

Community of Christ

Lamoni Congregation: Growing Community

December 2, 2007

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

9:30 a.m. Christian Education Classes

10:15 a.m. Congregational Business Meeting
Approval of priesthood call – Marjie Foster to Elder
Approval of Cliff Neeley for Cemetery Board
(to replace Carl McGuire)
Update on PA Project
Transfer the Contribution Fund of \$1090.47 to PA project

10:30 a.m. Fellowship and Visiting Time

Seek Peace

10:40 a.m. Interlude Ron Ellis
Communication Time Bob Mesle
Hanging of the Greens
Prelude Lorrie Long
Welcome Bruce Graybill

Advent Theme Song “An Advent Song” (Tune: HS 232)
A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way,
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.
-- Used by permission, Sandra Dean, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Lighting of the Candle of Peace Charlee and Dan Redick

Call to Worship: **Call for Peace**

Leader: God has called us to peace
People: Where shall peace be found in all the earth? Shall peace be found
in our hearts or in our lands? Shall peace be found among us?
All: LEAD US TO PEACE
Leader: Sue for peace...lift up an ensign...and make a proclamation for
peace unto the ends of the earth.
People: What words of peace have we proclaimed? What is the ensign we
have raised that the world may know we seek for peace?
All: LEAD US TO PEACE
Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children
of God.

People: Shall we be called God’s children? And shall the nations come to
us to learn of peace?

All: LEAD US TO PEACE

Leader: And lo, he shall come with healing in his wings. And his name
shall be called...the Prince of Peace.

People: Will he know us when he comes? Shall we be recognized of him
as those who offered up their lives that peace might come?

All: GOD HAS CALLED US TO PEACE.

-- Lois Braby

*Hymn of Longing “Come Now, Nativity of Peace!” Insert
*Invocation Nels Badder
*Response Lorrie Long

Hymn “Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hands” SP 15

Communion Message Betty Graybill

Time of Reflection and Meditation: Reading of Verse 1 from HS 334

Choral Anthem “Bread of the World” Choir

Blessing and Serving of the Bread

Choral Anthem “Vine of Heaven” Choir

Blessing and Serving of the Wine

Prayer for Peace Alma Blair

Disciples’ Generous Response
Blessing and Offering of Mission Tithes and Oblation

*Hymn “Leave We Now the Table of Our Lord” HS 326

*Sending Forth: Go In Peace
We are sent forth to be stewards:
To meet life head on,
To respond,
To reach out,
To give of ourselves to those persons and situations which confront us.
Go in peace.

-- Judy Judd from Prayers and Readings for Worship, Judy Judd, ed.
(Independence, Missouri: Herald Publishing House, 1987), 126

Choir: Don Breshears, Director
Ushers: Dayle Robinson, Evelyn Conrad, Natalee Anderson
A/V: Richard Jackel Bell Ringer: Bret Remmenga
Greeters: Barb Daily, Ruby Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Wed. Dec. 5	7:00 p.m.	Prayer & Share – Barbara Breshears
	8:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. Dec. 6	7:00 p.m.	Book of Mormon Class at Joan Green's
Sun. Dec. 9	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:40 a.m.	Communication Time – Tammy Everett Interlude Worship – Graceland Traveling Ministries

Our Mission

The Lamoni congregation is part of the worldwide Community of Christ that proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ and builds communities of joy, hope, love and peace. Endeavoring to seek and implement God's will for our congregation, we identify four focus areas:

1. We will develop inclusive ministries that bring us closer to God in personal and corporate worship and through meaningful fellowship with each other.
2. We will build bridges with newcomers in our community and to others who have no church home to share the love of God and welcome them in Lamoni and in our congregation.
3. We will strengthen our understanding of the foundational religious beliefs that define our relationship to God, to our past, to the church, and to each other.
4. We will continue our efforts to discern the will of God and to implement those insights in our personal and congregational lives as we seek to establish His kingdom "on earth as it is in Heaven."

Those providing ministry elsewhere today include:

Ceaseless Praise – Bloomington Mark & Benna Easter – Leon
Les Gardner – Mount Ayr

Daily Bread

It's time to order your Daily Bread for 2008. If you wish to purchase a *Daily Bread*, please get a check for \$13.00 to Janice Fisher **today**. Please make checks payable to Janice Fisher, Book Steward.

Next Sunday

The Graceland Traveling Ministries team will be sharing with us next Sunday, December 9th. Dan Gregory will be the speaker. This will be a great opportunity to receive ministry from our Graceland students. Invite your friends to come and worship with you. If you need a ride to church, call Barb Daily (784-6141), Clarence Snethen (784-3997) or the church (784-4405) on Sunday morning.

Youth Bible Studies -- Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.

Senior High meet at Jon Hampton's
Junior High meet at Paul Davis and Evelyn Conrad's.

Food Pantry

The Lamoni Ministerial Alliance has requested assistance in obtaining food donations for the Lamoni food pantry. Christmas boxes will be made next month for families in need and there are certain items that the pantry is low on. These items are: all types of pasta, macaroni and cheese boxes, peanut butter, all kinds of snack foods, cake mixes, cornbread and muffin mixes, cereal, canned juices, crackers, shampoo, toilet paper, and paper towels.

Operation Christmas Child

The Lamoni Area Youth Ministry Council is providing rides **today** to Operation Christmas Child at the West Des Moines Church. We are coordinating and providing rides from the Lamoni Church to West Des Moines and back. Please plan to meet in the Lamoni Church parking lot at 12:30 p.m. Because the activity ends at 5:00 p.m., we'll provide supper and then arrive back at the Lamoni Church parking lot by 7:00 p.m.

Music Boosters Baskets

Charlee Redick is seeking donations to be put in the Music Boosters Baskets to be auctioned off during the holiday concerts. Proceeds from the auction will go to benefit the music programs at Lamoni Community Schools. All donations are welcome. Please contact Charlee at 784-6349.

Breakfast Next Sunday

Please join Chef Kurt Remmenga and the youth next Sunday for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Bring a friend and join in the food and fellowship.

2008 Senior High Outreach Trip Planned

(formerly known as the "mission trip")

An informational meeting is scheduled for **8 a.m. Sunday, December 9**, in the overflow area of the Lamoni congregation for any high school student (and his/her parents) who might be interested in participating in the 2008 Senior High Outreach Trip. Previous efforts have taken Lamoni senior high students to Hawaii and New England. We understand this is an early time on a Sunday, but we feel it's the most likely time for everyone interested to be available. Following the 8 a.m. meeting, all attendees are invited to stay for breakfast at the Lamoni congregation. (On the second Sunday of each month, Lamoni provides a free breakfast to all as part of our Second Sunday activities.) If you have questions, please contact Marjie Foster (442-5528-cell or grambler@grm.net). We hope to see you bright and early on December 9!

Angel Tree

Nu Eta will be hosting its Annual Angel Tree. The Angel's will be located at Bank of the West beginning Wednesday, November 21st, 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 or Chauntel Ranney at Bank of the West with any questions.

Anniversary Open House

All are invited to a 50th Wedding Anniversary Open House for Del and Kathy Ranney. The Open House will be held on Sunday, December 16th, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Del and Kathy's home (29305 105th Ave.). No gifts, please.

Birthday Greetings to:

Rod Schall	Dec. 2
Shania Boswell	Dec. 3
Hale Collins	Dec. 4
Delpha Reese	Dec. 4
Noah Matya	Dec. 5
Damian Conrad-Davis	Dec. 6
Jim Thorpe	Dec. 8

Income Report for Lamoni Congregation

	<u>11-25-07</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Congregational Ministries		
Operating Budget	1,519.80	80,621.43
Building Fund	50.00	14,450.70
New Projects Fund	211.00	35,112.50
Outreach International	17.37	433.39
Mission Trip	1.00	131.00
Scholarship		60.00
Food Pantry	25.00	37.30
Memorial Fund		10.00
Mission Center Ministries		
Camperships		108.00
Guthrie Grove		607.00
Y'll All Come Fund		50.00
MC Program		110.00
World Church		
World Ministries	357.50	62,170.74
Oblation	65.00	8,599.95
Oblation World Hunger	25.00	4,093.63
Conference Offering		1,160.44
Roofs over Africa		5.00
Chattanooga Kids		481.00
Total offerings	2,246.67	208,242.08

Attendance Sunday, 11:00 am 124 Wed. evening 24