



WHITE CREEK CHURCH

Independent Congregational
2948 14TH Lane Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin 53965
Village of White Creek, Rural Adams County
Find us at: whitecreekchurch.org

December 22, 2024

Welcome to Worship

NOTE: We will begin the service at 10:30. Meet and greet will be at 10:20 and after the service. Thank you.

Announcements

Hymn #92 "Angels From The Realms of Glory"

Devotion

Hymn #81 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Offering

Doxology - Inside front cover of hymnbook

Special Music

Testimonies/Prayer Requests

Memory Verses

Message

Hymn #88 "Joy To The World"

Prayer

CALENDAR

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

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

Thursdays: Men's Bible Study @ Church - 5:30 PM
Dec 22nd - Turkey Distribution Day @ White Creek - NOON
Each attending family will get 1 turkey

Tuesday, Dec 24th - Christmas Eve Service - 6:00 P.M.
Feb 22, 2025 - Ladies One Heart Seminar - Save the date!

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study will be in session again this Tuesday at 10 AM. Please make plans to join the ladies when they resume the Bible Study.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday from 5:30 to about 7:00 P.M. the men meet for Bible Study. We are studying in the Gospel of Matthew. We encourage all men of the Church to join us for the fellowship, as we grow in faith and the knowledge of the Lord.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Tuesday evening we will have a candle light service, when we will remember the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will sing some Carols, listen to the Christmas story, and celebrate Jesus' birth with a special birthday party afterwards. Please join us.

CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS 2024

Pastor: Sam Downey - 608-547-8198 - leave msg
 Clerk: Pam Morse
 Treasurer: Meryl Lanphear
 Deacons: Martin Sytsma
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 Custodian - Meryl Lanphear
 Sunshine Person - Anna Sytsma

THE PUZZLE PLACE

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

CONSIDER THIS

This fourth Sunday of Advent is about Love. This love is not the love which we hear much about in this world, this is the kind of love which God has for man that is impossible to explain to mere mortals. As a motorcyclist, I sometimes wear a T shirt which says, "If I have to explain it, you wouldn't understand." It means that if you don't have a love for the freedom of riding, I could not explain to you how someone would take the risks of riding a motorcycle in order to experience the joy it brings to a person. If you have not experienced the LOVE of God, you have no concept of what it is. When I was young, I sang in the Church choir. One of the Christmas Cantatas that we sang was entitled "Love Transcending." It was a collection of Songs that told the story of Christmas, showing that Christmas was about the great LOVE OF GOD, which was shown to you and me in Jesus Christ, It was a love that transcends the limits of human love, going far beyond what the human mind can grasp.

John 3:16 tells us that God loved the world so much that He sent His only begotten Son, the second person of the Godhead, into the world to die for OUR SIN, even though He was not guilty of any sin. The extent of God's love for the creation which He had created was such that He was willing to endure suffering and even death in order to save those who would put their faith in Him. This kind of love transcends or goes beyond human understanding. Martyrdom is perhaps the pinnacle of human sacrifice, prematurely giving up one's life for the sake of others. Jesus' sacrifice goes beyond that, for He was willing to undergo rejection, suffer excruciating pain, and experience death, for the sake of ungrateful humanity. He would have never have experienced any of that unless He lovingly, willingly chose to.

Only through faith in Jesus Christ, which brings Hope. Peace, Joy, and Love, can we begin to comprehend all that God has done for us, and enjoy the love He desires to share with others through us. Please come to the One whose birth we remember this time of the year, Who can fill us with the fruit of the Spirit, so we can share is love to family, friends, and neighbors. Merry Christmas.

Pastor Sam

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Please notify us of additions or changes. Thank You!

Find the words in these verses:

But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Reference: Galatians 4:4-5

PRAYER LIST

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

SPECIAL NOTICE

Skip Collins is having to undergo medical treatments beginning tomorrow and help is needed to be with Ronnie and with meals. If you can help, talk to Skip today to find out details or call 608-474-0390. A sign-up sheet is available on the piano.