



FALL 2025

NEIGHBORS IN THE PARK

You are invited to
Washtucna's all-town block party
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 from
5:00 to 7:00 will provide FREE FOOD
- hot dogs, chips, corn on the cob,
ice cream, cookies, & drinks.
The Odessa Oompa's and Oma's German
Band will provide LIVE MUSIC.
Other fun things are in the works, so
come on out for

FOOD, FUN, AND SURPRISES!



Financial Update 8/28/25

Expenses to date -\$59,577 Revenue to date \$52,308 -\$7,269

Thank you to all those who answered our request in the last newsletter for increased giving. It has been heartwarming to see big and small donations come in from near and far.

While donations have picked up, we're not out of the woods yet. We are still dipping into reserves to pay expenses. Interestingly, eight months into the year, we have donations to date covering only a little over half our total 2025 budget. Year-end (colder months) expenses are typically high but usually giving increases from September to December.

Your continued support is appreciated,
Donna Stoess, Treasurer

Good news! We aren't broke.

As we have communicated with you our financial resources have dropped considerably this year. That said, it is important for us to remember that we aren't broke. The church is not broken financially. Nor is it broken spiritually or missionally. These words are written in a book introduction called <u>We Aren't Broke</u>.

Many of you are aware that the church landscape in our country has greatly changed. Attendance was on the decline even before COVID. However, the church is not a place that counts attendance, building structure, and contributions, as their end goal. We have a mission to carry the gospel forward as Christians wherever we are. - HOW we do so has always been up for creative solutions to what our setting presents us.

Washtucna Church has begun working with others from around the region and country who are asking many of the same questions we are. How do we *proactively* move into the future in positive, life-giving ways so that our individual communities may flourish?

This cohort project, called **Ezra 3**, is about guiding us to recognize that in many ways the Church of the past no longer exists as we remember it, yet, once we recognize that fact, it frees us to be able to dream of what it could be and perhaps is being called to be within our community.

Our life is rooted in our God who, - is not dead but very alive and bringing new life constantly! This year we will be listening to God, to each other both those in and those outside of the church as to what might be next for the church, for Washtucna, for community partners, and who knows maybe it will be something that isn't even on our horizons yet.

Take heart, in Christ all is well, Pastor Kriss

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

9/7 Sun. Worship moves back to... 11 am!

Communion

Adult Sunday School 9:45 am

Neighbors Day/Basset Pk 5-7 pm

Session/Trustees 9/9 Tues. 7 pm Women's Bible Study starts. 9:30 -11 am 9/10 Wed Worship, Communion 9/14 Sun. 11 am 9/20 Sat Sarah Goude Celebration 11 am 9/21 Sun Worship, Potluck following 11 am **Kat Zupan Celebration** 11 am 9/27 Sat 9/28 Sun **Worship** 11 am

OCTOBER

10/5 SunWorld Communion11 am10/14 SunCommunion11 am10/16TuesSession/Trustees7 pm10/19 SunPotluck following church11 amCONGREGATION STORY TELLING EVENT

10/26 Sun Worship 11 am

NOVEMBER

11/2 Sun FALL BACK TIME CHANGE!

Birthday Offering 11 pm 11/9 Sun Communion 11 am 11/16 Tues Session/Trustees 7 pm 11/23 Sun Praise & Thanksgiving! Potluck 11 am

Congregational Meeting

11/30 Sun Worship 11 am

HANGING OF THE GREENS

ADVENT STARTS

SAVE THE DATE DECEMBER Sunday 12/14

Children's Christmas program 11am

Potluck following.



ADULT SUNDAY
SCHOOL
9:45 am.
Coffee will be
on!

Lloyd Stoess is teaching on the book of John.

Midweek Bible Study @Pastor's Kriss' Wednesdays 9:30 am

Joining by Zoom is available.



From time to time, we email prayer requests, the newsletter, and notice of special events. If you would like to be added to the email list, please send a request to our new email address:

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