



Sunrise Service

We will be the host church this year for the Easter Sunrise Service. Weather permitting, we will meet at 17350 W Old Potash Rd and be having breakfast here at the church. Time to be determined. Regular worship to follow at 9:30 in Wood River and 11:00 in Alda.



Save the Date

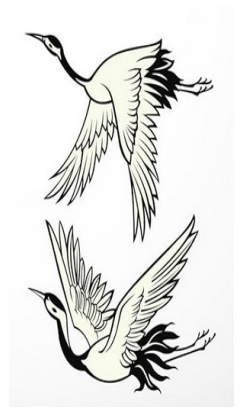
The United Women in Faith will be hosting their annual Salad Supper on April 24. The theme: “God Loves the Children of the World”. There’ll be wonderful salads, a Youth Style Review and Gospel Music.

Church Events

- **March 1 World Day of Prayer service 10:00**
- **March 4 Ruth Circle 1:30**
- **March 6 Youth Group 6:30**
- **March 7 Rachel Circle 1:30**
- **March 10 Pancake Feed 10:30-2:30**
- **March 17 Confirmation Sunday (WR & Alda)**
- **March 17 WRMA Soup Supper 5-7 at the Mennonite Church**
- **March 20 Youth Group 6:30**
- **March 21 Sewing 9:30**
- **March 28 UWF 1:30**
- **March 24 Palm Sunday**
- **March 28 Maundy Thursday, service at Alda 6:00**
- **March 29 Good Friday service at WR 6:00**
- **March 31 Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service 6:45, WR Worship 9:30, Alda 11:00**

EMBRACE THE BEAUTY OF THE SEASON.

Those of us who live in and around Wood River know how vital the crane season is to this region. We thank God that we have some of us working at the crane center at I-80, and they share with us how this place attracts people from all over the world.



The arrival of these magnificent creatures is not merely a spectacle for the eyes but a profound reminder of the seasons of life and the constant renewal that the seasons bring. I don't know if you all wonder how these birds figure out the days and months, especially who gives them the marching order when the time to migrate comes. Friends, the Christian calendar may not mean a lot to some, but if we are to learn from cranes, we must not remain in a place forever, spiritually. Just as the cranes migrate thousands of miles each year, we, too, are called to journey through the seasons of life, embracing change and growth.

Matthew 24:32-33 says, "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender, and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door" (NIV). So, may we not miss learning from the creation. May we find inspiration from the fig tree and the beautiful cranes as they end north to Canada. As they are guided by their instincts, may we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us this Lenten season.

Like the fig tree, let us not fail to recognize the seasons of our journey of faith. Also, like cranes, let us not get left behind as others fly north to the higher ground of self-reflection and repentance as we await the joy of Easter when Christ comes out of the tomb with victory over death and sin.



I wish all of you God's blessings and peace.

In Christ's Service

Pastor Geoffrey Iringo.

Mary Bilslend—Parish Nurse

Did you know there is a caring committee that is there for you? If you have no one to take you to an appointment, let us know.

If you are sick and need a can of soup, a 7up, some over the counter med, let us know.

If you need a prayer or some words of solace, or someone who does, let us know.

We are your church and we care about you and sometimes we just need some toilet paper or Kleenex but we can't leave our house, that is something we can do.

You can call the church office or those on the church caring team or anyone in the Church. They will get ahold of us.



June 22, 2024 will be the United Women in Faith Mission Study. "Living the Kin-dom Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation". This was the study that was presented last summer at Mission U. The study will be from 10:00-3:00 and lunch will be provided. More details to come!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastor Geoffrey's office hours will be Wednesday at WR and Tuesday afternoon at Alda.
- Daylight Savings begins on March 10. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead!
- The Youth Group will be serving pancakes on March 10 from 10:30-2:30. Freewill donation!
- The Worship Committee is always looking for worship helpers. Look for a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall or an email from Signup Genius. The scripture reading can be sent out ahead of time per request.
- If you're in the church, stop by the bulletin board and check out all the flyers for current events in our area along with any cards that may have been sent.

Attendance & Giving Report

Dec 2023 \$9,646

Jan 2024 \$9,242

Feb 2024 \$8,566

*includes online giving

Monthly expenses: \$10,428 based off the 2024 budget

Feb 4 - 40

Feb 11 - 44

Feb 18 - 32

Feb 25 - 39



For a safe and secure way to give online, scan code with smartphone. You will need to create an account and be approved by the office to get started.

**Come support our Youth Group
and let them serve you some
yummy pancakes!**

Freewill Donation!

Sunday, March 10

10:30-2:30

Following worship service

1105 Main St.

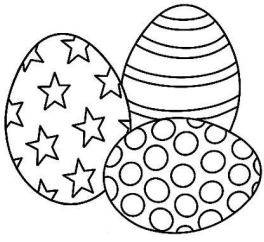


Pancake Feed

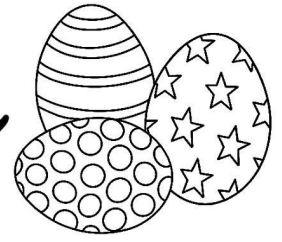
March 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World Day of Prayer Service 10:00 Ashley Gewecke	2
3 WR Worship 9:30 Alda 11:00 Hannah Paulk Kiernan Paulk Carson Schultz	4 Ruth Circle 1:30	5 Steve Powell	6 Bible Study 9:30 Youth Group 6:30 Brandon James	7 Rachel Circle 1:30 Arlo Molczyk	8 Sophia White Bull	9
10 <i>Daylight Savings</i> WR Worship 9:30 Alda 11:00 Youth Pancake Feed 10:30-2:30 Tony & Marylin Am- mon	11 Donna Bilslend	12 Lonnie & Carolyn Hoard	13 Bible Study 9:30 Sara Arnett Bruce Howe Kensley Schofield	14 Confirmation 6:00 Ron Saner Chanda Miles	15	16 Bailey Landanger
17 Confirmation Sunday WR Worship 9:30 Alda 11:00 WRMA Soup Supper 5-7	18 Jackie Riley	19 Mike Smith Kenna Thompson Taylor Glenn	20 Bible Study 9:30 Youth Group 6:30 Cody Brandt Matt & Lisa DeVore Dave & Julie Ogden	21 Sewing 1:30 Brad Earnest Deb Rohrich	22 Sabrina Molczyk	23 Jerry Shears
24 Palm Sunday WR Worship 9:30 Alda 11:00 Cassie Lechtenberg Maxine Rathman	25 Charles & Judy Mead Larry Powers	26 Craig Anderson Lisa DeVore	27 Bible Study 9:30	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> service at Alda 6:00 UWF 1:30 Sean Smith Shane Smith	29 <i>Good Friday</i> Service at WR 6:00	30 Matthew Duval
31 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service TBD WR Worship 9:30 Alda 11:00 Kaye & Cathy Doane Addison Oster Sue Jackson Courtney Smith						



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WORD SEARCH

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APRIL
BASKET
BOWS
BUNNY
CANDY

CHOCOLATE
DECORATING
EASTER
EGG HUNT
EGGS

FAMILY
FLOWERS
FRIENDS
HOP
SPRING