October 2026

GoodNews

Love God . Welcome All . Serve Everyone

CURTIS STRANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Winter gear collection

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Greetings from the Pastor

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

It is already October!

Autumn is a season of harvest. Farmers have spent months planting, working, and patiently caring for their crops. Now they begin to see the fruit of their labor. In the same way, October gives us an opportunity to look back and ask: What have we planted this year, and what kind of fruit are we bearing?

Last week, we experienced a beautiful transition at Wesley—Janice to Janice. After five years of serving our church, our outgoing Janice wanted to pass on everything she had learned. At the same time, our new Janice was eager to listen, learn, and receive. Watching them reminded me how valuable a good transition can be.

I have experienced this in ministry as well. When I had the opportunity to learn from the person before me, I could adjust more quickly and serve more effectively. When that transition was difficult, I often had to begin again and discover everything on my own.

Our life of faith is similar. We are blessed with many faithful people who show us what Christian life looks like. We can learn from their faith, their service, and their love. But ultimately, our greatest example is not another person. It is Jesus.

So I have been thinking about another kind of transition: Jesus to Me.

What if the love of Jesus truly moved into our daily lives?

What if His compassion became our compassion, His forgiveness became our forgiveness, and His love for others became our way of living?

I believe that when this “Jesus-to-Me transition” takes place, we become ready to love God and love our neighbors more fully. We also become ready to welcome and serve the people God sends to us.

This year, we have said goodbye to some of our beloved older adults who have gone home to be with the Lord. We miss them deeply, and we give thanks for the faith and love they shared with us.

At the same time, I believe God will send new people into our church family. And when they come, my prayer is that we will be ready—not simply with programs and plans, but with the love of Jesus in our hearts.

This year, we have continued our ministry with older adults, invested in Play 75, and begun preparing for our 2027 Korea Mission Trip. These are seeds we have planted together. Now we trust God with the harvest.

Perhaps the most important harvest is not simply what we accomplish. It is who we are becoming.

As we enter these final months of the year, may we ask ourselves: Am I becoming more like Jesus?

May the transition from Jesus to me continue in each of us, so that Wesley Church may be a place where people experience the love of Christ—through us.

With gratitude and prayers,

Pastor David Kim

Welcome

We would like to welcome our new administrative assistant, Janice Schmidbauer who started with Wesley officially on 9/14. She will spend a week or so overlapping with Janice Mowry to learn the role. If you get a chance, stop in the office during regular hours. 8-12 Mon- Fri and say hello. She is looking forward to meeting everyone and getting to know our congregation.

Her prior work experience is extremely impressive as she worked for Saint Mary's Catholic Church from 2012 through 2026 as their parish finance specialist/bulletin editor. She has attended the University of Wisconsin River Falls, and has a bachelors degree in secondary mathematics education with a minor in computer science. Welcome to Wesley Janice!

Kathy's Korner

WESLEY YARNERS

We get together to make projects with yarn. Everyone is welcome to join us and use their creativity to make projects. If you do not know how to knit or crochet, we have willing teachers. We also can provide the beginning supplies to get you started. So, this is a no-cost initial investment. Come join us, learn a new craft, and have some fellowship time with others who enjoy the art of creating with yarn.

Wesley Yarners will be meeting on Thursday: October 1 at 10 am and
October 8 at 10 am
We will also meet on **Monday**, October 12 at **6 pm**

Curtis Strange News

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If anyone would like to join the Community partnership team with Curtis Strange, please talk to Kathy Mulroy. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Curtis Strange.

There have been some changes with the school Leadership teams at the school and are looking at possibly restarting Saturday Academy in the end of February. Please look for more information to come.

Wesley Day at the Soup Kitchen

Wesley Day at the Soup Kitchen is on

Saturday, October 3rd.

Please contact Andrew Hansen at 262.705.5775 at andrewjhansen@earthlink.net or Kris Trumbo at trumbkl@sbcglobal.net to let them know you can help.

Thank you for your participation in this valuable ministry.

United Women in Faith

The Elizabeth Circle of UWF Meeting will be
Tuesday, October 6th, at 9:30 am

Hope to see you there.

Team Meeting

Our 4th quarter meeting will be held on

Sunday, November 1st at 10:00 am

in the lounge.

See you on the 1st!

Sandy & Bob

Melodies of Compassion

Melodies of Compassion for the 4th quarter will be Immanuel Homeless Ministry. Watch for more info in the November Good News.

Shalom Center Food Pantry

Arnold Parise delivered 58 lbs. of donations to the Food Pantry for September. We continue to collect nonperishable items for the pantry. And we will continue until there is no more need. You may drop them off at the church from 8-noon, Monday through Friday or on Sunday morning .

As always, thank you for your generosity!

Thank you, Arnold for your dedication to this ministry.

Please sign up on the calendar on the fridge if you would like to bring the snack.

Counters

4	Cyndi Wolf & Jean Thompson
11	Arnold Parise & Patti Sloca
18	Kris Trumbo & Bob Dorsey
25	Lorrie Peterson & Margaret Christian

8	Kinsley Christensen-Bara
17	Pastor David Kim
22	Jean Thompson
26	Sandy Petersen
27	Maggie Insor
29	Jeremiah Gaines

Happy **50th** Anniversary on the 9th to Bob & Sandy Petersen!!

and

Happy 29th Anniversary on the 18th to Gale & Jean Thompson!!

8	Abigail Ricchio
11	Dina Daniel
14	Terry Miller
16	Brianna Sloca
22	Stella Guadalupe

SPOTLIGHT on

Jean Otto

1. What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know ? My dad was a Methodist Minister.
2. What's the last book you read?—*"The Canary Girls" by Jennifer Chiaverini*
3. What is your favorite hobby(ies)? Reading, walking and volunteering.
4. What's the first concert you ever attended? We couldn't afford going to concerts.
5. What's the next place on your travel bucket list? San Antonio
6. Are you currently binge-watching any shows? No. I don't watch tv.
7. If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be? Pizza
8. What are items you can't live without? My books.
9. What was your dream job as a child? I always wanted to be a teacher—and I was.
10. If you could have dinner with anyone, who's one person you'd go with? God
11. Approximately how long have you been a member @ Wesley? A couple years
12. If you had to get a tattoo today, what would you get? A little butterfly
13. What is your nickname? They just call me Jean.
14. If you could donate $100,000 to any philanthropic cause or charity organization, which one would you choose and why? St. Jude.
15. If you only had 1 month to live, what would you make sure you did? Finish my books :)

If you would like to be featured in "The Spotlight" please send your answers to Michelle Christensen-Bara at michelle.christensen.jm6h@statefarm.com

Nurture still needs YOU! If you are interested in joining the committee or simply attending a meeting to see what we are all about, please contact Michelle. 262.327.6336

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COME WORSHIP WITH US!

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