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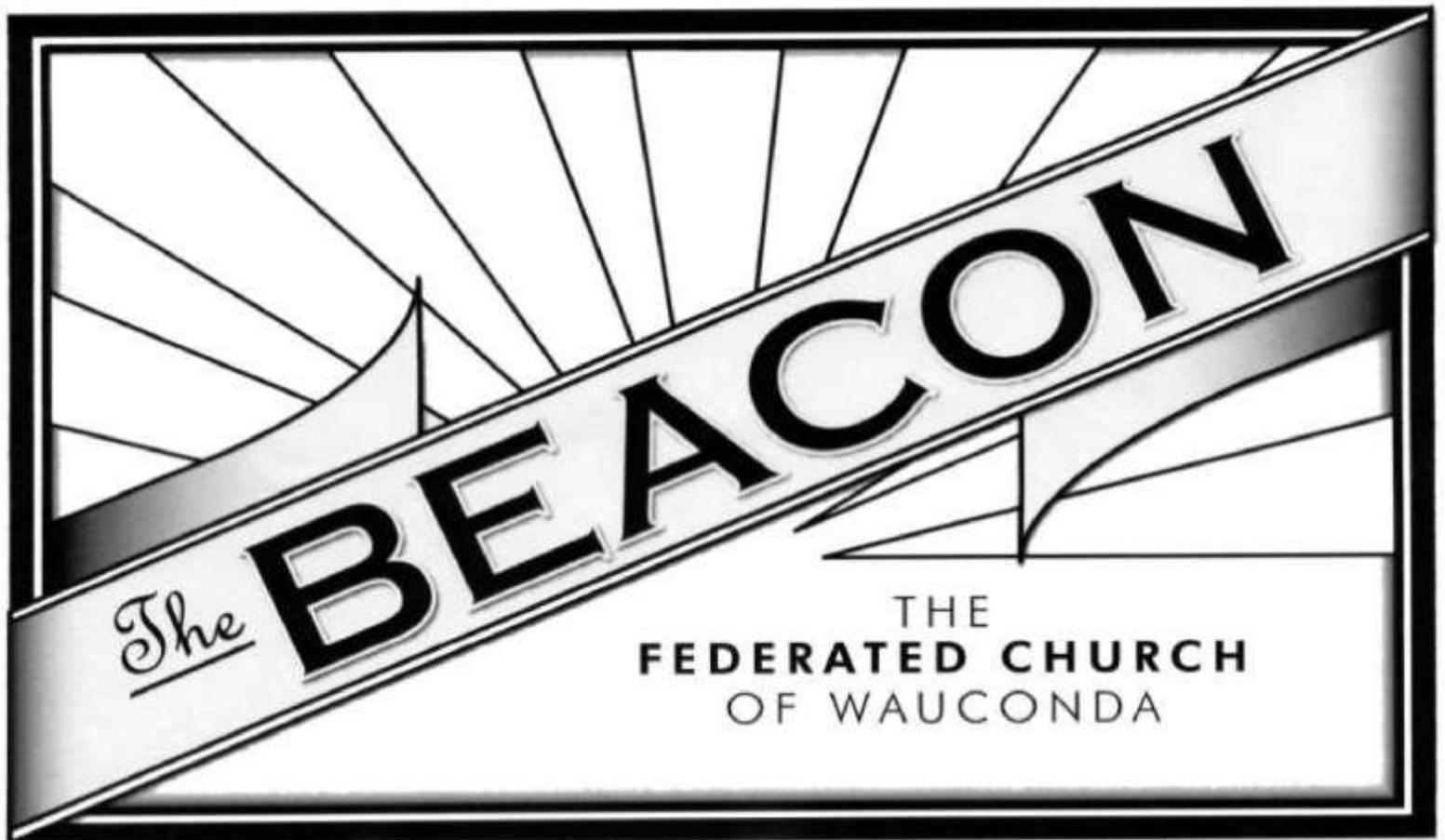
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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



The time for the celebration of our 180th Church Anniversary is a month away and I am so excited about getting together to honor and praise God!

Nov. 3, 2018 at 5 pm – Gathering & Memorabilia display in the fellowship area.

At 5:30 pm – Live Music in both Fellowship Halls

At 6:00 pm – 180th Celebration Dinner

At 7:00 pm – 180th Celebration Program with Guests

Nov. 4, 2018 at 9:30 am – 180th Church Anniversary & All Saint Sunday

At 11:00 am – Birthday Cake and Coffee Hour Fellowship

Historical pictures and testimonies will be on display in the fellowship area.

To help us mark this milestone of God's goodness towards us, our Elgin District Superintendent, Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath, from the United Methodist Church, will be preaching. The representative from the American Baptist Church will be sharing a celebratory speech.

Our previous pastors, former members, Police Chief, Fire Department Chief, the Mayor and pastors in the surrounding Wauconda area are invited to celebrate with us. We hope and pray that many of them can join either (or both) the Saturday Celebration Dinner or Sunday Worship Celebration.

Our gratitude to God for giving us 180 years of life in the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be our focus on November 4th. The anniversary service will be followed by a birthday cake and coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall, where we will be able to greet and reminisce with our guests and one another about how good God has been to us. There also will be memorabilia on display. It looks to be a memorable day, so be sure to invite your family and friends to be in attendance and give God glory!

**** Remember! Space for the celebration dinner on Saturday, November 3rd, is limited so please reserve your seat(s) with a \$1 donation (per person) ASAP.** You can do this by responding to our post card or sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship area **by October 10.** Money collected from the \$1 donations (or more) will go to the Wauconda **FBLA** (Future Business Leaders of America) since they will be helping at the dinner.

If anyone would like to donate to support the cost of our 180th Church Anniversary Celebration, you can write a check to the church with words “180 Celebration.”

Your sister In Christ,

Pastor Soon Sun

Attendance

Aug. 26 - 59
Sept. 02 - 78
Sept. 09 - 60
Sept. 16 - 66
Sept. 23 - 58

Meetings in June/July

Worship – Oct. 3 @ 6pm
Trustees – Oct. 10 @ 7pm
180 Committee – Oct. 14 @ 10:50am
Federated Board – Oct. 17 @ 7pm
Outreach – Oct. 14 @ 10:45am
Education – Oct. 28 @ 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 SOON SUN'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Soon Sun's office hours are **Tuesday through Friday 9am - 2 pm**. She will be in the office at this time unless called away due to pastoral visits or ministry. Her **pastoral visits hours Tuesday through Friday 3 pm – 5 pm** (some evening hours). Even when she is not in the office she can be reached 24/7 by phone or text at 815-861-2415. You can also contact her at soonsunlee@live.com.

NEW EMAIL FOR STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE

Do you have a question, concern, or words of encouragement regarding a member of the church staff? Reach everyone on the committee at once by emailing federatedstaffparish@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

THURSDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETINGS



Regular prayer meetings are held on the first three Thursdays of the month: **October 4, 11, and 18**. 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. Bring scriptures if you want to share them. See Minister of Prayer Cathy Mate for more information.

PRAYER PARTNER EMAILS

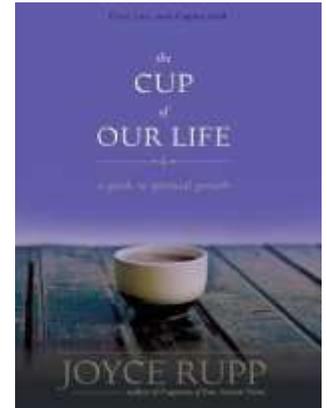


If you are not receiving the Joys and Concerns Prayer Partner Email and would like to - or if you have a concern during the week - you can call Nancy Swanson or email her at church60084joysandconcerns@yahoo.com. Joys and Concerns from each Sunday's service are emailed each week to all who have signed up.

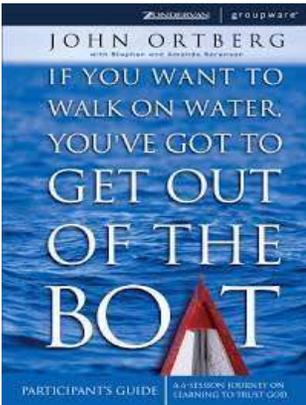
FALL BIBLE STUDIES will continue in October

Tuesday morning Study Classes

In October we meet on Tuesday mornings at 10 am. Here are our schedules for October 2, 9, 16, 23. We are reading the Book, "*The Cup of Our Life*" written by Joyce Rupp, the Catholic Nun. It is a book and guide for spiritual growth- it is about your prayers. Rupp helps individuals and groups pray about everyday life using the rich symbol of a cup. For the study, you need to bring your favorite coffee mug or tea cup with you.



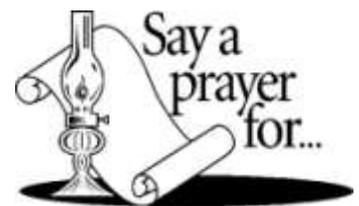
Tuesday Night Bible Study Classes



We will meet on Tuesday nights, October 2, 9, and 23 from 5:30 - 6:50 pm in the fellowship hall. We are reading the Book, "*If You Want to Walk on Water, You've got to Get Out of the Boat*", written by Pastor John Ortberg. Ortberg teaches people how to trust God more fully. Using testimonial interviews to illustrate his talks, Ortberg teaches readers the skills essential for "water-walking" in faith with God. Designed for use with the video. This book is about our faith to get out of our familiar place (inside church walls) and into God's wide-open mission fields.

PASTOR'S PRAYER FOCUS

During October, there will be two prayer meetings on Thursday morning at 10 am and evening at 7 pm. We will be praying for the 180th church Anniversary Celebration, our Stewardship Drive, and our worship services. Please consider this an invitation to join me in praying specifically for these things during the month of October if God lays it on your heart to do so. If you want to pray with us, you can join me and Cathy, our prayer minister, on **October 4, 11, 18, 25 at 10 am and October 4, 11, 18 at 7 pm. Through prayer, we let God know we are very serious about our ministry and mission and all the people we care about.**



THE JOYS OF FALL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Don't forget to come to worship the Lord on Sunday mornings at 9:30am!

October 7th – World Communion/Food Pantry Sunday – bring cans of food!

World Communion Sunday is a day to break bread together in remembering our Lord and reassuring us that we are the body of Christ. To celebrate World Communion Sunday, we would like to have different kinds of breads on the altar to use for communion as well as to deliver to the shut-ins of our community. Sharing bread with others is a way of celebrating World Communion Sunday. Let us bake breads to share and bless others as we bring the bread to the altar for World Communion Sunday.

Sermon: “Do All Animals Go to Heaven?”

Bible Readings: Genesis 1:26, Isaiah 65:25, Revelation 19:14

11:00am – A Blessing of Pets and Animals in the Memorial Garden.

October 14th – Lord's Prayer Sunday

Drama Sermon: “If God Should Speak” by Pastor Soon Sun and Pastor Crystal. Bible Readings: Matthew 6:9-13

October 21st - Inspiration Sunday – Stewardship Sunday

Sermon: “What Do I Love About Our Church?”

Bible Reading: Acts 2:41-47, Ephesians 2:19-22, 5:25-27

October 28th – Vision/Dream Sunday – Stewardship Sunday

Sermon: “What Are Our Dreams and Visions for Our Church”

Bible Reading: Lessons: Proverbs 29:18, Acts 2:17, I Corinthians 2:6-9, II Timothy 1:7

November 4th – All Saints Sunday and 180th Church Anniversary Service with Holy Communion

A special time of reflection to honor the memory of loved ones who have passed away since last November until this year. Family and friends are invited for this memorial service. We will also honor and recognize those people who are deceased members of our congregation and the special memorial gifts which they provided for the church.

HOME VISITS BY PASTOR SOON SUN

Throughout October, Pastor Soon Sun will continue to visit us and our families at our homes. This will be a time for us to get to know one another. It will take approximately 30 minutes to an hour depending on our sharing. She believes that through these home visits, it will help her to serve us better in the needs of our people and help us to serve one another for our church ministry and mission. When she comes, she will ask three specific questions:

1. What makes you to come to church?



2. What are things that you love about our church?
3. What are things that you like to see/grow in the church?

By sharing our time, we can learn, witness, support and pray for each other to grow in God. In August, Pastor Soon Sun will meet with the church leaders to establish relationships with them and get information about the church and the Wauconda community. Besides the home visits and the meetings with the leaders, she'll also visit those who are sick, hospitalized, homebound, and the shut-ins in nursing homes.

FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

We will be engaged in an exciting stewardship campaign, to hear testimonies and inspirational sermons that I believe can help us to renew and revitalize our lives to God as congregation. Our theme for our stewardship drive this year is **“This Is the Day!”** The theme Scripture is from 2 Corinthians 9:8, **“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”**

October 21st - Stewardship Sunday – **What Do I Love About Our Church?**

October 28th - Stewardship Sunday – **What are Our Dreams and Visions?**

November 4th - Stewardship Sunday - **Celebrating our 180th Anniversary**

November 11th - **Pledge Sunday (Bring your Pledge)**

RUMMAGE SALE

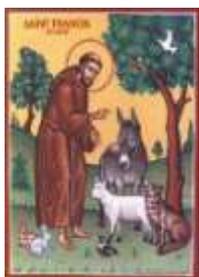
Rummage sale is over. Watch the bulletin for the results. A HUGE thank you to the Lucius family and all the workers who made this event possible!

FOCW - Memories Book “180”

The stories for our memory book have been collected. I'm sure there are a lot more stories to be told and I hope that you will share them with one another - even if they didn't get into our book. Our world is changing so quickly. We need to be reminded of how things were done in the past.



The book is scheduled to be printed during October and should be available in time for our November “180” celebrations. Quantities are limited so get yours early. Any profit from the books will go to the local Food Pantry.



THE BLESSING OF PETS IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN ON OCTOBER 7

The blessing of the animals (pets) is a tradition dating back more than 200 years in the Catholic and Anglican churches. The custom is carried out in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all of God's creatures and the environment. We observe October 4th as the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The significance of the blessing of the animals is that it reminds us of our role as Christians to be good stewards of all of creation. **Bring your pet(s) on Sunday, October 7, for a special blessing from Pastor Soon Sun and a tasty treat. We will gather in the Memorial Garden.**

UNICEF

We will be kicking off our annual UNICEF drive Sunday, October 7, with a 'Trick or Treat' box distribution. Our goal of raising \$400 to contribute to UNICEF's purpose of reducing child mortality all over the world by working to reach the most vulnerable children, everywhere, is a noble one. UNICEF works in 190 countries and territories to save children's lives, to defend their rights, and to help them fulfill their potential, from early childhood through adolescence. Throughout the month of October, you are asked to drop your extra change into your container every day. The boxes will be collected the last week of October and the first week of November. See Lisa Knight for your carton pick up and drop off.

FOCW MEETING - October 22

All ladies of the Federated Church-Please join us Monday, October 22 for our FOCW meeting at 7pm. In support of the 180 Celebration, we will conduct our business meeting, work on some very simple table favors, and share refreshments. If you have an idea for a craft for the bazaar, please bring it. We hope to see you there.

SUPER SENIORS LUNCHEON - October 24

The Super Seniors have been invited by Rose and Raj Bhatt to have lunch at their home in Mundelein at noon on October 24. We will be ordering Chinese food from the lunch menu from

Hong Kong Chop Suey. If you are a senior and enjoy trying new restaurants as well as the Fellowship of other seniors in our Church family, sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex or talk to Lou Ann.

FOCW CRAFT NIGHT – Nov. 9

Please join us Monday, November 9th at 7pm for craft night. We will be creating fun and fabulous items to be sold at the annual church bazaar December 1. Our regularly scheduled meeting will be November 26 at 7pm when we will conduct a brief business meeting then set up for the bazaar. See you there!



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR- Saturday, December 1

It's time to "save the date" for our annual Christmas Bazaar and start thinking about how you can help. Here are some suggestions: volunteer to help that day, bake for our Cookie Walk and Baked goods section, make crafts, go through your accessories that are gathering dust and donate them to our Glamorama Boutique, watch for treasures you can donate to Grandma's Attic. Contact Candee Nustra with any questions.



Love INC - Thank You letter

From: Penny Roman

Date: September 18, 2018

To: Crystal Calhoun

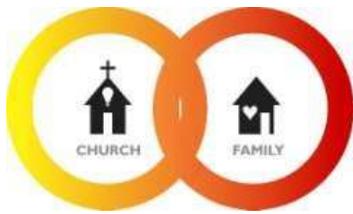
Thank you so much to our friends at Federated Church of Wauconda! Your thoughtfulness and generosity of donating dishes and glasses to our organization has left us overwhelmed with gratitude.

One of the ways we love in the name of Christ is with our Welcome Home Kit. This kit contains dishes, pots and pans and other "good enough to gift" household items that we will deliver to neighbors in southwest Lake County. Your dishes are such a beautiful addition and symbolize the dignity of having basic household items. Thank you for your incredible partnership; because of you, we are able to continue seeing communities transformed, one person's story at a time.

Penny Roman, Marketing & Events Director

Love INC Lake County Southwest

Mobilizing local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.



Children & Family Ministry

"He who pursues righteousness and loyalty finds life..." **Proverbs 21:21, NASB)**

Have you ever noticed that righteousness and loyalty go together? In other words, if we're not being loyal to our family, friends, job, then we aren't going to experience God's best. Loyal people are honorable people. When you're loyal, you stick with someone through thick and thin. When you're loyal, you keep your word to people even if you get a better offer.

Loyal people are respectful of their country and leaders. Loyal people honor their parents and defend their family. When you're loyal, you are a person of integrity. You build trust with others. Is this an area where you can rise higher? Are you faithful in the things you're committed to? Can you be more loyal? Don't let the distractions of everyday life keep you from being dedicated. Look for ways to show honor to those around you. Is there something you need to set aside for the sake of a loved one? Show love by staying loyal. As scripture promises, when you pursue loyalty and righteousness, you will find the abundant life God has planned for you!

Heavenly Father, thank You for the promise of life in Your Word. Show me any area where I can rise up higher by pursuing loyalty. Help me, by Your Spirit, to be more faithful and supportive to those around me. Let Your light shine through me as I pursue righteousness and loyalty today in Jesus' name. Amen

Pastor Crystal Calhoun-Johnson

Dear Church,

As Miles Monroe says in his book, “Understanding the Purpose And Power Of Prayer”, this is what a person of prayer knows:

- Knows that prayer is a sacred trust from God.
- Understands his or her purpose in life as God’s priest and intercessor for the world. - Has a relationship of trust with the heavenly Father and desires the world to experience the power of His presence and life.
- Knows that the will of God will flow forth from heaven to earth ONLY through his prayers and the prayers of all God’s people.

We are being blessed by God in prayer ministry. God has given us more people and now we have more opportunities to gather. We can now meet at 10am on Thursday mornings, as well as continue to meet at 123 Prayer Nights at 7pm. We’ve also begun to meet at 9am on Sundays before the service to pray over and bless the congregation and those who will attend. We would love to have more people on fire for the Lord and this church body to attend. Also, contact me to participate in the prayer walks.

I can help you with prayer. It can easily become a vital part of your life with the Lord and unify the church. Let us pray, God’s kingdom come, His will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. And our church will be blessed.

In His Love, Cathy Mate, Minister of Prayer



It’s that time of year again, School is back in session. During the school year, kids will be in school for at least 30 hours a week. Our administrators, teachers, and students need our prayers throughout the year. Below are suggestions of ways to pray for students, teachers, and administrators each day of the week:

Sunday: Pray teachers and administrators see their role as a divine appointment in the lives of students and to particularly see themselves as positive influence in the lives of students. Pray students’ parents understand

the importance of church involvement and spiritual leadership in their families’ lives.

Monday: Pray for bus drivers who have a very important task, transporting children. Pray students arrive safe to and from school.

Tuesday: Pray teachers and administrators see their role in forming the character of students. Pray students have a clear mind and desire for learning.

Wednesday: Pray for our children, they may become the light to others, and help them show love, care, and respect to their friends and teachers.

Thursday: Pray for teachers to have the wisdom in dealing with parents, students and coworkers.

Friday: Pray students build trust with teachers. Pray students make wise choices.

Saturday: Pray for the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of all students and teachers. Pray for balance in their life.

Join me in praying for students and teachers this school year. I encourage you to pray individually, as a family, and with others. Throughout the year, give praise and thankfulness to God as you see Him answer your prayers.



Sunday School Teachers Still Needed

Federated Church of Wauconda Youth Ministry is currently in need of some awesome volunteers. We need your help in the following areas of youth ministry from January 2019-May 2019.

- Sunday School Teacher (serve once a month)
- Confirmation teachers (As needed)
- Individuals with music, dance or drama experience (assist with 5th Sundays, Easter, or Christmas Programs.
- Friday Night Chaperones (Inside our Church/8th -12th graders only)

If you are interested in volunteering, please do the following:

Step One- Pray about it

Step Two- Contact Pastor Crystal by email/call

Step Three- Prepare to be blessed by some awesome children

YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Fred Berchtold, Bernice Block, Florence Burton, Paul Deinlein, Pun Fehlman Donna Gallmeyer-Dixon, Howard Ficht, Arthur Harcourt, Mickie Kisselburg, Scott Matthews, Laura Peroutka, Dolores Prusinski, Martha Stanger, Mike Striker, Ruby Thacker, Dorothy Wheelock, Lisa Wineski, Brian Zinkel



Federated Church of Wauconda

Committed to God through Christ to enrich the world through worship, mission, witness, and service.

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Remember that all monetary gifts to the church are tax-deductible. Just make sure we know your name and address, and attach your name to your contribution each time! Thank you for donation.

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

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☺ Become a greeter at Federated and make a difference! Anyone interested in sharing a smile, a hug, a handshake or just making someone feel welcome, contact Mary Taylor or Dave Fehlman..

☺ Please remember to notify the church office if you have a change of address, 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

