**FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS**

Join Worship through Zoom **Sunday at 10:00am**

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| **MARCH 2**  **WORSHIP** | Usher Bill Koellner  Candlelighters  PowerPoint Katie Thrasher  Organist  Greet/Coffee Hour  Speaking Elders Holly Gingerich & Bill Koellner  Communion Servers Volunteers Needed |
| **FEBRUARY**  **NUMBERS** | February 2 attendance – 55 February 2 giving - $4,651.00 (Incl. Auto Deposit)  February 9 attendance – 41 February 9 giving - $128.00  February 16 attendance – 37 February 16 giving - $1677.00 (Incl. Auto Deposit)  February 23 attendance - February 23 giving - $790.88  **Current monthly total – $7,246.88 Needed each month - $12,840.58**  A giving tab is included on the church website: <https://fcuwl.org/give/> |
| **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** | Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of reflection, repentance, and spiritual renewal leading up to Easter. It’s a time to come together, seek forgiveness, and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection.  We invite you to join us for our Ash Wednesday service on March 5th at 6:00 PM. to receive the imposition of ashes, which symbolize our mortality and the need for God’s grace. Let us begin this Lenten journey together in faith and community. |
| **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** | The WL Ministerial Association invites us all to World Day of Prayer at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on Friday, March 7th at 1:00pm. This annual event is a powerful opportunity to unite in prayer with Christians from around the world, enriching our faith and offering support.  The theme for 2025 is "I Made You Wonderful" – a reminder of our shared dignity and value in God’s eyes. Everyone is welcome to come together for a meaningful time of reflection, prayer, and unity! |
| **CYG PANCAKE BREAKFAST** | CYG is hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser o Saturday, March 8th from 7:00 – 10;30am and FCU. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a morning of great food for an even greater cause! Proceeds will help with mission trips and other expenses.  They are still in need of volunteers, supplies, and equipment. If you wish to assist, please use the link below to sign-up – then drop items off at the church on March 7th or earlier.  <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4CA5AB28A4FF2-54671759-2025?fbclid=IwY2xjawIhuLVleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHZozPJS8byD_Bdd-q1ScweCQcZKw3K3WRcnp-VWKug_XcEQccLe9qluIhA_aem_PNchtf-TapNAmH-LkeOVxw#/> |
| **VITA TAX ASSISTANCE** | Muscatine will be hosting a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site on Friday, March 7, 2025 from 9:00am-2:00pm at Muscatine Community College’s Career Advancement Center located at 152 Colorado St.  VITA sites offer free tax preparation services for households earning $67,000 per year or less. **Registration is required**. To register, please Mason at 563-223-8497 or [mason@unitedwaymuscatine.org](mailto:mason@unitedwaymuscatine.org).  Another session will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025 from 3:00pm-7:00pm. Registration for that session will not open until March 20, 2025. |
| **COMMUNITY CALENDAR** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | February 26 | 11:00AM | Lunch Lades | | February 27 | 6:00PM | CE Meeting | | March 2 | 8:00AM | St. Mary's Church of Lone Tree & Nichols Breakfast (flyer attached) | | March 4 | 7:00PM | 5-12th Grade Band Concert @ WLHS | | March 5 | 6:00PM | Ash Wednesday Service | | March 5 |  | **No WOW this week** | | March 6 | 6:30PM | FCU Board Meeting | | March 6 | 7:00PM | 7-12th Grade Choir Concert @ WLHS | | March 7 | 1:00PM | World Day of Prayer @ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church | | March 7 | 5:00PM | St. Joseph's Lenten Shrimp Fry | | March 8 | 7:00AM | CYG Pancake Breakfast | | March 9 |  | **Spring Forward Time Change!** | | March 12 | 4:00PM | Nichols Christian Church Annual Soup Supper | |
| **ENDOWMENT FUND and SUMMER CAMP INFO** |  |