

# Community of Christ

Lamoni Congregation: Growing Community

Website: [www.lamonicofchrist.org](http://www.lamonicofchrist.org)

December 30, 2007

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

9:30 a.m. Christian Education Classes

10:30 a.m. Fellowship and Visiting Time

## *“Called to Protect the Child”*

“Open your ears to hear the pleading of mothers and fathers in all nations who desperately seek a future of hope for their children. Do not turn away from them, for in their welfare resides your welfare.”  
Doctrine & Covenants 163:4a

Communication Time Marjie Foster

Interlude

Prelude Dick Clothier

Hymn “How Majestic Is Your Name” NS 16

Welcome Pat Magle Jones

Hymn of Preparation “Sound Over All Waters” HS 261

Call to Worship

“Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels; praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon; praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.” .Psalms 148:1-4

\*Hymn “Look at this Man, Born of God” HS 230

\*Invocation Jim Jones

\*Response

Disciple’s Generous Response:

Leader: Lord, we confess that we live in a world dominated by greed and violence.

**Congregation: Yet you place a child in our midst and invite us to find salvation in that little one.**

Leader: You teach us that your way is the way of service for others’ sake.

**Congregation: Forgive us, God, when we look to power instead of humility, status more than servanthood.**

**All: Renew us with the Spirit of Jesus, born in a stable in Bethlehem.**

Prayer of blessing on the offerings Pat Magle Jones

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:13-14

Hymn “Joseph, Kind Joseph” HS 234

Message Jim Jones

\*Hymn “Make Us, O God, a Church That Shares” HS 484

\*Sending forth Pat Magle Jones

We proclaim Jesus Christ and promote communities of joy, hope, love, and peace.

Grant us courage to protect the child.

Let us protect joy, hope, love, and peace.

The adventure is just beginning!

Amen!

\*Postlude

\*Congregation Please Stand

Others assisting today include:

Ushers: Rick Zieger, Linda Robinson, Janyce DeBarthe

A/V: Ron Ellis

Bell Ringer: Raymond Snethen

Greeters: Elmer & Diana Stevenson

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

## Birthday Greetings to:

Corey Bott	Dec. 30
Bailey Boswell	Dec. 31
Paula Yarrington	Jan. 1
Mark Mesle	Jan. 1
Myrna Morris	Jan. 3
Bill Higdon	Jan. 4
Jennifer Boswell	Jan. 4
Trinity Williams	Jan. 5

## Upcoming Events

Mon. Dec. 31	7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Party at Ellis'
Tues. Jan. 1	<b><i>Happy New Year!</i></b> 5:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Emily Dunsdon
Wed. Jan. 2	7:00 p.m. Prayer & Share
Sun. Jan. 6	9:30 a.m. Church School 10:40 a.m. Communication Time – Interlude Communion – Dick Clothier speaking Louita Clothier presiding

## 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."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Year's Eve Party

All are invited to Ron and Bobbi Ellis' home (620 Bobbitt Drive) on Monday evening, December 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. for a New Year's Eve Party. Bring snacks to share and come to enjoy games and fellowship. Stay as little or as long as you like.

### Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for Emily Dunsdon, who passed away on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, will be held at the Lamoni Church on Tuesday, January 1, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

### Next Sunday

Dick Clothier will bring our Communion message next Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Louita Clothier is in charge of the service. Plan to come and worship with us and share in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper next Sunday as we begin a New Year. If you need a ride to church, call Barb Daily (784-6141), Clarence Snetten (784-3997) or the church (784-4405) on Sunday morning.

### Covenant Disciple Group Workshop

Are you looking for greater spiritual insight? Do you hear the call to be more in tune with the Holy Spirit? Would you like to have a better understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Christ? Are you hungry for spiritual food, spiritual friends, spiritual fire, taking a spiritual journey? Come, share with a small group; support each other in becoming more spiritual. Please mark your calendars now and register today for the Covenant Discipleship Group workshop facilitated by Carolyn Brock at the Lamoni Congregation on Friday evening and all day Saturday, January 11 and 12, 2008. Register by calling Linda Fisher at the Lamoni Mission Center Office (phone 641/784-3353) or email [lfisher@cofchristlhmc.org](mailto:lfisher@cofchristlhmc.org). The registration fee (\$10) can be paid at the workshop.

### Book of Mormon Class

The Thursday night Book of Mormon Class will be in holiday recess until January 24<sup>th</sup>.