



# WHITE CREEK CHURCH

Independent Congregational

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Village of White Creek, Rural Adams County

Find us at: [whitecreekchurch.org](http://whitecreekchurch.org)

January 12, 2025

Welcome to Worship

**NOTE:** We will begin the service at 10:30. Meet and greet will be at 10:20 and after the service.

Thank you.

Announcements

Hymn #365 Trust And Obey”

Devotion

Hymn #387 “Have Thine Own Way”

Offering

Doxology - Inside front cover of hymnbook

Special Music

Testimonies/Prayer Requests

Memory Verses

Message

Hymn #390 “Is Your All On The Altar?”

Prayer

## PRAYER LIST

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

## CALENDAR

Sundays: Adult Sunday School - 9:15 A.M.  
Morning Service - 10:30 A.M.

Tuesdays: Ladies' Bible Study - 10:00 A.M.  
Senior Housing Clubhouse, Adams

Thursdays: Men's Bible Study @ Church - 5:30 PM

Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - Country Jam [weather permitting]

Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> - Women's Gathering 10AM

Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> - FELLOWSHIP DINNER - NOON  
White Creek Church

Feb 22, 2025 -Ladies One Heart Seminar- Save the date!

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, as always, if the weather permits. Please make plans to join the ladies as they resume this exciting Bible Study.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday from 5:30 to about 7:00 P.M. the men meet for Bible Study. We are studying in the Gospel of Matthew. We encourage all men of the Church to join us for the fellowship, as we grow in faith and the knowledge of the Lord.

## CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS 2024

Pastor: Sam Downey - 608-547-8198 - leave msg

Clerk: Pam Morse

Treasurer: Meryl Lanphear

Deacons: Martin Sytsma

Stuart Burdick Moderator

Trustees: Larry Smith - 608-548-4413]

Skip Collins

David Seelenbinder

Missions Director:

Beverly Downey

Other Officers :

Custodian - Meryl Lanphear

Sunshine Person - Anna Sytsma

## January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Meryl Lanphear 1      Scott & Cheryl Carlsen 13  
Abigail Auten 3  
Dennis Rhinehart 11  
Norm Roberg 16  
Debbie Nordman 22

Please notify us of additions or changes. Thank You

### **CONSIDER THIS**

We find the Great Commission to the Church in Matthew 28:18-20. We have often referred to this passage through the years, and now it is time to stay with it awhile, rather than pass it by without giving it our full attention. After all, we are still here on earth for this express purpose. We have a mission to complete before the Savior returns to get us and take us to our Eternal goal. We will find that Eternity is not just a destination, but it is a goal for which we have been preparing through our lifetime upon this planet.

All that we have experienced in our lives has been part of God's plan which He set in motion when He created this world and birthed us into existence. By our rebirth, in Jesus Christ, we have been set on a path to glorify the God-head, as He works in us, through us, and on our behalf to glorify Himself in His creation. We are not an afterthought, or a loose end, but an integral part of God's eternal plan.

God has chosen to include us in His process of evangelizing the world. This is a great privilege conveyed upon those who have been chosen, and who have responded to the call of God. We are the very ones He has called out of the world's system to be bearers of Good News (the Gospel) to a world which is fallen and destined for destruction and Eternal separation from God.

In His mercy and grace, He has given us the message of hope to give to those who have lost all hope because of sin. He has directed us to be His faithful witnesses, after receiving Eternal life and Divine instructions, promising to always be with us in this task. We are not told to do this in our own strength or intellect, but by His authority and power.

In the letter of Paul to the Church in Rome, Paul tells us what the state of the world and its inhabitants truly is - lost in sin, hopeless in vision, and helpless apart from God's intervention. He goes into the ways in which mankind has failed, and then describes the Gospel, the only hope there is in our situation. I want us to consider this condition, and the resulting remedy, as well as look at the reason why we are still on earth at this time. No matter our age or condition, I believe that we are still here because God has a purpose for us to accomplish.

As we begin this New Year, I would like for us to Prayerfully commit ourselves to become followers of Jesus to the fullest degree possible. As a believer in Jesus Christ, as Savior and Lord, we have access to all that He

has prepared for us. The question is whether He has our all committed to Him. If we have reservations about that, we need to straighten that out before we can go any farther. Will I truly be a disciple, with nothing held back? Will I sincerely trust Him as Lord of my life, without question? If being a Christian really means being "Like Christ," am I willing to take necessary steps? Am I willing to take the Bible seriously when it says we are to give up all and be like Jesus? Read Luke 6:40, Luke 14:26-33.

This is my heart's desire for my life, that I would become all that God says a Christian is! I do not ask you to go beyond where I am willing to go, so, let's go together. This is really the only hope for our world, and it can begin with us.

Pastor Sam

### **THE PUZZLE PLACE**

**To whom God would  
make known what is  
the riches of the glory  
of this mystery among  
the Gentiles; which is  
S T I R C H N I U O Y**

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**the hope of glory:**

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