



Living Faith  
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Sunday, August 23, 2020

Vision Of Victory

Revelation 21:1-8

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### **Prayer Requests**

- **Terry Smith's sister-in-law Jamie** ~ healing
- **Joanne Raterman** ~ continued healing
- **All who are feeling isolated and lonely**
- **Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr.** for his leadership and for modeling life in Christ
- **Transition for LF & All UMC's**
- **Protection from viruses and illnesses going around**
- **Shirley Morris** ~ healing, encouragement
- **Larry & Karen Lakeman** ~ healing & encouragement
- **Donna Chaney** ~ health & strength
- **Gloria Peterson** ~ health
- **Wava Jean Carl** ~ strength
- **Our nation, our leaders** ~ wisdom and discernment
- **Vernon Thomsen** ~ health, pain management
- **Elderly, shut ins**
- **Adeng , Annie, Julie Kristin, and Renson Michael Chen**
- **Pray for Marriages, Families, Relationships**
- **LFUMC, and all of God's churches**

There are clip boards with activities & colors for the children on the table as you walk into the Worship Center. Please feel free to grab one on your way into Worship!

We are happy to send out or add people to our prayers lists. Please know that we need to have the permission of the person that needs the prayers, otherwise we cannot send them out/or add them to our public list.

## **The Great Commission: “Go And Make Disciples Of All The Nations”**

Jesus told his disciples, “I have been given authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20 NLT

Discipleship is our main task we must achieve as Christians. This is the Great Commission Jesus our Lord has given us. Yet, the question we first must answer is, where do we are as local church? When you go to the shopping mall and try to find a specific store you go first to the mall directory. Usually we can see a red arrow indicating our location with the words: “You Are Here,” and then, we see the location of the store or place we are looking for. It is until we know where we are first, then we will see how to get there.

If our mission is to make disciples for the transformation of the world, then we should know what discipleship transformation means. We must ask ourselves: How deep is our discipleship development? What kind of followers of Jesus are we producing? When Jesus saw a large crowd following him, he turned around and told them, “If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:25-26 NLT). The cost of being a disciple is too high isn’t? Self-denial, self-discipline, and self-sacrifice are the marks of a true disciple of Jesus Christ. As Christian author Greg Ogden states about biblical discipleship marks:

- Ministers: Passive vs. Proactive
- Christian Life: Casual vs. Disciplined
- Discipleship: Private vs. Holistic
- Culture: Conformed vs. Transformed
- Church: Optional vs. Essential
- Bible: Illiterate vs. Informed
- Witness: Inactive vs. Active

Apostle Paul teaches us about discipleship development through gifts and ministries practices. He sets the analogy of the human body to teach us the spiritual development through a diversity of gifts and ministries in the church. “The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So, it is with the body of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 12:12 NLT). Paul is teaching us about how the Holy Spirit has given all believers ministry gifts, therefore, each follower of Jesus is like a member of the body of Christ, ready to work by making the body to grow up, and keeping it always in a healthy dynamic activity. Building up the church as the human body means that we are disciples learning, serving, and working by exercising our gifts according to the Holy Spirit guidance. The purpose of this training process is to equip us for the fulfillment of our Lord’s Great Commission. First, we make the decision to follow Jesus, then we grow up into spiritual maturity. Second, we become ministers by using our gifts accordingly. Third, we go out there seeking for new disciples and bring them into the body and help them to grow up their faith by training them to develop their own gifts and ministries in the church. That is the transformative discipleship process.

# **REQUIREMENTS FOR CORPORATE WORSHIP**

## **During Covid-19**

1. MUST WEAR MASKS ~ AVAILABLE IF NEEDED
2. CHILDREN REMAIN WITH FAMILY
3. ENTER/EXIT MAIN DOOR ONLY
4. USHERS WILL SEAT & DISMISS CONGREGANTS BY ROWS
5. BIBLES NOT AVAILABLE, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN
6. TITHES & OFFERINGS IN DESIGNATED BOX IN LOBBY
7. BULLETINS & ATTENDANCE SHEETS WILL BE PLACED AT SEATING AREAS  
*(Please place attendance sheets in box in the lobby.)*
8. NO SINGING BY CONGREGANTS

**FOR FULL PLAN SEE ATTACHED RETURN TO CORPORATE WORSHIP PLAN**

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

# VOLUNTARY SELF QUARANTINE

In general, you need to have been in close contact with a person who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 to be at risk of getting the virus. If you have been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19, you may be asked to "voluntarily self-quarantine" for 14 days after last contact. This means you stay home as much as you can so you lower the risk of other people getting COVID-19 in case you have it. This means that you should do all of the things listed below.



1. Do not go to work or school and avoid all public places



2. If you must go out in public, do not use public transportation (bus, taxi, ride-share services)



3. Separate yourself from other people in your home and stay in one specific room



4. If you can, use a separate bathroom



5. Clean your hands often by washing with soap and water for 20 seconds



6. Seek medical help right away if your symptoms get worse and call ahead before going to the clinic



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## Who is at higher risk?



**Older adults**



People who  
have serious  
chronic medical  
conditions

**Heart Disease**  
**Diabetes**  
**Lung Disease**



### Supplies to have at home:

- Necessary medication – ask healthcare provider about obtaining extra
  - If extra is not possible – consider using mail order
- Be sure to have over the counter medicines and medical supplies to treat fever and other symptoms
- Have enough household items and groceries on hand
  - Grocery stores with 'at-risk' hours
  - Consider ways of getting food brought to your house



### Everyday Precautions

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
  - If soap and water is not available – use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- Avoid touching high touch surfaces in public places (elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, handshaking, etc)
- Avoid touching your face, nose, eyes, etc.
- Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs
- Stay home as much as possible



### Symptoms and emergency warning signs:

- Pay attention to COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, and shortness of breath)
- Emergency warning signs:
  - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
  - Persistent pain or pressure in chest
  - New confusion or inability to arouse
  - Bluish lips or face



### If you get sick

- Stay home and call your doctor
- Consult with your health care provider for more information
- Stay in touch with others by phone or email
- Determine who can care for you if your caregiver gets sick
- Know when to get emergency help

### Need more information?

Douglas County Health Department  
COVID-19 Information Line  
**(402) 444-3400**  
[www.douglascountyhealth.com](http://www.douglascountyhealth.com)

United Way  
Resource Hotline  
**211**

Nebraska Department of Health and  
Human Services Information Line  
**(402) 552-6645**

## **TransforMission Vision**

Jesus also used this illustration: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough.” Matthew 13:33 NLT

My Vision is to build up a church with a holistic worldview and a broad understanding of the kingdom of God. Through an Environment for Growth, I will lead the church by tenaciously creating a spiritual environment which will enable the entire congregation to remove the obstacles to believe in God’s Word, and to experience the Holy Spirit power to change lives and to transform this community with the influence and communication of Jesus’ gospel. I will make this church to become like the yeast permeating every part of the dough. My vision is to see the Kingdom of God growing from within each life into a new creation. Our church will not be shaped by today’s culture, rather it will make a cultural transformation through the supernatural activity of God’s transforming power.

## **Scripture and Sermon Titles**

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

### **Sunday, August 23rd**

Vision Of Victory

Revelation 21:1-8

***We are returning to in-person meetings ~ see schedule below  
(Zoom will be available for every meeting)***

### **A Look Ahead**

Sept 4 ~ Ring Facility Rental

Sept 8 ~ del PEO

Sept 20 ~ Back to Church Sunday

Sept 27 ~ Youth Sunday

**Cleaning Teams will move to cleaning every other week as we are not having as many classes & people in the building at this time.**

<b>Aug 23 Sun</b>	10:10 a.m.	Worship
<b>Aug 24 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Aug 25 Tues</b>	7:00 p.m.	SPRC ~ Room D
<b>Aug 26 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
<b>Aug 30 Sun</b>	10:10 a.m.	Worship
<b>Aug 31 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Sept 1 Tues</b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting
<b>Sept 2 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
<b>Sept 4 Fri</b>	4—8 p.m.	Ring Rehearsal Dinner
<b>Sept 6 Sun</b>	10:10 a.m.	Worship
<b>Sept 8 Tues</b>	9:30—2 6:30 p.m.	<b>Office Closed</b> PEO ~ del Finance Team Meeting
<b>Sept 9 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
<b>Sept 13 Sun</b>	10:10 a.m.	Worship
<b>Sept 14 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Sept 15 Tues</b>	7:00 p.m.	Church Council ~ WC
<b>Sept 16 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
<b>Sept 20 Sun</b>	10:10 a.m.	BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY Worship
<b>Sept 21 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Sept 23 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
<b>Sept 27 Sun</b>	10:10 a.m.	Worship
<b>Sept 28 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Sept 30 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D

<b>Oct 4 Sun</b>	10:10 a.m.	Worship
<b>Oct 5 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Oct 6 Tues</b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting
<b>Oct 7 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
<b>Oct 11 Sun</b>	10:10 a.m.	Worship
<b>Oct 12 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Oct 13 Tues</b>	6:30 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
<b>Oct 14 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
<b>Oct 18 Sun</b>	10:10 a.m.	Worship
<b>Oct 19 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Oct 20 Tues</b>	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
<b>Oct 21 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
<b>Oct 25 Sun</b>	10:10 a.m.	Worship
<b>Oct 26 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Oct 28 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
<b>Nov 1 Sun</b>	10:10 a.m.	<b>Daylight Savings Ends</b> Worship
<b>Nov 2 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	
<b>Nov 3 Tues</b>	7a—9 p 7:00 p.m.	Polling inside Worship Team Meeting





## OUR MISSION

To make disciples for Jesus Christ  
to transform the world

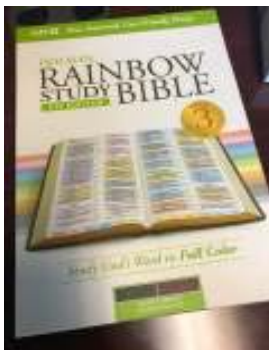
## OUR VISION

- 1) To be disciples for Christ
- 2) To bring others to Christ

## OUR GOALS

- 1) Become & remain Spiritually Strong
  - a) Attend Worship Regularly
  - b) Be Part of a small group
  - c) Pray faithfully
- 2) Share God with our Community & the world
  - a) Mission Shares
  - b) Service to others
  - c) Reaching out
- 3) Interact with The Holy Bible Daily
  - a) Educate & guide our children & youth
  - b) Christian Education for all ages

We had a very nice bible donated to the church. We would like to give it to someone who needs one. If you would like it please contact Tracy in the Office. 402-393-2321



## **Rummage Sale for 2020 Cancelled**

The rummage sale is an important event at Living Faith. Your donations have made each rummage sale very successful, and LFUMC is grateful for each and every donated item.

Because of the Covid-19 virus the decision has been made to cancel the rummage for this year.

**Donations** - Thank you to those who have made donations for this year's sale. They are being held at Living Faith for next year's sale.

**Storage** - Space at Living Faith is full. Therefore, **We are unable to accept further donations.** We are respectfully suggesting that if you have donations and have space to store them, please store them until next year's sale. If not, we understand.

Thank you again for your past donations. We look forward to next year's rummage sale.

God bless

Joyce Savage  
Special Events Chair

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