

WEST LIBERTY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

“I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death.” Philippians 3:10

Jan. 18, 2026

THE GOD WE WORSHIP Ephesians

Message and Scriptures

Salt

Matthew 5:13-16

Guest Pastor Kyler Meyers

WLCF VISION STATEMENT – To be a God centered, God loving, Holy Spirit filled, led and empowered Church, having Christ as the Head and we, as His Body, being used to make disciples of Jesus to build His Kingdom.

CHURCH COVENANT:

We covenant together with God and with one another in an ever-increasing relationship with God as follows: Lord God -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we covenant with you and with each other... **That we will always seek You and seek to stay out of Your way as You do Your works to accomplish Your will through us; looking to You always as the head of this Your church; seeking not to quench Your Holy Spirit as He works in us, with us, and through us.**

BARUCH ATA YHWH SEBAOTH – Bless You. Praise You. Thank You Beloved LORD GOD. We are thankful that You have created us to serve You, and that you've granted each of us ways in which we can individually serve our church family and the community around us.

Weekly Dawn Prayer – Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am both in person and via Zoom

Daily Time Alone with God – for a daily devotion please follow “Time Alone With God”, found on the website. Please pray TAG every day.

Prayer Chain – Call or email Lynne Zeman 319-627-4858 or westlibertychristianfellowship@gmail.com

TODAY AT WLCF (On Site and Zoom)

Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday school 10:00 a.m. Prayer 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

THIS WEEK AT WLCF

Bible Studies/Sunday School/Worship

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. **Spanish Bible Study** – Celebración de la Disciplina

Wednesday 7:00 a.m. **Dawn Prayer** – Prayer for the

World/Nation/Community/WLCF

	afternoon	Youth Bible Study – Gospel of Luke – Jesus!
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study – Celebration of Discipline
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Revelation
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School, Women's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

Birthday(s)

Wednesday Jan 21 – **Lisa Perdue**

Thursday Jan 22 – **Becky Feldman, Julie McKillip, Andres Molina, Paisley Plath**

Friday Jan 23 - **Easton McKillip**

Anniversary(ies)

Zoom –You will need to download the app on your phone or computer. The code for ALL videos is **228 893 6865**. The password is **416991**. Join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES

Jan 11 - All Church Sunday School - Consecration

Upcoming Events: Sun Jan 25 CYG Trivia Night Fundraiser

4:30 Soup Supper & Desserts available for purchase.

5:30 – 7pm Trivia Night. \$10 per person or \$50 for a Table of 6

Please note: WLCF has been asked to provide two crockpots of soup and some crackers to help support this fundraiser. If you are interested in helping with this, please let Lynne or Mario know.

Sat Mar 28 CYG Pancake Breakfast

New Bible Study: “Decide For Yourself” A Theological workbook that will help you explore what we believe and why. We'll start with an 8-10 week session. If interested, tell Jacob Lane or Pastor Mario. A signup sheet will be passed next week.

ONGOING EVENTS, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES

Baptism – If you are interested in following Jesus in the Waters of Believer's Baptism please contact Pastor Mario.

West Liberty Food Pantry – Open at FCU Saturdays 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. You can drop off donations here at church or put them in the box outside the Food Pantry door at FCU

West Liberty Clothing Closet –Open Tues 4-6pm, Wed 1-3pm, Friday 10am -12, and Saturday 10am -12 at the City Administration Building, East door. 111 W 7th St. (contact Maria Galvan mgalvan@wl.k12.ia.us), and **Furniture** is also available and handled by appointment (contact Kara Kruse at 563-506-4245.)

Church library – You are invited to check out the books from the library downstairs.

Copy of the Message or Bulletin – Visit our website: www.wlcf.org (an audio version is included) or contact Brad Jenkins.

Stephen's Ministry – is available for anyone needing someone to walk beside them or pray with them. Please contact Kelsey Jenkins 319-936-4891 or Cindy Mays 319-330-4620 for more information.

Child Care: Child care is available in the Nursery during worship service and the Sunday School hour..

Children's Sunday school – during the sermon at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

OUR GIVING TO THE LORD'S WORK: Offering Box – back table

Giving in January: \$3850, \$2603. We are ahead of budget \$2084.49. We need a monthly offering of \$9150.52 and a weekly offering of \$2111.66 to match our budget. BARUCH ATA YHWH SEBAOTH for the giving of YOUR people through the years. God loves a cheerful giver. *Checks can be mailed to the church or dropped off at the church, in the mailbox at the end of the lane. You are also invited to sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF). Please see Lynne for details.* Remember, it is through the giving of our offerings that this church remains open.

WLCF YOUTH MINISTRY

WLCF Youth Group for young people in 6th – 12th grades

Ministries

Worship Service:	Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Youth Bible Study: each week	Wednesdays 3:45 or 5:15 pm – contact Mario for specific time Studying the Gospel of Luke – Jesus!

COMMUNITY YOUTH GROUP (CYG)

If you are interested in serving this ministry in any way, let Pastor Mario know. The group meets at First Church United (FCU) on Sunday evenings September during the school year. We will be needing a new representative from our church to serve on the Board.

Jan 11	Regular CYG	6pm FCU
Jan 18	Regular CYG	6pm FCU
Jan 25	CYG Trivia Night Fundraiser	FCU

TIME ALONE WITH GOD (TAG)

Sunday, January 18, 2026

I must realize that the Bible is not a book of *magic* but a book of *miracle*. God not only spoke to the writers of the sixty-six books, but He continues to speak *through* them to me today. Jesus called the words of the Bible "life" (John 6:63), and Peter called them "seed" (1 Peter 1:23- 25). The Word of God is seed that contains the life principle of God Himself; and when that Word is read, digested, and obeyed, it manifests itself in a living reproduction of God, just as the seed will manifest itself again in the new plant. The Bible is not history, biography, or anthology; it is God's life in the crystalline form of words that, when read and obeyed, releases that life for the benefit and blessing of the reader.

The Bible is food (Deuteronomy 8:3), and food is nothing more than the chemical continuation of life. Unless the Holy Spirit has food to give me, He cannot maintain the level of spiritual life in me that He desires. That is why He pleads with me not to live off experience, service, ritual, dogma, or fellowship, but to live off the Word, which alone carries the capability of sustaining my spiritual life.

The Bible is a life-giving book! It is a drugstore loaded with tonics of every description, all waiting to be used. There is enough resource to take care of all my needs, for both soul and body, for today, tomorrow, and forever.

Have I found His Word a delight to my heart? Do I read it as one searching for a love message and not just "doing my daily dozen"? Have I gone past dates, facts, numbers, and events and found God Himself there? Have I made the Bible a rendezvous with infinity and eternity, and is my soul satisfied? Praise God for the "angels food" He supplies for us in His Word (Psalm 78:25, KJV), which nourishes and satisfies the new man!

W. Glyn Evans, Daily with the King, p. 240 (1979).

God has revealed so many glorious contradictions in the lives and conduct of genuine Christian believers that it is small wonder that we are such an amazement to this world.

The Christian is dead and yet he lives forever. He died to himself and yet he lives in Christ.

The Christian saves his own life by losing it, and he is in danger of losing it by trying to save it.

It is strange but true that the Christian is strongest when he is weakest and weakest when he is strongest. When he gets down on his knees thinking he is weak, he is always strong.

The Christian is in least danger when he is fearful and trusting God and in the most danger when he feels the most self-confident.

He is most sinless when he feels the most sinful and he is the most sinful when he feels the most sinless.

The Christian actually has the most when he is giving away the most; and in all of these ways, the Christian is simply putting into daily practice the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, his Savior and Lord!

A. W. Tozer, Mornings with Tozer, April 22 (1963)

Life is personal. By definition. All parts of it: language, work, friends, family, flowers and vegetables, rocks and hills, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - the works. When any part of life is abstracted from the particular, formulated into a generalization, bureaucratized into a project, reduced to a cause, life itself is killed, or at least diminished considerably. When any one of us quits being personally present to our child, our spouse, or our friend, life leaks out. A failure to be hospitable to a stranger blocks life. A withdrawal of attention from a conversation breaks the flow of life. Habitual indifference to the glory of a dogwood in blossom disrupts the intricate, underlying creation - congruities that deepen participation in glory, living in and to the glory of God.

Jesus is our primary witness to the primacy of the personal: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10) not bare survival rations but extravagance, *perisson*. Jesus is our primary revelation that God is personal, extravagantly personal. When we deal with God, we are not dealing with a spiritual principle, a religious idea, an ethical cause, or a mystical feeling. We are dealing personally with Jesus, who is dealing personally with us. Everything we know about God we know through and by means of Jesus. And Jesus is nothing if not personal - a living body and soul, who eats bread and fish and drinks water and wine. Jesus speaks and listens. Jesus is born into a family whose names we know, and he has a personal name, a name that was as common in his culture as Bill and Jane are in ours. Jesus weeps. Jesus gets angry. Jesus touches and is touched. Jesus bleeds when he is cut. Jesus dies. Jesus is totally at home in his body and with his family, at home with us in our bodily-ness and our families. He is not abstracted from any of it; he is not isolated in any detail. He is present totally, relationally, intimately.

What the biblical revelation tells us, a revelation that is summed up and completed in Jesus, is that we can't become more like Jesus (more pleasing or acceptable to God) by becoming less human, less physical, less emotional, less involved with our families, less associated with socially or morally undesirable people. We don't become more spiritual by becoming less human.

Eugene H. Peterson. Tell It Slant, pp.44f (2008).

What is important is not that we should always fear (or hope) about the End but that we should always remember, always take it into account. An analogy may here help. A man of seventy need not be always feeling (much less talking) about his approaching death: but a wise man of seventy should always take it into account. He would be foolish to embark on schemes which presuppose twenty more years of life: he would be criminally foolish not to make -- indeed, not to have made long since -- his will. Now, what death is to each man, the Second Coming is to the whole human race. We all believe, I suppose, that a man should "sit loose" to his own individual life, should remember how short, precarious, temporary, and provisional a thing it is; should never give all his heart to anything which will end when his life ends. What modern Christians find it harder to remember is that the whole life of humanity in this world is also precarious, temporary, provisional.

C.S. Lewis The World's Last Night and other Essays, p.110(1952).

Things God has taught me today:

VOLUNTEER ASIGNMENTS

<u>DATES</u>	<u>Church Cleaning Schedule</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
Jan 25 & Feb 1	Sandy Green & Geri Owen	Jan 25	Hugo Ramos
Feb 8 & 15	Mike & Lynne Zeman	Feb 1	Geri Owen
Feb 22 & Mar 1	Sandy Cornwall	Feb 8	Vania
Kirkpatrick			