

the Messenger

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

WOOD RIVER FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MARCH 2018

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped plan and serve at the Kid's Night Out. Your service is greatly appreciated. We had 33 children and over 20 helpers including, youth. Special thanks to the confirmation students for doing a great job on performing their skit.

Thank you to the youth leaders who planned a fun event at Big Apple in Kearney. It was a great night of fun!



**We Invite You to Garden at the
Wood River Community Garden!**

Begin Buying Plots Today!
Garden to Open Mid-March

Plot dimensions are
(in feet)

5x5 - \$10	For More Information Contact Mandy Koperski: mkoperski34@gmail.com or find her during the Maltman Memorial Library working hours.
10x10 - \$20	
10x20 - \$25	
20x20 - \$30	

**Please Make Checks
Payable to: Wood River
Ministerial Association**

Church Events

- Mar 1st Rachel Circle
- Mar 2nd World Day of Prayer
- Mar 5th Ruth Circle
- Mar 7th Alda Trustees
- Mar 14th Bingo @ Good Sam's
- Mar 14th SPRC
- Mar 15th Sewing Circle
- Mar 18th Ministerial Soup Supper
- Mar 20th Alda Meet & Eat
- Mar 21st MYF
- Mar 21st WR Trustees
- Mar 22nd UMW Meeting
- Mar 29th Maundy Thursday Service
- Mar 30th Good Friday Service
- Apr 1st Easter Sunrise & Regular Worship Service

Celebrate Wood River Concert

Celebrate Wood River Performing Arts Council is pleased to bring "No Better Cause" back to Wood River on Monday, March 12th at 7 pm. No Better Cause is an award winning pop/soul/funk vocal band hailing from Lincoln, Nebraska. Through a combination of jaw-dropping performances and innovative studio musicianship, their music has put them on a national platform since their humble beginnings in 2002. With a unique assortment of both original songs and uniquely arranged covers, No Better Cause is guaranteed to deliver a show that people of all ages can appreciate and enjoy, whether it be of a rock, pop, funk, soul, jazz or gospel influence... and it's all done using NOTHING but their voices! Please come and enjoy a fabulous performance!

Pastor's Pen

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

We are in the middle of our Lenten sermon series "The Great Adventure." It is about going off the map into the great unknown. The good news is that we do not go alone, but Jesus promises to be with us always. The Great Adventure is about how Jesus is calling us to deeper trust and faithfulness as we follow him wherever he leads us into the future. The unknown can cause fear and anxiety and cause us to dig our heels in and say, "No way, I am not going." In myself, when fear and anxiety about the future begin to rise inside, I realize who I am trusting. I am counting on myself and my own abilities for the outcome. Instead, we need to trust the God, who through Christ, has called us, redeemed us, and then empowers and equips us as he leads us forward into the great unknown step by step. So as a church, I extend the invitation to trust God and be invigorated by the possibilities of new vitality and fruitfulness as we commit our lives to Jesus by trusting more deeply and following more faithfully.

The adventure before us is not always easy, and for some right now the terrain has become almost too difficult to bear. Know you do not bear it alone. Jesus promises to be with you every step of the way, providing you the strength and grace for the journey ahead. God has also given us each other, the community of faith, to encourage and strengthen us along the way.

A fellow servant on the journey,
Pastor Trudy

Ruth Circle News

By Susie Powell

Ruth circle met February 5 with six members present. Renae Graham read the minutes from the last meeting. Marian Hensley gave the prayer calendar. Our joys and concerns were lifted up by Susie Powell. Susie gave the lesson about Sharing the Love of Jesus we Find in our Heart. Marian served lunch. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 5 at 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Nurse

Health Awareness by Mary Bilsend

When considering a topic to discuss this month, I looked up the health awareness events for this month and I find it is a very busy and diverse month. Let me mention and discuss a few for you.

Brain injury awareness month. Remember to wear those helmets and protect those heads. Also, we do not shake babies. It is also important to get head injuries checked by the doctor as we advance in age due to it being easier to suffer a head injury when we get older.

March is National Education and Awareness month for MS (Multiple Sclerosis).

National Nutrition Month is also this month. This also relates to American Diabetic Alert Day which is this month. We know that our overall health is related to our nutrition and it is so important to form good nutritional practices while young and the amount of obesity is on the increase so is diabetes. This is more important than ever.

March is American Red Cross Awareness month world wide. We know that there is a desperate shortage of blood and the need is great so please give if you can. We also know that there has been a huge amount of need for the Red Cross with all the disasters. It is important we are aware of the need.

This is National Sleep Awareness Month. We know that getting good and adequate is very important to our overall health and we also know how hard it sometimes is to get adequate rest. Make good and adequate sleep a priority. It is for your health.

March 20-26 is Poison Awareness Week. Please have the number for the Poison hot line handy in your home. It is important to remember to keep all meds, cleaning agents and the laundry soap discs up and safely away from kids.

The last date I want to mention is the Smoke cessation day called Kick Butts Day which is March 19th. Please help all you can to help smokers kick the habit and encourage all not to start smoking. We now know how hazardous smoking is.

Have a healthful month and know spring is just around the corner. Have a great month.

Women's Salad Supper

The salad supper will be on April 18th this year with a theme of "Jesus Loves the Little Children". If you would like a table, please contact Mary Bilsend or Linda Thompson.

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 Alda Solutions Group <i>Ashley Gewecke</i>	2 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath World Day of Prayer 10:00 Alda Healthy Living Meeting <i>Renae Graham</i>	3 <i>Hannah Paulk Kiernan Paulk Carson Schultz</i>
4 9:30 WR Worship 10:30 WR Sunday School 10:00 Alda Sunday School 11:00 Alda Worship <i>Leroy Miller Spencer Rohrich</i>	5 8:30-12:00 Pastor Trudy in Office <i>Steve Powell</i>	6 <i>Brandon James</i>	7 9:30 Bible Study 4:00 Confirmation 7:00 Alda Trustees	8 7:00 Alda Solutions Group	9 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:00 Alda Healthy Living Meeting <i>Sophia Valdez</i>	10 <i>Tony & Maylin Ammon (2007)</i>
11 9:30 WR Worship 10:30 WR Sunday School 10:00 Alda Sunday School 11:00 Alda Worship	12 8:30-12:00 Pastor Trudy in Office 7:00 Celebrate Wood River Concert	13 <i>Kensley Schofield Sara Arnett Bruce Howe</i>	14 9:30 Bible Study 2:30 Bingo @ Good Sam's 4:00 Confirmation 7:00 SPRC <i>Chanda Miles Don & Inez Rohrich (1958)</i>	15 9:00 Sewing Circle 7:00 Alda Solutions Group <i>Brooke Wescoatt</i>	16 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:00 Alda Healthy Living Meeting <i>Doug & Karen Codner (1968) Bailey Landanger</i>	17 <i>Jackie Riley Jimmy & Jackie Riley</i>
18 9:30 WR Worship 10:30 WR Sunday School 10:00 Alda Sunday School 11:00 Alda Worship Ministerial Soup Supper	19 8:30-12:00 Pastor Trudy in Office <i>Mike Smith Kenna Thompson Taylor Willoughby</i>	20 <i>Chan Komarek Cody Brandt Matt & Lisa DeVore (1993) Dave & Julie Ogden (1993)</i>	21 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 MYF 7:30 WR Trustees <i>Brad Earnest Deb Rohrich Jeffrey & Trudy Hanke</i>	22 1:30 UMW 7:00 Alda Solutions Group <i>John Hock</i>	23 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:00 Alda Healthy Living Meeting <i>Jerry Shears</i>	24 <i>Cassie Watts Maxine Rathman</i>
25 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 WR Worship 10:30 WR Sunday School 10:00 Alda Sunday School 11:00 Alda Worship <i>Larry Powers Virginia Wiese Charles & Judy Mead (1962)</i>	26 8:30-12:00 Pastor Trudy in Office <i>Craig Anderson Lisa DeVore</i>	27	28 9:30 Bible Study 4:00 Confirmation <i>Sean Smith Shane Smith</i>	29 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service at Alda Church <i>Marilyn Webster</i>	30 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:00 Alda Healthy Living Meeting 7:00 Good Friday Service at WR Church	31 <i>Kaye & Cathy Doane (1972) Addison Oster Sue Jackson Courtney Smith</i>

Easter Sunday, April 1st:

Sunrise Service: 6:30 am at the Al & Rhonda Roth Farm 17350 W Old Potash Hwy, Drive 6 miles north of Wood River. Turn west (left) on Old Potash. Drive approximately 3.5 miles. The farm is located on the north side of the road. The ground is uneven in spots, so bring sturdy shoes.

Regular Worship: 9:30 a.m. Wood River (No Sunday School for either church)
11:00 a.m. Alda

Kid's Night Out = Success!



Calling all Prairie Rivers Youth!



**WHEN: Fri March 16th 9pm till
6am Sat March 17th**

Where: YMCA in Grand Island

For: Youth of All Ages - \$10 per person

All ages of youth are invited to attend
The night will include Food, Fun and Fellowship! Swimming, Games, Prizes, Worship, B-Ball, V-Ball and SO much more.
There will be a quiet area for those who need to rest for a bit.

**Please RSVP by Sunday, March 4
to Christy Burnett or Jenny Reeder**

Bake Sale March 4th

Our youth group will be having a bake sale March 4th after worship. They are requesting all members of the congregation bring baked goods to donate.

WR Child Care Solutions Meeting

Monday, March 5th

7:00 pm

Wood River Community Center

108 W 10th St

The Wood River Vision 20/20 child care survey of area residents indicated a significant need for additional child care in WR. Come hear what the task force learned on their recent tour of five other communities' child care centers. This meeting is to start the planning/dreaming process about what will work in Wood River to address the child care shortage. Come be a part of the solution!

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