



Living Faith
United Methodist Church

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Sunday, December 23, 2018

Not A Silent Night

Luke 2:1-7

From The Pastor

December is perhaps one of my most favorite months of the year. For me, December is a time of holiness, a time of preparation, and a time of defining priorities. I can become task-oriented if I'm not careful, and focusing on tasks helps get a lot done, but often those tasks can draw us away from the bigger picture. Bringing people to Christ for the transformation of the world is a big-picture mission for Christians.

In just a few days we will gather to celebrate and worship the King, the Baby Who was born in a manger in that little town called Bethlehem. May our focus be on Christ, not on a meal and not on gifts that we exchange.

Due to the short work week next week, we will not publish Connections. If there are changes in the prayer list or an announcement that needs to go out to the congregation, we will send out an email. Next week the office will be closed on December 25 and 26.

Be blessed dear followers of Christ, and Merry Christmas!



During Sunday School on January 6. We will be offering interactive prayer stations available from 9 am - 9:45 am. Each station will be a different way to think and interact with prayer. You would go to the stations individually. Come and enjoy.

Experience prayer in
a very personal way.

Spiritual Enrichment

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

Prayer Requests

- **Emma, Carolyn Smith’s granddaughter** ~ is a college junior who **will leave in January for a five month study abroad in Costa Rica**. Carolyn asks we please pray for Emma’s safety.
- **Shirley Morris** ~ healing
- **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**

Christmas Through The Eyes Of Mary

December Scripture Readings

* Dec 23 Luke 2:1-7

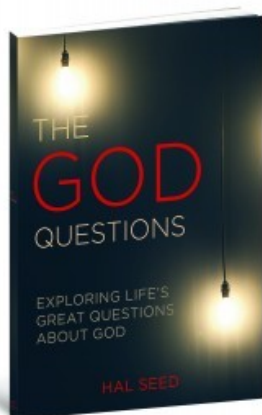
December Sermon Titles

* Not A Silent Night

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

5:00 p.m.

11:00 p.m.



The God Questions
Adult & Teen Sunday School

January 13th through March 3rd

March 10th—April 14th
Lenten Study

Committee Updates

Join Us for Second Saturday Service on Jan. 12th

Our next Saturday service opportunity is going to Living Hope United Methodist Church to clean their food pantry, sanctuary and fellowship area on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Stay tuned for details about the start time. We will carpool from our church.

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.

Holy Spirit Encounter



January 24-26

Thursday eve, 6:30pm-9:30pm

Friday, 8:30am-9:00pm

Saturday, 8:30am-3:30pm

Lincoln Havelock United Methodist Church

4140 North 60th

Lincoln, NE

402-466-6736



Come encounter the Holy Spirit.

He is real.

Come hear the scriptures.

They are true.

Come experience healing.

It is certain.

Come be encouraged.

There is hope.

Come expecting to never be the same.



Register: 402-466-6736 or havelockumc@gmail.com so there is enough food.

Cost: Thank you in advance for preparing a generous free-will offering to be accepted on behalf of the Holy Spirit Encounter Team.

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

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 23rd

Not A Silent Night
Luke 2:1-7

Sunday, January 13th

Because I Love You
Isaiah 43:1-7, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Monday, December 24th

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

Sunday, January 20th

Gifts Of The Spirit
1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Sunday, January 6th

The Promise
Colossians , Revelations 22:

Sunday, January 27th

Unity & Diversity
1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Special Events

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 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		2nd Service Saturday ~ Living Hope UMC
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
Feb 4 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Feb 5 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting ~ CR
Feb 6 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
Feb 9 Sat		2nd Service Saturday
Feb 10 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Scout Sunday & Chili Feed Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Chili Feed Youth Group

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

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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.