



## WHITE CREEK CHURCH

Independent - Congregational

2948 14<sup>TH</sup> Lane Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Village of White Creek, Rural Adams County

Find us at: [whitecreekchurch.org](http://whitecreekchurch.org)

**January 18, 2026**

**Welcome to Worship**

Announcements

Hymn #133

"I Will Sing The Wondrous Story"

Devotion

Hymn #149

"Why Do I Sing About Jesus"

Offering

Doxology

Special Music

Memory Verses/ Testimonies

Prayer Requests

Message

Hymn #98

"Be Still My Soul"

Prayer

### DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow**

**Praise Him all creatures here below**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost AMEN**

## 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 - 5:30 P.M.

@ White Creek Church

**TODAY - Fellowship Dinner, in fellowship hall**

Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> - Ladies' Gathering

@ White Creek Church - 10 A.M.

Saturday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - One Heart Women's Seminar

9 A.M. - 3 P.M. Wisconsin Dells.

### LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies' Bible Study will meet this week, on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M.

We meet in the Community Room of the Senior Housing development behind the Adams Community Center.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study will meet on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and continue our study of Matthew 26. We are currently studying through Matthew, and will soon be finishing the Book. If you have a thought about what we might study next, please let me know. See you next Thursday.

## January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Meryl Lanphear 1      Scott & Cheryl Carlsen 13  
Abigail Auten 3  
Dennis Rhinehart 11  
Norm Roberg 16  
Chad Skemp 21  
Debbie Nordman 22

\*\*\*\*\*Please notify us of additions or changes. Thank You\*\*\*\*\*

We have had some computer issues which altered our birthday list. We have corrected to the best of our knowledge, but if a name has been left off, please let us know.

## ONE HEART WOMEN'S SEMINAR

February 28, 2026  
9 A.M. - 3 P.M.  
The Wisconsin Hotel  
60 Gasser Rd. Lake Delton, WI  
(Formerly The Wintergreen)

This has been an inspiring conference which our women have enjoyed for many years. Online tickets are \$49. Call 920-229-6310 for more info. Or go to [www.oneheartseminar.com](http://www.oneheartseminar.com).

## CONSIDER THIS

To follow through with the messages about FAITH, we will consider the three different uses of the word FAITH in the Bible.

- 1 Fidelity or faithfulness - Proverbs 20:5-6
2. Creed or doctrine - James 2:14-20
3. Reliance or trust - John 3:1-16

There is also a close resemblance between the words FAITH and BELIEVE, but there is a difference. People often use faith and belief interchangeably, but they're not the same thing. They overlap, but they operate on different levels.

Belief is primarily cognitive. It's about accepting that a statement is true.

"I believe the Earth orbits the sun."

"I believe my friend is honest."

"I believe God exists."

Belief is about propositional truth — mental assent to an idea.

Faith goes beyond belief. It includes belief, but adds trust, commitment, and often action.

You can believe a bridge is strong, but faith is walking across it.

You can believe a doctor is competent, but

faith is letting him operate.

You can believe God exists, but faith is entrusting your life to God. Faith is relational, experiential, and volitional. Belief says, "This is true." Faith says, "I'm staking my life on this." Not just theoretically, but in reality.

A simple way to put it:

Belief = acceptance of a claim.

Faith = trust + commitment based on that belief.

Someone has been quoted, "God said it, I believe it, that settles it." Sounds good, but the reality is that the progression falls apart if I don't know who God is, and have a relationship with Him. When Peter declared that he knew Jesus to be the Christ, Jesus said this: "flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." I can have faith in what the Father says, because He is Faithful. I know Him, and I can rely upon what He says.

**Pastor Sam**

## CHURCH BOARD 2026

Pastor: Sam Downey - 608-547-8198 - msg  
Clerk: Pam Morse  
Treasurer: Meryl Lanphear  
Deacons: Martin Sytsma  
Stuart Burdick Moderator  
Trustees: Skip Collins  
David Seelenbinder  
Michael Zblicki  
Missions Director:  
Beverly Downey  
Other Officers :  
Custodian - Meryl Lanphear  
Sunshine Person - Anna Sytsma

## PRAYER LIST

We are encouraged in the Scriptures to be constantly in communication with our Father, concerning every issue and area of life. Please pray always!

Marilyn Wellman

Nancy Seelenbinder

Michael Zblicki

Gary Nordman