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“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”

CCOWUCC Update and News **By Michael Small** **For The Week of: [September 16, 2024](#)**



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WORD FOR THE DAY **- FROM GRATEFUL.ORG**

“You don’t get to choose how you’re going to die. Or when. You can only decide how you’re going to live. Now.” — Joan Baez

DAILY QUESTION
What is something new that I have learned recently?

You may subscribe to the daily “Word for the Day” by going to <https://grateful.org>

❖ **Sunday - September 15** - We said “thank you” to Leisa. Best wishes as you pursue teaching students! Blessings be upon you!



❖ **Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost – September 15th** – Jesus asks – “What are people saying about me?” “You are John the Baptist or Elijah.” “What do you say about me?” “You are the Messiah!” Jesus describes how the Messiah will suffer and die. “If you wish to come after me, you must deny your very self, take up your cross and follow in my footsteps.” The Epistle James speaks to the destructive nature of the tongue speaking mistruth, the spark of the tongue can burn all things down.” The service may be viewed on the church website www.walkerucc.com or by clicking on the QR code.



❖ **Please Welcome Sabbastian Wilson Webb as Keyboardist and Musician for worship services!**

The Music Board has endorsed the hire of Sabbastian Wilson Webb to be keyboardist and musician for Sunday worship services. Sabbastian begins on Sunday, September 22, 2024. We are thrilled that he is coming on board.



❖ **Thanks to all who participated in and worked with the Celebration of Life for Norma Knight**

It was a true celebration of life for Norma Knight on Saturday, September 14 – almost becoming a part of the annual Ethnic Fest in Walker. The music was presented by Rick James, Mike Kerrigan and the service ended with Sabbastian Wilson Webb singing “Dancing Cheek to Cheek”. The service may be viewed on the church website or by going to the QR Code or link.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Q4OTDS5QomM>



❖ **Prayers from United Church of Christ:** – “A “Just Peace” Call to the Community. May we all sense the warmth of God’s presence. May we reach out in love and fellowship toward God and one another during this time of deep and profound anxiousness. Our hearts are aching as we pray for a world without violence, for peace among nations & peace in our hearts. Amen.” - *The Shalom Center. Part of UCC’s “Just Peace” Sunday Worship Resources.* Read other prayers by going to www.ucc.org.



❖ **Recycled Cards will be put together Tuesday, September 17th at 1:00 p.m.** – All are invited to join Ruth Neidermann to work on the many kinds of greeting cards that will become available for sale at the church. **All who are interested are welcome!**

Good News Coffee House
Sunday, September 22nd
6:00 p.m. - 7:00



Presents
Doyle Turner

Donations will support the local P.E.O Scholarship Program for one WHS Student

❖ September 22nd 2024 Worship Information – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- **Theme: For Position**
- **All readings for this Sunday:**
 - Proverbs 1:20-33 and Psalm 19 or Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 – 8:1 OR Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 116:1-9 • James 3:1-12 • Mark 8:27-38
- **Focus Prayer:** Humble and Exalted God, help us hold the tension of being first and last, stewards and servants, leaders and disciples. Amen.
- **Focus Reading: Mark 9:30-37** – Wildman, Terry M.. *First Nations Version* (p. 81). InterVarsity Press. Kindle Edition.

HE AGAIN FORETELLS HIS DEATH

³⁰From there, Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) took his followers on through Circle of Nations (Galilee) but stayed away from the crowds ³¹ so he could further instruct the ones who walked the road with him.

“The True Human Being will soon be taken and handed over to men who will kill him, but on the third day he will come back to life from the dead.”

³² But his followers did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask.

WHO IS THE GREATEST?

³³They returned again to Village of Comfort (*Capernaum*) and settled down into the house there.

“What were you talking about as we walked the road just now?” he asked them.

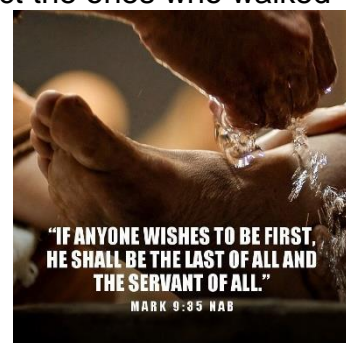
³⁴ None of them would answer him, because they had been arguing about who among themselves was the greatest. ³⁵ So Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) sat down and gathered his twelve followers around him.

“The one who would be first must be the one who will serve all the others—and become last,” he told them.

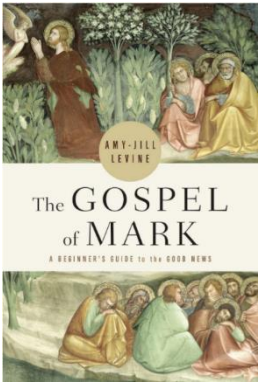
³⁶ He then stood a small child in front of them.

“When you represent me and welcome a child like this one, you welcome me.”

³⁷He then took the child into his arms and said, “When you welcome me, you do not welcome me alone, but also the one who sent me.”



- **Focus Questions:**
 - What is position?
 - What positions do you hold? What is their significance?
 - What positions do you strive to obtain? Why are they important to you?
 - In what context are positions necessary and beneficial?
 - What positions need to be deconstructed or dismantled?
- **Special Music: Celebrate (Chris Kolp, Ken and Linda Barber) – Liturgist: Chris Kolp – Greeter: Beth Alderson**



Book – Video Conversation on Wednesday September 18th

The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News
 By Amy-Jill Levine
Discover the Good News in the Bible's earliest Gospel

Light Meal at 6:00 p.m.

In-Person Gathering and Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86243166965?pwd=dPV1fSfP3mpTeZDFrqnBgHicUhEH6C.1>

Meeting ID: 862 4316 6965

Passcode: 242188

Sessions	Text	Date	Time
The Little Apocalypse	Mark 13	8/14/2024	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Judas Iscariot and the Naked Man	Mark 14 – 15	8/21/2024	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

❖ **Birthdays**

- ❖ 9/17 Lexie Barber
- ❖ 9/18 Barb Brownlow
- ❖ 9/19 Don Splichal
- ❖ 9/21 Dick Brownlow
- ❖ 9/22 Kaitlin Farrell
- ❖ 9/27 Joanna Aamodt
- ❖ 9/27 Beth Alderson
- ❖ 9/30 A Bixley
- ❖ 9/30 Bob Winegar



❖ **Church Council to Meet**
Sunday, September 29th
Following Fellowship

Virtually and In-Person



❖ **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89680314539?pwd=QTIUQ0dKR21JQ3JUMHNzZnRkZFF5UT09>

Meeting ID: 896 8031 4539

Passcode: 858735

- ❖ **A Reminder!!!** – current bulletins, Churchly Happenings, and **Good News, Good News** - our monthly newsletter, and the **Weekly Update** may be found on the church website – www.uccwalker.com

❖ **St. Mark's WELS meets at CCOWUCC** serving as a "Worship Station". They will continue to meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month between 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

❖ Addresses – You are invited to be in touch.

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❖ ***Democracy works best if we speak with one another. Whatever your opinion, I encourage each of you to be in contact with your representatives. Communicating is an on-going and two-way process of sharing gratitude and wisdom.***

Below is listed state and national elected leadership for the Walker Area.

If you do not reside in the Walker area, go to <https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/> to obtain information on the elected state leadership for your location.

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Prayers and Blessings – Pastor Michael