

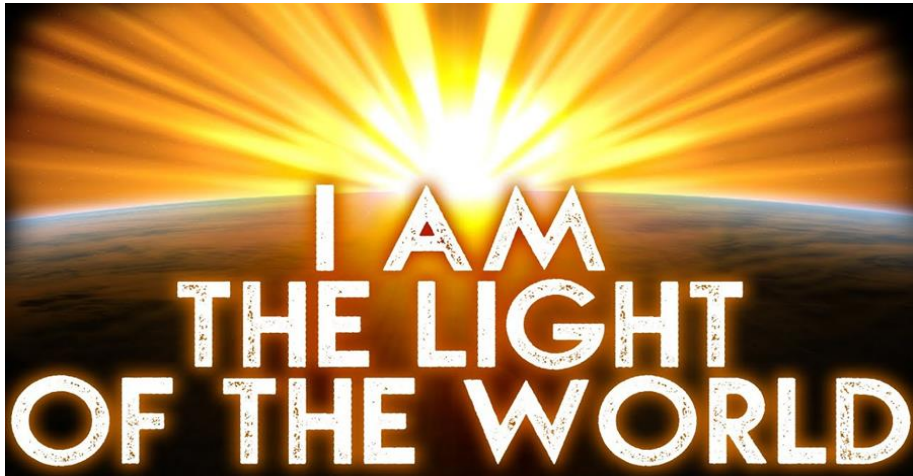
**We welcome you to
THE FEDERATED CHURCH OF WAUCONDA**

Wauconda, Illinois

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

**March 8, 2020
2nd Sunday in Lent
Sermon Series on “I am” Statements**

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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Gathering God's People

Words of Welcome

Announcements (Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of the pew. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card and pass it to the end of the pew during the opening hymn.)

Opening Prayer

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

****Call to Worship***

Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

People: Why should we be afraid?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

People: What have we to fear?

Leader: Let us shout with joy to God!

People: Let us sing and make music before our God. Amen.

****Opening Hymn***

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

No. 2173

Children's Sermon

Pastor Soon Sun

****The Lord's Prayer***

****Passing the Peace***

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Hymn

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

No. 349

Invitation to Giving Offerings and Tithes

Receiving the Offering

****Doxology***

No. 95

****Prayer of Dedication*** (in unison)

Loving God, thank you for your light out of darkness and hope out of despair. Help us to be a loving and giving people so that we are ready to share our time, our energy, and our spirit with others. Please accept these gifts as our act of generosity to the church. Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2

Prayer of Preparation

****The Gospel Lesson***

John 8:12-20, John 9:1-5

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon *"I am the Light of the World"* Pastor Soon Sun

***Closing Hymn** *"I Want to Walk as a Child of Light"* No. 206
(vs 1-2)

***Benedictions**

***Postlude**

** Please stand if you are able*

Today's Worship Participants:

Accompanist: Ron Bedal

Greeters for March: Jim & Michelle Riechers

Ushers: Raj & Rose Bhatt, Tom Martin

Worship Assistant: Nancy Swanson

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 READING

Isaiah 9:2

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 8:12-20, John 9:1-5

¹² Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won't walk in darkness but will have the light of life."¹³ Then the Pharisees said to him, "Because you are testifying about yourself, your testimony isn't valid."¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Even if I testify about myself, my testimony is true, since I know where I came from and where I'm going. You don't know where I come from or where I'm going."¹⁵ You judge according to human standards, but I judge no one.¹⁶ Even if I do judge, my judgment is truthful, because I'm not alone. My judgments come from me and from the Father who sent me.¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the witness of two people is true.¹⁸ I am one witness concerning myself, and the Father who sent me is the other."¹⁹ They asked him, "Where is your Father?"

Jesus answered, "You don't know me and you don't know my Father. If you knew me, you would also know my Father."²⁰ He spoke these words while he was teaching in the temple area known as the treasury. No one arrested him, because his time hadn't yet come.

⁹ As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth.² Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?"³ Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him."⁴ While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work.⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of Pastor Soon Sun and Sung Lee's wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary to you both!

CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Florence Burton, Jon Nustra, Val Whitman, Kristin Garlock, Heidi Leo, Will Tremont, Lynn Prior, Pastor Fred, Olga Lincoln, Joe's friend Dan and 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
Prayers of sympathy to the Lucius Family on the passing of Nancy's brother Albert Otto on March 2.

LENTEN EVENT PLANNER

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

Feb. 27 thru April 11

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 11 Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Please sign up to pray for 30 minutes for the world and this nation; especially for the doctors and scientists to find successful treatment for the Corona Virus.

April 12 **Easter Sunday** Sunrise Service - 7:30 am

Breakfast - 8:00 am

Worship Service - 9:30 am

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GATHERING – MARCH 12

The Women's Support Gathering will be meeting for lunch at noon at Apple Villa in Hoffman Estates on Thursday, March 12. The fellowship will continue afterward at Mary Steffen's house.

PADS – MARCH 14/15

Thank you to everyone who has signed up 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. There are still a few grocery items needed. If you can help, please fill out the form in the Narthex or contact the church at 847-526-8471.

SECRETARY OUT OF OFFICE MARCH 9

Peggy will be out of the office tomorrow, Monday March 9.

UMCOR SUNDAY – MARCH 22

We will have a special offering on **March 22** to support UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). UMCOR aids in domestic and international disaster relief and recovery. Please help if you can.

American Baptist International Ministries is has responded with a \$12,250 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) emergency Coronavirus relief grant to Amity Foundation, a Christian-initiated NGO (Non Government Organization)and ABC International Ministries partner in China.

SUPER SENIORS – MARCH 25

The next Super Senior Lunch will be Wednesday March 25 at Lovin Oven in Antioch. We will meet there at 11:30. Please sign up if you'd like to join us. There are menus by the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Also - "Save the Date" for the next gathering on April 15 at Rose & Raj's!

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.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

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 (Today, March 1 through April 5).

"Give Up Something Bad for Lent" written by James Moore .

Sunday and Tuesday 10:00 am sessions.

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.

"Final Words From the Cross" written by Adam Hamilton.

Tuesday 6:00 pm session

We will be studying this book on Tuesday night at 6 pm during Lent season. In Jesus' life and in death, Jesus spoke about his final words which were powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven "final words"—statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves: Father Forgive Them, Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise, Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother, My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?, I Thirst, It Is Finished . . . Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit.

Join us to study what truly were the final words Jesus spoke while walking this earth and feel his pain and come closer to Jesus during the Lenten season.

MARCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Education – TODAY – 10:45 am

Trustees – March 11 – 7:00 pm

Finance/Endowment – March 12 – 7:00 pm

Fundraising – March 15 – 11:00 am

Federated Board – March 18 – 7:00 pm

FOCW – March 23 – 7:00 pm

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR – March 8-15		
TODAY: March 8		Girl Scout Sunday
	10:45 am	Education Meeting
	11:00 am	Bible Study
MON thru SAT	8:00 am	**Lenten Prayer Service**
MON: March 9		Secretary's Office Closed
	8:30 am	Breakfast with Friends
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
TUE: March 10	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:30 am	WILMA Meeting
	6:00 pm	Bible Study
WED: March 11	6:00 pm	TOPS
	7:00 pm	Trustees
THURS: March 12	12:00 pm	Women's Support Gathering
	7:00 pm	Finance/Endowment Meeting
	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	8:00 pm	Al Anon
FRI: March 13		
SAT: March 14	5:00 pm	PADS at Messiah Lutheran
SUN: March 15	8:00 am	PADS Ends
	11:00 am	Fundraising Meeting
	11:00 am	Bible Study

LAY MINISTRIES: Next Sunday – March 15, 2020

Worship Assistant.....Linda Vrabec

Ushers.....Jutta Culbertson, Laurel DeBoer, Dave Fehlman,

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Acolytes.....Hunter Lucius, Madison Lucius