

Community of Christ

Lamoni Congregation
November 22, 2009

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9:30 a.m. Church School Classes
10:45 a.m. Communication Time
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Paul Davis

"I am the Alpha and the Omega"

Jack Ergo, Presider

Opening Song Medley – Call to Worship

All Things Bright and Beautiful	HS 18
All Hail the Power of Jesus Name	HS 70
Praise to God	Insert A
Thank You for Giving Me the Morning	HS 74
For the Fruits of All Creation	HS 73

Reading:

Choral Anthem: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Opening Prayer

Give Thanks NS 11

The End of the Christian Year

Of the Father's Love Begotten HS 220

Reading: Sometimes We Wait, Expecting God author: Dan Damon
Our Thanks

Disciples Generous Response

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale SP 13

Choral Anthem: "Santo, Santo, Santo"

Reading: The Challenges of the Valley author: Velma Ruch
O How Blessed Are the Poor HS 322
How Can I Say Thanks? Insert B

Reading: Life As a Journey author: Everett Graffeo

Lord of the Bronze-Green Prairies HS 456

Closing Prayer

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers! Insert C

Sending Forth

Sent Forth by God's Blessing HS 493

Reading: Love Divine, All Love's Excelling! author: Charles Wesley
Love Divine, All Love's Excelling! HS 170
You Shall Go Out With Joy Call & Response

Lamoni Choir: Don Breshears, Director

Organist: Dick Clothier

A/V: Stan McKiernan

Bell Ringer: Johnathan Johnson

Greeters: Dan and Becky Long

Worship Center: Deb Etcheson

As we experience today's worship through the languages of music, please consider the following:

When have you experienced God in the heart of a new beginning? When have you experienced the Divine Mystery in the midst of an ending?

When in your life has chronos time (the chronological time we measure by a clock) suddenly been transformed into kyros time (spiritual and eternal)?

How is the concept of God, as Alpha and Omega, connected to the ongoing work of God in this congregation, this community, this world that God created, loves, and redeems?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those providing ministry elsewhere today include:

Bruce Graybill – Mount Ayr

The Lamoni Congregation invites you to share **Food and Fellowship** in the lower auditorium, immediately following our worship service. We want you to “come” whether or not you have food to share. However, if you want to make a monetary contribution (but it’s not “expected”) in place of bringing food, the money will be used to purchase items for future meals.

Please plan to join **Congregational Conversations** in the overflow room today at 1:15 p.m. (after Food and Fellowship in the lower auditorium). We encourage you to introduce a topic for conversation. Otherwise, we will talk about ways we (individually, as families, as small groups, as a congregation) can reach out into the community during the holiday season. Thanks, *The Pastorate*

Next Sunday, November 29th, the Lamoni Pastorate will be in charge of the “Hanging of the Greens” Service. Bob Ramsey will be our organist for the service. To help you prepare for the service, the World Church has provided the following scriptures:

Jeremiah 33:14–16; Psalm 25:1–10; I Thessalonians 3:9–13;

Luke 21:25–36; II Nephi 11:73; Doctrine and Covenants 76:4g

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

The Choir will not be having a rehearsal on Wednesday, November 25th; we will resume rehearsals on December 2nd.

Poinsettias are available for Christmas. They will be used as decorations in the sanctuary prior to Christmas, and then can be taken home. You may have your choice of red or pink for \$10.00 each. You may take yours home after the Christmas Eve service. Please contact Carol Hough (784-3442) before Monday, November 30th. Part of the cost will benefit the congregation. We will print remembrances in the bulletin if you wish.

The Young Adult discussion group will be meeting Monday, December 7, 7:30 p.m. at Julie Elliott's house (259 W. Lincoln St.). Please join us!

New Phone Number for Lorrie Long: If you want to reach me by phone, please call my cell phone 641-442-5160. I have discontinued use of my land phone. Co-Pastor Lorrie

The **Daily Bread** is now available for purchase. If you wish to purchase one, please contact Janice Fisher, Book Steward. The cost is \$20.95. Please place your order before December 1st.

Senior High Youth from the southern area of the mission center are invited to meet on Sunday, November 29th, at Liberty Hall for a joint Sunday school class and a quick breakfast. Plan to join us at 9:30 a.m. We'll have a great time decorating the Christmas tree and drinking hot cocoa. Questions? Call Cindy Pitt (ph. 784-4244), Julie Elliott (ph. 784-4804), or Katie Persall (ph. 784-7840)!

The annual Liberty Hall Christmas Tea will be held on Sunday, December 13th, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Liberty Hall will be decorated for the holidays. There will be Christmas music, an opportunity to tour Liberty Hall and refreshments. All are invited to attend.

Nu Eta will be hosting its **Annual Angel Tree**. The Angels will be located at Bank of the West beginning Wednesday, November 25th and ending Wednesday, December 12th. For those that would like to participate, but do not have the time or possibly financing to sponsor an Angel, you are welcome to donate toys, gloves, hats or even money if you would like, to be used as needed. You can contact Serena Schwab at Bank of the West with any questions.

Detroit Hope Congregation: Former Lamoni Congregation member, Jacob Blakesley is the Pastor of the Detroit Hope Congregation. Recently they have had some break-ins' to their church. The results were stolen and destroyed computers and supplies for upcoming activities. Jacob would appreciate our prayers and a word of encouragement. You can visit Detroit Hope's website at: <http://www.detroithopecofchrist.org>; or you may send mail to Jacob at:

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Birthday Greetings to:

Judy Closson	Nov. 25
Talia Brown	Nov. 25
Cathy Pauli	Nov. 26
Ada O'Dell	Nov. 26
Dan DeLong	Nov. 27
Carol Hyden	Nov. 27
Florence McGuire	Nov. 28
Dennis Tilley	Nov. 28

Upcoming Events

Wed. Nov. 25	7:00 p.m.	Prayer & Share – Lorrie Long
Sun. Nov. 29	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:40 a.m.	Communication Time – Linda DeBarthe
		Worship – Hanging of the Greens
		Lamoni Pastorate in charge

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DINNER EXCHANGE GUESTS

It is time once again to post the dinner exchange assignments. If you somehow did not get signed up and would like to, **it is NOT too late!** Just give Merilou a call at 784-6407 or e-mail me at n.hartwig@mchsi.com and you can still get in on the fun. If you are a single and don't feel you can be a host, that is no problem. Let me know if you would like to be included and we'll get you on the list! We don't want to leave anyone out that would like to be included.

HOSTS

Ann and Rick Zieger	3730
Jerie Gail and Bob Ramsey	3492
Louita and Dick Clothier	6270
Diana and Elmer Stevenson	7649
Bruce and Betty Graybill	3940
Joan Green & Marie Hawley	6391/6157

GUESTS

Benna and Mark Easter	7650
Kay and Alma Blair	6408
Lorrie Long	7272
Lila and Jack Barnhouse	812/343-2326
Merilou and Nick Hartwig	6408
Deanna and Rod Schall	3479