

Community of Christ

Lamoni Congregation: Growing Community

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September 7, 2008

Ron Ellis, Nick Hartwig, Lorrie Long, Co-pastors

9:30 a.m. Christian Education Classes

10:30 a.m. Fellowship and Visiting Time

Do This in Remembrance

Come before your Eternal Creator with open minds and hearts and discover the blessings of the gospel anew. Be vulnerable to divine grace. – Doctrine and Covenants 163:10b

Communication Time Linda DeBarthe
Prelude Jack Ergo

Welcome Benna Easter

Call to Worship Olivia Conrad

Leader: As we come together, let us rejoice with one voice,

People: Sing to our God.

Leader: Not the same old song.

People: Sing a new song with dancing and tambourine!

Leader: A song with vitality

People: A song with new energy, loud and strong!

Leader: God looks at us with joy;

People: Let us celebrate with God, right now!

Leader: Sing until you can't sing anymore!

People: God gives us the power to share in the glory!

All: Praise the Lord! Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn "In God's Most Holy Presence" HS 5

*Invocation Jessie Twitchell

Focus Moment - *Remembrance* (A puppet drama)

by Kay Herring, Carl Evans,
and Megann Stewart

Disciples' Generous Response Skip Twitchell

Offertory Hymn "Give Thanks" NS 11

Litany of preparation Claudine Palea

Leader: We prepare ourselves for this sacrament service by turning within ourselves to that which is divine.

Congregation: We are uplifted before you, our God. We seek the unity and love that flows through this house of worship as we share together.

Leader: Your presence makes the feast; now let our spirits feel the glory not to be expressed; the joy unspeakable.

Congregation: Now let our souls be fed with manna from above.

Leader: And over us your banner spread of everlasting love.

Adapted from *Worship Resources for the Sacraments*, Judy Judd, ed.
(Herald Publishing House, 1989)

Hymn of Preparation "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" HS 345

Blessing (Claudine Palea) and Serving of the Bread

Blessing (Benna Easter) and Serving of the Wine

Challenge to the Congregation Becky Long

*Closing Prayer: Doctrine and Covenants 38:4c-f, adapted Benna Easter

Therefore, be strong; fear not, for the kingdom is yours. I have heard your prayers. I have made the earth rich, and it is my footstool. I will give you greater riches, even a land of promise; a land flowing with milk and honey. Seek it with all your hearts and this is my covenant with you. You shall have it for your inheritance, and the inheritance of your children forever, now and in eternity, never to pass away. Amen

*Postlude Jack Ergo

Nursery: Carita and Bill Juhnke

Greeters: Hale and Barbara Lee Collins

Ushers: Kevin Lloyd, Joan Green, Janyce DeBarthe

A/V: Richard Jackel

Bell Ringer:

Worship Center: Mary Lou Piepergerdes

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday

Nels Badder will share with us next Sunday on the theme, "God Delivers Us." Gregg Badder will be in charge of the service and Jerie Gail Ramsey will be the organist for the service. Invite your friends to join you in worship next Sunday. 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 Church School Classes

Beginning next Sunday, September 14, we will have three adult classes. Bill Russell will teach in the overflow room on "*Jesus in the Four Gospels*." Kelly Everett will teach a class based on Max Lucado's book, "*And the Angels were Silent*" in the back of the sanctuary. Dan Long and Lorrie Long will teach a class for seekers in the conference room behind the sanctuary.

Calling all 6th-8th Graders:

Please mark your calendars for September 17th at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of Olympic Games and refreshments. We will meet at the home of Mike and Chauntel Ranney (29453 Elk Ridge Road). We want to start the school year off with a chance to get together and have some fun. If you have questions please call Chauntel at 784-3533.

Liberty Hall

Liberty Hall is looking forward to a facelift. On September 8th, the R.V. Organization will be coming to repaint the Hall. We are looking for volunteers to help in that endeavor. Scraping, calking, painting, and window cleaning will need to be done. The main work will begin on Tuesday, September 9. We will provide lunch Tuesday thru Friday. Any volunteer time that you could give us would be greatly appreciated. Also, if anyone wanted to donate a salad for lunch Tuesday through Friday, that would be appreciated. Any questions, please contact Martha McKain.

Worship Center Committee

If you would like to be a part of the Worship Center Committee and have not been in the past, please contact Carol Hough (784-3442).

Spaghetti Dinner

Mark Your Calendars: Spaghetti Dinner at the church on Sunday, September 21, at 12 noon. A freewill offering will be received with proceeds to benefit youth attending IYF/SPEC 2009.

Book of Mormon Study Group

The Book of Mormon Study Group will re-convene on Thursday, September 18, at 7 p.m. at Joan Green's home. The agenda of the meeting will be to discuss how the study group will proceed this fall and winter season. Everyone interested in this book of scripture is heartily encouraged to join the group.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST - 2nd SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH - "BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH" DAY!

Please join Chef Kurt Remmenga and the youth next Sunday, 9:00 a.m. for breakfast! The breakfast is free to all. See you next Sunday morning!

Birthday Greetings to:

Sophia Pauli	Sept. 7
Janice Fisher	Sept. 8
Ben Yarrington	Sept. 8
Dennis McElroy	Sept. 10
Corinne Fonseca	Sept. 11
Joan Green	Sept. 11
Shelly Twitchell	Sept. 11
Luke Atwood	Sept. 12
Margaret Landis	Sept. 12

Upcoming Events

Wed. Sept. 10	6:00 p.m.	Potluck
	7:00 p.m.	Family Night Activities
	8:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. Sept. 14	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:40 a.m.	Communication Time – Bob Mesle
		Worship – Nels Badder speaking Gregg Badder presiding

Do You Know . . . who beautified our bathrooms?
 (Answer: Judy Badder)

DINNER EXCHANGE

Our dinner exchange program is ready to get underway again. For one two-month period you will be a host or guest and the next two-month period you will fall into the other category. This is a GREAT way to get to know each other on an informal basis. If you don't see your name and would like to get into the program it is NEVER TOO LATE! Just call Marsha Jackel at 784-6791 or e-mail her at jackel@graceland.edu and you will be included.

September/October

HOSTS		GUESTS	
Kay & Alma Blair	6408	Becky & Dan Long	8800
Barbara & Don Breshears	6836	Florence & Carl McGuire	6782
Vivian & Glen Campbell	3714	Barbara & Stan McKiernan	6873
Louita & Dick Clothier	6270	Janie & Cliff Neeley	4783
Barbara Lee & Hale Collins	6007	Jerie Gail & Bob Ramsey	3492
Bobbi & Ron Ellis	3880	Lois & Bill Russell	6830
Ava & Les Gardner	6638	Deanna & Rod Schall	3479
Joan Green/Marie Hawley	6391/6157	Diane & Joe Shelton	7495
Velma Ruch/Virginia Walsh	6294/6080	Marsha & Richard Jackel	6791
Lorrie Long	7272	Ann & Rick Zieger	3730

Daily Scriptural Meditation

As we explore our congregation's focus for the new year, your pastorate invites you to read and meditate (with prayer) on the following scripture each day this week. Read it a first time just to "hear" what the scripture says. Spend a little time reflecting on what you've read and then read the scripture a second time. Make note of a word, phrase, or image that catches your attention.

Here are some questions you can ask yourself:

- Is there a place I feel drawn to dwell or explore? What words, images, or phrases are speaking to me in this text?
- What is God's invitation to me in this scripture?
- What is God's invitation to our congregation in this scripture?

Please keep notes on your response to this experience. At a later date the pastorate will ask for your feedback as we identify a focus for our ministry in the year ahead.

God is calling for a prophetic community to emerge, drawn from the nations of the world, that is characterized by uncommon devotion to the compassion and peace of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Through divine grace and wisdom, this faith community has been given abundant gifts, resources, and opportunities to equip it to become such a people. Chief among these is the power of community in Christ expressed locally in distinctive fashions while upholding a unity of vision, foundational beliefs, and mission throughout the world.

There are many issues that could easily consume the time and energy of the church. However, the challenge before a prophetic people is to discern and pursue what matters most for the journey ahead.