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We connect people to Jesus and equip them to be his disciples.



## Camp Wakonda: This Year's Model

*"We need this property as a pasture for boys and girls."*

Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph, 1950

When Pastor Randy approached Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wegner in the spring of 1950 with hopes to purchase their property on Klug road for the purpose of creating a camp, Mr. Wegner first responded that he needed the pasture for his sheep. Pastor Randy replied, "We need this property as a pasture for boys and girls." Since that moment, generations of boys and girls have been fed by the shepherd of their souls at Camp Wakonda. For the last 74 years, the Lord has done marvelous work in the hearts of children and adults alike, and we look forward to what God has in store for us this coming year with great anticipation. So here's the skinny on camp.

Once again we will hold two overnight camps, Intermediate for grades 4-6 and Collision for grades 7-12, and Camp Discover for one week in the afternoon for grades K-3. Registration information will be available on the church webpage and at the Welcome Center beginning on Sabbath, April 6th. Staff applications for all camps are also available. Without our awesome counselors, our camps would not happen. Please help get the word out!

This April we hope to have our new camp stove installed along with the renovations to the kitchen! Praise the Lord!! Special

thanks go to Pastor John for spearheading this project and for all of those who have helped to make it a reality! If you have any questions about it, please ask Pastor John.

Our spring camp work day is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Please come and serve to make sure that Camp Wakonda is ready to go for the summer ministry season.

Finally, check out the prayer requests for camp on the next page and start praying! God has great things planned for this summer, and we get to be part of it. Let's pray for the Good Shepherd to do great work in the hearts and lives of all our campers.



**Camp Discover – June 24-28**  
**Collision Camp – July 7-14**  
**Intermediate Camp – July 14-19**  
Registration opens April 6th!

## April 2024

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# Keeping Camp Wakonda in Our Prayers

by Renee Sanford, Prayer Coordinator

How blessed we are to have Camp Wakonda! A beautiful, peaceful place that serves our families, our church and our community year-round. As the summer camping season approaches, it's a perfect time to focus our prayers on Camp Wakonda.

## PRAISE

- How beautifully your creation is revealed at Camp Wakonda!
- How present your Spirit!
- How glorious the truths you reveal to your people!
- You are good – all the time. All the time, you are good!

## THANKSGIVING

- Thank you, LORD, for Camp Wakonda!
- Thank you for all the lives impacted!
- Thank you for providing the resources needed year after year!
- Thank you for the spiritual legacy of Camp – our heritage of lives changed.

## CONFESSION

- LORD, there is so much work needed to ensure a glorious camp season and to keep the camp operational all year.
- We confess that we have not always done our fair share and have let others carry the load.
- Forgive us, and guide us in what we each are called to do this camp season.
- Give us joy in serving others.

## PETITION

- Please provide the needed staff for the camp season.
- Guide all the preparations and planning.
- Let all the administrative tasks run smoothly.
- Keep Camp Wakonda a peaceful, welcoming place.
- Fill the season with faith, fun and friendship.
- Keep everyone safe, physically and spiritually.

## INTERCESSION

- Please provide spiritual protection for Camp Wakonda.
- We lift up all who come to Camp Wakonda.
- Call young people to camp and remove any obstacles they face.
- Give us direction and boldness to invite campers – especially from un-churched families.
- Open campers' hearts to the gospel.
- Let there be healing, spiritual growth and salvation.
- Make the worship times powerful and sweet.
- Help campers remember and put into practice all they learn.
- Continue to grow God-centered relationships after camp.

Thank you, LORD, for hearing our prayers for Camp Wakonda. May this camp season give you glory!



## Work Day at Camp Wakonda

**Sunday, May 5, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Contact Brandon Crandall for details of outside projects including painting, repairing the wire fence, moving gravel, chainsaw trimming and inside cleaning jobs.

Many hands make light work. Hope to see you there.

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## Camp Counselor Applications



Are you interested in serving as a counselor at Camp Wakonda this summer? Camp is a very special place. Each summer we see God's powerful presence move in the hearts of the campers as well as the staff. If you have a personal relationship with Christ, you are invited to submit an application to show that you are interested in serving at one of our overnight camps. Applications are available in the church Welcome Center and on the website, [theconnecting.church/wakonda](http://theconnecting.church/wakonda).

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## Stewardship is About Your Heart

*By Pastor John Pethtel*

Jesus teaches us that we cannot serve two masters (Matthew 6:24). Giving should be inextricably tied to our spiritual lives, not something that is apart from it.

One biblical indication of the spirit of giving is the story of the widow's offering (Mark 12:41 - 44), where Jesus sat with his disciples in the temple courts and witnessed many wealthy people contributing large amounts.

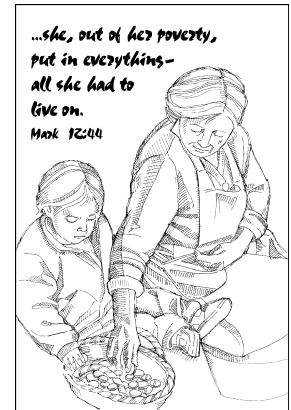
He points out the small gift made by a poor widow, emphasizing that she gave all that she had, making her a faithful

steward. The point here is that you are to give from your heart, regardless of the amount.

Consider another biblical story, also in Mark, where a woman anoints the feet of Jesus with expensive perfume. The disciples are indignant at the apparent waste, suggesting that it could have been sold and the money given to the poor. But Jesus encouraged them to focus on the heart of the woman and her extreme act of selfless giving.

If these issues have you thinking about what role issues

such as consumerism, greed, and financial security play in your heart, this is a good start at determining whether you are worshiping your money or you are worshiping with your money.



*...she, out of her poverty,  
put in everything -  
all she had to  
live on.  
Mark 12:44*

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### **Anchor of Hope (SDB Church in Dodge Center MN) has invited us to a Spring Fellowship Retreat on April 12th and 13th.**

The retreat will begin on Friday night at 6:00 with dinner, worship and fellowship. There will also be a Youth Retreat for grades 6-12. (See Pastor Nate for details)

The theme for the Fellowship Retreat will be Strengths. Following Sabbath worship at 10:00 and a fellowship meal, there will be a workshop at 1:30. Everyone attending is encouraged to take a CliftonStrengths Assessment prior to the session. We will dig into the talents that God gave to each of us and how we can build up those talents to turn them into strengths. Just having an awareness of your strengths and the strengths of others can help you in all areas of life.

**Email [dcsdbchurch@gmail.com](mailto:dcsdbchurch@gmail.com) for a registration form, more details and a prepaid code** for the assessment. The Anchor of Hope Church is funding the Top 5 assessment for everyone in attendance. If you would like the full 34, you can upgrade for a fee.



# Awana Grand Prix

by Angie Mullen, Director of Children's Ministry

Congratulations to our 2024 Grand Prix Race participants. We had an excellent turn out, both in racers and spectators, with 53 cars crossing the finish line! Most importantly, Pastor Nate shared an important message with everyone

about training for and running the race of life with Jesus.

Special thanks to our Race Director, Rich Gallegos, for putting this event together for us. And also thanks to our Design judges, Brandon Crandall,

Kathy Crandall, and David St. Clair. They truly have the hardest job of the event. There were so many wonderfully designed cars.

Here are the trophy winners in each category.



**Cubbies, Left to right:**  
Wesson W. – 1<sup>st</sup> Design,  
Justus W. – 1<sup>st</sup> Speed



**Sparks, Left to right:**  
Harrison H. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Speed, Maddux H. - 1<sup>st</sup> Speed,  
Matthew W. – 1<sup>st</sup> Design, Ingrid B. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Design



**T&T, Left to right:**  
Ava W. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Design, Alexander L. – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Design, Helena P. – 1<sup>st</sup> Speed,  
Lainey S. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Speed



**Open Class, Left to right:**  
Addison P. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Design,  
Mackynzie R. - 1<sup>st</sup> Design, Jason P.  
– 1<sup>st</sup> Speed, Garrett S. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Speed



**Awana Clubs™**  
It's Time To  
**Celebrate!**

**WED., MAY 1, 2024**  
**6:30 PM**

Join us for Awana Awards Night  
in the church sanctuary.

**Summer Missions Scholarships**

Summer missions scholarships are available to anyone participating in a short-term missions trip, including Koinonia.

Please contact the Church Administrator for more information or for a scholarship form.

**GIFTS Ministry**

Our spring week to serve at the GIFTS Homeless Shelter took place the week of March 18<sup>th</sup>. We graciously thank you for all the effort you made to bless the men living at the shelter in Janesville. It's not just a safe, temporary home for them, it's an opportunity to hear about Jesus, set a plan of action for a new life and provide resources and coaching to do that. They cannot do this without local church support. The food you donated and time and love to serve the meals are appreciated!

A special thank you goes to Pam Adams and Josh Harris for preparing the meals. They put a lot of time and thought into planning the meals and hard work into preparation. Thank you Pam and Josh!



**Friday, April 12**  
**at Milton SDB Church**

Join together again with the greater family in Christ for an evening of prayer and worship. Our gathering will take place on Friday night, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Milton SDB Church. Worship will be jointly led by the Chapel and Milton SDB. Pastor Jonathan Kim of Milton United Methodist Church will be our speaker for the evening. Come to seek the Lord and to receive prayer!



- 1 Nathaniel Muench
- 2 Gary Groelle
- 5 Jon Cruzan
- 6 *Randy & Marcy Kersten*
- 11 Corbin Kersten
- 13 Marcy Kersten
- 15 Elizabeth Lawton
- 15 Ellie Bornemann
- 16 Melissa Lade
- 17 John Harris
- 19 *Jim & Linda Lyke*
- 24 Isaac Harris
- 29 Mickey Johnson
- 29 Pam Adams

## April Bulletin Board

### Agrace Seeks Volunteers in Rock County

Agrace, a nonprofit community hospice serving Rock County, is seeking local volunteers. Volunteers are needed to make companionship visits to local hospice patients. No health care experience is needed.

Agrace will host volunteer orientation Tuesday, April 23, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Agrace Janesville campus. **Pre-registration is required.** To register, call (608) 327-7163 or visit [Agrace.org/Volunteer](http://Agrace.org/Volunteer) and fill out an application.



April – Awana	
3	Club
10	Club
17	Club
24	Club – Last Club Night
May 1	Year End Awards and Recognition Night

### Men’s Chorus

will rehearse at 8:00 a.m. on Sabbath, April 20th and sing during worship that day at 10:30 a.m.

### Ladies Sit ‘n Sip

Tuesday, April 9th, 9:00 a.m. at Sharla’s

### April Children’s Church

#### April 6

**Unit 20: Session 3**  
God Loves All People  
(1 Corinthians 13)

#### April 20

**Unit 21: Session 1**  
People Rejected Jesus  
(Luke 4)

April – Collision	
1	Roller Skating with Koinonia Youth Ministries
3	Bible Study @ The Ice ShanTea (4:30-6) Collision @Camp Wakonda
10	Bible Study @ The Ice ShanTea (4:30-6) Collision @Camp Wakonda
17	Bible Study @ The Ice ShanTea (4:30-6) Collision @Camp Wakonda – Pizza Night
24	Bible Study @ The Ice ShanTea (4:30-6) Collision @Camp Wakonda



### Focus on Funds

as of February 29, 2024

General Fund Balance	\$12,010.10
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$26,719.78
Feb. Undesignated Inc.	\$18,783.32
Feb. Total Income	\$20,750.14
Feb. Expenses	\$25,379.47
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 320.00
Capital Campaign Fund	\$ 6,024.38



# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
	<b>1</b> 8:00 TOPS  <b>April Fool's Day</b> 6:00 Youth Roller Skating with Koinonia	<b>2</b>  7:00 Scouts	<b>3</b> 6:30 Men's Bible Study – Sharla's 9:30 Women's Bible Study  4:30 Youth Bible Study – The Ice ShanTea 6:25 Awana 6:30 Collision	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 Sabbath School 10:30 Worship and Children's Church – Camp Wakonda Sabbath
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28	<b>29</b> 8:00 TOPS	<b>30</b>  7:00 Scouts	<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Sabbath Sunset Times</b></p> <p>April 5    7:28 p.m.    April 6    7:29 p.m.</p> <p>April 12   7:36 p.m.    April 13   7:37 p.m.</p> <p>April 19   7:44 p.m.    April 20   7:45 p.m.</p> <p>April 26   7:52 p.m.    April 27   7:53 p.m.</p> </div>			



**April  
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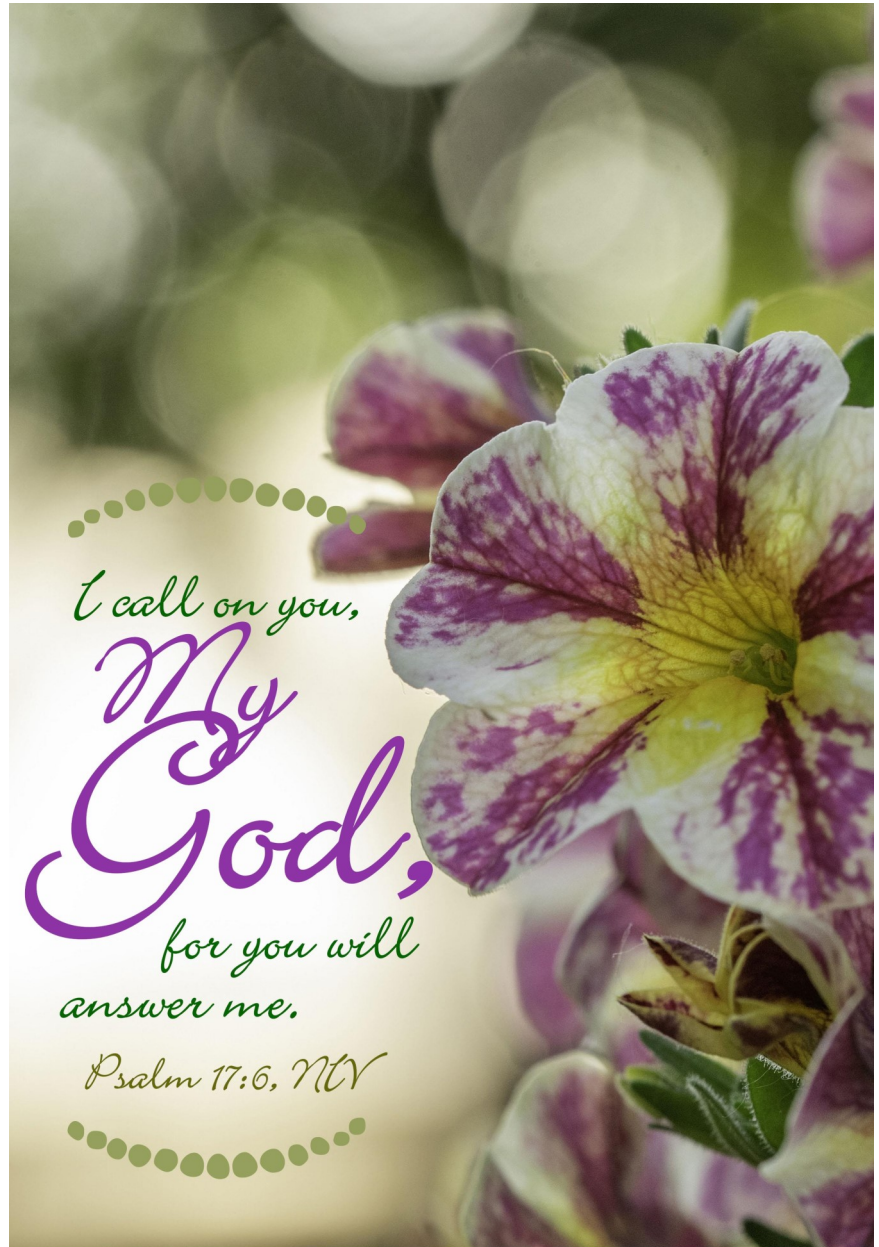
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### **Online Worship**

Our Sabbath morning worship service is available **live** on our YouTube channel. Go to <http://TheConnecting.Church/WorshipOnline> for the link. We are also posting links to the sermon notes on that same page.