

NEWS FROM THE  
LAMONI HEARTLAND MISSION CENTER  
March 2, 2008



## 2008 Men's Retreat

March 7-9, 2008  
Guthrie Grove Retreat Center

### *Seventy, Evangelists, and High Priests*

Mark your calendars for September 12-14, 2008 for a very special weekend in Nauvoo, Illinois. Guests will include David Brock, Jane Gardner and Mary Jacks Dynes. This will be a weekend of spiritually filling worship, rich fellowship, and discussion/training on how to help discern and realize God's mission in our congregations, and the important role each of us will play in that process. Please bring your spouse, if possible, to share in this with you. A tentative count is needed to determine the housing requirements, so please RSVP to Kevin Brunner at [kbrunner@cofchristlhmc.org](mailto:kbrunner@cofchristlhmc.org) **today**.

### *Hymn Festival*

The Shaw Center at Graceland University is hosting another Restoration Hymn Festival on Sunday evening, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. Dick Clothier and David Pickering, organist, will lead the assembly in singing hymns of the early Saints. The hymns will be introduced by actors portraying hymn authors, under the direction of Rebecca Foster. All who enjoy hymn singing are encouraged to attend.

### *Senior High Youth High Adventure Trip*

The senior high youth will be taking a High Adventure Trip to Wheatland, Wyoming June 19-28. Registration cost is \$475.00 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is now due to reserve your spot. See your youth newsletter for details and registration form.

### *Alive With Christ Workshop*

Pastors, Elders, Aaronic priesthood, and anyone involved in leadership roles are invited to a workshop at the Lamoni Church on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be classes for all priesthood or anyone interested in leadership roles. There will be other classes on Family Peace and Justice, Christ is Alive, Missionary Outreach, and Sacred Trust. Please call the Mission Center Office to pre-register. There is no charge for the workshop.

### *Prayer Request*

Marilyn Millard, pastor of the Jefferson Congregation, will be having knee replacement surgery on March 13 in Carroll, Iowa. When the first knee surgery is completed and recovery is finished, she will have the other knee replaced. Please keep Marilyn and the Jefferson Congregation in your prayers.

**Guest Ministry:** Tom Mountenay (former Center Stake and Lamoni Stake President, and currently in charge of World Church "Co-Missioned Pastor Initiative" Program).

Each year, between 70 and 90 men of all ages say "yes" to God's invitation and make time to share in the fun, fellowship, and worship at Men's Retreat! Bring your dad, son, brother, grandson, grandfather, nephew, father-in-law, son-in-law, uncle, friend neighbor, the new guy at church— and join us at Guthrie Grove on March 7-9!

The retreat begins with registration on Friday night between 6 - 8 PM, and ends after worship on Sunday at 10:30 AM.

The cost of the retreat is \$45 per person for the whole weekend or \$25 per person for Saturday only. Please send registration (with \$20 deposit or full payment) no later than Monday March 3. If you plan to attend the Men's Retreat and have not yet registered, please contact the Lamoni Mission Center Office (ph. 641/784-3353).

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

Saturday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Alive with Christ Workshop at Lamoni
Saturday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Center Conference in Des Moines
Saturday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Hospitality Workshop at the Botanical Center
Saturday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	FOCCUS Workshop at Des Moines Central
Sat.-Sun. May 3-4	Junior High Zoo Sleep Over in Omaha, NE
Saturday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Extreme Makeover: Youth Ministry Workshop

### ***Heart of America Rally Day – Last Chance to Register!!***

Spec 2008 is just around the corner, and it's time to get revved up and ready to go! Join the Heart of America Delegation for its organizational rally on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., at the Iowa City Community of Christ. The Heart of America Rally Day is open to all senior high youth. Cost is \$10/person (covers lunch, supper and transportation). Registration forms are in your Spring Youth Newsletter. **You must pre-register today**. Call Dee Jones (ph. 515/681-7172). Rides will depart from Lamoni Community of Christ at 8 a.m. on March 8<sup>th</sup> and from Central Community of Christ at 9 a.m. We will return to Des Moines at 8:30 p.m. and to Lamoni at 9:30 p.m.

### **Thanks**

I wish to thank each of you for your prayers, calls, cards, flowers, and visits during my recent surgery and recovery. I know that without your prayers on my behalf that the surgery would have been more complicated and would not have went as well as it did. I feel richly blessed to have such a loving and caring church family. Linda Fisher

### **Lamoni Mission Center Phones and Internet Service Down**

On Friday morning, March 14, the Lamoni Mission Center will be out of phone and internet service for approximately 3-4 hours. We are having maintenance work done on the phone and internet lines. It is hoped that the phone lines and internet service will be restored by early afternoon on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Summer Lifeguards/Assistant Caretakers**

Two lifeguard/assistant caretakers are needed for the summer at Guthrie Grove Campgrounds. Position requires life-saving and CPR certifications. One or more years of college preferred. Duties include lifeguarding, lawn care, and other outdoor work. Employment is from May 27 - August 3. If interested please contact Scott Webb at 641-747-8290 or [guthriegrove@netins.net](mailto:guthriegrove@netins.net).

### **Memorial Service**

A Memorial Service for Evangelist W. A. "Chub" Long (father of Lorrie, Dan and Becky, Lucy and Larry, and Dave and Sherry) will be held on Saturday, March 22, at the Lamoni Community of Christ. Chub passed away on Wednesday morning, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Your prayers for Chub's family will be appreciated.

### **Reunion Help Needed**

Needing a Life Changing Experience?? This is your opportunity! We are searching for teachers for classes for Reunion #1 (June 7-11) and Reunion #2 (July 12-18). Please check your schedules -- plan to attend, volunteer, and expect something great to happen to you! To help with Reunion #1, please call Dan and Becky Long, ph. 641/784-8800 or email [bekilong44@yahoo.com](mailto:bekilong44@yahoo.com). To help with Reunion #2, please call Sandy Ranney, ph. 641/784-3840 or email [sranney@lamoni.k12.ia.us](mailto:sranney@lamoni.k12.ia.us); Chauntel Ranney, ph. 641/784-3533; or Skyla Mann, ph. 515/221-3333 or email [skylamann@yahoo.com](mailto:skylamann@yahoo.com).

### **Congregational Missional Grants**

To support and empower congregations in their efforts to be a living witness, the Missional Ministries Grant Program has been established to support congregational emphases directed toward missional ministries that will lead to growth (spiritual, increased discipleship, numerical) in the congregation. Deadline for Missional Grant Applications is March 15<sup>th</sup>. See your pastor for details.

# Community of Christ



## Lamoni Heartland Mission Center

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March 2, 2008

To: Lamoni Heartland Mission Center

Re: Call to the office of Seventy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a privilege to inform you that a call to the office of Seventy for Lorrie Long (Lamoni Congregation) has been approved by the World Church leadership and accepted by Lorrie. Lorrie has served for many years as a faithful disciple of Christ. Her passion for ministry and her ability to bring the Peace of Christ to people will be a blessing to many throughout the Mission Center. The call to Seventy is a strong part of the heritage within her family and I look forward to the inspiration that will be shared through her life of sacrificial service.

Her call will be presented to the April 12, 2008, Mission Center Conference, and if it is approved by the conference, there will be an ordination on the same day. Please give prayerful attention to this important call to service.

Blessings,

Kevin D. Brunner  
Lamoni Heartland Mission Center President