



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | WOOD RIVER FIRST UMC | APRIL 2025

You're Invited!

If you have a birthday or anniversary in the month of April, come receive a special blessing from Pastor Rachel and the Congregation on April 12 at 9:00! We want to celebrate you!



Church Events

- Apr 2 Rachel Circle 1:30
- Apr 2 Maundy Thursday service 7:00 at WR
- Apr 3 Good Friday service at Shelton 7:00
- Apr 5 Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 at 17350 W Old Potash Rd w/breakfast at the Mennonite Church; worship 9:00
- Apr 6 Ruth Circle 1:30
- Apr 9-11 Pastor Gone to CRCC Retreat in KS
- Apr 14 Blood Mobile 12-6 at the High School
- Apr 16 Sewing Circle 9:30
- Apr 19 Pancake Feed
- Apr 22 Salad Supper "God's Gifts"

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study 9:30 Youth Group 6:30 Brenda Paulk	2 Rachel Circle 1:30 Maundy Thursday 7:00	3 Good Friday service at Shelton 7:00	4 Cathy Doane Elizabeth Price
5 Easter Sunrise Service 6:55 WR Worship 9:00; Shelton 10:30	6 Ruth Circle 1:30	7	8 Bible Study 9:30	9 Pastor Gone to CRCC Retreat →	10 Jane Allan	11
12 WR Worship 9:00; Shelton 10:30 Young Disciples 5:00 Laramie Frear	13	14 Blood Mobile 12- 6 at the High School	15 Bible Study 9:30 Youth Group 6:30	16 Sewing Circle 9:30 Mary Lothrop	17	18 Dave Brown Barb McCoun Jennifer Wagoner
19 WR Worship 9:00; Shelton 10:30 Pancake Feed 11-1 Bob Wiles Sonia Rodriguez	20 Beau Rohrich	21	22 Bible Study 9:30 Salad Supper 5:30 Jennifer Bonsack	23 Peg Krause	24	25
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HAPPY EASTER



Young Disciples Club



What a joy it has been to welcome you all to our biweekly meetings! A big thank you to our parents, guardians, and the church for supporting us in every way possible. Some of you have stepped up to help with meals, volunteering, and follow-ups, and we are grateful to you. We are entering the final month of the quarter, and we'll hold our meetings on Sundays the **12th and 26th** at 5 p.m. at the church before the kids head off on summer break. Come on over. Let's have some fun! We'll resume our meetings after the Summer. I hope to see all those lovely faces again in April.

Pastor Rachel





United
Women
in Faith

World Day of Prayer was hosted at the Wood River Church on March 6, ten people attended. On March 15, the Wood River Ministerial Association's Annual Soup Supper was hosted at the Wood River Church. \$2,212 was raised at the meal. At the Unit Meeting on March 26, the 'Call to Prayer and Self-Denial' program was presented by Renae Graham. This year's theme was 'The Future is Now – Invest in Our Children.' The special offering collected will help children through the work of National Mission Institutions, which help our most marginalized and vulnerable children.

Upcoming UWF events in April:

- 4/2 Rachel Circle--1:30 p.m.
- 4/6 Ruth Circle--1:30 p.m.
- 4/16 Sewing Circle--9:30 a.m.
- 4/16 District Spring Retreat @ York--Doors open @ 9:30 a.m.
(registration required)
- 4/22 Annual Ladies Salad Supper @ Babel's Barn

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Salad Supper, there will not be a UWF Unit meeting in April.

If you are interested in attending the Central Nebraska District United Women in Faith Spring Retreat on 4/16/26, please contact Susie Powell @ 308-390-3491. Registration and the \$20 registration fee are due by April 12, so please contact her prior to that date. The theme will be 'Living Water Revival – a movement, not a message'.

****Please watch your bulletins for news about the Salad Supper in the coming weeks. Each lady in the church is asked to bring a salad to serve 12 people. Hostess letters will be sent out with instructions for the Table Hostesses. If you want to host a table, we still have table space available and invite all ladies to consider hosting.****

Save The Date: Our Annual Mission Study is scheduled for Saturday June 20, 2026. The Study is titled 'Practicing Hope'. It will be from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and lunch will be provided. Registration will be required.

A special Charge Conference was convened on March 22, at 1:30 pm after being announced in worship on the two previous Sundays as required by the conference. District Superintendent Rev. Charles Murithi presided. The purpose of the Charge Conference was to discuss the future of the parsonage. For several years, the parsonage has been a topic of discussion by the administrative council and trustees on whether the property is an asset or has become a liability. All in attendance were invited to voice their opinions and concerns. A vote was taken and it was decided it is in the best interest of the congregation and its continuing ministry to authorize the Board of Trustees to proceed with the sale of the parsonage. The next step is to establish a value of the property. If you have questions or want additional information, please let me know.

Susie Powell, Ad Council Chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Blood Mobile will be at the Wood River High School on April 14, 12-6. You can pre-register at redcrossblood.org. The need to donate is great!

The United Women in Faith's Annual Ladies' Salad Supper is coming up quickly on April 22. We invite all ladies to consider hosting a table. This year's theme is 'God's Gifts'. Please let us know if you would like to host a table. Please call Mary @ 308-383-1146 or Renae @ 308-379-6399. Thank you!

Wood River Mennonite Church invites you to the Wood River Ministerial Association's annual Easter Sunrise Service. It will be held on a hill near the property of Al and Rhonda Roth (**17350 Old Potash Rd, Wood River, NE**) at **7:00 am** on Sunday, April 5. After a short program, you are invited back to WRMC (14988 W Husker Hwy, Wood River) for breakfast and fellowship.

Giving Report

March: \$7,262

Feb: \$6,567

Jan: \$12,135

Average weekly attendance: 40

March expenses: \$9,720



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