

**We Welcome you to
THE FEDERATED CHURCH OF WAUCONDA**

Wauconda, Illinois

A community church affiliated with the
United Methodist Church and the American Baptist Churches.

February 24th, 2019
Cultural Day

180 Years of Worship and Service



As we celebrate International Cultural Day, God's word is very clear in telling us that all men are created equal and every single person can be a child of God, receiving the full inheritance of heaven. We can look toward the Bible to learn how to love and serve everyone no matter what their age, color, or ethnicity, gender or nationality. Let us teach Bible verses to our children and future generations so that the love of God for all human equality can be respected and treasured!

Acts 10:34-35 "Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right."

The Federated Church of Wauconda

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Gathering God's People

Words of Welcome

Announcements

(Please sign the attendance sheets)

Choir Introit

"Gather Us In"

Marty Haugen

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Opening Prayer

Words of Affirmation

Psalm 139:1-8, 13-16

**Call to Worship*

L: We come with our own life histories, our ethnic and linguistic histories, our spiritual and religious histories.

P: We come with a hunger for right relationships among us.

L: People of God come, let us worship together in the name in which we are all made one.

P: Amen.

**Opening Hymns "Jesus Loves Me" In different languages* No. 191

1. English, 2. Korean (Solo), 3. Spanish, 4. German

2. Korean : 예수 사랑하심은 yeh-soo sah-rahng-hah-sheem-eun

거룩하신 말일세 guh-rook-ha-shin mal-eel-seh

우리들은약하나 oo-ree-deul-eun yahk-ha-nah

예수 권세 많도다 yeh-soo gwuhn-seh mahn-do-dah

날 사랑하심 nahl-sah-rahng-hah-sheem (3 times)

성경에 써있네 suhng-gyung-eh ssuh-eet-neh

Children's Message

**The Lord's Prayer*

No. 895

**Passing of the Peace*

Choir Anthem

"I Know You're There"

C. Fowler

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Prayer Hymn*

"Come and Fill Our Heart"

No. 2157

(English and Latin)

The Taizé Community is a community ecumenical based in Taize in France. Founded in 1940 by Brother Roger, it brings together a hundred brothers from around the world and have chosen to live together a life of prayer and celibacy in simplicity. The unity of Christian denominations and care for young adults are among the commitments of the Community since its inception. The Taizé Community was founded in Taizé in 1940 by Brother Roger Schutz, with the goal of "building a life together in which the gospel of reconciliation would be a concretely lived reality".

First Scripture Readings Psalm 100:1-3 and 1 Corinthians 6:20
Hymn “**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**” No. 2026

The Caribbean Hallelujah is sung around the world, a lively reflection of Caribbean musical culture. In traditional Caribbean singing, the song as we have it in the Faith We Sing is only the chorus.

Prayer of Preparation

**Second Scripture Reading* Matthew 10:29–31 in English and Korean
Sermon Pastor Soon Sun

“You Are God’s Masterpiece, Unique and Special!”

Offering

**Offering Prayer (together)*

God of all gifts, bless the gifts we present to you now. And may our hymns of praise inspire us to join with our siblings around the world to continue your work. Amen.

Closing Hymn* “Amen, siakudumisa!**” No. 2067
(Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God)

“Masithi: Amen” is one of the most widely published worship songs from South Africa, written originally as a Great Amen for the close of the Eucharistic prayer. Stephen Molefe, a Catholic choir director of Sotho descent, composed it and presented it at the first composition workshop in South Africa organized by Dave Dargie, in 1977. Try it with the “Masithi” words sung by a song leader, with the people responding accordingly. Dancing is not only encouraged but expected. Sing it many times around, not just once.

**Benediction*

**Postlude*

Cathy Mate, our Minister of Prayer is available for prayers after service.

WORSHIP GUIDE FOR THE WEEK

This guide is prepared for you with the scriptures used in today's service. We encourage you to read through them as the week progresses as part of your personal devotions.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Psalm 139:1-8, 13-16

Lord, you have examined me. You know me. You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even from far away, you comprehend my plans. You study my traveling and resting. You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways. There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord, that you don't already know completely. You surround me—front and back. You put your hand on me. That kind of knowledge is too much for me; it's so high above me that I can't reach it. Where could I go to get away from your spirit? Where could I go to escape your presence? If I went up to heaven, you would be there. If I went down to the grave, you would be there too! You are the one who created my innermost parts; you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb. I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart. Your works are wonderful—I know that very well. My bones weren't hidden from you when I was being put together in a secret place, when I was being woven together in the deep parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my embryo, and on your scroll every day was written that was being formed for me, before any one of them had yet happened.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 100:1-3

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with celebration! Come before him with shouts of joy! Know that the Lord is God—he made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture.

1 Corinthians 6:20

You have been bought and paid for, so honor God with your body.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:29–31

Aren't two sparrows sold for a small coin? But not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father knowing about it already. Even the hairs of your head are all counted. Don't be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL DAY – Today!

Come join us for an International Cultural Day today from 9:30am until 2:00pm. It is a day of praise, worship, prayer, fellowship, food, music, games and fun. Bring a traditional dish to share. Everyone is welcome to attend. Invite your family, friends and neighbors.

WAUCONDA CARE COMMUNION SERVICE – Feb. 27

A Wauconda Care Communion Service with 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 bulletins, songbooks and greet the residents. Join us as we bring communion and songs to the people at Wauconda Care. We will meet next on February 27 at 3:00pm.

MEETINGS IN MARCH

Mar. 3 – 10:45am Outreach Meeting
Mar. 10 – 10:45am Education Meeting
Mar. 13 – 6:30pm Worship Meeting
Mar. 13 – 7:00pm Trustees Meeting
Mar. 20 – 7:00pm Federated Board Meeting
Mar. 25 – 7:00pm FOCW Meeting

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – Mar. 3

The first Sunday of every month beginning is *Food Pantry Sunday*. We will be collecting non-perishable items for the Wauconda Food Pantry. Please place your items in the basket by the entry doors.

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP DINNER AND SERVICE – Mar. 6

We will observe the first day of Lent with a soup dinner at 6:00pm followed by our Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm. This service includes scripture, prayer, reflection, silence, confession, and the

imposition of ashes on one's forehead in the sign of the cross. Bring your family and friends to join us as we embark on the journey we call Lent.

40 DAYS OF LENTEN EARLY PRAYER – Mar. 7 through Apr. 20

We will have 40 days of Lenten early prayer services every morning at 8:00am at the church starting Mar. 7 through Apr. 20, *except Sunday mornings*. There will be 20 minutes of singing hymns, prayers, scripture readings, and reflecting the words of God.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP GATHERING – Mar. 28 & Apr. 11

Our goals are to provide friendship as a means of support, care, prayer, and understanding to the single or widowed older women in the church. On Mar. 28 we will meet at J&D's at 12:00pm for lunch and then at Annie Petersen's house at 1:00pm. On Apr. 11 we will meet at J&D's at 12:00pm and then at Judy Culberg's house at 1:00. Those who are single, or widowed are invited to attend.

CHURCH LEADERS VISION RETREAT – Mar. 31

We as leaders will have a Vision Retreat in March. There will be serious discussions for our yearly plans, visions and dreams for our church. The tentative date is *March 31 from 11:30am-5:00pm*.

BLESSING BASKETS

The Outreach Committee is joining forces with Love, INC to provide "Blessing Baskets" for families in need. We will provide baskets for you to choose from, each one having a label on it. One will be entitled, "Spring Clean", where you could provide sponges, cleaning supplies, dish clothes, etc. Another will be titled, "Boo-Boo Bundles where first aid type items can be added. "Easter Joy" can contain coloring books, crayons, sweet treats, and "Unique You" can be your own design. The baskets are on a table in the refreshment area. *Love INC will be picking up the baskets on Mar. 12 so please make sure to have your baskets back by Sun. Mar. 10.*

CHURCH PHONE DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are going to print a new church phone directory next week. Please let the office know if you have any changes to your information.

CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Fred Berchtold, Raj Bhatt, Bernice Block, Larry & Elsie Bock, Leonor Braund, Florence Burton, Paul Deinlein, Donna Gallmeyer-Dixon, Mickie Kisselburg, Sung Lim Lee, Cody Lucius, Scott Matthews, Billy Meyer, Jason Miele-grandson of Lilah Stangeland, Laura Peroutka, Annie Petersen, Larisa Peterson, Patricia Peterson-Showalter, Brian Swanson, Will Tremont, Dorothy Wheelock, Lisa Wineski, Brian Zinkel

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship service – 9:30am; Sunday School (Sept. – May) – 9:45am;
Fellowship – 10:30am

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR – FEB. 24 – MAR. 3		
TODAY: Feb. 24	9:30am – 2:00pm	International Cultural Day
MON: Feb. 25	8:00 am	Breakfast at Wauconda Café
	9:00 am	Senior Exercise
	7:00 pm	FOCW Meeting
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
TUES: Feb. 26	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
WED: Feb. 27		Beacon Gets Mailed
	3:00 pm	Wauconda Care Service
	6:00 pm	T.O.P.S.
	7:00 pm	Operations Board Meeting
THURS: Feb. 28	10:00 am	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	8:00 pm	Alanon Meeting
FRI: Mar. 1		
SAT: Mar. 2		
SUN: Mar. 3		Communion at the Rail
		Food Pantry Sunday

	10:45 am	Outreach Meeting
	11:30 am – 2:00 pm	Youth High Tea Gathering

LAY MINISTRIES: Next Sunday – Mar. 3

Worship Assistant..... Cheryl Ficht

Ushers..... Jim & Joyce Hill, John Mate

Acolytes..... Cody Lucius, Hero Lucius