

Community of Christ

Lamoni Congregation: Growing Community

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August 3, 2008

Judy Badder, Ron Ellis, Stu Sherman, Co-pastors

9:30 a.m. Christian Education Classes
10:30 a.m. Fellowship and Visiting Time

Bless, Break, and Share

Interlude Maudie McKiernan
Communication Time Linda DeBarthe

Sharing Christ's Peace

Prelude Jerie Gail Ramsey

Gathering Hymn "O Lord, Grace Our Communion" HS 1

Welcome Lorrie Long

Call to Worship: Doctrine and Covenants Section 163 2b Lorrie Long

"Generously share the invitation, ministries and sacraments through which people can encounter the living Christ who heals and reconciles through redemptive relationships in sacred community. The restoring of persons to healthy or righteous relationships with God, others, themselves and the earth is at the heart of the purpose of your journey as a people of faith."

*Hymn "God! When Human Bonds Are Broken" SP 18

*Prayer of Invocation Sue Hanton

*Response

Reading "Broken, Blessed, and Shared" Bruce Graybill

Hymn (*Bless*) "Lord, I Was Blind: I Could Not See" HS 178

Communion Message Charlee Redick

Hymn (*Break*) "Let Us Break Bread Together" HS 342

Blessing and Serving of the Bread and Wine Sue and Dan Hanton

Disciples' Generous Response Dan Hanton

*Hymn (*Share*) "Make Us, O God, a Church That Shares" HS 484

*Congregational Sending Forth Lorrie Long

Isaiah 55— Sending forth in blessing from our Lord as written by his prophet Isaiah.

"Incline your ear and come unto me; hear and your soul shall live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you....Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while he is near; Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let them return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon them; and our God will abundantly pardon....And as the rain and snow cometh down from heaven and returneth not but watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater....So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; It shall not return unto me void..but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

*Postlude

Others assisting today:

Greeters: Barbara and Bill Higdon

Ushers: Dayle Robinson, Ava Gardner, Joan Green

A/V: Rick Zieger

Bell Ringer: Alex Ergo

Worship Center: Florence McGuire

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

Broken, Blessed, and Shared

Bread broken, blessed, and shared.

This morning, in this community of the committed,
we will kneel in memory of One who *is* the bread of life
—*broken, blessed, and shared.*

One whose outstretched hands on splintered cross
inscribes our names, held fast by love in lieu of nails.

This morning we will lift our voices in song,
bow heads in supplication, hear words of holy promise
woven in sacred text.

In preparation of wine poured, bread broken, and love shared
bless our faltering steps with surefootedness
that we may walk with purity of heart.

Fill our doubt with faith. Hold us firm with hope.

Smile us into smiling, Lord.

Surprise us, stir our souls with new resolve,
that the Truth we seek may sing its *own* song—
a new song that shapes our words and deeds
in anthems of service,
broken, blessed, and shared.

Bless each soul herein...

leader and follower, preacher and penitent,
that we may also, with hands outstretched,
be extensions of your grace...

“Living bread—broken, blessed, and shared.”

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

—“Broken, Blessed, and Shared” by Danny A. Belrose

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday

Lois Russell and Don Breshears will be sharing with us next week on the theme, "Take Heart, Have Faith." Rich Harrop is in charge of the service with Danise Remmenga providing ministry of music and Barbara Lee Collins at the piano. 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

Next week's adult Sunday school class will be taught by Lou Clothier, studying Dave Brock's *Herald* article, "Growing Capacity to Bring Blessing." This is published in the July 2008 *Herald*.

Vacation Bible School starts Monday evening

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Wednesday, August 4-6, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lamoni Church. On Thursday evening, August 7th, there will be a Family Night at North Park from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. with an open swim from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Bible School will be for youth, preschool through those going into 6th grade this fall.

Congregational Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m. August 10th

A congregational business meeting will be held **next Sunday, August 10th, at 6:30 p.m.** at the church with an ice cream social following. Prayerful consideration has been given the last several months on the make-up of the Lamoni congregation pastorate for the 2008-2009 church year (which runs from September 1, 2008-August 31, 2009). Judy Badder and Stu Sherman are stepping down from their pastor responsibilities. Ron Ellis, Lorrie Long, and Nick Hartwig have indicated their willingness to share in a 3 person pastoral team. We invite the congregation's prayerful support.

SPEC Laundry Heroes

"Neither wind, nor rain, nor late nights, nor low numbers of volunteers shall keep us from our appointed rounds." In spite of all of the above, our Laundry Heroes once again raised over \$1400 to help send our local youth to SPEC. Just as importantly, we provided a much-appreciated service to youth and staff from all over the continent. Thanks for your wonderful contribution, Heroes! Next year will be an IYF/Spec year, so our demand will probably be much higher. If you have a washer and dryer but haven't volunteered in the past, please talk to Sandy Ranney or Linda DeBarthe about any impediments. They have a whole year to brainstorm solutions.

Book Requested

We are looking for an old out-of-print book entitled, "The Life of Joseph the Prophet," by Edward W. Tullidge (printed in 1880 by Herald House). If you have a copy you would be willing to part with, please call Joyce Stevenson.

Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped us move into our home. Thank you also to the Russells, Benna Easter, and Lorrie Long for the food. We truly felt welcomed into the community. Thank you, Skip and Shelly Twitchell

Opportunity for Service

There is an opening for an opportunity of service for someone to be in charge of the organization of getting meals to families upon the event of an illness or an emergency situation in our congregation. If you would be willing to help out or have an interest in learning more about this service, please contact Judy Badder (ph. 784-3738; email jbadder@graceland.edu).

Wedding Ceremony

Becky Jones and Aaron Scott, together with their parents Jim and Pat Magle Jones and Ron and Barb Scott, invite you in celebration of their marriage on Saturday, August 23, 11:30 a.m. at Guthrie Grove Campground near Guthrie Center, Iowa. Reception will follow into the early evening. RSVP's are appreciated. Contact Jim and Pat Magle Jones at 784-3965 or online at www.theknot.com.

Liberty Hall Heritage Day

Sunday, September 21, is Heritage Sunday. We like to celebrate that day at Liberty Hall. Lamoni has a vital part in the history of the church, so let's enjoy the afternoon together. Plans will soon be finalized. Two years ago, we had our song fest in Liberty Hall because of a windy day. Last year, we had it outside because it was a nice fall day – so who knows what the weather will be. All I know is that when Saints are gathered together in unity, a good Spirit prevails. I hope you will be able to come and enjoy it with us. Martha McKain

Birthday Greetings to:

Charles Hindes	Aug. 3	Cherie Powell	Aug. 6
Barb Daily	Aug. 4	Macy Schilb	Aug. 7
Karli Conrad-Davis	Aug. 4	Erin Farnham	Aug. 9
Janeen Blakesley	Aug. 5		