

Community of Christ

Lamoni Congregation

December 6, 2009

Lorrie Long, Kelly Everett, Nick Hartwig, Co- Pastors

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9:30 a.m. Church School Classes

COMMUNION SERVICE

Prepare the Way

10:45 a.m. Communication Time

Marjie Foster

Prelude

Richard Clothier

Choral Introit: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Prepare the Way for Hope

Responsive Reading:

Reader: Advent is the time of year when we shed old habits and prepare for a new way, a new coming.

People: Give us courage to shed old habits. Purify us, O God.

Reader: It is the time of year when we lay aside our burdens and become intentional about seeking the kingdom of God within. It is a time of hope, healing, and rebirth.

People: Help us to seek the kingdom of God within. Purify us, O God.

Reader: Advent is the time of year when we cleanse our hearts and minds, when we prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.

All: Cleanse our hearts and minds. For you, God, are like a refiner's fire. Refine us like gold and silver. Purify us, O God.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

Jack and Lila Barnhouse,
Brooke Salmi

Prepare the Way of the Lord.

Invitation to Worship

Louita Clothier

Scripture: from Isaiah 40, Malachi 3

* Hymn of Hope "Heir of All the Waiting Ages" HS 253

* Invocation and Response Linda DeBarthe

Prayer of Ancient Israel Dan Redick

Choral Anthem: "O Come, O Come Emanuel"

Scripture: Isaiah 55:12

Hymn: "Light Dawns on a Weary World" Insert

Prepare Our Hearts

Message: "Prepare the Way: Witness Hope"

John Sellars

Invitation to the Table:

Blessing and Serving of the Bread

Blessing and Serving of the Wine

Prepare to Serve

For silent self-searching:

The birth of Jesus gave birth to peace.

How, this year, can I add feet and hands to my prayers for personal and world peace?

The birth of Jesus gave birth to song.

How, this season, can I bring joy to the downhearted?

The birth of Jesus gave birth to hope.

How, this week, can I lend support to someone who has given up?

The birth of Jesus gave birth to love.

To whom, today, should I show sincere concern and understanding?

The birth of Jesus gave birth to a Way.

Let us, this moment, earnestly pray that individuals and nations might know the hope of Jesus the babe, and give trial to the teachings of Christ the man.

Disciples Generous Response

Ministry of Music "Thankful" Jeff Benson

* Congregational Hymn: "Sound over all Waters" (v. 1&3) HS 261

* Closing Prayer Bill McElroy

* Postlude

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Music: Organ, Richard Clothier Choir, Don Breshears, director

Solo, Jeff Benson Accompanist, Jack Ergo

Worship Center: Worship Committee

Ushers: Dayle Robinson, Ann Zieger, Lohre Fisher

AV: Rick Zieger Bell Ringer: Johnathan Johnson

Greeters: Janice Fisher, Joan Green Nursery: Jennifer Boswell

The Electronic Keyboard is courtesy of Jim and Pat Jones.

Due to a baptism that is taking place in our sanctuary this afternoon, the Christmas Worship Center has temporarily been rearranged for today's service.

Attention Senior High Youth: We will leave this afternoon at 12:30 p.m. from the church to help with the Mission Center Children's activity in Des Moines, and then meet with the Lamoni Heartland North Senior High for a gift exchange, dinner and a movie. You will need to bring money for a quick lunch and dinner and a wrapped gift (\$10 and under). Admission to the movie will be provided by the Lamoni Area Youth Council.

The Worship Committee will have hot drinks and snacks on Sunday morning's beginning at 9:30 in the overflow serving area.

The December Breakfast will be served next week, December 13th, hosted by the Remmenga Family, at 9:00 a.m., at the church. All are invited.

Next Sunday, December 13th, Lois Russell will share with us on the theme, "Proclaim the Good News". Bruce Graybill will be in charge of the service. Jerie Gail Ramsey will be our organist for the service. Invite your friends and neighbors to come worship with you. To help you prepare for the service, the World Church has provided the following scriptures:

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18/12-25 IV;
Mosiah 11:207; Doctrine and Covenants 163:10b

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 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!

Peacebuilding ministries of the church, Sandee Gamet and Sharon Hannah, invite the community of faith in and around Lamoni to an experience of support in response to the recent arrests of members of the Mohler family and other people impacted. This experience will include how to share support for persons who are incarcerated and for persons bringing charges, personal and spiritual reflection, and perceived next steps. We'll meet at the Lamoni church Sunday, December 20th, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 16, to Lorrie Long (phone: 442-5160; or email mvlong@grm.net) if you plan to attend.

Nu Eta is hosting its **Annual Angel Tree**. The Angels are located at Bank of the West through 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.

K-2nd Graders are invited to a night of fun and Christmas celebration at the church on Wednesday, December 16, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. There will be snacks, crafts, and the Christmas story. Any questions, please call Katrina Neeley (641/223-0929) or Tracy Martin (784-4878).

Please mark your calendars for a **short Congregational Business Meeting** – Sunday, December 20, 9:30 a.m. in the overflow room. Purpose of the meeting is to elect a congregational Recorder (Lynda Farnham's name is placed in nomination) and a member of the Cemetery Board (Jack Barnhouse's name is placed in nomination). Additional nominations are welcome. Please inform the pastorate (Kelly, Nick, or Lorrie) of any additional business that the congregation needs to consider. Christian Education classes will begin immediately following the business meeting.

Birthday Greetings to:

Damian Conrad-Davis	Dec. 6
Jim Thorpe	Dec. 8
Jim Fisher	Dec. 12

Upcoming Events

Wed. Dec. 9	6:00 p.m.	Food and Fellowship
	7:00 p.m.	Family Night Activities
	8:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. Dec. 10	7:00 p.m.	Book of Mormon Study Class at Joan Green's
Sun. Dec. 13	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:40 a.m.	Communication Time – Bob Mesle Worship – Lois Russell speaking Bruce Graybill presiding

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DINNER EXCHANGE GUESTS

If you did not get signed up and would like to, give Merilou Hartwig a call at 784-6407 or e-mail me at n.hartwig@mchsi.com, and you can still get in on the fun.

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

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

