



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 29, 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 #4 "Come Thou Almighty King"

Devotion

Hymn #5 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Offering

Doxology - Inside front cover of hymnbook

Special Music

Testimonies/Prayer Requests

Memory Verses

Message

Hymn #45 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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
Thursday, January 16th - Country Jam [weather permitting]

Saturday, January 18th - Women's Gathering 10AM
White Creek Church

Feb 22, 2025 - Ladies One Heart Seminar - Save the date!

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study will NOT meet this Tuesday. Please make plans to join the ladies when they resume the Bible Study on January 7th.

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 NOTES

Thank you to all who attended the Christmas eve Service, and especially those who read and sang. From the Downeys: Thank you for your gifts and remembrances. You are special people to us, and to the Lord. May your New Year be blessed, as you bless others.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Thanks to all who have signed up to help Skip Collins as he is undergoing medical treatments. Help is needed to be with Ronnie and with meals this week, but times have changed from morning to afternoons. Please check the new sign-up sheet on the piano, if you can help.

CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS 2024

Pastor: Sam Downey - 608-547-8198 - leave msg
 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

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

December: Gary Bacon 30 and Remi Clausen 31
 Meryl Lanphear 1 Scott & Cheryl Carlsen 13
 Abigail Auten 3
 Norm Roberg 16
 Debbie Nordman 22

Please notify us of additions or changes. Thank You!

THE PUZZLE PLACE

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CONSIDER THIS

When describing a Christian, we often conflate the terms, “Christian,” “believer,” and “follower,” confusing those who are trying to figure out just who we really are. In the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19, Jesus told His followers to “make disciples.” Some are wondering what the big deal is about being a disciple. The prevalent thought among most church people is that when one exercises his will to “believe” in God, and chooses his religious preference as a “Christian” that everything automatically falls into place, and stays that way forever, no matter what. That is a very interesting concept, and according to Scripture, it is a very misleading religious idea. For one thing, Jesus said, on more than one occasion, that no one could follow Him, or even believe in Him, unless he were allowed to do so, or “drawn” by the Father. When the disciples were so proud of themselves for being “disciples”, Jesus told them, “You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you!” Can you imagine their puzzlement? They were sure that they had made the decision to follow Him as he came by and called out to them.

So sure were those who called themselves disciples that they really were, that they disbelieved the Master at the great judgment hall when He began to send them to their rightful reward in a fiery, burning Hell. “But Lord, didn’t we do many good things in your name, see mighty miracles in our lives, preach great sermons, and all that other religious stuff we were supposed to do?” Jesus answered that He had never known them, much less recognized them as disciples. They, like so many today, were never true followers of Jesus. They had called themselves, decided themselves, worked themselves, “saved” themselves, and deceived themselves.

Discipleship is NOT something that one does when he has nothing else to do. Indeed it is what one does when there is nothing else he CAN do. It is not an “ADD-ON” accessory, like heated seats in your car, something you choose, or not, in order to have a more pleasant ride! Discipleship is a LIFE - a lifestyle - that emanates from the Lord Jesus Christ. This is NOT an OPTION for the true believer, this is a necessity! If you have truly responded to HIS choosing of you, you have NO choice about the matter of discipleship. We only become Disciples by coming to the cross of Jesus and dying with Him there. There is no salvation, forgiveness, cleansing, or growth in the Christian life without coming under the blood of Christ and reckoning that blood, shed for us, as also shed upon us. We are now children of the blood - distasteful to the world - necessary to discipleship, which is necessary to our very life.

Pastor Sam

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REFERENCE: _____

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)