

Community of Christ

Lamoni Congregation

July 19, 2009

Lorrie Long, Ron Ellis, Nick Hartwig, Co- Pastors

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9:30 a.m. Church School Classes

10:30 a.m. Fellowship and Visiting Time

10:45 a.m. Communication Time Lorrie Long

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Journey in Compassion

We gather and share

Prelude

We sing a new hymn: “Spirit of Gentleness”

We acknowledge why we have come:

Leader: We come to this service with so many needs and longings. We’ve been many different places, conceived many different thoughts.

Congregation: But underneath all our differences is the same basic need for love and forgiveness.

Leader: And that’s why we’re here—to admit to each other our need for love,

Congregation: and to celebrate the most marvelous fact of the universe—that God loves us and accepts us just as we are.

All: Alleluia!

—Prayers and Readings for Worship, Vol. 2, Peter Judd, ed. (Herald Publishing House, 1996), 9.

*We celebrate our community “Companions on the Journey” NS 7

*We pray for our worship together

*Response

The scriptures guide us

We give generously

We light a candle and pray for peace

We commit to each other: “Bear each other’s burdens” HS 369

We reflect together

We meditate on the spoken word

*We embrace our discipleship “Brothers and sisters of mine” HS 388

*We ask God’s blessing as we go our separate ways

*We go forth as the Community of Christ “Here I Am, Lord” NS 12

*Postlude

Welcome! We believe every person who comes into this fellowship was sent by God. It is not an accident that we have the joy of meeting you now. God is working in each of our lives. We welcome you and invite you to join us in our Spiritual walk in rich fellowship with God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Welcome this day to the House of the Lord.

Childcare

Childcare (supervised by an adult) is available in the preschool room south of the balcony for anyone who wishes to use it during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

HS -Hymns of the Saints (big burgundy hymnal) SP -Sing for Peace (small burgundy hymnal) NS -Sing a New Song (small gold hymnal)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, July 26th

Next Sunday, July 26th, Kelly Everett will share with us on the theme, "For This Reason." Tammy Everett will be in charge of the service and Bob Ramsey will offer the ministry of music on the piano. To help you prepare for the service, the World Church has provided the following scriptures:

II Samuel 11:1–15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14–21; John 6:1–21;

II Nephi 2:103–105; Doctrine and Covenants 163:4a

If you need a ride to church, call Barb Daily (784-6141), Clarence Snethen (784-3997) or the church (784-4405) on Sunday morning.

Adult Sunday School Class

The Adult Sunday School class for the following weeks will be:

July 26 Marvin and Milda Lewis on Karyn Wyngard, "Walking Together in Unity," December 08 Herald

Aug 2 Alma Blair on Steve Veazey, "Perspectives on Church History," October 08

Aug 9 Barbara Mesle on Paul Farmer's *Mountains Beyond Mountains*

Aug 16 Lou Clothier on Rich Brown, "The Temple Calls" Dec. 08 Herald; second milers: Jane Gardner, "Rivers of Living Water, Jan. Herald

Prebaptismal Class

We have a wonderful opportunity for you; please contact either Marjie Foster (784-7002) or Lorrie Long (784-7272) to volunteer! Needed: one or two teachers for a prebaptismal class for children eager to be baptized and, potentially, for others "out there" who might respond to our invitation. Time and location to be identified by teacher and students.

Host Family Needed

If you have considered hosting an exchange student or know someone who might be interested, please contact [Devy Combs](mailto:DevyCombs). She has a list of students who do not have placements for the coming school year. Lamoni Community High School has a "slot" available but she currently does not have a host family commitment. There are options available if you are uncertain about hosting. By agreeing to host for a few weeks or for a few months you can help make dreams come true. Call Devy Combs at 784-5493 (work); email: dcombs@graceland.edu

Dialogue Session – Sunday, Today, 1:30 p.m.

We invite you to participate in another dialogue about same sex marriages in the church -- **today**, 1:30 p.m. in the overflow room at the church. Potential questions that we will consider include: 1) If laws were changed to allow homosexual marriage in the church, how do you perceive it would negatively or positively affect traditional marriage between a man and a woman? How would it affect our society in general? 2) How do you perceive homosexual marriage sanctioned in our church would affect the role of traditional married couples in our church? How would it affect our church in general? 3) What is your view of children raised in gay families? 4) What is our role in the Lamoni Congregation concerning homosexuality? How do we provide ministry?

Food for the Farnham family

You can still sign-up to take meals to the Farnham family by calling the Lamoni High School Office at 784-3351. Any contributions of food is greatly appreciated.

Congregational Business Meeting

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 2, 10:30 a.m. for a business meeting at the church. We'll be considering the positions of pastor for next year. Kelly Everett has been nominated to replace Ron Ellis; the pastorate welcomes additional nominations. Our past practice has been to nominate a team of three members for the pastorate rather than individual persons who may or may not make a good team. For that reason, would you please notify Lorrie or Nick of any person you would like to place in nomination (and have his/her statement of willingness) so that they can consider that person as a potential member of their pastorate team before they (the pastorate) place names before the congregation for a vote.

Congregational Conversations – Sunday, July 26, 3:00 p.m.

The pastorate encourages you to attend Congregational Conversations on Sunday, July 26, **3:00 p.m.** (please note time change) in the overflow room of the church. The topic will be Conditions of Church Membership. We urge you to prepare for this dialogue by seeking insight from the Lord through prayer, meditation, and study. Other ways that you can participate in this important issue are 1) individual prayer, meditation and reflection (material available to guide you through the process), and 2) small group sessions of one and one half to two hours guided by a facilitator.

Birthday Greetings to:

Lisa Robinson	July 19
Mildred Twombly	July 20
Madolyn Baughman	July 20
Deanna Schall	July 22
Kay Blair	July 23
Duke Matya	July 23
Abby Thompson	July 24
Manuel Atwood	July 24
Janyce DeBarthe	July 24
Jim Nelson	July 25
Candace Fulton	July 25

Upcoming Events

Wed. July 22	7:00 p.m.	Prayer & Share – Ann Zieger in charge
Sun. July 26	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:40 a.m.	Communication Time – Linda DeBarthe
		Worship – Kelly Everett speaking
		Tammy Everett presiding
		Nursery: Bobbi Ellis
		Greeters: Mark and Benna Easter
		Pianist: Bob Ramsey
		Bell Ringer: Bret Remmenga