

WEST LIBERTY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

"I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death." Philippians 3:10

Oct 12, 2025

THE GOD WE WORSHIP

Ephesians

Message and Scriptures

Speak Truth

Ephesians 4:25-28

WLCF VISION STATEMENT – To be a God centered, God loving, Holy Spirit filled, led and empowered Church, having Christ as the Head and we, as His Body, being used to make disciples of Jesus to build His Kingdom.

CHURCH COVENANT:

We covenant together with God and with one another in an ever-increasing relationship with God as follows: Lord God -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we covenant with you and with each other... **That we will seek You first and love You above all else in a concrete manner being involved in the Spiritual Disciplines of Prayer, Meditation, Fasting, Study, Simplicity, Solitude, Submission, Service, Confession, Worship, Guidance, Celebration, and any others we will discover in our journey with You.**

BARUCH ATA YHWH SEBAOTH – Bless You. Praise You. Thank You Beloved LORD GOD. We are thankful for Cindy Mills and the beautiful flowers she places on the altar each week.

Weekly Dawn Prayer – Wednesday mornings at 7:00am both in person and via Zoom

Daily Time Alone with God – for a daily devotion please follow "Time Alone With God", found on the website. Please pray TAG every day.

Prayer Chain – Call or email Lynne Zeman 319-627-4858 or westlibertychristianfellowship@gmail.com

TODAY AT WLCF (On Site and Zoom)

Communion Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday school 10:00 a.m. Prayer 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

THIS WEEK AT WLCF

Bible Studies/Sunday School/Worship

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 a.m.
 afternoon
 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 7:30 a.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
 10:30 a.m.

Spanish Bible Study – Practica El Camino
Dawn Prayer – Prayer for the World/Nation/Community/WLCF
Youth Bible Study – Gospel of Luke – Jesus!
Adult Bible Study – Celebration of Discipline
Men's Bible Study - Revelation
Adult Sunday School, Women's Sunday School
Worship Service

Birthday(s)

Thursday, Oct 16 – Bill Calef, Cindy Mays

Anniversary(ies)

Zoom –You will need to download the app on your phone or computer. The code for ALL videos is **228 893 6865**. The password is **416991**. Join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES

All Church Family Fun Night Sunday, Oct 19 from 4 – 6:30 PM. We'll have a Hayrack ride to start, a short meeting about ministry groups, then activities including bobbing for apples and fake hatchet throwing, and we'll end with a bonfire for hot dogs and s'mores. Babysitting will be offered. Everyone is welcome. We appreciate you signing up ahead of time to help us plan for food.

Cedar Valley Church Soup Supper Wednesday, October 22. 4pm – 7pm. Homemade soups, Sandwiches, and Pies. Free-will donations also accepted. Proceeds to toward local mission projects. Cedar Valley Church 1791 155th St (F70), West Liberty

ONGOING EVENTS, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES

Baptism – If you are interested in following Jesus in the Waters of Believer's Baptism please see Pastor Mario.

West Liberty Food Pantry – Is open at FCU Saturdays 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays 3:00 – 4:00 pm and 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Thanks to the men who deliver these items to FCU. Julie McKillip is our coordinator.

Church library – You are invited to check out the books from the library downstairs.

Copy of the Message or Bulletin – Visit our website: www.wlcf.org (an audio version is included) or contact Brad Jenkins.

Stephen's Ministry – is available for anyone needing someone to walk beside them or pray with them. Please contact Kelsey Jenkins 319-936-4891 or Cindy Mays 319-330-4620 for more information.

Child Care: Child care is available in the Nursery during worship service and the Sunday School hour..

Children's Sunday school – during the sermon at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

OUR GIVING TO THE LORD'S WORK: Offering Box – back table

Giving in October: \$2285 . We are behind budget \$584.25. We need a monthly offering of \$9150.52 and a weekly offering of \$2111.66 to match our budget. BARUCH ATA YHWH SEBAOTH for the giving of YOUR people through the years. God loves a cheerful giver. *Checks can be mailed to the church or dropped off at the church, in the mailbox at the end of the lane. You are also invited to sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF).* Please see Lynne for details. Remember, it is through the giving of our offerings that this church remains open.

WLCF YOUTH MINISTRY

WLCF Youth Group for young people in 6th – 12th grades

Ministries

Worship Service: Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Youth Bible Study: Wednesdays 3:45 or 5:15 pm – contact Mario for specific time each week
Studying the Gospel of Luke – Jesus!

Activities and Events

COMMUNITY YOUTH GROUP (CYG)

If you are interested in serving this ministry in any way, let Pastor Mario know. The group meets at First Church United (FCU) on Sunday evenings September during the school year. We will be needing a new representative from our church to serve on the Board.

Oct 12	Regular CYG	6pm FCU
Oct 19	Regular CYG	6pm FCU
Oct 26	Hayrack Ride and Bonfire	5:30 pm WLCF
Nov 2	Regular CYG	6pm FCU

TIME ALONE WITH GOD (TAG)

Sunday October 5, 2025.

Sunday October 12, 2025.

The last section has spoken in general terms of the putting off of the old life characterized by ignorance, vanity and deceit, and so impurity and lust. In its place there must be put on the new man, that means a new way of life characterized by holiness and righteousness. In this section the apostle turns to speak quite specifically of the sins that are to be put off, and the positive qualities or types of action that must be found in the Christian's life.

Another mark of the old nature is plain bad temper, unjustified anger. Quoting the Old Testament again, the LXX of Psalm iv. 4, he says, *Be ye angry, and sin not*. The English rendering 'Stand in awe, and sin not' gives a different turn to it. There is anger which is righteous anger, such as we see in our Lord Himself; but His anger never led to sin, because His emotions were kept under perfect control.

Turning to another characteristic of the old life, at least in some of his readers, he says *let him that stole steal no more...* The Christian motive for earning is not merely to have enough for oneself and one's own, and then perhaps for comforts and luxuries, but to have to give to those in need. The Christian philosophy of labour is thus lifted far above the thought of what is right or fair in the economic field; it is lifted to the place where there is no room for selfishness or the motive of personal profit at all. Giving becomes the motive for getting.

Francis Foulkes. The Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians, pp.132-135 (1956)

Throughout this section runs the idea that the Christian is not merely to be emptied of evil. His life is to be filled with good. "Whereby putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of the other" (v. 25).

The force of "putting away [off] lying" is that of one full sweep of being rid of it. Gentiles had certain principles concerning honesty, but their practice belied their teachings. Lying to each other was one of their besetting sins. Over against this Christians are to have the habit of speaking truth to each other. Christians are members of a *fellowship*, and this relationship can truly exist only where deceit is not practiced.

"Be angry" and "sin not" are both commands. There are some things about which the Christian should be angry, such as sin and injustice, but he should not sin in taking it out on the sinner. One may act in an unchristian way in opposing evil. If he does so, he himself stoops to evil.

Herschel H. Hobbs, New Men In Christ, pp. 85f (1974).

Verses 17-24 have urged Christians to abandon totally all the practices of Gentile society which spring from unredeemed human nature, and instead to let their new, Christ-given nature, control all they do. The writer now moves on to indicate some of the positive directions in which the new nature will express itself differently from the old one. The counsel given falls predominantly into a series of contrasts. First, that aspect of the old nature is named which is to be avoided, and then, to offset it, the corresponding good which must replace it,

C. Leslie Mitton, The New Century Bible Commentary, Ephesians. pp. 166f (1973).

The apostle Paul counsels, "Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil" (Ephesians 4:26-27). By saying "be angry" Paul is not encouraging anger. He recognizes it is a part of life, and instead of repressing it he instructs that we should not let the sun go down on our anger. Archibald Hart explains, "Paul is saying here that it is not the anger itself (the feeling) that is wrong, but that anger has the potential for leading you into sin. To feel anger, to tell someone that you feel angry, and to talk about your anger are both healthy and necessary."

When we let the sun go down on our anger, we allow it to poison our souls. This is why Paul follows with the warning "do not make room for the devil." The Greek word for "room" is *topos*, which means 'place or footing.' Unexpressed and unresolved anger give the enemy a foothold to work from. Anger easily can be turned in to resentment (Why does she always neglect me? or He always gets what I deserve) and despair (Life is unfair, why even try?). So we need to examine the cause of our anger. Perhaps it is righteous anger, which can lead us to correct an injustice. The vast majority of my anger is unrighteous and is a natural outgrowth of the FINS (False Imperative Narratives) I have to fight.

James Bryan Smith, The Good and Beautiful Life, p. 79 (2009)

We have considered four major secular trend that threaten to engulf the Christian community. In the face of these we are all called not to feeble-minded conformity but to radical nonconformity. Over against the challenge of pluralism, we are to be a community of truth, standing up for the uniqueness of Jesus Christ. Over against the challenge of materialism, we are to be a community of simplicity and pilgrimage. Over against the challenge of relativism, we are to be a community of obedience. Over against the challenge of narcissism, we are to be a community of love.

John Stott The Radical Disciple. pp. 26f (2010)

You see what is happening. The Christ Himself, the Son of God who is man (just like you) and God (just like His Father) is actually at your side and is already at that moment beginning to turn your pretence into a reality. This is not merely a fancy way of saying that your conscience is telling you what to do. If you simply ask your conscience, you get one result: If you remember that you are dressing up as Christ, you get a different one. There are lots of things which your conscience might not call definitely wrong (especially things in your mind) but which you will see at once you cannot go on doing if you are seriously trying to be like Christ. For you are no longer thinking simply about right and wrong; you are trying to catch the good infection from a Person. It is more like painting a portrait than like obeying a set of rules. And the odd thing is that while in one way it is much harder than keeping rules, in another way it is far easier.

C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity , p. 158(1952).

Notes: What God taught me today:

VOLUNTEER ASIGNMENTS

Church Cleaning Schedule

Oct 19 & 26	Lynne & Mike Zeman
Nov 2 & 9	Sandy Green & Geri Owen
Nov 16 & 23	Sandy Cornwall