**FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS**

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

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| **MAY 11**  **WORSHIP** | Usher  Candlelighters  PowerPoint Shaun Kruger  Organist Marianne Phelps  Choir Chancel  Greet/Coffee Hour |
| **LAWN MOWING** | Spring has sprung and the church lawn is growing right along with it!  We could use help to keep it looking fresh and welcoming for all who walk through our doors.    Sign up [here](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EEblgNQlIHfsIQv7nqfiHSozHT-4iaivQw1BZZCJGGY/edit?gid=0#gid=0) to mow prior to a Sunday worship service. Brief instructions within the link. |
| **MAY**  **NUMBERS** | May 4 attendance – 32                               May 4 giving - $3,625.00 (Incl. Auto Deposit)  **Current monthly total – $3,625.00** **Needed each month - $12,840.58**    A giving tab is included on the church website: <https://fcuwl.org/give/> |
| **BIRTHDAYS** | Addilyn Parizek (8), Mike Phelps (10), Blaine Kelly (11), Adeep Giri (12),  Lucas Larson (13) |
| **COMMUNITY CALENDAR** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | May 5-9 | 9:00am – 3:00pm | FFA Plant Sale @ WLHS Greenhouse | | May 16 | 11:00am-7:00pm | Lynne Morano showcase @ Brick Street Gallery | | May 25 | 7:00pm | Baccalaureate Service @ WL Christian Fellowship | | June 1 | 1:00pm | WLHS Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony | |  |  |  | |
| **FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES** | The Ministerial Association is continuing their food drive for the month of May! Please help collect ***Hamburger Helper & Ramen Noodles*** for the Food Pantry. There is a table in Fellowship Hall to place donated items. |
| **MIKE DUYTSCHAVER MEMORIAL** | Last week the VAC Food Pantry lost a compassionate and dedicated volunteer – Mike Duytschaver. In his memory, the WL Food Pantry is collecting donations for $20 plush lions—each with a hand-sewn paw patch—that will be gifted to the Aquarius Club Star Tree Toy Drive, one of Mike’s favorite holiday projects. Further details attached.    To contribute, please note “lion” or “general pantry” with your donation and send it to:  West Liberty Food Pantry  C/O Mary Larson, Treasurer  1242 Country Heights Lane  West Liberty, IA 52776 |
| **SUMMER CAMP ENDOWMENT REMINDER** | Summer 2025 is quickly approaching. If you have signed your child(ren) up for camp and plan on using Endowment funds to help cover costs, don’t forget to submit your Endowment request form. In 2025, families will pay just $100 per child, with the Endowment covering the rest—and the “You and Me” camp is fully funded.  Info sheets and request forms are attached. |
| **CAMP BEAR CREEK INVITES YOU…** | **Worship in the Woods**  **June 1st**, we invite you to worship with the camp community as we celebrate 65 years of Camp Bear Creek! We will also take time to commission the summer staff as they embark on the upcoming summer program. We will run activities starting at **1pm** for individuals and families to enjoy and begin our outdoor worship at 3pm. Please bring a camping chair for the outdoor worship. There is no cost for this event. Come out and enjoy an afternoon at camp! Please [RSVP](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczzetYy3z2pcRMPc-_ttoT0jztS9D7KxjI65nXZ85idlLpew/viewform) or by phone at 563-488-3893 by May 23rd.    **65th Anniversary Celebration Weekend**  We invite you to a celebration of the Camp’s 65th Anniversary over Labor Day Weekend (Friday, August 29th to Monday, September 1st). This will be a memorable event with traditional camp activities and some new additions such as our climbing wall and zip line. We hope you plan to attend this celebration weekend to re-connect with your camp friends, rekindle your relationship with the camp, and enjoy the spirit and community that is Camp Bear Creek.  Get more information and reserve your spot at [https://bearcreek.camp/retreats-events/](https://bearcreek.camp/retreats-events/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAYnJpZBExMkRyZTlBNHljTWlidmU3WAEemahAZdKEKmeB3pXpZrC0380Eqb6v2DJWVTSvEuhWAOxQ6Bpvcs7J6CGkDNY_aem_6x2ax8DvQHjTtrnZL_0olg) |