

E-Newsletter September 13th



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Sunday, September 16, 2018

30 Sayings of The Wise

**Proverbs 22:17-21, 24-24,
24:5-6**

Note From The Pastor

On Tuesday, September 11, the pastors of The Missouri River District met for our annual "Fall Update". Our District Superintendent, Chad Anglemyer led a good meeting that gave us all a lot to think about. Living Faith ALWAYS gives me plenty to think about and I enjoy serving you as your pastor very much. Our little church is engaged, always moving forward, anxious to try new things, and dedicated to bathing everything we do in prayer. For that I am grateful, and I am thankful for each of you who worship with me, learn with me, and serve along side me. Thank you for being who you are as a church congregation!

Last week I was invited back to one of the churches that I served prior to being appointed at Living Faith. I have missed the people of Weeping Water very much because I care deeply about them and their families. I still wonder how they are doing, what grades their children are in, and how their faith journeys are coming along. I was very excited about worshiping with them on Sunday, September 9th and I knew you were in good hands with Ron, Tom, and Kirk. Oddly though, I woke up that Sunday morning feeling unsettled and a bit apprehensive. After all, it's been a long time now since I've been in Weeping Water, and let's face it, life goes on.

It is beautiful to belong, and I belong at Living Faith, as you do as well. This is our church, our place of worship, and we are united in Christ. On October 7, we will begin worshiping together in one service that begins at 10:10 on Sundays. Everyone is invited and urged to join a small group study that will meet at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. It is our hope that all Sunday School classes will engage in one study, a study entitled *All In*. This will be our weekly video and discussion time for all four Sundays in October. In November we will learn about *The Circle Maker*. These studies are about commitment to worshiping the One True God, and prayer to our God of great promises. Please be in prayer for this transition for our church family, and please plan to join us for a 9:00 small group, then fellowship, followed by one worship service. God has blessed our church so richly, and I believe God will continue to bless us.

Spiritual Enrichment

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25

Prayer Requests

- **Cody Bollig** ~ healing
- **Sandy Rockwood** ~ healing
- **Gayle Bierma** ~ healing
- **Gene & Gloria Graham's daughter Rae** ~ healing
- **Shirley Morris** ~ healing
- **Nixon Hermeling** ~ healing
- **John Maxell** ~ health
- **Larry, (Nikki Elwood's dad)** ~ good test results
- **Grace Thomsen's brother –in-law Ron** ~ health
- **Bly Family** ~ health concerns
- **Joanne Raterman** ~ healing
- **Donna Chaney** ~ healing
- **Emma Baker** ~ health (Grace Thomsen's 15 year old neighbor)
- **Wayne Stillie—Rita Pfingsten's dad** ~ health
- **Karen Lakeman** ~ health
- **Tony, Joan Roberson's Son** ~ health
- **Donna Wallin's brother-in-law Jim** ~ health
- **Tim Songster** ~ scout health
- **Vernon Thomsen** ~ health
- **Janet Seelhoff's in-laws** ~ overall health
- **Betty Bell** ~ grieving, loss of brother
- **Rick Isenberg** ~ health
- **Elderly, shut ins**
- **Travel mercies for all who are traveling**
- **Adeng , Annie, Julie Kristin, and Renson Michael Chen** (special prayers for Renson for eyes)
- **Pray for Marriages, Families, Relationships**
- **LFUMC, and all of God's churches**

Congrats & Praises

- Praise! **Ellie (friend of Eliese Simon)** received a heart transplant
- Praise! ~ continued healing **Gloria Graham**



WHAT'S ALL THE **BUZZ** ABOUT YOUNG AT HEART

Tuesday, September 18, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

LIVING FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, FELLOWSHIP HALL

PROGRAM: BEEKEEPER'S WIFE

By Becky Hanna

An interesting presentation on Becky's family owned bee business. She will walk us through the pollination, harvesting and production process involved in producing honey.



BRUNCH PROVIDED

DESSERT POTLUCK

Please bring your favorite dessert to share.
Leftovers will be frozen for Fellowship time next Sunday.

\$5.00 per person

Please RSVP by Sunday, September 16, 2018. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex or email, call or personally reply to: del Phillis, Courtney Nixon, and Carolyn Smith.
We are all in the directory.



**NO AGE RESTRICTION,
EVERYONE WELCOME**



Prayers for Living Faith

- ◆ For unity in God
- ◆ For a passion to rise for God's Word & for participation in Small Group Bible Study
- ◆ For the church to be deeply committed to seeking God in prayer.
- ◆ For the church will worship, adore, and praise God, in spirit and truth.
- ◆ For Pastor Sandy & leaders to be renewed, refreshed & protected
- ◆ For church leaders to prepare & equip believers for service
- ◆ For more servants to rise up to join Jesus in serving others
- ◆ For us to be passionate about our mission to make disciples
- ◆ For giving to become faithful, joyful, consistent, & sacrificial
- ◆ For the church to trust Jesus to grow the church, in His way and in His power

PRAYERS FOR LIVING FAITH

Pray for unity in God

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 1 Peter 3:8

Lord God, turn the hearts of our members and attendees to You and strengthen our bonds with each other that we may look different than the world. That we would be a safe, loving place that would stir in others a desire to be a part of ministry of Living Faith. Amen.

Pray for a passion to rise for God Word & for participation in Small Group Bible Study

Be sure that the book of the Law is always read in your worship. Study it day and night, and make sure that you obey everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Joshua 1:8

Grant us members and attendees a passion for Your word. That we would want to be a part of an ongoing small group or class studying God's word. That we would be welcoming to others of all Bible knowledge to study with us. Amen

Pray the church to be deeply committed to seeking God in prayer

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and thankful heart. Colossians 4:2

Lord, direct us to our knees, and seal our commitment and desire to be devoted to communing with You in prayer. Let our church be known as a house of prayer. Keep us awake & alert. Fill our hearts with joy in all circumstances as we come to You as a church body in prayer. May we remember to be thankful in all things. Amen

PRAYERS FOR LIVING FAITH

Pray the church will worship, adore, and praise God, in spirit and truth

God is spirit, & those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. John 4:24

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praise to you; my soul also which you have redeemed. Psalm 71:23

Lord, direct our hearts to understand the fullness of Your character, Your heart, and Your truth. Open us up to fully live out our adoration of You, as a church family. Help us to honor You with our lives, and within the life & ministry of the church. Teach us how to worship You in spirit and in truth. You are holy. You are righteous, and You are absolutely worthy. Amen

Pray for Pastor Sandy & our leaders to be renewed, refreshed, and protected

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13: 20-21

Jesus, the great shepherd, strengthen our shepherd, Pastor Sandy. Guide & direct her & build her up. Provide protection for her & her family. Like you, may she have time away from the crowding demands, to renew her spirit. Be with our leaders; guide, instruct, and protect them. Amen.

Pray that church leaders prepare and equip believers for service.

And He personally gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the training of the saints in the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12

Lord God, encourage our church leaders and reinforce their calling and commitment to serve You. Give them the wisdom, knowledge, courage, and zeal to train & equip the believers to be the church. Pour into them, and guide them as they pour into us. Lord, You are the master builder and we pray that You use our leaders to build up the body of Christ. Amen.

Pray for more servants to rise up to join Jesus in serving others

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38

Savior, open our eyes to the harvest before us. We pray that You raise up men, women, & children to make disciples here and around the world. Show this church how you wish to use us for your work, and motivate us to do it. You are Lord and we will follow You! Help us to be Your hands and feet. In your name we pray. Amen

Pray for us to be passionate about our mission to make disciples.

We proclaim Him by instructing and teaching all people with all wisdom so that we may present every person mature in Christ. Toward this goal I also labor, struggling according to his power that powerfully works in me. Colossians 1:28-29

Jesus, we commit to prioritize discipleship, to actively participate in the study of God's word, personally and corporately. God, come alongside us, and mold and make us to become more like Jesus. Help us to grow! Give us a passion and zeal for the Bible and prayer to feed us, strengthen us and move us when necessary so that we are men and women of faith, full of grace and truth. Amen.

Pray giving to become faithful, joyful, consistent, & sacrificial

Each of you should give just as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, because God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

God, place on our hearts to be generous, good stewards with the resources You have entrusted to us, that we would freely and joyfully share with those in need and the church and its ministries. Amen.

Pray the church to trust Jesus to grow the church, in His way and in His power

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the forces of Hades will not overpower it. Matthew 16:18

Jesus, build us, strengthen us, grow our faith. This is YOUR church. You answered prayers to form this church. We are Yours. Use this church as You will. Do what only You can do. We claim this promise: the forces of hell will not overcome Your church. We stand in faith, covered in Your armor and armed with Your Word. You are our source of life and strength. We find sure footing, security, and victory in the all-powerful, all-mighty, King of Kings and Lord of Lords - Our Savior Jesus Christ! It's in Your Almighty name we pray. Amen

Committee Updates

Compassion Sunday ~ September 16th. there will be packets available in the lobby that Sunday to sponsor a child.

Offering Counters Needed: if you are interested in joining the team, please contact the church

Mission Team: Look forward to hearing soon about "Service Saturdays!"

Living Hope and Millard South High School Food Pantry Donations ~ Please drop off your donations of non-perishable food items and hygiene items in church lobby. If you'd like to help deliver items to Living Hope or Millard South High School, please contact the office. **Millard South Food Pantry** ~ In addition to non-perishable food, Millard South HS also is requesting the following items: White Athletic Socks, New Underwear, Gently used pants and shirts, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Lice Kits, Shaving Kits, and Feminine Products.

Support Our Missionaries Annie and Adeng as They Share Jesus in Japan ~ Please consider a monthly, regular commitment and make your checks payable to Living Faith UMC and write in the note line "Designated Mission Gift for Annie and Adeng." You may also support Annie and Adeng as our church's missionaries in Japan; by dropping your coins and bills in a specially marked jar in the church lobby. Thank you for supporting Annie and Adeng's ministries and missions in Japan, as they serve our Lord.

Safe Gatherings ~ Please consider becoming certified by Safe Gatherings, so you can work with our children! See Kirk Kingston if you have questions.

Christian Caregiving Ministry ~If you or someone you care about is struggling or suffering with a difficult life situation, a Lay Caregiver may be helpful. A Lay Caregiver can bring the unconditional acceptance and love of God to a hurting person. A Lay Caregiver will walk alongside you as long as it takes for you to find God's hope and peace in your situation. Call Pastor Sandy, Joan Roberson or Joan Smith if you or someone you care about would like to have a Lay Caregiver help you. Pastor Sandy, 402-650-6950 Joan Roberson, 712-326-5770 Joan Smith, 402-689-8013

Finance ~ Please pray for and give generously to your church.

Our Treasurer shared with us at Church Council that special attention needs to be given to our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

Please note: In August we withdrew \$6,000 from our savings account to meet our basis expenses.

If we all tend to generous giving, we can resolve this shortage.

Cleaning crew

We clean our own church. Currently the following 17 people on our cleaning team:

Ron & Pam Blue	Eric Tipler
Carrie Fairbairn	Grace Thomsen
Jackie Nielsen	Carolyn Smith
John Maxell	Jeff & Linda Ray
Lynn & Ben Hizer	Doug & Donna Simon
Terry Unterseher	Carol Brantz
Joan Smith	Denise Waller

Can you help? Contract the church office at 402-393-2321

Smiles & Blessings Ministry ~ Please keep our homebound members in your prayers and feel free to send a card or a note: *Charlie Amidon, Betty Bell, Wava Jean Carl, Maxine Hall, LeRoy Hanson, Esther Kauffman, Nina Marcum, Bob Mortenson, Blanche Sederburg, Vernon Thomsen.*

Volunteer Opportunities

Cleaning Crew ~ **Urgent need.** We clean our own church. Can you help? You only need to commit about 2 hours per month, and you can clean at a time that works for your schedule. If you would like to team up with someone who is already on the crew, you can do that too! Contact Tracy or Kirk in the Office. 402-393-2321

Nursery Scheduler & nursery caregivers needed ~ **Urgent need. Will you respond?** see Kirk for more details

Offering Counters Needed ~ **Urgent need.** Please contact Tracy Neidig in the office.

Scripture Readers ~ If you would like to read scripture on Sunday mornings, contact the office

Ushers Needed! ~ If you would like to join the Usher Ministry, contact the office!

Scripture and Sermon Titles

You are invited to read the Scriptures prior to Worship Services.

September 16th

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Proverbs 22:17-21, 24-25, 24:5-6

September 23rd

Youth Mission Trip

September 30th

Commit & Trust

Proverbs 26:20-22, 27: 17,19

Special Events

September 16th ~ Back To Church & Compassion Sunday

September 23rd ~ Youth Mission Sunday

September 26th ~ Acolyte Training ~ 6:00 p.m.

September 30th ~ Acolyte Training ~ 11:45 a.m.

October 7th ~ One Worship Service & all Church study begins

October 8th ~ Bible Basics Class ~ 7:00 p.m.

October 13th ~ Red Cross Blood Drive ~ 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

October 17th ~ Bible Basics Class ~ 7:00 p.m.

October 24th ~ Bible Basics Class ~ 7:00 p.m.

November 3rd ~ West O Shopping Event ~ 11:00 a.m.. - 4:00 p.m.

November 16th ~ Red Bird Appalachian Craft Fair 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

November 17th ~ Red Bird Appalachian Craft Fair 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

November 18th ~ Red Bird Appalachian Craft Fair 11:15 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

December 3rd ~ Parents' Day Out 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Sept 16 Sun	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12—5 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Back To Church & Compassion Sunday Bible Study ~ Room D Worship Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Worship Troop 405 Court Of Honor ~ FH Youth Group
Sept 17 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Sept 18 Tues	11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Young At Heart Luncheon ~ FH Church Council ~ FH
Sept 19 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Meeting Youth/Parent ~ D Worship Team Practice
Sept 22 Sat	7:00 p.m.	Youth Praise Team Practice
Sept 23 Sun	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Youth Sunday Bible Study ~ Room D Worship Adult/Children/Sunday School Worship Youth Sunday Funday ~ Rock Climbing
Sept 24 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Sept 26 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Worship Team Practice
Sept 30 Sun	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bible Study ~ Room D Worship Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Worship Youth Group
Oct 1 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Oct 2 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting ~ CR
Oct 3 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Building & Grounds Team Meeting Worship Team Practice
Oct 7 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	One Worship Service & All Church Study Starts ~ ALL IN Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship/Holy Communion Youth Group
Oct 8 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH

Oct 9 Tues	6:30 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting ~ CR
Oct 10 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Bible Basics Mission Team Meeting Worship Team Practice
Oct 13 Sat	9—1 p.m.	Blood Drive ~ FH
Oct 14 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Pastor Appreciation Day (Celebrated on October 21st) Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship
Oct 15 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Oct 17 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Bible Basics Worship Team Practice
Oct 21 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time/Celebrate Pastor Appreciation Worship/Puppet Ministry Youth Jar Building Day ~ FH
Oct 22 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Oct 23 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Church Council ~ FH
Oct 24 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Bible Basics Worship Team Practice
Oct 28 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Move Chairs & Table for West O Youth Vala's Trip
Oct 29 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Oct 31 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Worship Team Practice
Nov 2 Fri	Day	West O Set Up
Nov 3	11:00—4 p.m.	West O Shopping Event Reset Church

**Our mission is to make disciples
of Jesus Christ for
the transformation
of the world.**

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Sync up with our Google Calendar – look for us at info@livingfaithumc.com

Click the link below to get set up with our calendar:

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