

**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 23, 2020**

**Church Leaders Dedication Sunday**

Our Mission Statement: **Sharing God's Love through Jesus Christ."**



**CHURCH STAFF**

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Soon Sun Lee

**Youth Pastor:** Rev. Crystal Calhoun-Johnson

**Secretary:** Peggy Martin

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8am-12pm

**Pastor Soon Sun's Office Hours:** Tues – Thurs, 10am-5pm

**Pastor Crystal's Office Hours:** Tues 9a-5p & Thurs 9a-3:30p

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*First Lesson* Hebrews 13:17  
*Prayer of Preparation*  
*\*Second Lesson* Exodus 17:1-7  
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon* “Church Leaders Need Prayers” Pastor Soon Sun  
*An Order of the Dedication of Church Leaders* See insert  
*\*Closing Hymn* “Here I am Lord” No. 593 (v.1-2)

*\*Benediction*  
*\*Postlude*

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*\* Please stand if you are able*

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**Today’s Worship Participants:**

Acolytes: Hunter Lucius, Madison Lucius

Accompanist: Ron Bedal

Ushers: Bonnie DeBoer, Dave Fehlman, Heidi Leo, Mindy Taylor

Worship Assistant: Mary Steffen

Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship following this worship service in the refreshment area.

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

There will be a sermon manuscript (5 copies) available for those who wish to read before the sermon or give it to someone.

## **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.

### **FIRST READINGS**

#### **Hebrews 13:17**

<sup>17</sup> Rely on your leaders and defer to them, because they watch over your whole being as people who are going to be held responsible for you. They need to be able to do this with pleasure and not with complaints about you, because that wouldn't help you.

### **GOSPEL READING**

#### **Exodus 17:1-7**

<sup>17</sup> The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the Lord commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people argued with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the Lord?" <sup>3</sup> But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel's elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd's rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. <sup>6</sup> I'll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink." Moses did so while Israel's elders watched. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites argued with and tested the Lord, asking, "Is the Lord really with us or not?"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are in loving memory of Amy Lucius Foley from the Lucius Family.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Val Whitman, Dean Martin, Will Tremont, Lynn Prior, Pastor Fred, Wicker Family, Florence Burton, Olga Lincoln, Kristin Garlock, Joe's grandson Teddy, Donald Wright, Laura P's friend Sandy, Colleen Dioso, Dave Hexby, Ron Zinkel, Mary Steffen's sister Diane, Brian Zinkel, Aiden Lucius, Teddy Sta.Rosa, Geri Meyer, Angie Humphrey, Bob Reardon, Lilah Mae Stangeland, Larry Bock, Leonor Braund, Mickie Kisselburg, Scott Matthews, Billy Meyer, Brian Swanson

### FOCW INVITES YOU FOR PACZKIS MONDAY NIGHT!

Men and Women! Everyone is welcome! FOCW is hosting a Pre-Fat Tuesday Event – It is our mission to help fill the pews for Easter worship. We'll be sending "Thinking of You" cards with a schedule of Holy Week events to those we haven't seen in church recently. **Everyone** gets a paczki Monday! Men will have their own specially decorated table and we plan to show a video from the "church archives". We look forward to seeing you tomorrow (Feb. 24) at 7:00pm!

### PADS – MARCH 14/15

We are once again going to help PADS (**P**roviding **A**dvocacy, **D**ignity, and **S**helter) to feed and shelter up to 40 homeless men at Messiah Lutheran from Saturday evening through Sunday morning, March 14/15. We provide dinner, breakfast and a sack lunch for the guests. Help is needed between the hours of 5pm and 8am. We need shift volunteers, food teams, clean up and set up. Set up on Saturday from 5pm-6pm is a wonderful opportunity for all including teens. If you can help, please fill out the form in the Narthex or contact the church at 847-526-8471. Tom Martin will be in contact with you soon.

### PLAN FOR LENT

Look ahead in spiritual anticipation to this special season of the Christian year which begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 26** with a Soup and bread Supper at **6:00pm** followed by the service at **7:00pm**. It includes scripture, prayer, silence, confession, and the imposition of ashes on one's forehead in the sign of the cross. This time of reflection acknowledges our human weaknesses and sin, while turning toward God for mercy and renewal. Please invite your friends to the church for this service! There will be "**Ashes to Go**" in the church parking lot at 8 am.

During the Lenten Season, we will be learning "Who is Jesus?" through "I am..." statements from *Jesus himself*. Stay tuned!

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – NEW SESSIONS!

There will be *three* Bible Study classes during Lenten season on Tuesday mornings at 10 am, Tuesday nights at 6 pm, (March 3 until April 7), and Sunday at 11 am (March 1 through April 5).

The Book we are studying during the Lent, "**Give Up Something Bad for Lent**" written by **James Moore** .

During Lent each year, Christians give up something as an act of sacrifice and spiritual discipline. Often it is something like chocolate, knowing that after Easter Sunday they can once again enjoy what they have given up. **James Moore** challenges readers to take it further—to give up something spiritually that they would be better off not doing. He invites all to seek God's help to focus on eliminating one habit or attitude that is destructive. Imagine giving up envy, jealousy, self-pity, apathy, procrastination, gossip, resentment, or negative thinking, how much better life would be. For the forty days of Lent we use this study and prepare to give up something bad while preparing to fully embrace the "Good News" of Easter. Study includes seven sessions, one for each week (Tuesday or Sunday) in Lent and Easter Sunday (on your own). Each session features a Scripture reference, a personal reading, questions for personal reflection or group study, and closing prayer.

For those who wish to buy this book, you can go to the office to get it. \$ 10 for each book."

### LENTEN EVENT PLANNER

Feb. 26 Ash Wednesday - Supper at 6:00 pm, Service at 7:00 pm  
Bible Study – Sundays at 11:00 and Tuesdays at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm  
Daily Lenten Prayer – Monday thru Saturday at 8:00am  
April 5 Palm Sunday Worship with Processional at 9:30  
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30  
April 9 Maundy Thursday – Seder Dinner at 6:30 pm  
April 10 Good Friday Tennebrae Service at 7:00 pm  
April 12 **Easter Sunday** Sunrise Service - 7:30 am  
Breakfast - 8:00 am  
Worship Service - 9:30 am

### BREAKFAST WITH FRIENDS

Start your week off right with a time of fellowship with friends from the church. We meet every week on Monday at 8:30am. Restaurants vary, so please check with Pastor Soon Sun. Join us for coffee, breakfast or just good conversation.

### PRAYER MEETINGS

We have two prayer meeting times – Thursday mornings at 10:30am and Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. Our meetings are a time to gather with other believers to lift our needs and our praises to God.

### PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Thank you to our congregation for your continuing support of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. It is a precious gift to be able to offer help to those in need. Please help if you can.

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR – Feb. 23-March 1		
TODAY: Feb. 23		Leadership Dedication Sunday
	11:30 am	Leadership Lunch and Visioning Retreat
MON: Feb. 24	8:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
	9:00 am	Senior Exercise
	7:00 pm	FOCW – Everyone Invited!
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
TUE: Feb. 25	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Bible Study
WED: Feb. 26		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
		Beacon Gets Mailed
	8am-Noon	Ashes-to-Go
	3:00 pm	Wauconda Care Service
	6:00 pm	Soup & Bread Supper
	7:00 pm	Worship Service
THURS: Feb. 27	8:00 am	Lenten Prayer Time
	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon
FRI: Feb. 28	8:00 am	Lenten Prayer Time
SAT: Feb. 29	8:00 am	Lenten Prayer Time
SUN: March 1		Food Pantry Sunday
		Communion at the Rail
	11:00 am	Outreach Meeting
	11:00 am	Lenten Bible Study

**LAY MINISTRIES:** Next Sunday – March 1, 2020

Worship Assistant.....Pastor Crystal  
 Ushers.....Dave Fehlman, Ann Petersen, Tony Rake, Ruby Thacker  
 Acolytes.....Isabella Dewar, Gabriella Stephens

## **An Order for the Dedication of Church Leaders in the Church**

Dear friends, you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world. Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

**I will.**

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

**I will.**

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

**I will.**

**Let us pray.**

**Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace in give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration that they may enter into his joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The pastor addresses the congregation.*

**Dear friends, rejoice that God provides workers for vineyards.  
Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the  
responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your  
cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?**

*The congregation responds:*

**We will.**

### **Church Leaders for 2020**

Senior Pastor.....	Soon Sun Lee
Youth Pastor.....	Crystal Calhoun-Johnson
Federated Board President.....	TBD
Federated Board V.P./Outreach Chair.....	Cindy Schofield
Church Clerk.....	Nancy Swanson
Historian.....	Sylvia Chen
FOCW President/NICUMC Rep.....	Lisa Knight
ABCMC Rep.....	Rose Bhatt
Church School Superintendent.....	Michelle Stephens
Decorating Chair.....	Ann Petersen
Education Chair.....	Val Lucius
Endowment Chair.....	Linda Vrabec
Finance Chair.....	James Carr
Fellowship Chair.....	Tabitha Lucius
Memorial Chair.....	Cheryl Ficht
Staff/Parish Chair.....	Melissa Pearson
Trustees Chair.....	Sue Seaman
Worship Chair.....	Louise Bundy
Communications (Beacon).....	Mary Steffen
Member at Large.....	Lou Ann Kozderka