

Community of Christ

Lamoni Congregation: Growing Community

September 16, 2007

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

9:30 a.m. Business Meeting

10:30 a.m. Fellowship and Visiting Time

Our Heritage of Faith Through Song (Heritage Day)

10:40 a.m. Communication Time

Interlude

Pastor's Moment

Tammy Everett

Eldeen Church

Prelude

Linda DeBarthe, organist

Welcome

Richard Clothier

*Processional Hymn of Praise: "Sing Praise to God"

HS 40

*Invocation

Milda Lewis

*Organ Response

Divine Mystery: Medieval Song

Hymn: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

HS 220

Stanza 1: Choir

Stanzas 2 & 3: Choir and Congregation

Rebirth of the Spirit: The Renaissance

Choir: "Blest Be Thou, O God of Israel"

(arranged in Renaissance style by Louita Clothier)

Faith and Genius: The Baroque

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (st. 1 & 3 only)

Insert

Soaring Voices: The British Legacy

Offertory Hymn of Praise: "See All Creation Join"

Insert

*Hymn: "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Insert

20th Century Exploration

Hymn: "Sometimes a Light Surprises"

HS 155

Stanza 1: Choir

Stanza 2 & 3: Choir and Congregation

Choir: "Great God, Our Source" (HS 444)

The Informal Tradition

Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

HS 136

Hymn: "Mighty God, Transforming God"

NS 38

Prayer of Benediction

Nick Hartwig

*Hymn of Heritage: "Now in This Moment"

HS 58

*Postlude

Assisting in the service:

The Lamoni Choir, Don Breshears, director;

Tom Morain, pianist; Ron Ellis, guitar

Ushers: Marie Hawley, Joan Green, Natalee Anderson

A/V: Rick Zieger

Bell Ringer: Earl Snethen

Worship Center: Judy Badder

Greeters: Audrey Money, Thelma Hathaway

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)
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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.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Lily Meline	Sept. 16
Hailey Shelton	Sept. 17
Kevin Lloyd	Sept. 17
Kealakai Clark	Sept. 19
Stew McDole	Sept. 19
Bernard Neal	Sept. 20
Amy Mechling	Sept. 20
Trent Schwab	Sept. 21

MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

As a result of the congregation's discernment process, the following mission and vision statement has been developed for the Lamoni Community of Christ congregation. The pastorate invites your careful attention to this mission statement. Feel free to visit with any of the pastors with comments you might have.

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 **with** young **adults**, both singles and young families 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

Those providing ministry elsewhere today include:

Mark & Benna Easter – Andover Mary Jo Jackel – Bethany
Becky Long – Corydon Paul Davis – Davis City
Jack Ergo – Des Moines Central

Spaghetti Dinner today

Spaghetti Dinner at the Lamoni Church **today**, at 12:00 noon. The freewill offering received will go to benefit Bob and Lynda Farnham.

Priesthood Gathering

The Elders will meet **tonight**, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the overflow area of the church. The theme will be "Basic Principles of Bereavement Ministry."

Next Sunday

Evangelist Bruce Graybill will share with us next Sunday, September 23rd, on the theme, "Faithful in Little, Faithful in Much." Carl McGuire will be in charge of the service, and Bob Ramsey will be our organist. Bring a friend to worship with us. If you need a ride to church, call 784-4405 on Sunday morning.

Senior High Bible Study

The first Senior High Bible Study for the year will be held at the Lamoni church. It will be a Wii Bowling Bible Study/Pizza Party, on Wednesday, September 19th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., and will be led by Andy Robinson.

Junior High Bible Study

Junior High Bible Study will be held at Paul Davis & Evelyn Conrad's on Wednesday, September 19th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Junior Fall Activity

On Sunday, September 23rd, the junior age youth (grades 4-6) will be taking a trip to the Harvest Barn in Osceola. There's a pumpkin patch, corn maze and lots of fun fall activities. Youth will leave Lamoni Church at 1:30 p.m. and will return after 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Workshop on Depression and Suicide Prevention

On October 9th, at 7 pm in the Cheville Chapel on the Graceland University Campus, Larry and Sharon Norris will present a workshop on “Depression and Suicide Prevention”. They are willing to stay after the program to meet with anyone who wants to speak with them. They have also volunteered to stay the following day, if there is a need. The program is free and all are welcome. This program will occur during the National Depression Awareness Week.

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. Most of the symbols in the church were incorporated at the time of the building. Not so with the blue banner that hangs on the wall on the west side. In 1999 Velma Ruch was invited to be a guest minister for a women’s retreat sponsored by the Woodbine/Sioux district. The theme of the retreat was “The Transforming Power of Prayer.” The women of the district wished to do something special for Velma and commissioned Delores Dorland of Missouri Valley, an accomplished quilter and banner maker, to design a wall hanging that would express the theme of the retreat. Together, she and Becky Long, then of Missouri Valley, constructed and quilted the banner. All those who attended the retreat signed it and those who look closely can still distinguish their names.

The banner is a powerful symbol of our life journey through prayer. Early on Velma took it with her to several retreats and many attempted to explain how the symbolism spoke to them. Velma always felt, however, that the banner belong in Lamoni, her church home. She gave it to the congregation for their use. This coming Wednesday evening, September 19, the Prayer and Share service will be held in the sanctuary with the people seated on the west side facing the illuminated banner. The service will be one of meditation and prayer as the symbolism of the banner is explored. All are invited to attend whether they regularly attend the Wednesday evening service or not. Each one will receive a document that in scripture and meditation opens up some of the symbolism of the banner and can be used later for personal meditation. We would be happy to see you there.

Wed. Sept. 19	4:30 p.m.	Manor Service
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer & Share – The Sanctuary Velma Ruch presiding
	8:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. Sept. 23	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:40 a.m.	Communication Time – Charlee Redick Interlude – Olivia Conrad Worship – Bruce Graybill speaking Carl McGuire presiding

Income Report for Lamoni Congregation

	<u>9-9-07</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Congregational Ministries		
Operating Budget	1,356.11	63,202.63
Building Fund	20.00	3,565.70
New Projects Fund	190.00	21,055.50
Outreach International	20.81	308.85
Mission Trip		129.00
Scholarship		60.00
Food Pantry		12.30
Memorial Fund		10.00
Mission Center Ministries		
Camperships		108.00
Guthrie Grove		424.00
MC Program		105.00
World Church		
World Ministries	799.50	47,834.43
Oblation	110.00	6,830.98
Oblation World Hunger	110.00	3,516.63
Conference Offering		1,160.44
Roofs over Africa		5.00
Chattanooga Kids		481.00
Total offerings	2,606.42	148,859.46

Attendance Sunday, 11:00 am 156 Wed. evening 44