

E-Newsletter November 15th



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Having In Mind The Divine

Mark 8:27-28

From The Pastor

What a couple of weeks these past two have been for me! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kind words of encouragement, cards, meals, and visits during my healing time after surgery. It truly is a wonderful and powerful thing to experience “the church” at its best! Living Faith absolutely shines at being the hands and feet of Christ as we love each other through illnesses and crisis.

Excitement was spontaneous and wonderful on Sunday, November 11 as we gathered to give honor and praise to God, to recognize our veterans and active military personnel, and to celebrate twenty years of ministry at Living Faith. It was a big day! May our mission and vision continue and be unchanged: to bring people to Christ for the transformation of the world. Every time I read, see, or say “for the transformation of the world”, I feel a bit overwhelmed at the size of this call. Then I hear a toddler say how much they love Jesus or one of our elementary students articulates how she is helping the poor people (Second Saturday of the Month Service Day). We’re doing it folks—we are transforming the world by sharing Jesus Christ with others! Keep it up and keep your own faith strong so you can share it with others.

The season of Advent is just around the corner and soon we will be celebrating Christmas. Doesn’t it seem like we were just marveling that it’s 2018 already? Then about mid-year we grimaced that 2018 is halfway over. And now we begin to think of wrapping up 2018 as we look forward to doing God’s work in 2019 and beyond. 2018 has been a year of transition for Living Faith as we have placed our faith in God to lead us in directions that are different from what we are accustomed. One worship service seems to be going well. Adult Sunday School has been well-attended, but our meeting times have been so short and discussion time not quite adequate so some adjusting may be in order for us. Never lose sight of the big picture, and that is that it’s not about us, it’s about God. It’s about our own personal faith journey with our God so that we can bring others into the Kingdom as well.

Galatians 6:9-10

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to a family of believers.

Spiritual Enrichment

Psalm 36:9

For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

Prayer Requests

- **Linda Zimmerman Morgan** ~ healing
- **Pastor Sandy** ~ healing
- **Gayle Bierma** ~ comfort, pain to be less
- **Wava Jean Carl** ~ healing
- **Robbie Overman's friend** ~ healing
- **Sandy Rockwood** ~ healing
- **Nixon Hermeling** ~ healing
- **Larry, (Nikki Elwood's dad)** ~ good test results
- **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
- **Vernon Thomsen** ~ 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**

Give Thanks for LFUMC

Giving Generously

Current Financial update

2018 to date: \$17,564 short of budget

Monthly we transfer an average of \$6000 from savings to meet payroll and operating expenses.

235 Members

Are you doing your part?

Do you give

Generously

Regularly

To general funds as well as missions?



Our church is sponsoring a family with 4 kids that attends Millard Public Schools. This is through Project Wee Care. There's a Christmas tree in the lobby with donation cards. Please take one or more cards, purchase the item on the card, gift wrap the item and return it to the church with the child's first name written on the gift.



Please place your wrapped gifts under the tree no later than Sunday, December 2nd. The families will receive their gifts that week.

Thank you for being the hands

West O Shopping Event Recap 2018

Vendor Fees: \$1,0000

Bake Sale \$766

Free-will Offerings \$68

Total \$1,834

Thanks to those who came out & helped make it a great day!

The Season Of Advent

Dec 5 Hope

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Dec 12 Preparation

Isaiah 40:3-5

Dec 19 Joy/Peace

Matthew 2:10-11

John 3:16-19

Christmas Through The Eyes Of Mary

December Scripture Readings

- * Dec 2 Acts 1:1-14
- * Dec 9 Luke 2:21-35/Luke 2:40-52
- * Dec 16 Luke 1:26-38
- * Dec 23 Luke 2:1-7

December Sermon Titles

- * Contemplating Christmas
- * Piercing Of Mary's Soul
- * Mary, Full Of Grace
- * Not A Silent Night

**December Adult Sunday School Discussions in Small Groups
Opening in Sanctuary**

JOY to the world

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR

YOUNG AT HEART

Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 11:30 a.m.
LIVING FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Fellowship Hall

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon
\$5.00 per person
All Food Provided (No Potluck)



B BRING A FRIEND
I INTRODUCE EACH OTHER
N NO ONE IS A STRANGER
G GLAD YOU ARE HERE
O OFFER LOVE AND BLESSINGS

After Lunch Join Us For Bingo. An Assortment of Unique Prizes
and Christmas Trivia to Add to the Fun



Please RSVP by Sunday, December 2, 2018
Sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or email, call or personally reply to
Del Phillis, Courtney Nixon, and Carolyn Smith: We are all in the Directory

NO AGE RESTRICTION, EVERYONE WELCOME



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!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship


5:00 p.m.

11:00 p.m.



Committee Updates

Special offering this Sunday for Red Bird Missions ~ We will have a special offering for Red Bird this Sunday to help with Red Bird camps.

 **Poinsettia Orders** ~ If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please pick up an envelope in the communicate center or office and include your \$15 check or cash. Please make the checks payable to: Living Faith UMC and designate: "Poinsettia" on the memo line. *Please place your completed Orders in the basket in the office. Orders Due December 9th*

Parents' Day Out ~ Saturday, December 1st 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ~ help needed, see Kirk

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 basis 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	Eric Tipler
Carrie Fairbairn	Grace Thomsen
Jackie Nielsen	Carolyn Smith
John Maxell	Jeff & Linda Ray
Lynn & Ben Hizer	Doug & Donna Simon
Terry Unterseher	Carol Brantz
Joan Smith	Denise Waller

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

December 9th ~ Happy Birthday Blanche Sederburg



Volunteer Opportunities

Parents' Day Out ~ Help needed

Cleaning Crew ~ **Urgent need.** 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 ~ **Urgent need. Will you respond?** see Kirk for more details

Offering Counters Needed ~ **Urgent need.** 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.

November 18th

Having In Mind The Divind
Mark 8:27-38

Wednesday, December 12th

Preparation
Isaiah 40:3-5

November 25th

Think Long
Daniel 10:12-13

Sunday, December 16th

Mary, Full Of Grace
Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 2nd

Contemplating Christmas
Acts 1:1-14

Wednesday, December 19th

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

Wednesday, December 5th

Hope
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Sunday, December 23rd

Not A Silent Night
Luke 2:1-7

Sunday, December 9th

Piercing Of Mary's Soul
Luke 2:21-35/Luke 2:40-52

Monday, December 24th

Candlelight Worship At 5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

December Adult Sunday School Discussions in Small Groups Opening in Sanctuary

Special Events

November 16th ~ Red Bird Appalachian Craft Fair 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

November 17th ~ Red Bird Appalachian Craft Fair 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

November 18th ~ Red Bird Appalachian Craft Fair 11:15 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

November 20th ~ Decorate after Church Council Meeting

December 2nd ~ Poinsettia orders due

Project Wee Care Gifts due

December 1st ~ Parents' Day Out 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

December 4th ~ Young At Heart Luncheon ~ 11:30 a.m.

December 8th ~ Second Saturday Service ~ Big Garden Greenhouse

December 16th ~ Christmas Celebration ~ join us for a light lunch, Christmas stories & a sing-a-long

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

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

Nov 15 Thurs	5:00 p.m.	Help bring in & set up Red Bird Craft Fair
Nov 16 Fri	5—8 p.m.	Red Bird Craft Fair
Nov 17 Sat	9—2 p.m.	Red Bird Craft Fair
Nov 18 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 11:15 - 2 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Red Bird Craft Fair Help clean up/reset Church Youth Sunday Funday ~ Bowling

Nov 19 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Nov 20 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Church Council ~ FH Decorate After Council
Nov 21 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 Worship Team Practice
Nov 22 Thurs		Happy Thanksgiving ~ Office Closed
Nov 23 Friday		Office Closed
Nov 25 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
Nov 26 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Nov 27 Tues	7:00 p.m.	SPRC ~ Room D
Nov 28 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 ~ guest teacher Worship Team Practice
Dec 2 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	1st Day Of Advent Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship/Holy Communion Youth Group
Dec 3 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Dec 4 Tues	11:30 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	Young At Heart Luncheon Congregational Care Meeting ~ room D

Dec 5 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 Advent Service Worship Team Practice
Dec 8 Sat		Service Saturday ~ Big Garden Greenhouse
Dec 9 Sun	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship
Dec 10 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Dec 12 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 Advent Service Worship Team Practice
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 ~ final jar build day
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. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Advent Service Worship Team Practice
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. 9:30 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Worship Team Practice
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		Youth Lock-in

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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.