



Living Faith
United Methodist Church

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Sunday, December 13, 2020

What Is Your Life?

Colossians 3:1-2

Matthew 22:37-39

Prayer Requests

- **Carol Earhart's family & friends** ~ grieving
- **Karen Lakeman's family & friends** ~ grieving
- **Dennis Lunde** ~ healing
- **Pat Falk** ~ health
- **Tom Collin's youngest Son Kory** ~ health
- **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
- **Donna Chaney** ~ health & strength
- **Gloria Peterson** ~ health
- **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**

Food Pantry

Thank you for your current donations.

We are in need of donations for our food pantry.

Pastor Jaime took the food pantry items to Living Hope last week. We are now collecting for Millard South's Food Pantry, we will deliver to them on December 15th.

We cannot accept food that is expired. Thanks!

From The Pastor

The Holy Spirit and a Devout and Consecrated Life

The Bible tells us about two old very devoted persons. It also tells us how they lived a consecrated life to the Lord. Simeon, an old man in Jerusalem in the time when Jesus was born, was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and to rescue Israel from oppression. Anna, a prophetess, who was staying in the Temple day and night worshipping God with fasting and prayer. She had been a widow to the age of 84, after her husband died when they had been married just for seven years.

The Holy Spirit led Simeon to the Temple in Jerusalem at the time when Mary and Joseph came to offer the sacrifice required in the Law of the Lord. He took the child in his arms and praised God and blessed them. Anna was also in the Temple, but she came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph. She was very old, but she was a faithful and devoted woman. She had consecrated her life to prayer and fasting since she became a widow.

The Holy Spirit was upon Simeon and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. Anna was also a woman filled with the Holy Spirit and she had the ministry of a prophet. Both were old but the Holy Spirit enabled them with spiritual discernment and guidance. They had developed a spiritual sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. These two elderly people were humble and devoted souls who were waiting for the Messiah's coming.

God granted them to witness about Jesus' presentation at the Temple that day. They were ready to follow the Spirit's guidance and they humbly obeyed to the Holy Spirit voice. We may be devoted to fasting and prayer by living consecrated lives as well. As we celebrate Advent and Christmas seasons let us consecrate ourselves to devotional practices by praying and fasting; Scripture reading and coming to Worship service on Sunday.

As William Law states, "Devotion is nothing else but right apprehensions and right affections towards God." He also points out, "All practices, therefore, that heighten and improve our true apprehensions of God, all ways of life that tend to nourish, raise, and fix our affections upon Him are to be reckoned so many helps and means to fill us with devotion." ("A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life"). We are also called by the Holy Spirit to consecrate ourselves to a devout and holy life. Why don't we put into practice some devotional practices during this Advent season beloved? As we grow up in spirituality, we will become more sensitive to the presence, voice, and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We will be ready to worship with humble hearts our Lord and Savior on Christmas Day.

Pastor Jaime

METRO CITY PRAYER
DECEMBER 2020
IMMIGRANTS/REFUGEES

“And you saw how the LORD your God cared for you all along the way as you traveled through the wilderness, just as a father cares for his child. Now He has brought you to this place.” Deuteronomy 1:31

“He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of a wilderness; He encircled him, He cared for him, He guarded him as the pupil of His eye.”

Deuteronomy 32:10

“Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem...” Luke 2:4

God’s love for the stranger and the alien is woven throughout the Bible. Abraham left his home to follow God’s leading to an unknown land. Jacob left Canaan with his family to sojourn in Egypt during a time of famine. The children of Israel fled slavery in Egypt and wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. In the New Testament, Mary and Joseph were forced by the Roman government to leave Nazareth and travel to Bethlehem for the census; from there they took their newborn son Jesus and fled to Egypt for their very lives, unable to return to Israel until it was safe. During this month when we celebrate our Savior’s birth, we see that He understands what it’s like to be a refugee, because He was one.

Historically our state has been identified as a place of sanctuary and supply. Beginning with the pioneers we have been a city of refuge welcoming those from many nations. No one has been untouched by this year’s pandemic, but it has hit many immigrant families especially hard. Multiple generations living under one roof make it more difficult to isolate ill family members; language barriers make it difficult to understand instructions on how to keep their families healthy, and the closure of many businesses impacts them as well. May the church in our Metro area “encircle them, care for them...just as a father cares for his child”. May we be His heart in the Heartland for the dispossessed!

Pray—Pray for grace to adjust to a new culture, language, climate and way of life for refugees and immigrants. Upon their arrival refugees have a 90 day window to find a job, begin language studies, navigate life (money, transportation, jobs, work permits, government agencies, etc.).

Pray—Pray for schools, agencies and ministries that work with immigrants and refugees. Ask the Lord to pour His grace and provision on them so that they may be effective advocates for their clients needs. May they have divine creativity in providing their services within the framework of current pandemic restrictions.

Pray—Pray that the Church would embrace and welcome the immigrant and refugee, recognizing the richness of what their cultures add to our city. May we be salt and light and filled with the love of Christ for our newcomers!

LIGHT THE
ADVENT
WREATH
(to count down the days)

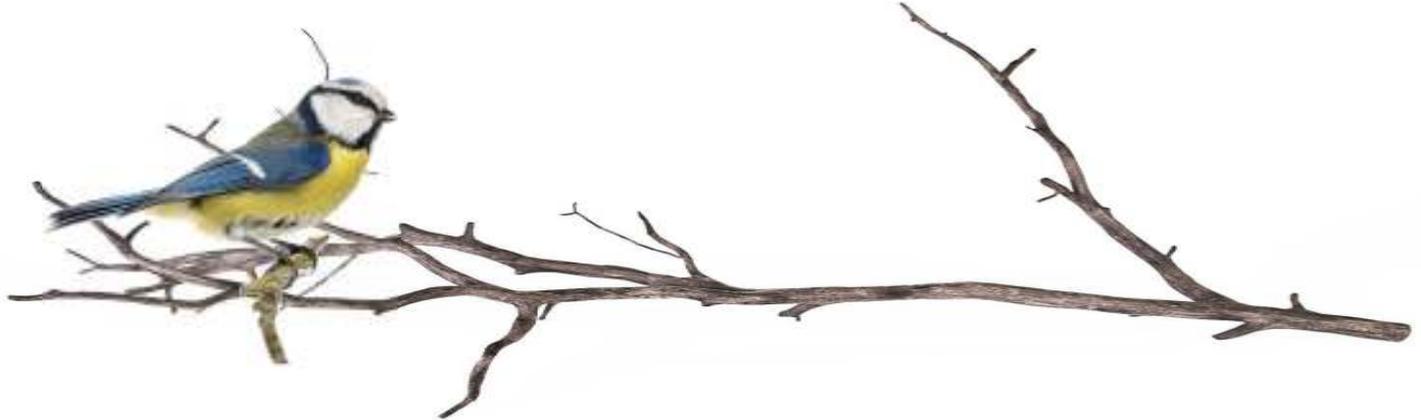


Dec 13th ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent
Dec 20th ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

GREETERS NEEDED



We need greeters before the 9:00
a.m. Sunday School and before the
10:10 a.m. Worship



Weather and Cancellations

Living Faith United Methodist Church
follows the policy of Millard Schools.
If the schools are cancelled, the church's daytime and
evening activities will be cancelled.



For cancellation information,
please check our Facebook
Page or our local TV stations.

In the case of threatening
weather on Sundays, the decision
to cancel worship will be made
by the Pastor.

Children's Ministry

BREAKING NEWS

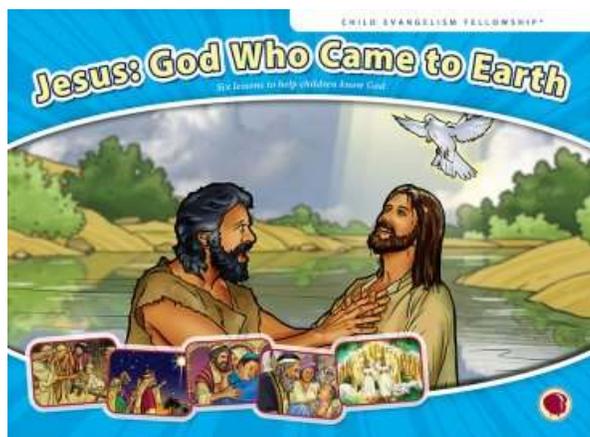
BE ON YOUR
GUARD;
STAND FIRM
IN THE FAITH;
BE COURAGEOUS;
BE STRONG.
(1 CORINTHIANS 16:13)

**BREAKING
NEWS**

Sundays at 10:00 am

Children's Worship Service

9:00 a.m.



Lesson 1: The Savior Is Born!

Lesson 2: Wise Men Worship The Savior

Lesson 3: Jesus Obeys His Heavenly Father

Lesson 4: Jesus Is The Promised Savior

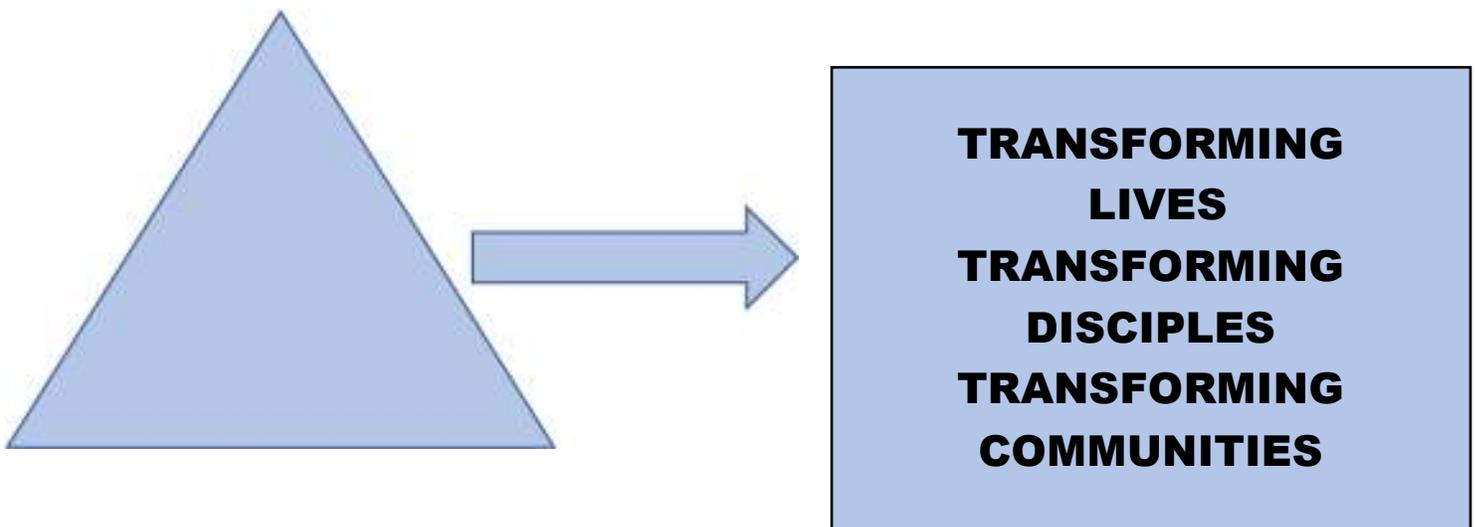
Lesson 5: Jesus Is The Sinless Savior

Lesson 6: Happy Birthday review Party!

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

Our 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, We 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. We will make this church to become like the yeast permeating every part of the dough. Our 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.



THEOLOGY OF VISION

SYMBOLIC PRISM= HOLY TRINITY

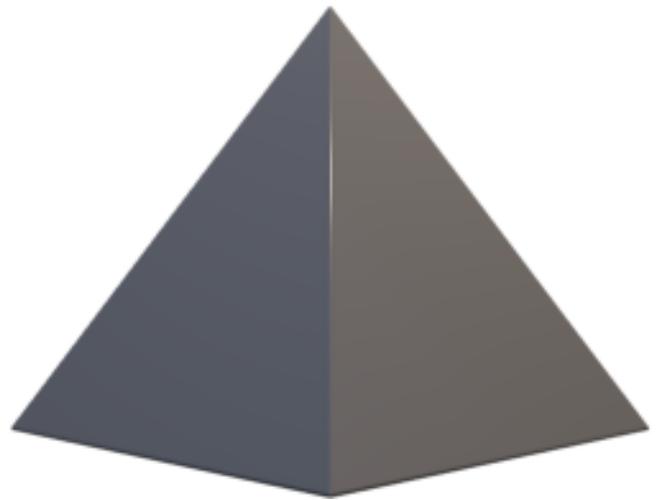
FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT

MINISTRIES DEVELOPMENT

SIDE A: SCRIPTURES

SIDE B: PRAYER

SIDE C: DISCIPLESHIP



TRANSFORMATION VISION

TRANSFORMING LIVES

TRANSFORMING DISCIPLES

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES



This group is studying Hebrews

9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



Read through the Bible, Study Together

9:00 a.m.
Room D

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Join us every Sunday morning for

Children Worship Service

9:00 am

And Sunday School classes

at 10:00 am

Nursery - Room G

Preschool – Room F

Kindergarten - 2nd grade - Room A

3rd, 4th and 5th grades - Room B



All children are **WELCOME**

HELP NEEDED

Vacuuming & emptying trash
in the Fellowship Hall, Sunday
School Rooms (except F & G)
and empty Kitchen Trash

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. (Currently cleaners are requested to come Thursday - Saturday)



**CONTACT TRACY IN THE
OFFICE. 402-393-2321**

Scripture and Sermon Titles

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

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Colossians 3:1-2

Matthew 22:37-39

A Look Ahead

Dec 13 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

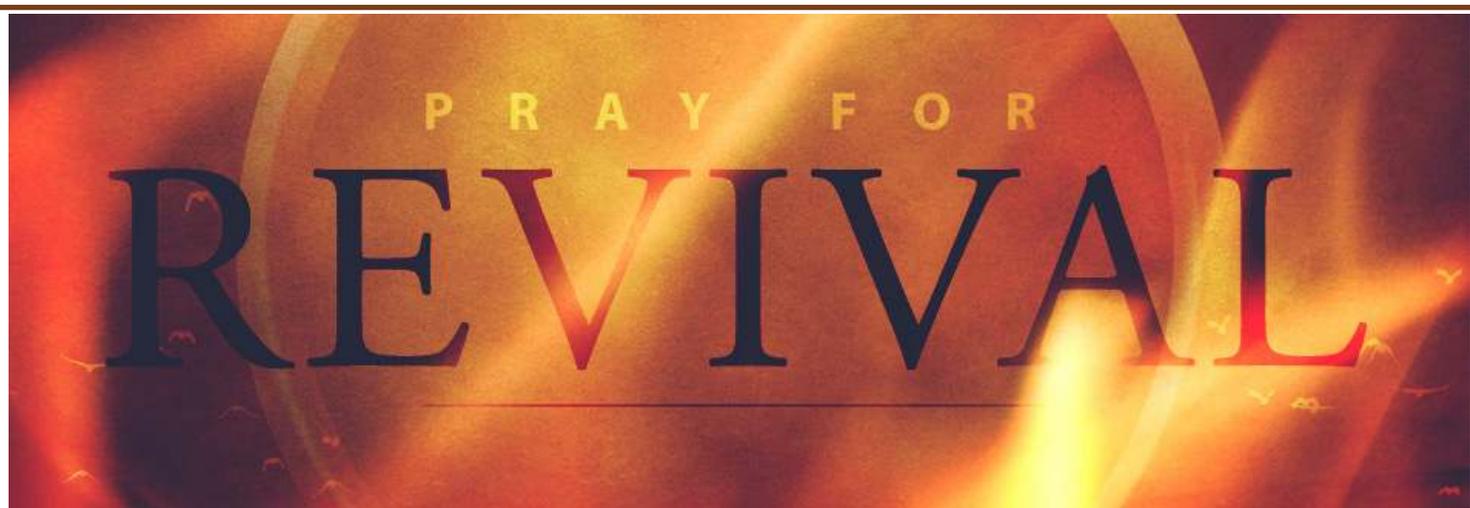
Dec 20 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

Dec 24 ~ Christmas Eve Worship 5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Dec 25 ~ Christmas ~ Office Closed

Dec 31 ~ New Year's Eve

Jan 1 ~ New Year's Day ~ Office Closed



Revival Prayer Meetings

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Dec 10 Thurs	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Revival Prayer Meeting ~ WC Praise Team Practice
Dec 13 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	3rd Sunday of Advent Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
Dec 14 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Dec 16 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D
Dec 17 Thurs	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Revival Prayer Meeting ~ WC Praise Team Practice
Dec 20 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	4th Sunday of Advent Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
Dec 21 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Dec 22 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Practice
Dec 23 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D
Dec 24 Thurs	5:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship Christmas Eve Worship
Dec 25 Fri		Office Closed 



Dec 27 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
Dec 28 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Dec 29 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Practice
Dec 30 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D
Dec 31 Thurs	2:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve Revival Prayer Meeting ~ WC
Jan 1 Fri		Office Closed 
Jan 3 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship/Holy Communion
Jan 4 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Jan 5 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Jan 6 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D Prayer Service ~ Zoom
Jan 7 Thurs	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Revival Prayer Meeting ~ WC Praise Team Practice
Jan 9 Sat	2:30—5:30 p	Emmaus Gathering ~ WC
Jan 10 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
Jan 11 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Jan 12 Tues	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Jan 13 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D

Amazon Christmas Shopping

Be sure to support Living Faith UMC

when shopping from Amazon!



Below are the instructions on how to get your Amazon account synced with supporting Living Faith UMC

Do you shop on Amazon?

If so, log in to:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0817459>

This link will bring up :

Living Faith United Methodist Church by searching zip code 68135

Then when you want to shop on amazon instead of going to their regular site go to: www.smile.amazon.com

And Living Faith UMC will receive 0.5% donation from the Amazon Smile Foundation



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

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

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

United Way
Resource Hotline
211

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

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