



WHITE CREEK CHURCH

Independent Congregational

2948 14TH Lane Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin 53965

Village of White Creek, Rural Adams County

whitecreekchurch.org

December 10, 2023

Morning Service
Welcome to Worship

Meet and Greet

Announcements

Hymn 88 "Joy To The World"

Devotional - ADVENT - JOY

Prayer

Hymn 23 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Offering

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Testimonies/Prayer Requests

Message

The Lord's Supper

Song 7 "Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart"

Prayer

CALENDAR

Sundays: Adult Sunday School - 9:15 A.M.
Morning Service - 10:30 A.M.

Tuesdays: Women's Bible Study - **10:00 A.M.**
Senior Housing Clubhouse, Adams

Thursdays: Men's Bible Study @ Church -5:30 P.M.

December 17th - FELLOWSHIP DINNER

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service - 5 P.M.

ADVENT

We want to thank Nancy Burdick-Seelenbinder for volunteering to lead us in observing this Advent season.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The ladies meet on Tuesday a 10 A.M. at the Senior Housing Clubhouse behind the Library/Community Center in Adams. They are studying the Book of Acts. All ladies are invited.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday from 5:30 to about 7:00 P.M. the men meet for Bible Study. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew. All men are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Two ways you may send church-wide Christmas Cards this year:

1. Address 1 card to all members, and post it on the bulletin board in the Sunday School room.

2. Address and deliver or mail cards to each family. A list of attending families is available from Beverly.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

Someone special has arranged to provide a Turkey for Christmas for every family in our Church. They will be available next week at the conclusion of the worship service. A list of recipients has been composed and is on the piano. If you wish to be excluded from this list, for any reason, please indicate your desire by crossing your name off the list on the piano, today. Please pick up your turkey BEFORE fellowship dinner.

CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS 2024

Pastor: Sam Downey
Clerk: Pam Morse
Treasurer: Meryl Lanphear
Deacons: Martin Sytsma
 Stuart Burdick **Moderator**
Trustees: Larry Smith
 Skip Collins
 David Seelenbinder
Missions Director:
 Beverly Downey
Other Officers :
 Custodian - Meryl Lanphear
 Sunshine Person - Anna Sytsma

If there is anything that needs consideration by the Church Board, please notify a Board member.

THE PUZZLE PLACE

D L F F D L E G N A B L A E G
 L I N N O J V S J E Y F B L S
 L N A M O Z M O H W G O E I L
 I Y E S G T Y O R C O R F X L
 F H H L G Y L O A U T L P Y L
 T T D S C D Z T N F N N E G A
 R F T F E A R W D U U T O R H
 C H D J O G N I R B O X P E S
 E T I D I N G S P H M Y L A R
 H C I H W K U M O K Y Y E T Q

And the angel said unto them, **F** _____
N _____ **F** _____ **B** _____ **I** _____
B _____ **Y** _____ **G** _____ **T** _____
O _____ **G** _____ **J** _____ **W** _____
S _____ **B** _____ **T** _____ **A** _____ **P** _____

REFERENCE:

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pat Townsend 2	Martin and Anna Sytsma 12
Chelle Sytsma 3	Travis & Michelle Clausen 14
Herb Babcock 15	
Ava Clausen 16	Matt & Kathy Anderson 18
Michael Smith 20	Sam & Beverly Downey 23
Gary Bacon 30	
Remi Clausen 31	

Please let us know about additions or corrections.

NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE

If we have a service on Sunday evening, New Years Eve, will you attend? 6 p.m. to ????

What would meet your need? Let us know, today.

CONSIDER THIS

The message this week concerns the joy that was announced in conjunction with the Savior's birth, more than two thousand years ago. Almost 250 years ago, another, similar, announcement was made by the emissaries of a new Nation, who announced a revolutionary idea that the Divine Creator had endowed upon human beings the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, which could never be abridged. Of course the proclamation of these divine rights was, in itself, a confession of the fact that over time, these rights had been abolished to the detriment of the downtrodden and the benefit of the privileged.

A comparison of these two announcements will invariably lead us to conclude that joy, or happiness are, indeed, fleeting instants in the lives of human beings which are entitled to both, by authoritative announcement! The average human will conclude that having one or the other-joy or happiness -is one and the same, and that they may be produced by the same means. However, a close examination to the two will convince us that they are not identical, nor are they granted or received in the same way. We will find that happiness is most generally generated by circumstance and happenstance, while joy is immune to the conditions of life in general. A happy state fluctuates with the variances of life, and succumbs to the pressures of human existence. The elusiveness of happiness is exacerbated by the pressures and anxieties connected with living and pursuing those "things" that make for a happy life. Happiness comes and goes, and often becomes more and more difficult to recognize or describe.

On the other hand, true joy is a constant in the life of one who has it. It is constant because it is based on a relationship rather than possessions or circumstances. The announcement of joy at the coming of Christ Jesus was based on the relationship which God was establishing with believers through His Son, who would be the Savior of the world. When Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden, he set the course for his descendants to a joyless existence, separated by sin from the Holy God. The history of mankind is replete with every imaginable effort to reclaim that joy- or happiness -without reestablishing that broken relationship with the Father. Man can pursue happiness in every nook and cranny of the Universe, but he will never find it until he finds it in the God Who made him, and gives him abiding joy. You can have this joy today, in Jesus.

Pastor Sam

PRAYER LIST

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.." [Romans 8:26](#)

Susan Burdick Sonny and Patrick
Kathy