

E-Newsletter December 13th



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Sunday, December 16th, 2018

Mary, Full Of Grace

Luke 1:26-38

From The Pastor

God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good! This past week my family gathered in Pella, Iowa to celebrate Christmas together and it was a time of sharing and caring for each other. Jokes were played on each other, gifts were wrapped to keep people guessing, and then there was that vicious, cut-throat grab bag game. Pool time, hot tubbing, good food, and time to just “be” were all a part of our annual family gathering.

Time. Always ongoing, always fleeting, and always the same amount of time per day awarded to all of us. The question becomes “how do you spend your time”? How do you keep your priorities in perspective? Tasks sometimes seem endless and we can spend a great deal of our time chasing tasks that all seem important, yet they rob us from doing what is the most important of all, and that is being disciples for Jesus Christ.

Last night at our Wednesday night Advent service, we explored chapter forty of the Book of Isaiah. Words of comfort and encouragement for God’s people just jump off the pages of the Bible when we read texts like Isaiah 40!

The Word of the Lord endures forever
The glory of the Lord will be revealed
He tends to His flock like a shepherd and carries them close to His heart
He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth.

This week I encourage you to read and pray over the words in Isaiah 40. “Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

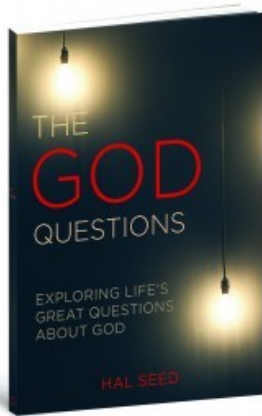
Soar like an eagle each day of this month. One day at a time, give glory and praise to God.

Spiritual Enrichment

“For nothing will be impossible with God.” – Luke 1:37

Prayer Requests

- **Shirley Morris** ~ healing
- **Family & Friends of Rick Isenberg** ~ grieving
- **Peace of the Advent Season**
- **Travel mercies during the holidays**
- **Protection for people working or living outside in the cold**
- **Vernon Thomsen** ~ health, pain management
- **Linda Zimmerman Morgan** ~ Praise! Healing well & doing great!
- **Wava Jean Carl** ~ healing
- **Sandy Rockwood** ~ healing
- **Nixon Hermeling** ~ healing
- **Larry, (Nikki Elwood's dad)** ~ comfort & care
- **Grace Thomsen's brother –in-law Ron** ~ health
- **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
- **Janet Seelhoff's in-laws** ~ overall 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**



The God Questions Adult & Teen Sunday School

January 13th through March 3rd

**March 10th—April 14th
Lenten Study**



Blessing gift boxes for Adeng, Annie, and students in Japan.

Sending Christmas Cards to our homebound members

We have been told many times by recipients and their families that receiving cards from members of Living Faith UMC brings great joy to them and their loved ones!

In the fellowship area there are cards & labels for you to use.

The Season Of Advent

Dec 19 Joy/Peace
Matthew 2:10-11
John 3:16-19

Christmas Through The Eyes Of Mary

December Scripture Readings

- * Dec 16 Luke 1:26-38
- * Dec 23 Luke 2:1-7

December Sermon Titles

- * Mary, Full Of Grace
- * Not A Silent Night



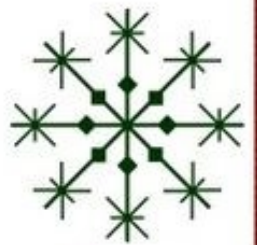
Merry Christmas

**Christ is the center of Christmas, and
Christmas carols, folk songs & hymns
echo that truth, and help us get in the
“CHRIST SPIRIT” of Christmas.**

**Come, let us adore Jesus thru songs
together at 11:15 a.m. December 16th.**

**Come let Christmas music lift your soul & put a
grin on your face while swelling your heart
with wholesome spirit lifted true Christmas cheer!**

**Come be a family—God’s family, on the
16th, 11:15 a.m. in Living Faith UMC’s
Fellowship hall! Come worship the Lord
together as God’s family.**





Sunday, December 16th

11:15 a.m.

**Join us for a light lunch followed by
Christmas stories & a Christmas sing-a-long!**

Bring a dozen cookies/bars or candy to share!

Request a song ~ sign up sheet at Communication Center.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

5:00 p.m.

11:00 p.m.



Committee Updates

Living Hope Food Pantry ~ If you are to donate to the Living Hope Food Pantry in \$'s they are requesting Walmart Gift Cards instead of money or checks. Please mark the envelope Living Hope Food Pantry.

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 communication center to the back of the fellowship hall. 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: Each month we are withdrawing from our savings account to meet our basic 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	Grace Thomsen
Carrie Fairbairn	Carolyn Smith
Jackie Nielsen	Jeff & Linda Ray
John Maxell	Doug & Donna Simon
Lynn & Ben Hizer	Carol Brantz
Terry Unterseher	Denise Waller
Joan Smith	Keith Halsey
Eric Tipler	

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, Holly Frye, Maxine Hall, LeRoy Hanson, Esther Kauffman, Nina Marcum, Bob Mortenson, Anne Rutherford, Blanche Sederburg, Vernon Thomsen.*

Volunteer Opportunities

Cleaning Crew ~ 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 ~ see Kirk for more details

Offering Counters Needed ~ 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.

Sunday, December 16th

Mary, Full Of Grace
Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 23rd

Not A Silent Night
Luke 2:1-7

Wednesday, December 19th

Joy/Peace
Matthew 2:10-11
John 3:16-19

Monday, December 24th

Candlelight Worship At 5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.
Daniel 10:12-13

December Adult Sunday School Discussions in Small Groups, opening in Sanctuary Not A Silent Night, Mary Looks Back To Bethlehem

Special Events

December 16th ~ 11:15 a.m. Christmas Celebration ~ join us for a light lunch, Christmas stories & sing-a-long

6:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party

December 24th ~ Candlelight Worship 5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

December 31st ~ Youth Lock-in ~ 7:30 p.m.

January 1st ~ New Year's Day

January 6th ~ 9:00 a.m. Prayer Stations in leu of Adult Sunday School

March 6th ~ 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship

March 10th ~ Daylight Savings Begins

March 13th ~ 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

March 20th ~ 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

March 27th ~ 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

April 3rd ~ 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

April 10th ~ 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

April 14th ~ Palm Sunday

April 18th ~ 7:00 p.m. Living Last Supper Reenactment

April 21st ~ Easter

May 5th ~ Confirmation Sunday

May 12th ~ Mother's Day

June 8th ~ 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. West O Auto Show

June 16th ~ Father's Day

June 16—20th ~ Youth Mission Trip to Chicago

July 14th—18th ~ VBS

July 27th ~ Wedding Natalie & Drew

August 1,2, 3 ~ Rummage Sale

Dec 16 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Christmas Celebration ~ light lunch, Christmas stories, & sing-a-long Youth Group ~ Christmas Party
Dec 17 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Dec 19 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Advent Service
Dec 23 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship
Dec 24 Mon	5:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	Candlelight Worship Candlelight Worship
Dec 26 Wed	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Office Closed No Classes or Confirmation
Dec 30 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship
Dec 31 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Youth Lock-in
Jan 1 Tues		New Year's Day ~ Office Closed
Jan 2 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Building & Grounds Meeting Worship Team Practice
Jan 6 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Stations in lieu of Adult SS Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship/Holy Communion Youth Group
Jan 7 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Jan 8 Tues	6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Congregational Care ~ Room D Worship Team Meeting ~ CR
Jan 9 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D Worship Team Practice
Jan 12 Sat		Service Saturday
Jan 13 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Youth Group
Jan 14 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Jan 15 Tues	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting Church Council ~ FH
Jan 16 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D Worship Team Practice
Jan 20 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Youth Group
Jan 21 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Jan 23 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D Worship Team Practice
Jan 26 Sat	12-9 p.m.	Scouts Pack 405 Pinewood Derby ~ FH
Jan 27 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Youth Group
Jan 28 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Jan 29 Tues	7:00 p.m.	SPRC ~ Room D
Jan 30 Wed	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D Worship Team Practice
Feb 2 Sat	9—3:30 p.m.	Vision Day
Feb 3 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship/Holy Communion Youth Group

**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

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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.

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

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