



Noelridge News

November 2022

Gathering in friendship. Growing in faith. Worshiping and serving Christ.

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We Are Thankful



NCC Pastor Gregory Chambers (left) breaks bread during his first leading of communion on Sunday, October 2. At center is Elder Sue Maier. Deacons were Linda Fisher (left) and Gail Long.



The NCC Chancel Choir performs "Back to the Church in the Wildwood" during the NCC Sunday worship service on September 25. This was the first performance by the choir since Easter. Front row, from left: Karen Howe, Carol Hedberg, Betty Graham, Paige Wehring, Trudy Stewart. Middle row: Gaye Roberts, Karen Martin, Elizabeth Blocksome, Sandy Klein. Back row: Randy Walton, Pete Sherman, Elijah Barker, Tom Ohrt, Gregg Alliss, Ray Howe. (Katie Ginther photo)



Above: Cameron Sullenberger and Trudy Stewart pose next to their pumpkins at Bart's Pumpkin Farm on Sunday afternoon, October 9. Each youth got to pick out a pumpkin to decorate for the Newollah party.

Below: NCC Praisebuilders and Godsquad youth are shown on a haywagon ride at Bart's Pumpkin Farm on Sunday afternoon, October 9.



Praise Team drummer William Arnold is shown on October 2, his first Sunday at NCC.



Signs Along the Way



You might be wondering why I write about the Signs Along the Way. The story behind these newsletter articles goes back at least two generations. As my grandfather was traveling, he realized that road signs along the road would make great fodder for relating the faith to everyday objects. My dad continued this tradition when he began his ministry, so naturally when I began mine, I followed suit.

So what are the Signs Along the Way? They are the God moments and whispers of the Spirit that speak to our hearts. Sometimes, it's a phrase, such as "Lead with Gratitude." Other times, it could be what is written on a sign as you are driving down the road like, "Avoid Sinburn, use Sonscreen." Still these Signs Along the Way could be as simple as an act of kindness or generosity. The Signs Along the Way can be the laughter of children or the embrace of an old friend. Whatever they are and however they come, they are at their core reminders to us of God's grace and abundant love. It is recorded in John 16:13 *"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."*

As we seek to become a Spirit led people, these words paint for us a roadmap to discern how the Spirit of the Living God is moving in our lives. As a people of God, may we seek out his truth. May we listen to the whispers of the Spirit. And may we watch for the Signs Along the Way.

Grace + Peace,

Rev. Gregory S. Chambers



Rev. Chambers Office Hours

For those of you who would like to stop by and say, "Hello," Pastor Gregory will generally be in the office 9:00-3:00 Monday-Thursday. Friday is Pastor Gregory's Day Off. If you need to reach him outside of office hours either email him at gregory@noelridgechristian.org or give him a call at (319)-777-8216.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Please make plans to join our fellow C Avenue Churches on Wednesday, November 23rd for a Community Thanksgiving Worship. This year's service will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church (8300 C Avenue in Marion, IA 52302) at 7:00 PM. We hope to see you there.



Church Happenings

Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer for:

Janice, friend of Linda Fisher, who is hospitalized after having several falls.

Adam Klitzka, as he recovers from surgery.

Jodi, daughter of Linda Fisher, who had foot surgery in October.

The family of Sara, friend of Denise Piper, who passed away.

Ed VanSlyke, recovering from back surgery.

Virginia, mother of Ken Maier.

Victoria, for health, healing and comfort.

Betty Hargraves, rehabilitating after quadruple bypass surgery.

Sue Alliss, as she undergoes chemotherapy.

Claudia, Amy Spangelos' and Carole Northway's sister, dealing with brain cancer.

Theodore Bosenge and his fiancée, Mwamba Mputu Tantine, as they await the approval of her immigration petition.

Mary, Elizabeth Norman's sister, with bone cancer and kidney failure. Mary is on oral chemo treatment after having radiation.



Ken Maier poses with his restored 1965 Oldsmobile Cutlass 442 in the NCC parking lot after the Sunday worship service on September 4. The vehicle has just over 20,000 original miles on it.



NFL

aka

Noelridge {faithful; fit; fun; funky} Ladies

WHO: All women of NCC

WHAT: Women wanting a night out; chat and also enjoy the culinary delights of the Cedar Rapids Area.

When: 5:30 pm on the third Tuesday of every month.

WHERE: Restaurants in the Cedar Rapids area.

On November 15, we'll be at "the hip-stir" at 1120 7th Ave., Marion.

RSVP: Please make reservations by texting Elizabeth Norman, 319-310-0301.



Wake Up Ladies!

Our "Wake Up Ladies" morning coffee group next meets on Tuesday, November 22, at 9 am at Dash Coffee Roasters at 120 3rd Ave. SW in Cedar Rapids. Come join us!

For more information, contact Karen Martin at (319) 551-2501.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the generous donors, hard workers, and avid shoppers for our Fall Rummage Sale! You all made it a great success! Our total income for this sale is \$2619.59 which will go to fund mission projects and other services our church provides to our members and our community. What an awesome crew of people we had supporting this project!!

Congregational Meeting

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 4, following worship. During this meeting, we will be voting on the recommendations of the nominating committee. We will also hold a vote on the 2023 Budget. Please look for a meeting agenda and proposed 2023 budget to arrive in your mailbox around the 21st of November. If you have any questions please reach out to Pastor Gregory.



Elder Moment

From Lisa Stolba



Think back to a time when you first began to learn something new... the computer or that new phone, a subject in school, a hobby, joined a social group or started a job. I hope that your memory is a positive one! "Firsts" can be challenging, they are times for growing and stretching ourselves. It's been a longtime dream that when I retired, I would learn to quilt. Well, three years into semi-retirement, I am finally carving out the time to take classes, practice and complete the homework sewing projects.

This learning adventure is great fun! My instructors provide never ending encouragement, guidance, and continued patience in answering my beginner level questions. I am finally past the fear of threading my sewing machine during class! I listen carefully to the insights from the seasoned quilters during classes who teach me more than they'll ever know. I am developing my creativity as I experiment with colors and patterns in my quilting projects. My confidence is growing as I undertake my own projects.

Yet, there are the growing pains of learning how to do something new. First, putting myself 'out there' as someone who doesn't know what to do with a group of strangers. Then are the expectations I have for my finished projects, that they look professionally done but truly are so very far from perfect. I tend to pull out my seam ripper, nicknamed Jack, and spend hours redoing seams. More than once, my instructors have told me that "it is fine" yet I go home and redo the work. When my last project tested my patience along with 'my' time allotment, I changed my mindset to "this is the practice, don't be so picky! Next time, this will be easier with fewer mistakes." (From the educator who always says this to her students, but not to herself!) Now I see the overall value of what I've learned when I look at that fall table runner on our kitchen table.

The trials and errors that come along with learning something new or joining in a new group should not deter anyone. Learning occurs on both sides! It does take some courage to step out of our boxes but when met with acceptance and nurturing, that fear dissipates and good things do happen. On the flip side, leaders and members ought to be just as open to learning from those new to the activity or group. Fresh eyes may bring a new perspective to something that's been done the same way for a long time. I've been learning more than sewing skills and reminded in Hebrews 10:24 "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds," fits not only in a quilting class but wherever we are! Maybe it's time to join that church committee group you've been thinking about for a while! You'll be welcomed with appreciation! Blessings as you give and receive that love!

Lisa Stolba



Try Something New!

Join the crew putting up Christmas decorations in the sanctuary and narthex on Saturday, November 26, at 9 am to prepare for our "Hanging of the Greens" First Sunday in Advent service on the following day. Many tasks are available from ladder work to fluffing bows. We need you!

So remember, eat turkey on Thursday, eat leftovers on Friday, and come spend Saturday morning with friends preparing for the Christmas season.



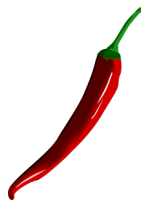
NCC Chili Cook-Off (Showdown at Food Court Corral)



Chili Cook-Off contestants pose in NCC's Fellowship Hall before the event on Wednesday evening, October 19. From left: Gregory Chambers (Beans and Spice Chili), Kyle & Paige Wehring (The Usual Suspect Chili), Linda Osmundson (Iowa-Mex White Chicken Chili), Max Lightfoot (Springfield Chili), Ruth Rothrock (Rothrock Chili), Cameron Sullenberger (Everybody Luvs Cameron's Chili), Theresa Smith (Tenderfoot Chili), Cindy Huovinen (No Like'm Beans Chili).



Richard Goldsberry (foreground right) chooses some chili samples from Kathryn Chambers during NCC's Chili Cook-Off on Wednesday evening, October 19. Behind Kathryn Chambers is Kyle Wehring.



Chili Cook-Off category winners. From left: Gregory and Kathryn Chambers (Hottest), Linda Osmundson (Most Creative) and Cameron Sullenberger (People's Choice).



A Visit to the Pumpkin Patch



Pumpkins were only part of the fun for NCC youth at Bart's Pumpkin Farm on October 9. In addition to the hayrack ride (pictured on page 1), they also enjoyed a corn maze and horseback rides.

(Top three photos on this page are by JoAnne Pruitt)



Praise Builders children are shown before they decorate their pumpkins on Wednesday evening, October 19. Clockwise, from foreground center: Stetson, Magnolia, Eden, Nora, Zoey, Ashland, Ira, Paige.

A black-painted pumpkin is shown on Wednesday evening, October 19, after plastic "jewels" were applied to it by Praise Builder youngsters using a glue gun under the supervision of leader JoAnne Pruitt.



Fall Rummage Sale



Above: Linda Osmundson (left) and Sandy Delay are shown in the NCC Welcome Center during the fall rummage sale on Thursday, October 13. They were volunteering for "Cards for a Cause," a Florida fundraiser for the victims of Hurricane Ian.

At right: The NCC fall rummage sale money tables are shown on Thursday, October 13. From left: Sandy Klein, Loren Kisling, JD Smith, Stu Davidson.

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Crafting Fun



On October 7, BJ Clouston shared her love of making beaded jewelry with the Friday Craft Group. JoAnne Pruitt then taught the group how to make a beaded Christmas ornament. The ornament on the right was done by Karen Howe. Watch for future opportunities to come and join in the fun!



We Need You!

Our MOPS families are growing and so is our need for shepherds to care for their children during their meeting. We know that everyone is busy, busy, busy and committing to being there for 2 1/2 hours 2 mornings a month for the whole school year is a long commitment. SO-O-O we are taking a different approach with flexibility. Look into your hearts and see if in your busy schedule you could come help out on one or more of the following dates:

November 1, November 15, December 6, December 20, January 10, January 24, Feb 7, Feb 21, Mar 7, Mar 21, Apr 4, Apr 18, May 2, May 16. There will be a sign up poster in the Narthex by Sunday, Oct 30th. If you have any questions, contact Theresa Smith or Sandy Delay.

If you can help us, Moms who are waiting to meet some friends and have more support in their role as a Mom of Preschoolers can join our group. Please share your time and love.



Neewollah

On Wednesday, October 26th, we had our annual Neewollah party for the youth of NCC and everyone had a great time!! The kids, and some adults, came in costume and the imagination shown was something to see! We had food, games, LOTS of candy and prizes. Many MANY thanks to those who donated candy and prizes and those who helped set up, man games and clean up after!! We had a blast and hope everyone enjoyed themselves!!!

Blessings to you all!

Cameron Sullenberger & JoAnne Pruitt



Above right: Children pose in their costumes at the Neewollah party.

Center right: JoAnne "Pirate" Pruitt makes popcorn for the party.

Center left: Gregory "T-Rex" Chambers practices for the fun.

Below: Party participants in their "Neewollah best." (photo by Elijah Barker)



Notes From Cameron



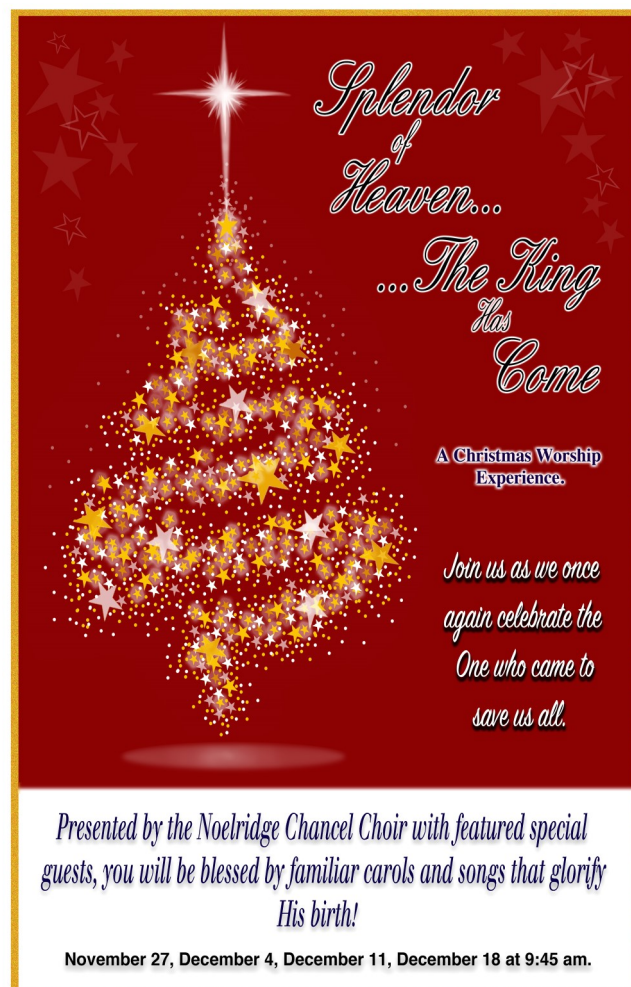
We once again will present our Live Nativity after a two-year hiatus. This event has become a Noelridge tradition that you can share with friends and family. It features live animals surrounded by members of our church dressed in biblical outfits in tableau fashion depicting the night Christ was born. Our event will include a soup supper and Christmas carols led by our mighty cast in the manger scene.

Please set aside Wed, December 14th as the date!!
The event is from 6–8pm

***We will hold an informational meeting for the Nativity right after the service on November 20th for whoever is interested in getting involved from set up, parking lot attendants, take down, luminaries, etc. Past leaders are very welcome to attend as your expertise and dedication are what makes this event such an important outreach ministry of our church.

Thank you, Jesus, for coming to our world !!!

Cameron Sullenberger
Senior Director of Music, Worship and Creative Arts



Really, Really, Really Good News

The kids and youth will be presenting their Christmas musical (**Really, Really, Really Good News**) on Sunday, December 11th, during the worship service. You won't want to miss our very own as they proclaim the good news of Christ through dialogue and music. It's fun for every age of young people at our church and consists of many speaking parts and a great score of Christmas songs and favorites.

The kids and youth will begin rehearsals starting November 2nd every Wednesday during Praise Builders and every Sunday during Sonshine Time until the presentation.

Please contact Lisa Stolba, Cameron Sullenberger, JoAnne Pruitt or Carolyn Smith if you have any questions or need additional info on the rehearsal schedule. It's very important we have all kiddos on board and at each rehearsal and the dress rehearsal to be involved. It's become such a heartfelt tradition here at NCC.

Won't you have your children or grandchildren join us?

Read more with this synopsis of what to expect:

Follow Ms. Oliver, a very patient director and her very curious and distracted actors as they tell the Christmas story with questions, humor, and wonder at the really good news that God would really send His only Son—for us! *Really, Really, Really GOOD NEWS* makes the Christmas musical experience enjoyable for both little and big people alike.

Cameron Sullenberger
Senior Director of Music, Worship and Creative Arts



Church Happenings

Wishing you many blessings today and throughout the year!



Happy Birthday!

Chase Montgomery	November 1
James (JR) Pruitt	November 4
Vicki Brasch	November 5
Darrell Long	November 7
Annabel Mollenhauer	November 10
Maralene James	November 11
Burton Butler	November 13
John Wilson	November 14
Mackenzie Himes	November 16
Peter Sherman	November 21
Bryon Stolba	November 26
Jennette McClurg	November 29

Happy Anniversary!

Nick & Jane Groves	November 5
Charlie & Brittany Kerns	November 9



For Care From an Elder

Our Elders want to be there for us when we are in need of pastoral care. Each month, two Elders will be the "on call" Elders to call in case of emergency. All of our Elders are listed on the back of the Sunday bulletin. The two "on call" Elders will be featured with their contact information.

For November, the Elders "on call" are:

Kellie Lala (319) 721-1820

Sue Maier (319) 651-3520

Thanks for the Photos!

Thank you, Gregg Alliss, for providing most of the photos in our newsletter. You are swell!



NPCC/NCC Charter Member Ruth Rothrock poses at the Welcome Center on her 93rd birthday on Sunday, October 16.



Thank You

Thank you, Dear Church Family, for singing "Happy Birthday" to me on Oct. 16th & for the surprise birthday cake on Oct. 23rd! Also, thanks for the birthday wishes. I'm truly blessed. Love to all, Ruth Rothrock.



Bring Some Joy

Send a note or a card to a homebound member.

Dave & Susan Hoagland
415 Crimson Drive NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402



Moment In NCC History



NCC Organist Carma Lou Beck plays the baby grand piano in Fellowship Hall during the church's annual Harvest Dinner following the contemporary Sunday worship service on November 6, 2011. The piano had been recently donated by former member Charlotte Bonaventure.



Regular Sunday Schedule

8:30 - Adult Sunday School
9:15 am - Fellowship
9:45 am - Worship & SonShine Time
10:45 am - Adult Sunday School

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 MOPS - 9:00-11:15 am RTC - 6-10 pm	2 Regular Wednesday Schedule GodSquad Bonfire at Osmundson's - 6:25-8 pm	3 RTC - 6-10 pm	4 RTC - 6-10 pm	5 Advent mtg - 9 am
	6 Sunday Schedule	7 Elder mtg. 5:30 pm	8 Election Day - NCC Polling Place MOPS Leaders- 9-11:15 am	9 Wednesday Schedule	10	11
13 Sunday Schedule Veteran Recognition & Harvest Dinner	14 Steering Board mtg. 5:30 pm	15 MOPS - 9:00-11:15 am Collins - 9:30 am NFL - 5:30 pm at the hip-stir	16 Wednesday Schedule PB/GS Food Baskets	17 Card Ministry - 1:30 pm	18	19
20 Sunday Schedule Newsletter Articles Due	21	22 Wake Up Ladies 9 am Collins - 9:30 am	23 Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service at St. Mark's at 7 pm	24 Thanksgiving Office closed	25 Office closed	26 Decorating the Sanctuary - 9 am
27 Sunday Schedule GodSquad Gift Wrapping after worship	28 Missions mtg. 5:30 pm Congregational Life mtg. 6:30 pm	29 Collins - 9:30 am Africa mtg. 6:30 pm	30 Wednesday Schedule	 Regular Wednesday Schedule 5:30 pm Food Court 6:00 pm Praise Builders 6:35 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal		



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Board Officers

Moderator - Kyle Wehring
Moderator Elect - Sue Maier
Secretary - Theresa Smith
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Treasurer - Sue Alliss
Trustee - Rod Blocksom
Trustee - Stu Davidson

Program Group Leaders

Missions - Linda Osmundson &
Linda Fisher
Physical Resources - Loren Kisling &
Bryon Stolba (co-chairs)
Administration - Diana Ellingson
Congregational Life - Eva Kisling
Spiritual Growth - JoAnne Pruitt

Elder & Deacon Chairpersons

Elder Chair - Lisa Stolba
Deacon Chair - Linda Fisher

Historian/Photographer

Gregg Alliss

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Sunday Worship Service

Worship is at 9:45 a.m. with the service
available online on Sunday afternoon.

Find the link on our website
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