

E-Newsletter December 31, 2020



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Sunday, January 3, 2021

The Wise Men

Matthew 2:1-23

Prayer Requests

- **Dennis Lunde** ~ healing
- **Pat Falk** ~ 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**

From The Pastor

Crowned Year

“You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance!” Psalm 65:11 NLT

This year is gone a new one has just begun. The Lord has blessed us with a bounty harvest. Our God and Savior poured out his grace and mercy upon us all along the 2020 year. His loving kindness and faithfulness filled our hearts with joy for all that He has done, and for all He has given us. We all sing and shout joyful praises to God for He has been so good to us.

With the same words the psalmist sings, we join our voices to his praises as well, “Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth! Sing about the glory of his name! Tell the world how glorious he is. Let the whole bless our God and loudly sing his praises. Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for people! Our lives are in his hands, and he keeps our feet from stumbling. You have tested us, O God; you have purified us like silver. (Psalm 66).

Amid all the hardships and struggles because of the Covid-19 pandemic, our Lord and God helped us to endure all the trials we all faced in 2020. He has sustained us with his presence and his grace. Indeed, he has crowned the year with a bountiful harvest of all kinds of fruits. Let us praise the Lord for all his blessings.

You may also say with me the words that king David wrote on Psalm 103:1-5,

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

Happy New Year!

Pastor Jaime

All 2020 remittances must be postmarked on or before Jan. 8, 2021. Remittance sent after Jan. 1 must clearly be marked with "December 2020" if you are remitting 2020 money. Payments postmarked after January 8, 2021 will be considered 2021 money regardless of how the remittance is marked.



**Prayer Stations delayed
until March 28.**



Food Pantry

Thank you for your current donations.

We are in need of donations for our food pantry.

Pastor Jaime & Phil Fisher took the food pantry items to Millard South this week.

We are now collecting for Living Hope's Food Pantry.

We cannot accept food that is expired. Thanks!

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.

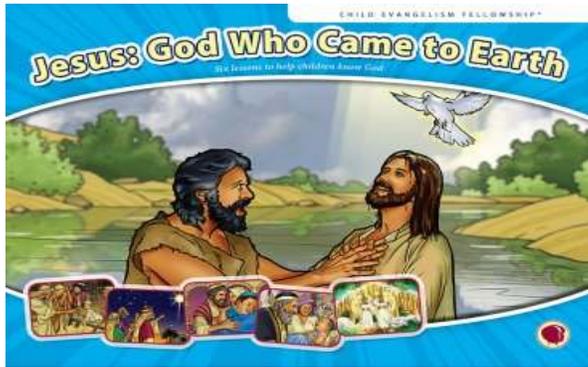


For cancellation information, please check our Facebook Page or our local TV stations.

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

Children's Worship Service

9:00 a.m.



- 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!



Coming up!
In January

- Kids look for places of belonging, places where forgiveness exists, places where they can experience a genuine connection. The Gospels teach us that places like these exist. In these stories kids learn that we can know God through Jesus, we can know forgiveness because of Jesus, that Jesus knows us and wants us to follow him. **The message of Jesus is powerful and something we can subscribe to!**



This group is studying Hebrews

9:00 a.m.
Room D



Read through the Bible, Study Together

9:00 a.m.
Conference Room

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.

EPIPHANY SEASON

Sunday, January 3 ~ Epiphany Day

The Wise men; A Symbol Of The Church

Matthew 2:1-23

Sunday, January 10 ~ (First Sunday after the Epiphany)

Baptism Of The Lord

A Different Baptism

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 17 ~ (Second Sunday after the Epiphany)

Jesus The Stairway Between Heaven And Earth

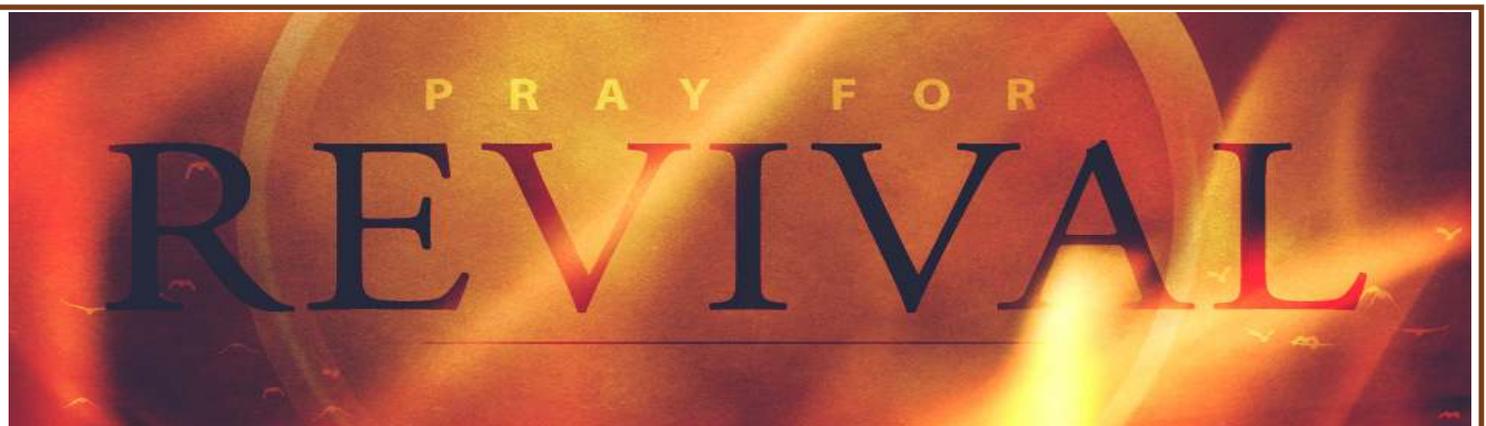
1 Samuel 3:1-14

John 1:43-51

A Look Ahead

Dec 31 ~ New Year's Eve

Jan 1 ~ New Year's Day ~ Office Closed



Revival Prayer Meetings

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Jan 1 Fri		<i>Office Closed</i>
		
Jan 3 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship/Holy Communion Prayer Service ~ Zoom
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.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D
Jan 7 Thurs	11:00 a.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
Jan 14 Thurs	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Revival Prayer Meeting ~ WC Praise Team Practice
Jan 17 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 18 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Jan 19 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Jan 20 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
Jan 21 Thurs	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Revival Prayer Meeting ~ WC Praise Team Practice

Jan 24 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 25 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Jan 27 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
Jan 28 Thurs	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Revival Prayer Meeting ~ WC Praise Team Practice
Jan 31 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
Feb 1 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Feb 2 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Feb 3 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
Feb 4 Thurs	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Revival Prayer Meeting ~ WC Praise Team Practice
Feb 7 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship/Holy Communion Prayer Service via Zoom
Feb 8 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Feb 9 Tues	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
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Feb 15 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Feb 16 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Church Council

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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