and give it (or email it) to Sylvia. We are setting a deadline of Memorial Day (May 28) to give us time to organize and get the book printed. We look forward to hearing from many of you.

HELP WANTED! MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



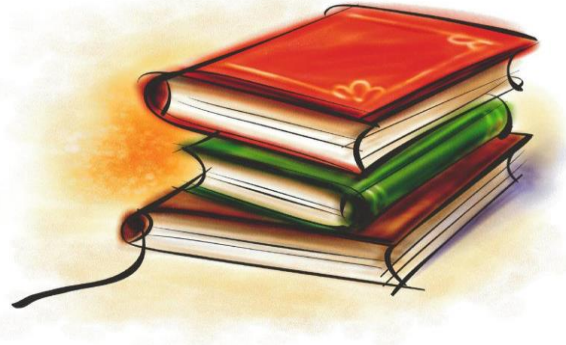
Join your church family in celebrating Memorial Day! We will be participating in this year's parade once again with a float and we will have a cool off Tent / Informational both. Please provide water donations for our booth as you're able and sign up in the Narthex to either help decorate the float, participate in the Parade or help clean up the float after.

SUPER SENIORS MAY LUNCHEON

Super seniors next luncheon will be Wednesday May 9th at Pier 290 in Williams Bay, WI at 11:30. If you would like to join in the fellowship, fun and just good food, please sign up by Sunday, May 6th. See Lou Ann if you have any questions.

Summer Book Reading

You are welcomed to join the education department for a summer reading on The 5 love Languages of Teens or Children by Gary Chapman.



Beginning May 2018

You can order your book directly from Amazon or See Pastor Crystal to place an order the cost is \$13.60 for Children and \$10.75 for Teens. Deadline for placing orders was April 9. However, if you would still like to join in the read and order the book on your own, Pastor Crystal would be happy to supply you with further details.

PLUG IN AND RECHARGE

Are you depleted physically, emotionally or spiritually? Many of are and we find ourselves drifting away rather than gravitating toward the One who can recharge us. While the Worship team does not profess to have all the answers as to how to re-energize our congregation, we would like to start by feeding you. The Worship Commission will be sponsoring a series of Recharging Sessions. We will feed you, provide childcare and listen to your thoughts and ideas as well as engage in a conversation about who we want to be as a church. Help us recapture the worshipful, inviting, inclusive, restorative and relevant power of our church community through a stronger relationship with God. Look for your invitation over the next several months.



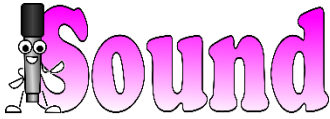
CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held From July 16th through July 19th. That's 4 fabulous days. This year the program will be exploring Holidays: what does holiday mean, how do we celebrate, what are some of our traditions, and how do holidays impact our Christian life. There will be games, crafts, stories and fun. Bring you friends and neighbors and enjoy Christmas in July and more!



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SOUND SYSTEM TWEAKS



Our new sound system was installed just before Easter. There has been a huge improvement in the quality of the worship service recordings on our website. However, there are still some tweaks to be made to in-sanctuary sound on Sunday mornings. Please bear with us as we progress. Thank you to the volunteers who have donated untold hours to the project, especially Louise and Dave. THANKS!

JANITOR UPDATE

After an exhaustive search for an individual to provide janitorial services for our church building, the Trustees and Staff Parrish Commission have decided to hire a janitorial service. Rose Bhatt spent hours on the phone screening various companies and setting up meetings with a good number of them so that we had several bids to choose from and a good understanding of what they would provide. The Trustees and Staff Parrish are currently reviewing the bids and we will soon have a regular cleaning service! Thanks to all who have stepped in to keep our church building looking good in the interim. Pastors Jason and Crystal, Dan Fiscus and Sue Seaman have gone above and beyond and have been vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms and emptying trash. Be sure to thank them the next time you see them.



WORKDAY RESULTS!



Have you seen the old library or our current meeting room??? How about the Sacristy? Next time you have a chance, take a look. They have been cleaned and organized. Things are organized and can be easily found. The rooms are now inviting and no longer intimidating. A big thank-you to all who turned out for the Trustees workday on April 9th. The meeting room and Sacristy were just two of those accomplishments.



BIBLES DONATED

After our purchase of new pew Bibles for our sanctuary, the old Bibles were retired. Pastor Crystal contacted St. Jude Baptist Church of Chicago and they were very happy to accept the Bibles for their use. We are happy to help. Here is their response:



St. Jude Baptist Church of Chicago
5218 W. Division St.
Chicago, IL 60651
Rev. Alexander Jones, Jr., Pastor

March 15, 2018

Attention:

Federated Church of Wauconda
200 South Barrington
Wauconda, IL. 60084

Praise God Pastor Crystal Johnson,

This letter is to thank you and the church for your generous gift of Good News Bibles. We will use them to continue to educate our congregation on the Word of God. Please accept of heartfelt thank you and may God continue to bless you and your congregation.

I can be reach by phone at 708-363-1161 or email at revjjones@comcast.net .

Please note that our mailing address is

P.O. Box 5437
Villa Park, IL. 60181

Rev. Alexander Jones, Jr. – Pastor
Deacon James Luster – Chairman

FINAL KITCHEN UPDATE

A huge shout out goes to the women of FOCW. The April meeting was a brief business meeting followed by a work night. The cabinets doors were washed in and out. The silverware was sorted and stored. The ovens were cleaned. All the stainless surfaces were cleaned. The refrigerator was cleaned. It was quite an evening of work and fellowship. There were a lot of laughs and, all in all, the time went by very quickly and we left feeling very accomplished. Thanks to Candee Nustra, Cindy Schofield, Cindy Batson, Jo Spangler, Sylvia Chen, Lisa Knight and Pam Wilson for a job well done.



Now that we have made the effort, there are a few suggestions for keeping it clean. When your group uses the upstairs kitchen or the kitchenette in the lounge, please do not leave leftovers in the refrigerator. They are inevitably forgotten and, eventually, someone else has to clean it up. Please be sure to wipe down the sinks and counter tops before you leave. Please make sure that you put everything back where you found it. We have several outside groups that meet in our church and, just like you clean before having guests in your home, we want to make our church home pleasant and inviting to our guests.

Guest Editor for June/July Beacon

As I will be away for the month of May, Sylvia Chen has graciously agreed to edit the June/July edition of the Beacon. The deadline for that issue will be May 21. Remember it covers 2 months, so anything that you want publicized in that issue that will occur in June, July or August needs to be front and center. Thank you to Sylvia for her help.

Editor's Note

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family of Arb Swanson who passed away on March 24. A funeral service was held at Federated Church on April 7.

EASTER FLOWERS

Our Easter season this year is especially blessed. The lovely flowers you see adorning our Sanctuary – tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and Easter lilies are here because of the generous donations of:

Florence Anderson, Raj & Rose Bhatt, Chuck Burton, Jeff & Dori Cacioppo, Sylvia Chen, Curtis & Bonnie DeBoer, Dan & Julie Fiscus, Jim & Joyce Hill, Jan Hironimus, Pastor Jason & Tiffany Hladik, Larry & Sue Kujovich, Heidi Leo, Tom & Peggy Martin, Dale & Ann Meyer, Don & Geri Meyer, Dave & Melissa Pearson, Ann Petersen, Tony Rake, James & Michelle Riechers, Ron & Sharon Rovner, Sue Seaman, Jo Spangler, Mary Steffen, Mary Taylor, Frank & Ruby Thacker, Linda Vrabec, Pat Whitson, Val Whitman

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Worship Schedule: Sundays - 9:30am; Sunday School (Sept.-May) - 9:45am; Fellowship - 10:30am

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☺ Please remember to notify the church office if you have a change of address, new phone number or a new email address.

☺ Recordings of our Sunday worship services are available on our website. Go to our website to view the latest worship service:

www.federatedchurchofwauconda.org

☺ Our Beacon newsletter is also on the website. If you no longer wish to receive a copy by mail, please drop us a note or call the church office at 847-526-8471 and we will remove your name from our mailing list.

