Lake City Union Church

October 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

"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few that find it."
(Matthew 7: 13-14)

The Narrow Way

Go to any crowded store, restaurant, or airport, and you will find that lines have formed. Most people respect this process and stay in line. However, there are always a few that find some way to ease their way forward. (Like having a friend hold a place in line for them, so they can walk up at the last minute and jump in.) Those are usually the people that we start to think un-Christian things about.

In sports it's easy; there are lines, markers, and lanes established. If you want to win, you respect them. If you don't and are caught, there's a penalty. It might even cost you a victory. The boundaries aren't as easy to define in our lives as followers of Jesus the Christ. This is the reason we see our Savior's words above.

This "way" of faith is nothing short of a constant struggle to live faithfully each day. Daily we face test and trials, not to mention people, that threaten to knock us off the narrow way. There are many times that we find ourselves out of bounds with no one to blame but ourselves!

It would be foolish to choose "destruction" over "life", yet we do this very thing quite often. Thankfully, through the grace we have found in our Savior, we have a way back, freely offered. This is what we need to prayerfully pursue!

In Christ,
Randy

Lake City Union Church
Administrative Session
September 24, 2026

Session of Lake City Union Church was held at Fireside Room in the Church at 7: pm. Meeting was called to order by Reverand Randy. Attendance: Rev Randy, Kay Streeter Clerk, Mike Best, Kevin Berry, Michelle Blair, Paul Jesse, Brittany Kause, Dana Morris, Jon Myers, Becky O'Tool, Barry Stevens, Kay Streeter, Kendall Von Glan. Absent: Excused: Nancy Janssen

Rev. Randy gave the opening prayer.

Session minutes of July 16, 2026, were reviewed. They were approved on July 19,2026. There being no corrections, they stand as approved

Report Clerk's: The Clerk's Report was reviewed. A correction on spelling of a name is needed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Clerk's report.

Christian Education: Gathering and Reach has begun again with 140 to 150 youths attending.

Missions:

Parish Life:

Building and Grounds: Kendall is on a mission in Alabama. He participated by phone. He is getting quotes from several vendors on the air conditioner. The Lord's Acre Sale is coming up in November. We are asking for the lines to be repainted in the west parking lot. With minimal discussion we agreed that the lines will be put in again but in the other direction so we enter from the north street.

Support:

Memorial and Bequest:

Staff Pastor Parish: this committee met and has discussed finances. No recommendation is coming at this time. They will be meeting again on other staff issues.

Worship and Music:

A motion was made and seconded to approve all the committee reports. Approved

Treasurer's Report: We reviewed the report given to us. There is $25,074.90 in our account as of August 31.2026 Full reports are in the office of the church.

Pastor's Report

Visits 7/08 Devotions at Opportunity Living, 7/15 Chapel at Accura with Elders Rebecca Brown and Kendall Von Glan – served 3 communion, 8/4 Jake Janssen, 8/12 Devotions at Opportunity Living, 8/18 Chapel at Accura with Elders Kendall Von Glan and Rebecca Brown – served 9 communion, 8/25 Carol Eichhorn with Elder Rebecca Brown – served communion, 9/2 Miriam Hight, Jake Janssen, and Pat Himes at Accura, 9/9 Devotions at Opportunity Living, 9/15 Chapel at Accura with Elders Nancy Janssen and Kendall Von Glan- served communion to 9

Books Read: The Ragamuffin Gospel, Crown Him King, Captured by Grace, Lost Triumph, The Dream Giver, In the Name of Jesus, Of Time and Place, Your Story Has a Villain

Funerals: 7/25 Sylvia Beving- Ackley, 8/14 Terry Himes

Committee Meetings: 7/22 Worship and Music, 7/23 Staff Pastor Parish, 8/18 Calling and Caring, 9/1 worship and Music, 9/3 Mission

Denominational: -- 7/19 Service at Ackley-East Friesland, 7/23 Presbytery Council Meeting, 7/29 Presbytery Nominating Committee, 8/28 Tri-Presbytery Leadership Meeting in Ames, 8/29 Janelle & Rev Randy presented at the All-Iowa Presbytery Gathering in Anes, 9/6 Worship at First Odebolt. 9/10 Presbytery Council Meeting, 9/10 Session First-Odebolt, 9/15 Session – United Auburn

Discussion/Action

Elder to go to the Presbytery Meeting October 24 at Lakeshore – Okoboji Rev Randy will find someone.

Steve and Deanna Daiker are requesting to move their membership from Manning to our church. Steve is a commissioned pastor with the Methodist church and will be filling the pulpit on November 1 . He will be getting commissioned with the Presbyterian church also. We as a session agree to endorse this move for him.

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A motion was made to move communion from November 1 to the 8th. There was a second and approved.

(Session cont. from page 2)
Kevin Berry ask to have our church be able to host a class on Parenting with Love and Logic in the spring of 27. We have done this before and approve doing it again.
Nominating will be meeting in order to have a new class of session members for a Congregation meeting coming up.
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Approved
7:35 PM
Next meeting will be November 19 Approved 9/25/2026

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Kay Streeter, Clerk of Session

Buildings and grounds:

The Lord's Acre Sale is an event in the life of Lake City Union Church you do not want to miss. We gather in the social hall after worship for a meal served by the church youth. After the meal, the auction of donated items begins.

Be thinking of something you can donate to be auctioned off. If you need some ideas of what kind of item to donate, talk to Janelle Nesbitt, Pastor Randy or Kendall Von Glan.

Proceeds from the auction go to the church general fund to support the ministry of Lake City Union Church.

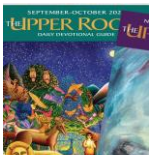
Kendall, Chair

Save the Date:

Lords Acre Sale: Sunday, November 8, 2026

Upper Room Devotional

The September/October 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.

October Sermon Schedule

October 4th Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Communion
Old Testament: Psalm 19:1-9
New Testament: Philippians 3:4b-14
Sermon Title: *"Joining Christ Here!"*

October 11th Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: Philippians 4:4-9
Sermon Title: *"Don't Worry About Anything?"*

October 18th Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon title: *"Who Is YOUR Gate?"*
Randy will be gone for vacation and sermon planning. Janelle Nesbitt will be leading worship

October 25th All Saints Day Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Romans 3:21-26; Philippians 1:1-11; and I John 3:1-3.
Sermon title: *"Garage Grace."*
Randy will be gone for vacation and sermon planning. Bob Arnold will be leading worship.

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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

Choir is back on schedule with rehearsal on Wednesday evenings 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

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
September 6	65	168
September 13	67	175
September 20	76	114
September 27	75	155

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

For October

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

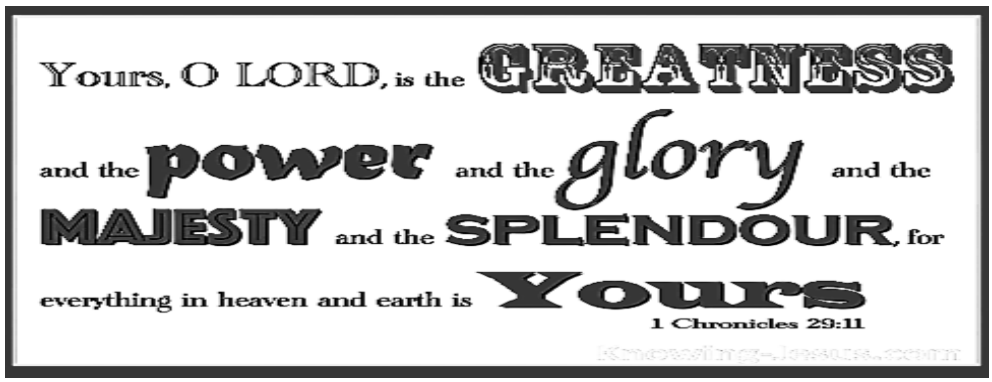
$$$ FINANCIAL NEWS $$$

Offering - September 6, 2026	$ 2,994.00
Offering - September 13, 2026	$ 2,046.00
Offering - September 20, 2026	$ 1,473.00
Offering - September 27, 2026	$ 2,710.00
Total Offering for September so far	$ **6,229.00**
2026 Investment Income 8/30/2026	$40,000.00
2026 Contribution Income 8/30/2026	$106,972.02
2026 Total Income thru 8/30/2026	$146,972.02
2026 Expenses thru 8/30/2026	$162,596.41
Net Loss	**-15,624.39**

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:
October 8 November 12 December 10

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!!

Mission Committee

God's Work Our Hands

Lake City Union Church is looking for bicycles. We will pass bikes we gather onto one of several Iowa organizations that ship bicycles to people in need here in the USA and abroad. I have a couple in my garage that need to go. I know where I can get more. You can get a really nice used bike at a garage sale for a couple bucks. Ask you neighbors. Let's see what we come up with.

Someone asked, "What if the bike I have needs repairs?" We prefer you donate a working bike but there are a couple organizations that repair donated bikes. Bikes that need repairs will be passed onto them.
Kendall Von Glan – Chair

UCW/Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Thursday October 1 at 1:30 in the church dining room. Michelle Blair is hostess.

Our devotions at Accura is on Wednesday, October 14 at 10:30am with Denise Jesse giving the Program and Kristi Jacobs as the helper.

We will be having our Ice Cream social on Sunday, October 4 following church service, 11:00-12:30. The public is invited and there will be a free will donation for the meal which includes a pulled pork sandwich, homemade ice create and pie. Please plan to attend.

Patti Daisy, Chair

All are invited to
Ice Cream Social Lunch
Sunday, October 4, 2026
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
at Lake City Union Church
sponsored by
Lake City Union Church Women

YOUTH GROUP

We have five weeks complete already! This season of youth group has gone very smoothly and has gone very fast!
The leaders and staff are top-notch in their efforts and dedication each week! We are very grateful for all that each one of them do!

GATHERING

K through 1 did a unit on “who Jesus is”, what prayer is, and studied how Jesus loves the little children!
2nd and 3rd grades are ‘walking’ through the Bible learning how to navigate it and where certain books of the Bible are located. This is a process that takes time and practice and not going to fast, as it may take 10 minutes to look up one verse as there are different levels of reading abilities and levels of understanding at this young age. They are catching on quickly!
4th through 6th grades studied James how everything we have is a gift from God. Each student was given a set of ‘kindness words” as we talked about “how” each one is a gift and that we should always feel blessed to receive these gifts everyday from God. The kids worked on a large flower with each petal of the flower being the students' own kindness word goal they chose to be on the flower and to work on in their daily lives in all situations. We also studied how Jesus calmed the storm. We dissected the verses and discussed its meaning for better understanding and that Jesus is always with us too in our storms (we discussed what our ‘storms’ in our lives could be) . The Parable of the Sower was a little more difficult to fully get its meaning, so they were reminded what a ‘parable’ is and had a discussion of what the main lesson of this parable was from Jesus.
Each youth group day we start our session with “The Lord’s Prayer” and look up each Scripture together as a class. We do not just state page numbers ! The students know how to go to the Table of Contents if they do not know where the Scripture is located. We also have to be aware and respectful of the variety of reading levels in each class.

REACH

7th through 12th grades have been studying Parable of the Shrewd Manager, Vine and the Branches in part 1 and part 2 (‘remaining’ in Him), and the Rich Man and Lazarus. There is an interactive message presented each week following the reading of the Scripture with coordinating discussion questions asked in their small groups. The students take each lesson very seriously while still having a fun, relaxed environment.

We would like to thank the staff and leaders that make each week run smoothly and safely. Thank you to the Lake City Union Church for this mission of the youth group - using this church each week to minister to the youth (and adults) of the community.

MaeLaan continues to build lessons each week for Children’s Church.
Thank you to Georgia Wiederin and Erin Blair for helping in teaching the lessons.

We also continue to set up the activity bins for the children to use during the church service. The bags we previouly were using were great and were used for many years in honor of Marilyn Corey - a former member of church who believed in children and especially Christian education of the children. The bags are just on ‘vacation’ for a season while we enjoy the bins.

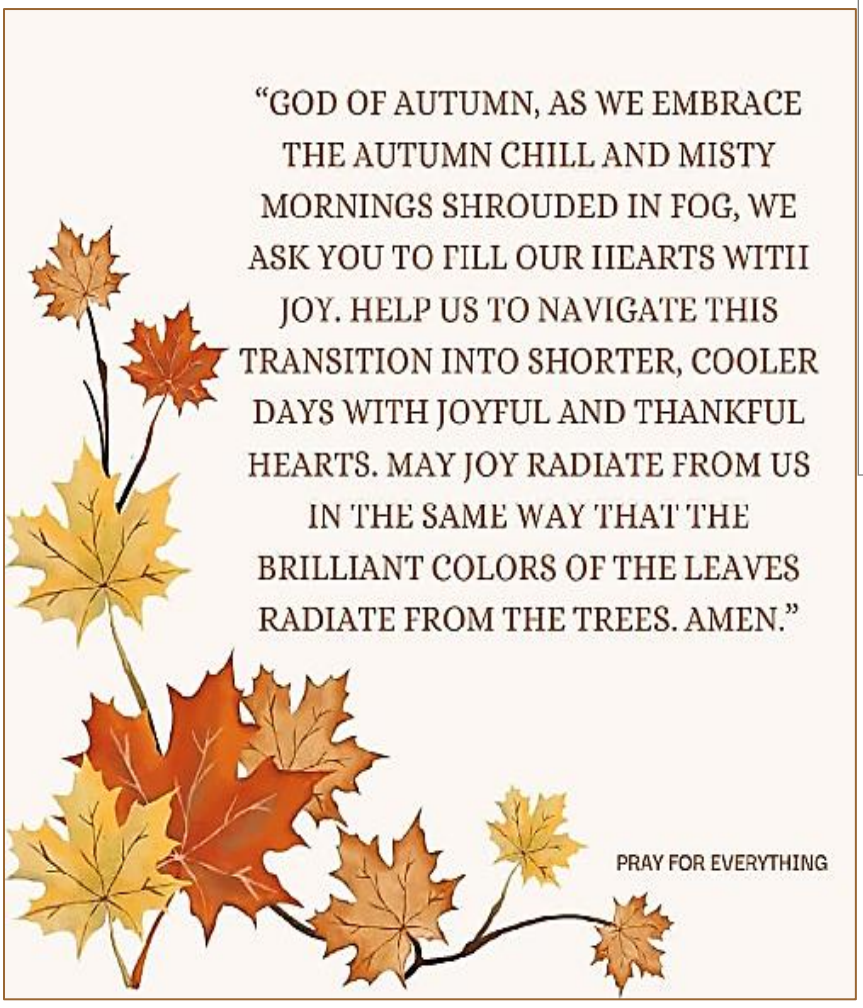
In gratitude, Janelle Nesbitt, Youth Coordinator
MaeLaan Magnani, PT Youth Coordinator

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.



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

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:30 pm Ruth Circle	2	3
4 9:00 am Praise Pals 9:35 am Choir 10:00 am Worship/ Communion 11:00 am Ruth Circle Ice Cream Social /Lunch	5 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Union 215	6 7:30 pm Worship & Music @ Union 215	7 Gathering/REACH 5:45 pm Confirmation @ Union 215 7:00 pm Choir	8 2:30-5:30 pm FOOD BANK	9	10
11 9:00 am Praise Pals 9:35 am Choir 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 11:30-12:30 Food Bank	12 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Union 215	13	14 10:00 am Op Living – Pastor Randy 10:30 am Accura Dev – Ruth Circle Gathering/REACH 5:45 pm Confirmation @ Union 215 7:00 pm Choir	15	16	17
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25 9:00 am Praise Pals 9:35 am Choir 10:00 am Worship / All Saints Day 11:00 am Fellowship	26 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Union 215	27	28 Gathering/REACH 5:45 pm Confirmation @ Union 215 7:00 pm Choir	29	30	31

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