

# Community of Christ

Lamoni Congregation: Growing Community

November 4, 2007

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

9:30 a.m. Christian Education Classes

10:30 a.m. Fellowship and Visiting Time

## *Seek Salvation*

10:40 a.m. Communication Time

Interlude

Pastor's Moment

Prelude

Responsive Call to Worship "With Wings As Eagles" Insert

\*Hymn "On Eagle's Wings" NS 41

\*Invocation Bette Sellars

\*Response

Ministry of Music "Now Let Us All Praise God & Sing" Choir

Scripture: Luke 19:1-9 Dan Hanton

Hymn "Touch Me, Lord, With Thy Spirit Eternal" HS 409

Communion Address John Sellars

Hymn of Preparation "Oh Lord, How Can It Be" HS 352

Blessing and Serving of the Bread and Wine

Ministry of Music "Sometimes a Light Surprises" Choir

Disciples' Generous Response Larry Sturgis

Reflection -- Zacchaeus was an unlikely steward. Yet he put his old nature behind him and made the commitment to give up a measure of his wealth in order to respond to Jesus. A young child hearing the story of Zacchaeus was asked "What does it mean when we say that Zacchaeus had a change of heart?" He responded, "It means that he changed his priorities." It is as simple as that. And his example brought others to Christ. Are we ready to do the same? Accept the gifts of salvation, choose righteousness. Let us make Jesus our priority. As we consider our response to the Oblation Fund and other Mission Tithes, let us give gladly and generously in wealth and deeds.

Blessing and Offering of Oblation/Mission Tithes

\*Hymn "Shout the Tidings of Salvation" HS 469

\*Benediction Joe Shelton

\*Response

\*Sending Forth: II Thessalonians 1:11-12 Joe Shelton

\*Postlude

Others assisting with the service:

Choir: Don Breshears, Director

Ushers: Dayle Robinson, Linda Boswell, Krista Schilb

A/V: Richard Jackel

Bell Ringer: Alexander Ergo

Worship Center: Carol Hough

Greeters: Merilou & Nick Hartwig

## **Our Church Home Has a Message for Us**

The church building in which we worship was dedicated in the spring of 1952. Those who designed and built the church incorporated into it symbols which are a constant reminder of the beliefs and values of our church family. If you look carefully you can see on the front of the altar table the words "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God". These words are from the letter of James included in the New Testament. These are the words that stimulated Joseph Smith, the first prophet of the restoration movement, to seek divine direction in his life. They are intended to inspire each of us to follow that same path. They also suggest that while we might look to the world around us for sources of learning, beyond that we must seek from God the wisdom to use our learning to glorify God and benefit the human community.

## **Administration Available**

Elders will be available after Sunday services for anyone desiring administration to the sick. For those desiring administration, please see one of the elders in front of the rostrum after the morning worship service.

## **Childcare**

Childcare (supervised by an adult) is available in the preschool room south of the balcony for anyone who wishes to use it during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Corrected*

### Fellowship Exchange Dinner for September – November

HOST	GUEST
Nick & Merilou Hartwig	Bruce & Betty Graybill
Barb & Stan McKiernan	Dan & Becky Long
Rod & Deanna Schall	Rick & Ann Zieger
Virginia Walsh & Velma Ruch	Bob & Jerie Gail Ramsey
Jim & Pat Jones	Lila Oiler
Ron & Bobbi Ellis	Joan Green & Marie Hawley
Don & Barbara Breshears	Alma & Kay Blair
Les & Ava Gardner	Florence & Carl McGuire
Dick & Lou Clothier	Joe & Diane Shelton
Chub & Lorrie Long	Glen & Vivian Campbell

#### Birthday Greetings to:

Patrick Morris	Nov. 4
Stretch Knotts	Nov. 4
Amiee Shelton	Nov. 5
Becky Long	Nov. 6
Mica Wiemann	Nov. 7
Lloyd Edgerton	Nov. 8
Tom Nowlin	Nov. 9
Leo Stevenson	Nov. 9

#### Upcoming Events

Wed. Nov. 7	7:00 p.m. Prayer & Share – Dan Long in charge 8:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. Nov. 8	7:00 p.m. Book of Mormon class at Joan Green's
Sun. Nov. 11	9:30 a.m. Church School 10:40 a.m. Communication Time – Paul Davis Interlude Blessing Service Kelly Everett presiding

#### Next Sunday

Kelly Everett will be in charge next Sunday as we share in the Sacrament of Baby Blessing. Linda DeBarthe will be our organist and Marjie Foster is in charge of the ministry of music. Bring your neighbors and friends to come and celebrate in this service of blessing of children. If you need a ride to church, call Barb Daily (784-6141), Clarence Snethen (784-3997) or the church (784-4405) on Sunday morning.

#### Priesthood Worship Opportunity

Come join your fellow priesthood members for an evening of worship on Sunday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the overflow area of the church. Come prepared to be blessed as we worship together. Questions? Call Stu Sherman at 784-3527.

#### Poinsettias

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 26. Part of the cost will benefit the congregation. We will print remembrances in the bulletin if you wish.

#### Next Sunday Morning Breakfast

Please join Chef Kurt Remmenga and the youth next Sunday for breakfast at the Lamoni Church at 9:00 a.m. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month has been designated as “Bring A Friend to Church” day.

#### 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.

#### Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Youth Activity

You are invited to the Mad Hatter's Tea with Alice in Wonderland on Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>, in the lower level of the Lamoni Church from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wear Sunday clothes or raid the "dress up" chest for hats, shawls, gowns, suits, gloves, and jewels. Come join us for a fun afternoon. RSVP to Kristin Salmi (ph.784-7129) or Barbara McKiernan (ph. 784-6873).

#### Youth Bible Studies – Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

Junior High – Meet at Paul and Evelyn Conrad-Davis'  
Senior High – Meet at Jon Hampton's

### **Ella Reese Estes Blessing**

There will be a baby blessing service of Ella Reese Estes, daughter of Jarrett & Jessica (Badder) Estes on Sunday November 11 at the 10:30 service at the Abundant Life Fellowship, Community of Christ in St. Joseph, Missouri. Nelson Badder will be the speaker for the service. Ella will be blessed by her grandfathers Jim Estes and Gregg Badder.

### **Housing Requested**

On Friday evening, November 9, there will be a meeting of priesthood at the Lamoni Church. We are seeking persons who could open their homes for those coming out-of-town and wishing to stay in Lamoni for the conference on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you can open your home for overnight guests, please call the Lamoni Mission Center Office (phone 641/784-3353).

### **Becoming a Love and Logic Parent**

A six-week parent-training program, designed by the Love and Logic Institute, Inc., is being held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Lamoni Elementary School on Mondays, November 12, 19, 26 and December 3, 10, 17. This class is for parents with children of all ages. If you wish more information or would like to sign-up for the class, please contact Evelyn Conrad (784-3100).

### **Harvest Dinner**

Our annual Harvest Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at noon. Proceeds from the dinner will go toward our new A/V equipment.

### **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."

### **Income Report for Lamoni Congregation**

	<u>10-28-07</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Congregational Ministries		
Operating Budget	1,296.99	73,487.70
Building Fund	47.00	14,030.70
New Projects Fund	215.00	33,232.50
Outreach International	22.44	391.86
Mission Trip	1.00	130.00
Scholarship		60.00
Food Pantry		12.30
Memorial Fund		10.00
Mission Center Ministries		
Camperships		108.00
Guthrie Grove	106.00	566.00
Y'll All Come Fund		50.00
MC Program		110.00
World Church		
World Ministries	502.50	56,822.90
Oblation	55.00	7,838.50
Oblation World Hunger	15.00	3,847.63
Conference Offering		1,160.44
Roofs over Africa		5.00
Chattanooga Kids		481.00
Total offerings	2,260.93	192,344.53

Attendance 11:00 am 164 Wed. evening 33