



Living Faith  
United Methodist Church

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**Pastor Sandy Webster**

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**Sunday, March 1, 2020**

**Job's Troubles Begin**

**Job 1:13-22**

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### **Prayer Requests**

- **Ethan Halsey** ~ Praise ! Surgery went well ~ pray for recovery
- **Joanne Raterman** ~ continued healing, Praise! Scans came back good on 2/19!
- **Protection from viruses and illnesses going around**
- **Ender** ~ health & strength
- **Shirley Morris** ~ healing, encouragement
- **People living outside**
- **People working outside**
- **Jon Davis—family friend of Pastor Sandy** ~ health, Praise, Going home soon
- **Larry & Karen Lakeman** ~ healing & encouragement
- **Donna Chaney** ~ health & strength
- **Gloria Peterson** ~ health
- **Rob Oesterle** ~ lung cancer
- **Wava Jean Carl** ~ strength
- **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**
- **Children's Sunday School**



**Do you have a high school or college student  
graduating this spring?**

**If so, please let the office know!**

## From The Pastor

Sometimes it looks like everything is falling apart. Many of you have seen the headlines: “Boy Scouts of America Files for Bankruptcy!” Because scouting is important to me and to Living Faith, I wanted to explain what the headlines mean. And I think we can recognize some similarities between the struggles of the BSA and our own denomination.

Today, scouting’s youth protection program is a world leader in protecting children from predatory adults. The training, which all volunteers in scouting must take, is the premiere program for creating safe environments for youth and preventing abuse. It is the model that our own denomination’s Safe Gatherings program was based on it.

But that has not always been the case. Before these policies were in place, individuals used scouting as a way to gain access to hurt children. Children were hurt and lives were changed. The BSA has owned up to their failure to protect children. They have done everything they can to make sure it doesn’t happen again. Over 90% of the lawsuits against the BSA are from events that occurred more than 30 years ago. They have publicly and privately apologized to the victims, and paid for any mental and emotional support service those victims have needed.

The bankruptcy filing the national organization is going through is a way to ensure that victims receive payment for the failings of that era. Victims deserve compensation and support. We all need to recognize that that Scouting is different and better because of their honesty and courage. The current reorganization will allow Scouting to create a trust fund that will ensure that there will be resources to help any future victims that come forward, as well as allow the organization to continue to make a positive difference in the world.

The heart of scouting is not the national organization; it is the thousands of individual units. These Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout troops are made up of youth and adults who are learning skills, developing character, exploring the world, and making a difference. Living Faith charters two of these units; Cub Scout Pack 405 and Boy Scout Troop 405. These units are not shutting down. Scouts will still be meeting every week. Boys and girls will still be out camping, learning, serving and making the work a better place. The role of the national organization may change, but ultimately it is not the national organization that matters – it is the local unit. And the bankruptcy only affects National. The regional councils and units are not going through bankruptcy.

From The Pastor Continued:

I think that there are parallels between what is happening in scouting and what is happening to our demonization. Currently, the United Methodist Church is in a period of transition. Only God knows what will occur and the next annual conference in May. I believe that our denomination will come out changed. It's easy to be scared at a time like this. The unknown can be a scary thing. But Joshua 1:9 tells us, ***“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*** This is God's church. I know that He has plans for it and I will trust Him because He is God.

Ultimately, like scouting, United Methodism isn't about the national or worldwide organization. It is about the local church. It is about the tens of thousands of congregations worldwide, each one finding it's own way to live out our mission statement, “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” I don't know what will happen at general conference, but I know what will happen at Living Faith and local churches across the world. We will still be a church family. We will love each other, serve those in need, worship and learn together. We will continue to make a difference for Christ together.

I have made the decision not to worry about the national changes, either in scouting, or the Methodist church. I serve a God who is big enough to deal with that. He has a plan and He is in control. I know that both organizations are strong enough to deal with the storms they are facing, because they are made up of individuals of character. Will Rogers was an American humorist who was asked to tour a Boy Scout Jamboree and see what he thought about the organization in the 1920's. After he saw the boys and observed their character he said, “The only problem with Boy Scouts is, there aren't enough of them.” I think that is true of Methodists as well.

Peace,

Pastor Tom

## Some areas where help is needed!



**Childcare volunteers needed for the Living Last Supper** on April 9th from approx. 6:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Signs/Banners** ~ we would like a group of people to volunteer to help put banners & corrugated signs out for different events that we do here at the church.

**Decorating** ~ help decorating the hallway/classrooms/WC for the different events that we do (Children's Sunday School, VBS, etc.)

Thank you so much for your "kitchen generosity"! Right now we have plenty of coffee and coffee creamer.

***Currently our needs are simple:  
Cookies or treats each Sunday!***



Wednesdays

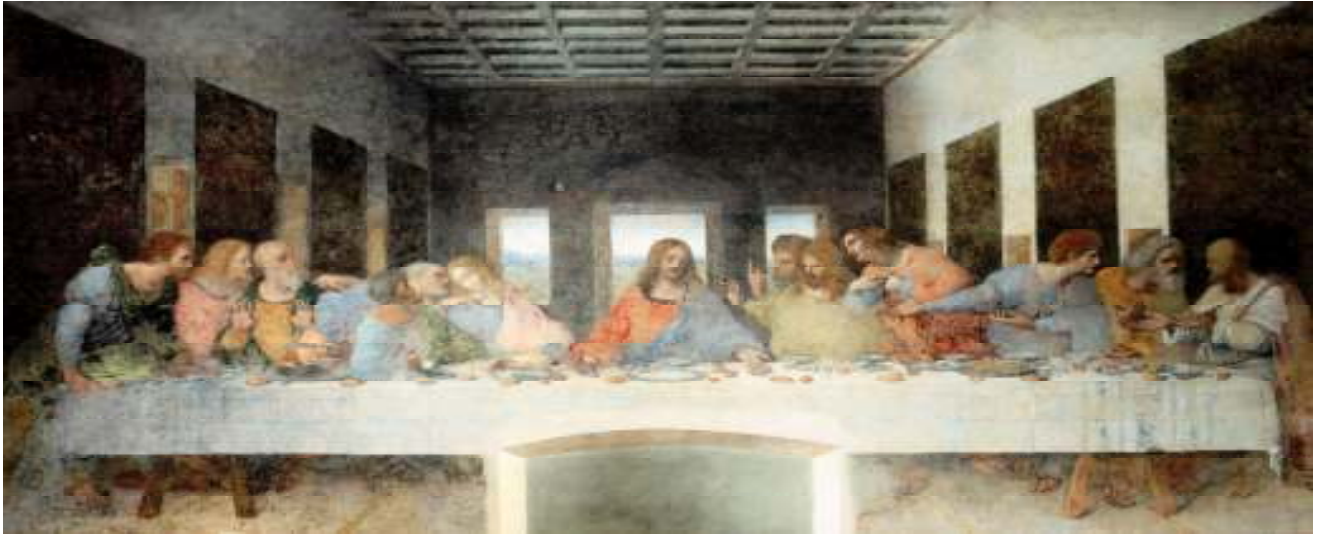
March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 1

6:00 p.m. Diner

6:30 p.m. Worship

7:00 p.m. WNL



Please sing this beautiful music for this incredible night of outreach to our community.

**We need VOICES!**

**Please sign up in the lobby**

(Please indicate if you have the music book & if not singing and you have one please turn it back in, thanks)

**Living Last Supper**

**On Thursday, April 9 7:00 p.m.**

Rehearsals begin March 4,

Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal Wednesday, April 8

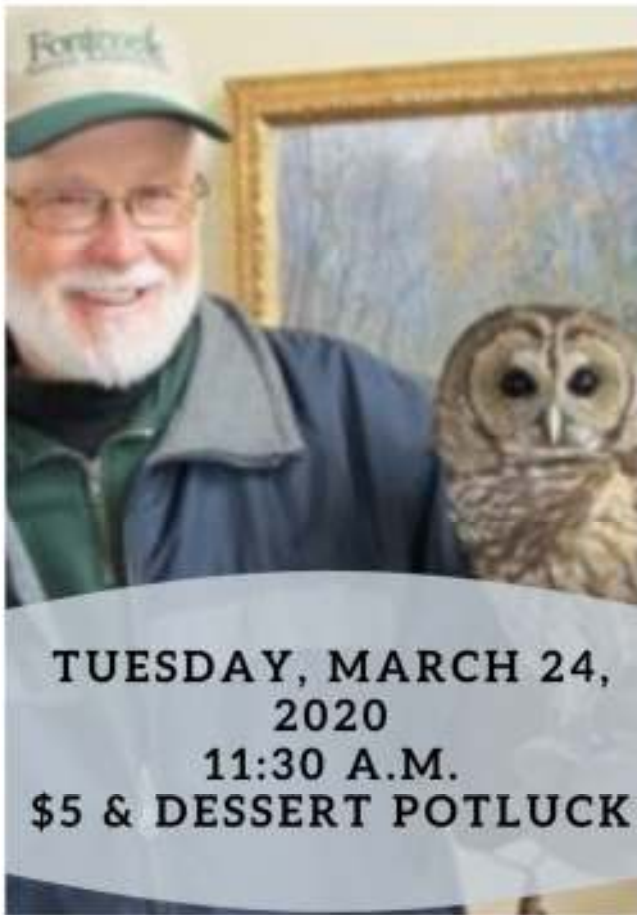
## Easter Flowers



If you would like to purchase an Easter flower in honor or memory of a loved one, please pick up an envelope in the lobby or office and include your \$15 check or cash. Please make the checks payable to: **Living Faith UMC and designate "Easter Flower"** on the memo line.

*Please place your completed order in the basket in the office.*

**Orders due April 5th**



## **YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON**

### **FROM THE CASUAL BACKYARD WATCHER TO THE AVID AVIAN WATCHER**

**Clem Klaphake, Nebraska Master Naturalist Retired  
Professor, Bellevue University Past President, Audubon Society Long  
Time Volunteer Teacher Naturalist, Fontenelle Forest.**

**Learn more about tracking birds nationally and locally  
and ideal bird watching locations.**

**Please RSVP by Sunday, March 22, 2020 Sign-up sheet in the  
lobby or email, call or personally reply to: del Phillis,  
Courtney Nixon and Carolyn Smith. They are all in the  
directory.**

HOW CAN I  
MONITOR  
MY CHILD  
ONLINE?

WHEN SHOULD  
MY CHILD GET  
A PHONE?

WHAT IS  
"VAMPING"  
ANYWAY?

The Millard Public Schools Superintendent's Interfaith Advisory is asking these questions, and (more importantly), assisting families with the answers.

MPS and the Interfaith Advisory have collaborated on the *#BeKind When You're Online* initiative.

Join us  
**Tuesday, March 3 (6:30-7:30 PM)**  
at Millard West High School  
for an Informational Parent's Night  
session with **START**  
(Stand Together and Rethink Technology).

We will give you practical ways to manage technology in your home and equip you with a gameplan.

This event for parents is free and open to the public.

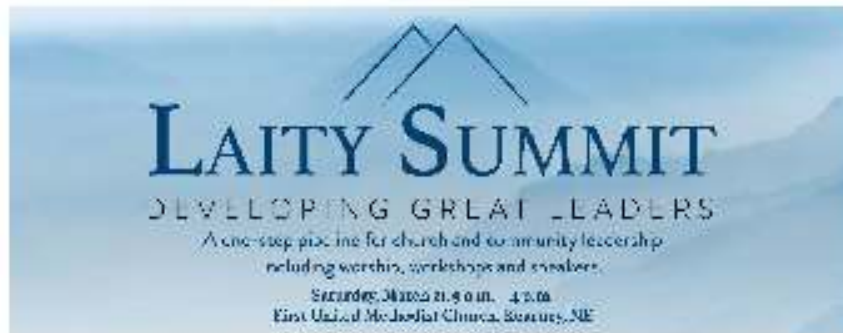


Contact Marlan Fey  
[mfey12@mpsomaha.org](mailto:mfey12@mpsomaha.org)  
with questions or  
for more information about the  
*#BeKind When You're Online*  
initiative.

**START**

**Millard**  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS





# Great Plains 2020 Laity Summit

Calling all lay persons, lay servants, lay leaders, and laity discerning a call for more of a leadership role!

The Laity Summit will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in Kearney, NE.

**Mission of Laity Summit:** To provide lay persons of the Great Plains Conference a gathering that is accessible, affordable, and relevant that results in a more powerful dynamic in making disciples for the transformation of the world.

**Goals of Laity Summit:** Lay Persons of the Great Plains Conference shall:

- Explore the skill of *identifying* potential leaders and cultivating them to leadership roles.
- Experience *permission* to strengthen partnership through *networking* with peers and empowering examples discussed by presenters.
- Explore one's own personal spiritual life and practices.
- Learn and/or *strengthen* leadership and discipleship making skills.
- Review *resources* available to laity for mission projects, fresh expressions experiences, and local congregation vitality.

This event will be a one-stop leadership gathering with worship, workshops, childcare and food! The cost is \$15 per person that includes lunch, materials from workshops and walk-away resources for opportunity. Childcare will be provided at the church for \$5 a child.

If you have questions about GP Laity Summit 2020 contact:

- Conference Lay Leader - Lisa Maupin at [lisamaupin45@gmail.com](mailto:lisamaupin45@gmail.com)
- Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries - Mary Feit at [marykfeit@windstream.net](mailto:marykfeit@windstream.net)
- Coordinator of Lay Leadership - Shane Warta at [swarta@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:swarta@greatplainsumc.org)

For more information, details and to register go the following link:

<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/laity-summit>



LIVING FAITH UMC

# JOIN US FOR EASTER

Have a blessed and joyful  
Easter celebration!

*April 12 ~ Easter*

*7:30 a.m. Sun Rise Worship*

*8:30 a.m.. Brunch*

*10:10 a.m. Easter Worship*



**Emmaus Gathering  
March 20th 7:00 p.m.  
Living Faith UMC**



Whether you have attended an Emmaus weekend or not, please join us for praise & worship, a message, Holy Communion, food & fellowship. Come and experience an evening of love.



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN OUR

# *Easter Brunch*

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH  
8:30 A.M.

Signup sheet available in  
the lobby if you would  
like to bring something!

# Christian Ed Advisory Team

Meeting Mach 15 at 11:30 a.m.

Please consider the important ministry of Christian Education.

This team will help choose curriculum, plan events, and oversee educational opportunities at Living Faith.

We will meet monthly right after worship.

We need your expertise, ideas and experience!

## **Rummage Sale**

June 10—13  
(10th open to congregation)

We will need 2 Committee  
Co-Chair Persons  
Please let the office know if you  
would like to chair.



Wednesday Nights at Living Faith UMC are designed for:  
ALL Ages: Families, Singles, Young Adults, Teens, & Children

### **Lent**

March 4 - April 6 (6 weeks)

Adult Study #1: The Bait Of Satan

Adult Study # 2: TBD

April 15 ~ Guest Speaker

April 22 - May 20 (5 weeks)

New Classes

May 27 FUN NIGHT! (Pastors are gone!)  
Last Night of WNL before summer break.

WNL~ Resumes August 19

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## Cleaning crew

We clean our own church. We have one area that we still need to fill.

***Can you help? Contract the church office at 402-393-2321***

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**Smiles & Blessings Ministry** ~ Please keep our homebound members in your prayers and feel free to send a card or a note: *Wava Jean Carl, Maxine Hall, Bob Mortenson, Ann Rutherford, Blanche Sederburg, Vernon Thomsen.*



***Happy Birthday Vernon Thomsen ~ March 19!***

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## ***Volunteer Opportunities***

**Cleaning Crew** ~ see Tracy for more details (One area still needing filled)

**Nursery Scheduler & nursery caregivers needed** ~ see the office for more details

**Offering Counters Needed** ~ Please contact Tracy Neidig in the office.

**Ushers Needed!** ~If you would like to join the Usher Ministry, contact the office!

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What's the best way to prevent the spread of illness this time of year?

**Stay home if you are sick!**

Bringing your illness to church, school, shopping or work will lead to more sick people in your community, and some may not be able to fight it.

Stay home, get rest, and go back when you won't be putting others at risk.





1st Sunday Prayer  
Following Worship

Personal individual prayer  
with two people.

Meet in the FH

## 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

## Scripture and Sermon Titles

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

### **Ash Wednesday, February 26**

Blameless & Upright

Job 1:1-12

### **Sunday, March 1**

Job's Troubles Begin

Job 1:13-22

### **Wednesday, March 4**

Job Stays Steadfast

Job 2:1-13

### **Sunday, March 8**

TBD

### **Wednesday, March 11**

Job Speaks

Job 3:1-5, 20-26

### **Sunday, March 15**

Who Needs Friends

Job ~ selected verses from chapter 4-18

## **A Look Ahead**

**Mar 3** ~ Be Kind Parent's Night ~ Millard West HS at 6:30 p.m.

**Mar 4** ~ 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship/WNL

**Mar 8** ~ Daylight Savings Begins/Nursery Mural Dedication

**Mar 11** ~ 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship/WNL

**Mar 15** ~ Christian Ed Advisory Team

**Mar 18** ~ 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship/WNL

**Mar 20** ~ 7:00 p.m. Emmaus Gathering at Living Faith UMC

**Mar 21** ~ Great Plains Laity Summit ~ First UMC Kearney, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

**Mar 24** ~ 11:30 a.m. Young At Heart Luncheon

**Mar 25** ~ 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship/WNL

**Mar 28** ~ Noon—3:00 p.m. Bly Facility Rental

**Mar 29** ~ Troop 405 Court Of Honor

**Apr 5** ~ Palm Sunday

**Apr 9** ~ Maundy Thursday, The Living Lord's Supper

**Apr 10** ~ Good Friday ~ Office Closed

**Apr 12** ~ 7:30 a.m. SonRise Worship, 8:30 a.m. Brunch, 10:10 Easter Worship


**May 7** ~ National Day of Prayer


**May 12** ~ Mother's Day ~ Accepting small items for rummage sale

**May 17** ~ Accepting big items for rummage sale

**May 25** ~ Memorial Day

**May 27—30** ~ Annual Conference

<b>Mar 1 Sun</b>	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship/Holy Communion Prayer ~ FH
<b>Mar 2 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Mar 3 Tues</b>	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Be Kind Online Parent's Meeting ~ MWHS Worship Team Meeting ~ CR
<b>Mar 4 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Dinner Lenten Worship/WNL Worship Team Practice
<b>Mar 8 Sun</b>	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	<b><i>Daylight Savings Begins</i></b> Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship/Nursery Mural Dedication Prayer Meeting ~
<b>Mar 9 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Mar 10 Tues</b>	6:30 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting ~ CR
<b>Mar 11 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Dinner Lenten Worship/WNL Worship Team Practice
<b>Mar 15 Sun</b>	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Christian Ed Advisory Team
<b>Mar 16 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Mar 17 Tues</b>	7:00 p.m.	Church Council ~ FH 
<b>Mar 18 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Dinner Lenten Worship/WNL Worship Team Practice
<b>Mar 20 Fri</b>	7:00 p.m.	Emmaus Gathering ~ LFUMC
<b>Mar 21 Sat</b>	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Great Plains Laity Summit ~ First UMC Kearney
<b>Mar 22 Sun</b>	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship

<b>Mar 23 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Mar 24 Tues</b>	11:30 a.m.	Young At Heart Luncheon ~ FH
<b>Mar 25 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Dinner Lenten Worship/WNL Worship Team Practice
<b>Mar 27 Fri</b>	1:00 p.m.	West O Auto Show Meeting
<b>Mar 28 Sat</b>	Noon—3 p.m.	Bly Facility Rental ~ FH
<b>Mar 29 Sun</b>	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Troop 405 Court of Honor
<b>Mar 30 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Apr 1 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Men's Bible Study ~ Room D Dinner Lenten Worship/WNL Worship Team Practice
<b>Apr 5 Sun</b>	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	<b><i>Palm Sunday</i></b> Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship/Holy Communion Prayer ~ FH 
<b>Apr 6 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Apr 7 Tues</b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting ~ CR
<b>Apr 8 Wed</b>	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 LLS Rehearsal





## Committee Updates

**Finance** ~ Please pray for and give generously to your 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. **Please make sure that the items are not expired.**

**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, 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 Smith, 402-689-8013

**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.

### Finance February Update:

We are currently receiving sufficient offerings to cover our expenses and missions.

Thank you for faithful giving!

**WE STILL HAVE ONE OPEN AREA TO FILL & FILL INS  
FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN'T FOR A FEW WEEKS.**

# **HELP NEEDED**

\*Bathrooms \*Classrooms \*Lobby  
\*Fellowship Hall \*Worship Center \*Office  
\*Hallway

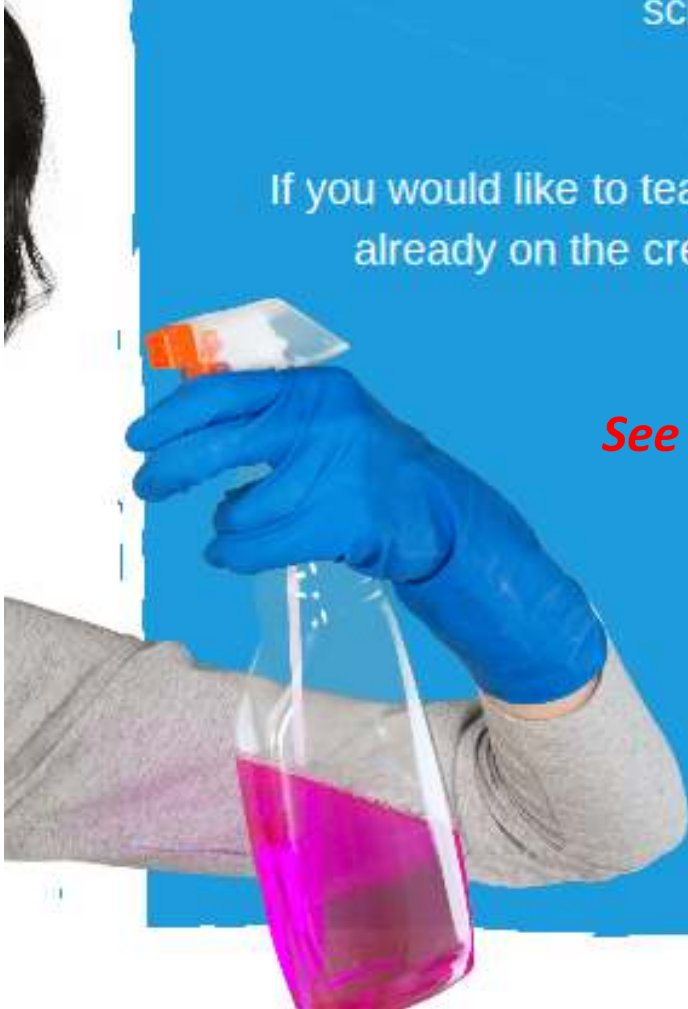
We clean our own church. Can you help?

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!

***See Schedules on the white  
board in the lobby.***

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



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

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## **Check Us Out**

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**Click the link below to get set up with our calendar:**

<https://accounts.google.com/ServiceLogin?service=cl&passive=1209600&continue=https://www.google.com/calendar/render?tab%3Dwc&followup=https://www.google.com/calendar/render?tab%3Dwc&sc=1>

**Make a DONATION TODAY ~ Scan the QR Code from your smart phone to be taken to our Donation Page on our website.**



## **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.

