

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of December 15, 2019

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Denise Carnahan after the passing of her father
- *Sympathy to April Drew after the passing of her aunt
- *Sympathy to Jeff Linder's co-worker after daughter's passing
- *Jan Peterson recovering from surgery after a fall
- *Jim Bunney following surgery
- *Do Koudelka following surgery
- *Norm Stepleton after a fall
- *Cindy Rupe's best friend, Marty, diagnosed with breast cancer
- *Shooting at naval station in Florida

JOYS:

- *Barb Olive with encouraging health news
- *ReGina Culbertson doing better after health concern
- *Tracy Christensen celebrates upcoming grandchild
- *Joan Locke lifting up her daughter & grandchild
- *Rhonda Mumby's nephew-in-law, Eric
- *Nice UMW Advent Coffee

A BLUE CHRISTMAS GRIEF GATHERING is here today @ 4 PM. We recognize that not everyone will be able to celebrate happily this Christmas, and so we offer an opportunity to gather and name the grief. Even in sorrow, Christ's coming at Christmas brings light to dark places in our lives.

Join us for a time of remembrance in Fireside, with snacks following. All those grieving from loss—of a job, a loved one, mobility, health—are invited to come.

2019 ADVENT OFFERING RECIPIENTS

Women At The Well is a United Methodist congregation located within the walls of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, in Mitchellville, IA. It offers ministries designed to encourage the spiritual growth of its members, assist them when they transition back into the world outside the walls, and better understand the hurts and hopes of those who reside within the Iowa Correctional Institute for Women. LLUMC has committed to becoming a Partner Organization supporting this ministry.

Family Promise of Linn County, teaming with the faith community, provides a warm and welcoming place for families in need to call home while they get back on their feet and into stable housing. Host Congregations provide overnight lodging, meals, and hospitality. Volunteers provide such services as cooking and serving meals, playing with children, helping with homework, and staying overnight at the host churches.

Willis Dady Homeless Shelter has been serving single men and families for 30+ years. Their mission is to provide shelter and prevention services to the homeless and near homeless; their goal is to empower clients to break the cycle of homelessness and become self-sufficient. Through a successful capital campaign, they were able to dedicate an enlarged facility this past August and now are able to serve more people in need.

Pierce Backpack Ministry is a vital program we've supported and continue to support. In E. Central IA, 1 in 7 children are at risk for hunger or food insecurity. The Backpack Ministry addresses this concern by providing needy students with nutritious easy to prepare food when other food resources may not be available, specifically on weekends and during school vacations.



BRING IN YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA for the altar any time during Advent to honor or remember a loved one. Be sure to write your name and the name of the person(s) to be commemorated on the poinsettia sign-up sheet in the narthex.

A FREE ADVENT DEVOTIONAL may be picked up in the narthex. They're entitled *Arise & Shine—Devotions for Advent* by Tim Wesemann. We currently have quite a few available, so you may take an extra or two to pass along if you'd like!



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Tuesday, Dec. 24th

5 PM Family-friendly Service

**7 PM Traditional Candlelight Service
(with Chancel Choir singing)**

9 PM Holy Communion Service

Childcare is available at 5 & 7 PM.

CHILDREN'S WEEKDAY MINISTRIES IS LOOKING FOR WORKERS for 7:00-9 AM and 3:30-5:15 PM on weekdays when school is in session. Persons must be able to work both shifts. Please call 393-8189 (CWM office).

TRINITY LANE PRESCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE to work from 10 AM- 2 PM, M-Th, on school days. Please call 393-8189 (CWM office).



PLEASE CHECK THE LOST & FOUND located at the back wall of our coat rack area. We have jackets, sweaters, a pair of glasses, and other items you may not know you lost!

GENERAL FUND GIVING/BUILDING RENOVATION FUND GIVING/END-OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS: As the end of the year approaches, we would like to remind everyone to honor their yearly giving commitment. Church funds are often tight this time of year, and this year is no exception. We want to finish the year strong. Thank you for your faithfulness and your generous support of the missions and ministries of LLUMC! *Finance Committee*

NOTE: To be credited for tax purposes in 2019, contributions must be received at the church or mailed on or before Dec. 31st.

DATES THE CHURCH & OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: Dec. 24th – afternoon, Dec. 25th, Dec. 26th, Dec. 31st – afternoon, & Jan. 1st. Also, there will be **NO** regular small groups or other regular activities held the last week in December, **UNLESS** the leader of your group tells you otherwise and it has been arranged with the church office!!

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — Dec. 15th *Third Sunday of Advent / Children's Christmas Program @ 9:15 AM*

- 8:00 AM **Worship Service*** – Sanctuary
9:15 AM **Worship Service: Children's Christmas Program*** – Sanctuary
9:00 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room
10:30 AM **Worship Service*** – Sanctuary
12:00-2 PM Congolese Worship Service – Fireside
4:00 PM Blue Christmas Gathering – Fireside
6:00 PM Adult Explo – Library
6:00 PM H.S. Youth – Fellowship Hall/Kitchen & Youth Room

MONDAY — Dec. 16th

- 5:15 PM Tai Chi – Youth Room
6:00 PM Adult Explo – Library
6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — Dec. 17th

- 6:45 PM Women Of Faith (WOF) – Library

WEDNESDAY — Dec. 18th

- 9 AM-Noon CWM Preschl. Christmas Program – Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
12 Noon Weds. Women of the Word (WWW) – Library
1:30 PM Staff brief prayer time – Pastor's office
4:45 PM Zamar handbells – Sanctuary
5:30 PM Family Meal – Kitchen/Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Kid's Club & M.S. Youth – Fellowship Hall, Youth Room, et al.
7:15 PM AcabeLLa handbells – Sanctuary

THURSDAY — Dec. 19th

- 9 AM-Noon CWM Preschl. Christmas Program – Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM Yoga – Youth Room

FRIDAY — Dec. 20th

SATURDAY — Dec. 21st

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY — Dec. 22nd *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

- 8:00 AM **Worship Service*** – Sanctuary
9:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room
9:15 AM **Worship Service*** – Sanctuary
9:00 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall
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Serving in Worship

Greeters

- 8:00.....Ron & Margaret Nelson
9:15.....
10:30.....Cindy & Jeff Linder

Ushers

- 8:00.....Myrna & Jim Loehrlein
9:15.....Amber & Matt Mulnik
10:30.....Mike & Becky Wood, Barb Mussman

Acolytes

- 8:00.....*Usher(s)*
9:15.....Molly Schultz
10:30.....Mara Budny

Lectors

- 8:00.....Ron or Margaret Nelson
9:15.....(not needed)
10:30.....Becky Wood

Liturgists

- 8:00.....Katrina Mahoney
9:15.....Scott Meador
10:30.....Frank Camp

Preacher

- All services.....Scott Meador

Staff

- Lead Pastor – Dr. Scott Meador
Senior Office Manager – Sue Moss
Office Manager – Marti Bowman
Building Project Manager – Amber Mulnik
Children's Weekday Ministries Director – Dawn DuPont
Director of Youth Ministries – Amy Perry
Kid's Club Director – Julie Meyer
Christian Educator – Barb Geissinger
Choir Director – K. Weiler
Handbell Director – Charlie Kucera
Organist – Dennis Ramsey
Children's Choirs – Carla Jesse
Nursery Team – Shelbie Wood, Tara Neveu,
Paige Gerjets, & Claire Van Erde-Wyk
Wedding Coordinator – Becky Wood
Custodians – Rex, Rhonda & Jessica Heasty
Audio / Visual Coordinator – Eric Wylie
Webmaster – Shelly Turner
Treasurer – Marcie Stumpf
Finance Secretary – Vicki Cangemi

Dec. 8, 2019 Worship Attendance:

58 @ 8:00; 77 @ 9:15; & 142 @ 10:30 = 277 Total

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