Lake City Union Church September Newsletter

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lake City Union Church is to praise and uplift God in all that we do.

From the Pastor

"Lord, all the days accounted for me were written in your book before one of them came to be"
(Psalm 139:16)

We Are Still Seeking To Understand…

It would be difficult to measure how much of our lives we spend trying to make sense of what our true "purpose" is. In spite of our best efforts, we never fully understand why we are here in this time and place!

The Psalmist, in the passage above, reminds us that God has created us and granted the blessing of each day, before we have experienced even one of them. This understanding begins with acknowledging we serve a God who is "from everlasting to everlasting." (If you read all of Psalm 139, it is clear we are far from grasping where God would have our hearts and minds be!)

How do we even begin to understand God's will for the days granted to us? Clearly it starts with seeking the guidance of the One who stands outside of each moment. This is the God that will bless each of our days if we would only seek The Lord's guidance in how to live them.

In Christ,

Randy

September Sermon Schedule

September 6th Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Communion
Old Testament: Psalm 119:33-40
New Testament: Romans 13:8-14
Sermon Title: *"Do You Know What Time It Is?"*

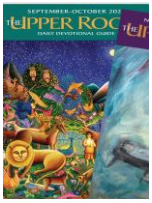
September 13th Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Old Testament: Psalm 103:8-13
New Testament: Matthew 18:21-35
Sermon Title: *"How Many Times?"*

September 20th Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Old Testament: Jonah 3:10-4:11
New Testament: Matthew 20:1-16
Sermon Title: *"I Want What's Fair!!"*

September 27th Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Old Testament: Isaiah 45:22-25
New Testament: Philippians 2:1-13
Sermon Title: *"Every Knee, Every Tongue!"*

Upper Room Devotional

The July / August Upper Room devotional is available to all.
These devotionals are located in the hallway across from the office. You may donate toward cost— place $1 in the display or in the church office.



Men's bible study regularly meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in Union 215.

Mission Committee

I am so thankful, God lead me to Lake City Union Church five years ago. We are a church that gives our time, energy and skills generously to those hurting and those in need. We do that not only collectively as a church body but you all do that so well as individuals. Sharing the love and peace of Christ with those that need help, hope and encouragement.

I have learned from all of you that giving is something I **want** to do and not something I **have** to do.

The LCUC mission committee will next meet on Thursday, September 3.

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Kendall Von Glan – Chair

Notice

Our beloved Rebecca is getting ready to take her hard-earned retirement and with great regret Staff, Pastor, Parish committee asks your prayerful consideration of her replacement.
This paid position is 15 hours per week, Monday through Thursday mornings. The new applicant will need to be proficient in office management, computers, software and office equipment, but more importantly: care, compassion and customer service for all of God's people while furthering the mission of Lake City Union Church. If you may feel the call to serve in this capacity, please contact Nancy Janssen at 712/830-8610 or submit your resume to the Church office marked for the SPP Committee. Lake City Union Church is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against any of God's children.

Church Service

Church Attendance

	Sun Morn	*Online*
August 2	52	not streamed
August 9	60	179
August 16	87	256
August 23	66	169
August 30	NA	NA

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1

For September

Nancy Janssen

Jon Myers

Church Office Hours

Mon. 7:30— 11:30

Tue. 7:30— 11:30

Wed. 7:30— 11:30

Thur. 8:00—11:00

Fri. Closed

$$$ FINANCIAL NEWS $$$

Offering - August 2, 2026	$ Not recorded
Offering - August 9, 2026	$ 4,435.00
Offering - August 16, 2026	$ 800.00
Offering - August 23, 2026	$ 1,368.00
Offering - August 30, 2026	$ NA
Total Offering for August so far	**$ 6,603.00**
2026 Investment Income 7/30/2026	$35,000.00
2026 Contribution Income 7/30/2026	$96,596.02
2026 Total Income thru 7/30/2026	$131,596.02
2026 Expenses thru 7/30/2026	$143,937.60
Net Loss	**-12,341.58**

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Giving to God's Work through LCUC
Tithe and offerings options:

1) Our website for online donations.
https://lakecityunion.org/give/
2) Set up direct deposit through your bank to LCUC
3) Mail your check / LCUC 206 W Main Street, Lake City, IA 50449
4) Traditional option of the offering plate on Sunday morning.
5) QR code (showing here)

FOODBANK OF IOWA

Food Bank pick up is from 2:30 - 5:30 on the days listed below. If you are unable to make it on the scheduled day, you can pick up from 11:30 to 12:30 on the following Sunday.

The upcoming schedule is:
September 10 October 8 November 12

Thank You,
Mike and Kristi Jacobs &
Paige and Mary Reiter

LAKE CITY FOOD PANTRY

Items on the collection list include: Breakfast cereal, Mac-n-cheese, canned tomatoes, canned potatoes, creamed corn, canned corn, black beans, jello, and pudding.

Please send $ donations to:
Lake City Food Pantry
200 N. Woodlawn Ave.
Lake City, IA 51449

Thank you for your support!!

Lake City Union Church

PRAISE PALS

Praise Pals is for kids in K-6th Grade who like to sing and play instruments! Erin Blair will lead kids in learning songs and musical activities every Sunday from 9:00-9:30 am in the choir room. They will sing in worship once a month. You do not need to be active members of our congregation, just bring kids or grandkids regularly to rehearsals!
Join us!
SUNDAYS STARTING SEPT.13 AT 9 A.M. – Choir Room

Adult Choir

School is in full swing, and it's time to gear up for choir! We will start rehearsing on Wednesday, September 9, at 7 p.m., and we'll sing in worship starting on Sunday, September 13th. Rehearsals will be at 7 p.m. and warm-ups at 9:35 a.m. on Sundays.

Any questions on choirs – let me know.
Erin Blair 712-210-1738

UCW/Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle meets Thursday September 3 at 1:30 in the church dining room. Marilynn Collis is the hostess with Jeanne Devine doing the program. We welcome all women to join us as we fulfill our mission to the church.

We continue to hold devotions at Accura with the next one on Wednesday, September 9 at 10:30 am. Thanks to all that share in that gathered time.

Our Ice Cream social will be held Sunday, October 4th following church, so plan to attend.

Patti Daisy, Chair

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group season starts Wednesday, August 26.
Staff has been in place since April when we ended the '25-'26 season.
We are very grateful for all the staff who volunteer their time each week to help our program stay as strong as it is in education, fellowship, and growth in knowing Jesus!
We truly have the best staff and we are very grateful for their time and love and support given to the students each week!

It is very heart-warming to work with former students or see them out in the community during the summer and hear them say that they can 'hardly wait until youth group!"

We are also very grateful for the parent support we are given as they work out schedules for the year and that youth group is a priority!
And … one that holds great value in gratitude (God being TOP!) is our church for taking this program and supporting it in its fullest way. This program has touched so many lives and I feel God says, " Keep going, people… you are not finished yet!"

MaeLaan and I are very excited to start and open our arms up wide to see what God is going to bring us this year!

Thank you to Erin Blair for continuing to open opportunities wider for our children of not only our church, but for the community! She will start a new program called Praise Pals on Sunday, September 13 at 9 a.m. (more info included in this newsletter)

Thank you to MaeLaan for building the educational and fun lessons per week for Children's Church, along with Erin Blair and Georgia Wiederin helping with this program also! Children's Church (along with our play center) has been a great addition for our children during the church service!

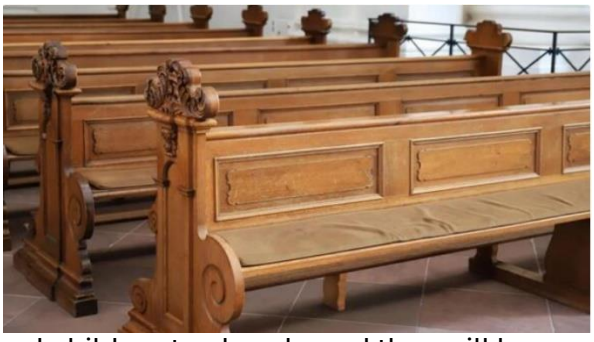
Please prepare for the Lord's Acre sale in searching for those great basket ideas for the auction! The youth group will serve a free will donation beef and noodles dinner during the auction . Let's make this year more fun than ever ! Mark the date: Sunday, November 8.

WISH LIST:
*Chef Boy-Ar-Dee mini ravioli
*Cream of chicken soup
*Graham crackers
*Honey
*Boughten cookies
*Paper towels

With gratitude, Janelle Nesbitt, Youth Coordinator

Church's Bold Rules for Families with Loud Children Go Viral

By Colleen Dilthey Thomas, August 1, 2026



Taking small children to church can be a struggle for parents. Even the best-behaved children get the wiggles from time to time. They also speak what's on their minds, even when it might be time to be quiet. Unfortunately, not everyone is tolerant of children and their behavior, which can discourage families from bringing them to the service. Trinity Southern Baptist Church in Falmouth, Kentucky, has a very strict policy when it comes to bringing loud children to church, and they will have no discussion about it.

Trinity Southern Baptist Has a 'Loud Children' Policy
The church posted the rules on Facebook.

At Trinity Southern Baptist Church, we are committed to transparency and accountability in all matters of church life. The following document outlines our comprehensive procedures regarding loud children in worship. Please consider this your official notice of policy clarification.

Effective immediately, if a family is considering visiting Trinity Southern Baptist Church, and they have a loud kid, the following options are available:

Option 1.The family should bring the kid.
Option 2.The family should make sure they bring the kid.
Option 3.The family should ensure the kid comes to church.
Option 4.The family is to see that the child is brought to church.
Option 5.The kid is absolutely welcome and expected.

We believe the sound of children in worship is not a distraction. It is evidence of life, growth, and the future of the church.

If your child makes noise, you are not bothering us. You are blessing us.

Policy enacted. No exceptions.

People loved Trinity Southern Baptist's loud children rule.

"Good thing I read this all the way," someone commented. "I was about to roast this church if they said loud kids aren't welcome! It's not a movie theater!"

This person agreed, writing, "When a baby gets loud in our church the preacher always says 'Amen, you tell them.'"

"My preacher always says if he can't preach over a kid making noises then he shouldn't be preaching," a comment reads.
We imagine Trinity Southern Baptist will have a few more filled pews on Sunday.

Resource: https://www.newsbreak.com/inspiremore-513559/4802503253619-church-s-bold-rules-for-families-with-loud-children-go-viral

LIFE OF THE CHURCH – Great time was had by all!

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM CHURCH SERVICE

(ALONG WITH CELEBRATING 2 BAPTISMS)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
10 AM
3761 FLETCHER AVE, AUBURN
PATTERSON'S POND

All those who would like to be reaffirmed in baptism please attend service dressed for the water
(no pre-signups necessary)

OPTION:
MEET AT CHURCH @ 9:30 A.M. AND FOLLOW OTHERS TO THE POND

BRING A CHAIR & SOMETHING TO SHARE AT FELLOWSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE

Go therefore go and make disciples… baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

Prayer Page

Prayers for Healing & Comfort

Sheri Hanks
Carol Gregg
Jan Schubert
Jim Potts
Martha Potts
Cyndi Arnold
Family and friends who have had surgery

Prayers for those transitioning in life, teachers & students, those who serve as emergency personnel, and those in the military.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." — Philippians 4:13

Prayer

Almighty God, I come before You today seeking Your strength to face the challenges of this month. When I feel weak, remind me of Your power that resides within me. Grant me perseverance to overcome obstacles and the courage to keep moving forward, even when the path is difficult. Help me to endure with grace and to trust in Your unfailing support. Amen.

Resource: https://wonderfulprayers.com/prayers-for-september/

Remember in your prayers

ACCURA RESIDENTS
Miriam Hight
Jake Janssen
Marilyn Lauver
Eileen McCuen
Mary Ellen Seufferlein

GARDEN VIEW-CARROLL, IA
Carol Eichhorn

TWILIGHT ACRES
Brenda Russom

AT HOME-PASADENA,MD
Daryl Crandall

AMES, IA
Jan Schubert
3014 Grove Ave.
Ames, IA 50010

AT HOME
Bev Lamberty
Bonnie Stone

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30 pm Worship & Music @ 215	2 Gathering/REACH	3 11:00 am Mission Comm @ 215 1:30 pm Ruth Circle	4	5
6 10:00 Worship/ Communion 11:00 Fellowship	7 Office Closed	8	9 10:00 Op Living – Randy 10:30 Accura Dev – Ruth Circle Gathering/REACH 5:45 pm Confirmation @ Union 215 7:00 pm Choir	10 2:30-5:30 pm FOOD BANK	11	12
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