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Chamber members may submit articles by the 20th of each month to be included in the next chamber newsletter. Articles written may be edited or reduced as space provides.

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Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NEWSLETTER

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Member Spotlight Calvary United Methodist Church

What better time than Easter to spotlight our Chamber member Calvary United Methodist Church? The only church to call Walcott home, this icon is located directly in the center of town at 100 E. James Street. Calvary UMC serves Walcott and the surrounding communities of Durant, Blue Grass, Davenport and Muscatine.

As a Christian church, they believe in the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with faith and trust that the Bible is the Spirit Breathed Word of God. Calvary is a community church with a great deal of volunteer leadership. The church has a strong desire to share the love of God and believes that Walcott is full of real people, living life in community, and caring for one another in many good ways. The church is involved with the Buffalo Food Pantry and has various Missions and Ministry opportunities.

Calvary Preschool is a ministry of the church and it is affiliated with the Davenport School System. The preschool has two 4-year-old classes. Normally they offer a 3-year-old class, but due to the pandemic, this is currently not possible. They hope to reopen this class when things get back to normal.



Pastor Joy

Mid-year 2020, Pastor Joy Mitchell came to serve Calvary United Methodist Church. Pastor Joy experienced a powerful call from God, and she

attended Asbury Theological Seminary where she received her Master of Divinity in 2015. Pastor Joy served as the Associate Pastor at Indianola First United Methodist Church, Indianola, Iowa for one year. She then moved to Mt. Vernon, Iowa serving at the United Methodist Church of Mt. Vernon for 4 years before arriving to serve in Walcott. Pastor Joy considers it a blessing to serve Calvary UMC. She says that she has experienced great servitude, an amazing base of prayer warriors, and people who love Jesus.

Pastor Joy and her husband Weston live in Springdale, Iowa. They are foster parents and are blessed by the opportunity to care for children that have been entrusted into their care. They have a dog named Boots, a red healer mix. She loves to spend time with her husband, go for hikes and long walks, and enjoys gathering with family and friends for good conversations. She also enjoys baking.

Calvary UMC employs the Pastor and two parttime secretaries, Donna Hinch and Jo Samuels. The preschool is staffed by its board. The business hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon. Preschool days are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Sunday Morning worship is at 10 a.m. with Sunday School beginning at 9 a.m. Weekly prayer meetings are on Tuesday at noon. The doors are once again open for worship. Whether you are visiting the area or live nearby looking for a church home, Calvary welcomes all to come and worship.



Walcott Volunteer Fire Department

February 2021 Calls

EMS.....	32
MVC.....	9
OTHER.....	1
MONTH	42
YTD	70

At the time of this report, with only 59 days into the new year we have had 70 calls. We have been busy! 61% of our calls to date have been between the hours of 5 a.m. and 3 p.m. If you are interested in becoming an EMT or First Responder, work 2nd or 3rd shift and already in the medical field, you are needed!

Walcott Fire Dept. will host the



Saturday, May 15

at the American Legion

Serving 4 – 8 pm

**Delivery and Carry Out will
be available.**

Raffle, Silent Auction

Cake Decorating Contest

\$18 Steak Dinner • \$5 Hot dog meal

Walcott City Hall | www.cityofwalcott.com

Council Meetings – April 5 and 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting – April 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Walcott Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 1 - 2 to 5 p.m.

212 W. Lincoln St. (Public Works Building)

The City of Walcott will be hosting a Spring Clean-up Day for residents of Walcott on May 1. Dumpsters will be available at the Public Works Department from 2 – 5 p.m. Only household waste will be accepted, which includes tires, appliances, and bulky items. NO business, electronic, or hazardous waste will be accepted.

Hydrant Flushing

The Walcott Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants during the month of April. Hydrant flushing is done to clear water main pipes of excess minerals and sediments and to make sure fire hydrants are working property.

Residents may notice water discoloration and temporary decreased water pressure. This is a temporary situation resulting from flushing sediment out of the pipes. Should you experience cloudy or discolored water, run the cold water until it becomes clear before drinking, bathing, or doing laundry. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this maintenance activity. Call Public Works at 284-6571 ext. 11 if you have any questions.

“Signs, Signs, Everywhere A Sign”

Residents are reminded that signs - rummage sales, garage sales, advertising, etc. – cannot be posted on public or utility right-of-ways (including utility poles), or on the property of another without the property owner’s permission. Right-of-way includes the area between the sidewalk and street. Illegal signs removed by city staff can be picked up at City Hall.

Park Reservations

Spring is here and that means the parks will be filling up fast! Reservation forms for park shelters and gazebos must be completed and remitted to the City Clerk’s office with a nonrefundable fee of \$35. If you have questions or would like to reserve a park facility, please contact City Hall at 284-6571 ext.10. Unreserved facilities will still be available to be enjoyed by the public on a first come, first served basis.



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Walcott City-Wide Garage Sale, Saturday, May 1

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Maps available after 1pm Friday, April 30 at Casey's, Burt Clinic of Chiropractic and on the Walcott Community Wide Garage Sale Facebook page.

Sponsored by Nu Zeta Sorority, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, a non-profit community service organization.



NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS OF SALE _____ #OF FAMILIES _____

MAIN ITEMS TO BE LISTED ON FLYER: (Example: furniture, girls' clothes 6X-14, tools) _____

To be included on the flyers and the map, please mail this form with **\$10** by **SATURDAY, APRIL 24** to:
Nu Zeta Sorority, c/o Kayla Sweeney, 440 E. Memorial Road, Walcott, IA 52773
Please call Kayla (563-343-4781) with any questions. Thank you for your participation and support.

Public Notice

The Walcott City Council is accepting applications for a vacancy on the Walcott City Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission. Applications can be found at www.cityofwalcott.com and at Walcott City Hall.

The City Council will make both appointments during their meeting on April 19, 2021. The City Council appointment shall be until the next regular election on November 2, 2021, and the Planning & Zoning Commission appointment will be until December 31, 2021. To be considered for an appointment, submit a completed application to Walcott City Hall or email to rickertsen@cityofwalcott.com by 4:30 p.m. on April 15. All applicants must be residents of the City of Walcott and be at least 18 years of age. Applications are subject to the open record laws of the State of Iowa. The electors of the City have the right to file a petition requiring that the City Council vacancy be filled by a special election within fourteen days after the appointment is made.

Volunteers Needed

Join Partners of Scott County Watersheds and the City of Walcott to remove invasive species from the wetland areas at Prairie View Park and Heritage Trail. Willows will be removed from the wetland area using loppers and small hand saws and then carried to a designated area in the park for later disposal. Many hands make light work! Removing these trees will ensure that they don't take over the wetlands and shade out surrounding prairie species. Volunteers under 16 need to be accompanied by an adult. All tools will be provided. Volunteers are encouraged to bring water and wear gloves, a hat, sturdy shoes that may get wet, and long pants. Bug spray and sunscreen are also recommended. Go to the City's website at www.cityofwalcott.com to find the link to register.



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**PLEASE NOTE:
THE DEADLINE FOR
THE MAY ISSUE IS
APRIL 20!**

Tell your friends and neighbors

that the Walcott Chamber Newsletter is published monthly and can be found on the first of each month at the following locations:

**B & D Automotive
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Welcome New Members

**Johnson Eyecare
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Calvary United Methodist Church

Submitted by Pastor Joy Mitchell



The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." Matthew 28:5-7

Have you ever had that feeling when losing a loved one, that they were just going to wake up and come home? I have thought this very thing. But, it never happens. Except for... except for in this unique situation where Jesus, the Lord of Life, the Savior of the World who took on all of our sin and pain and shame, and died for us. For you and me. Three days after his death, the women go to the tomb to anoint the body with oil. They are following through on the normal and traditional way a body is buried in the ancient near east. But they don't find Jesus' body... instead they find an angel in the tomb. The angel announces, "He is not here, he is risen."

It is a tradition of the church for the pastor or worship leader to say, "He is Risen" on Easter Sunday, in which the congregation responds "He is Risen Indeed". This is usually done at least three times in a row, growing louder with each proclamation. This may be my very favorite response that is said all year long in the church. To proclaim loudly, fearlessly, and in community that Jesus is Risen proclaims the power of our living God. What an amazing and incredible gift.

An additional gift in this is that because Jesus is risen, we have the opportunity to rise alongside of him. We are invited each and every day into relationship with Jesus, with God the Father whose love sent the Son, to allow the Holy Spirit to participate in our life. Every day we have this gift. When we confess that we are sinners, when we acknowledge both our brokenness and our beauty in being children of God, and accept Jesus to be the Lord of our lives, turning from our sin, then... we enter into the fulness of life. When we take our last breath, we will have the opportunity to raise with Jesus. To find our home in heaven.

No, we won't come back to earth. We won't come back to this world as ourselves, we won't come back to earth as some other creature of the earth, we will instead be given a new body and have the gift of entering the pearly gates and worshiping the Lord our God for all eternity. I can guarantee it will be splendid! We are the Easter People! Let's live into that, shall we?

Will you join with us this Easter as we proclaim the Risen Savior?



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Walcott Economic Development Opportunity

One of the pillars of the Hearts and Hands Foundation is the economic development of the City of Walcott. We are committed to fostering relationships and transactions that increase commerce, industrial, and residential expansion within our city. The development committee of the Hearts and Hands Foundation is searching for any Walcott landowners that would be open to discussing potential future utilization of their land through commercial, industrial, and residential development.

The Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce has created an interactive map of the Quad City area that marks

sites and buildings available for future development. This site is a guide for businesses and developers looking to move into the greater Quad Cities area. The development committee would be happy to assist any interested landowners in gathering the necessary information to add Walcott sites to the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce map.

If you are interested in submitting any parcels of land for possible future development, please contact Catherine Dittmer at (309) 373-3489 or Brent Puck at (563) 940-3568 to discuss the information needed to add the land to the QCCC map.



Walcott American Legion

2021 Scholarship Program

The Walcott American Legion is proud to announce that applications for the 2021 Scholarship Program are now being accepted. Applications are available in the school counselor's office. Applications will be accepted until the deadline of May 15, 2021.

Walcott Elem. and Intermediate School

For the most up-to-date information, please see the Walcott School calendar at www.davenportschools.org/walcott.

April 2 – NO SCHOOL, In Service

April 16 – 2 Hour Early Dismissal

Happy Easter, April 4



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Planting Seeds

Submitted by Linda Titus

At Galilee, the resurrected Jesus instructed the eleven disciples, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.”* (Matthew 28:19-20)

What does it mean for us today, to be a disciple and to make disciples of all nations? Many Christians today believe that Jesus meant this command for pastors, preachers, teachers, and missionaries.

Maybe first it is important to know the meaning of the word **disciple**. My desktop dictionary and thesaurus tell me that a disciple primarily refers to a dedicated follower of Jesus. It also states that a **disciple** in the ancient biblical world actively imitated both the life and teaching of the master. The thesaurus section gives the synonyms of apprentice, pupil, student, learner, and follower. So, if we are believers, students, learners, followers, and imitators of Jesus, we too, must make disciples. We are to teach and train others to observe what Jesus commanded.

At this point you might think, “whoa right there! I’m not a teacher!” I do agree—this is a bit intimidating! But we learn from our pastors, preachers, and teachers and then we go out into the world—to work, to school, to meetings, etc. We are to live by His example; emulate Christ. *The fields are ready for harvest!*

I heard something on the Christian radio the other day on this subject that sounded helpful. The speaker said that we should not get too wrapped up in and anxious about this command. Instead, start first with building and strengthening our own faith and then we can comfortably tell people our story, planting seeds and teaching in this simple and humble way.

Many years ago, a young co-worker of mine was telling me of her Easter plans. I asked her if she knew the real reason why we celebrate Easter. She said it was because Jesus had to die a horrible death on the cross. I then told her that the reason we celebrate is because Jesus conquered His death on the cross and He rose from the dead. She looked at me with intense curiosity, then I realized that she did not know He

“...Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!” John 4:35

rose from the dead. I told her a great deal more that day, “planting seeds” that I hoped would grow. My eyes were really opened to the fact that many people today really do not know Jesus.

Some time ago, I had a discussion with a Pastor about being a disciple and how to be a witness for the faith. She told me, “You just go out and catch the fish, then bring them to me and I’ll clean them!” I have never forgotten this as she made it sound a lot less daunting, a less frightening task. The seeds we plant can be watered and weeded by someone else. Or the fish we catch can be cleaned by someone else. In John 4:36-37, Jesus said, *“And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.”*

By building and strengthening our faith, we can tell others our story, share our love for Jesus, plant seeds and tell others the real reason we celebrate Easter! He is Risen! Happy Easter!



Walcott Historical Society

Did you know that in 1940, the parents of Walcott students were seeking to have a high school built in their town? Do you know when baseball began in the local towns? Have you heard of the town called Petersburg, which was located southwest of Walcott, or that in 1921 there was a new Sunday School in Walcott?

If you have an interest in our local Scott County history and love to do research, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Karen Puck, 563-284-6438.

2021 Walcott Community Club Schedule

April 1	Meal (Turkey) – Couples – Walcott Legion
May 6	Meal (Ham) – Walcott Coliseum
June 3	Meal (Fish Fry) – Lampliter
July 1	Meal & Dance (Special) – Couples – Walcott Coliseum
August TBD	Golf Outing
September 2	Meal (Fried Pork Chop) – Lampliter
October 7	Bring a Brand New Member Night (Wings) – Lampliter
November 4	Meal (Turkey) – Walcott Legion
December 2	Meal (Roast Beef) – Walcott Coliseum
December 4	Christmas Dance 7 p.m. – Walcott Coliseum
All Meals start at 7:00 P.M. — Membership Card Must Be Shown	

Staying Safe When Spring Weather Turns Bad

Submitted by Nancy Arp, Walcott Mutual Insurance Assoc.

Spring is a beautiful time of year. Getting outdoors is such a wonderful freedom after being cooped up all winter. But, here in the Midwest, we know the weather can turn bad quickly, so be prepared. Here are a few tips to help keep you and your family safe when spring weather comes rolling in.

Take thunderstorms seriously. Lightning strikes are rare, but they still happen, and the risk of serious injury or death is severe.

- If you hear thunder, go indoors.
- If you are not at home, find a safe enclosed shelter.
- If no shelter is available, crouch low with as little of your body touching the ground as possible. Lightning causes currents along the top of the ground that can be deadly as far as 100 feet away.

Heavy rain can cause flash floods which in turn can cause roads to flood and water to rise quickly. Do not underestimate the power and force of water.

- If you are walking and the water is above your ankles, turn around and go another way. Just 6" of rapidly moving water can sweep you off your feet.
- If you are in your car caught on a flooded road and the waters are rising rapidly around you, get out and move to higher ground. Most cars can be swept away in less than two feet of moving water.
- Danger lurks in water—debris or downed power lines are not easily seen. If you see a downed power line, move at least ten feet away from it or anything touching it. If you are in your car and it comes in contact with a downed power line, stay in your car



Get a weather radio and stay informed. The National Weather Service continuously broadcasts warnings and forecast that can be received by NOAA weather radios, but you need to know what to listen for and what they mean. The National Weather Service provides this information on tornado watches and warnings.

- A **tornado watch** means that conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans and check supplies in your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps to save lives.
- A **tornado warning** means that a tornado is indicated by radar or has been sighted by storm spotters. There is imminent danger to life and property. The warning will include where the tornado is and what towns will be in its path. Move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building or move to the closest substantial shelter, protected from flying debris.

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Legion Breakfast

Open to the public

Blue Grass Legion Home
106 South Juniata Street

Saturday, April 3, 2021, 7 to 10 AM

Pancakes**Biscuits & Gravy**Scrambled Eggs
Sausage**Potatoes**Cinnamon Rolls

Juice**Milk**Coffee

\$7 per person

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