

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of December 22, 2019



PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Kaylee Hammer following a medical procedure
- *Berta Mullin recovering after surgery
- *Don & Wanda Whitford lift up family in Arizona having some difficulties
- *Gaza Christians not being allowed to visit Jerusalem or Bethlehem
- *Our country going through an impeachment / division in our country

JOYS:

- *Wonderful Children's Christmas Program on 12/15 during our 9:15 service
- *Celebrating our new associate pastor, Kristina Roth, starting in July of 2020
- *Time with families over the holidays

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.



TODAY'S THE LAST DAY FOR POINSETTIAS brought in to honor or remember a loved one. If you've already brought a plant(s), be sure your name and the name of the person(s) to be commemorated are on the poinsettia sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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 at Lovely Lane).

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*

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

VICKI C. LOOKING FOR HELP PROCESSING FINANCIAL GIFTS: She needs someone to help during the school year on Monday at 1 PM, and during the summer on Monday at 9:30 AM. Counting takes about 2 hours at the most and you would need to be available once a month. Please contact Vicki at vickic@lovelylane.org.

From Vicki & the office: Please be sure to put both your first and last names on your financial giving and on the STUB.

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! Thanks!!



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 realize that you lost! Thanks!!!

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

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
10:30 AM **Worship Service*** – Sanctuary
12:00-2 PM Congolese Worship Service – Fireside
6:00 PM Adult Explo (both groups meeting together)
– Library

MONDAY — Dec. 23rd

- 5:15 PM Tai Chi – Youth Room

TUESDAY — Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Day

Christmas Eve Services:

- 5:00 PM Family-Friendly – Sanctuary
6:30 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Room
7:00 PM Traditional Candlelight (with choir) – Sanctuary
9:00 PM Holy Communion – Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY — Dec. 25th Christmas Day (church & office closed): MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THURSDAY — Dec. 26th Day after Christmas (church & office closed)

FRIDAY — Dec. 27th

SATURDAY — Dec. 28th

- 10:30 AM-5 PM Jesse Family Gathering – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

SUNDAY — Dec. 29th First Sunday after Christmas

- 8:30 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM **ONLY ONE Worship Service*** – Sanctuary
12:00-2 PM Congolese Worship Service – Fireside

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Serving in Worship

Greeters

- 8:00.....Sharon Kouba & Nickie Waddell
9:15.....
10:30.....Pat & Jeff Swartzendruber

Ushers

- 8:00.....Myrna & Jim Loehrlein
9:15.....Linda Carollo & Heather Hingtgen
10:30.....Nancy & John Hinkel, Barb Mussman

Acolytes

- 8:00.....Usher(s)
9:15.....Usher(s)
10:30.....Isaac Schneider

Lectors

- 8:00.....Kathy Gilbert
9:15.....Heather Hingtgen
10:30.....Carla Jesse

Liturgists

- 8:00.....Barb Geissinger
9:15.....Marci Wittles
10:30.....Al Shaver

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. 15, 2019 Worship Attendance:

52 @ 8:00; 139 @ 9:15; & 112 @ 10:30 = 303 Total

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