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JUNE/JULY 2024 Newsletter

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

FAITH VBS
on the FARM
July 23rd - 25th
6:30 - 8:00 pm



Who Can Attend

Potty Trained
Ages 3 thru 6th Grade

Volunteer Helpers

7th Grade thru Retirees

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Where:

Grace United Methodist Church
745 Washington Street
Lamont, Iowa

Why Should You Come

BECAUSE GOD LOVES YOU
AND SO DO WE

**SNACKS WILL BE SERVED!
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NEWS FROM

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES OF



AURORA



LAMONT



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Greetings, Brothers & Sisters in Christ!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Summer is here with the entrance of the month of June! May was a rollercoaster of temperatures, with both bright sunny days and major rain and storms! We were lucky to not experience any of the major damage that other areas of Iowa experienced and we are thankful and continue to pray for others. We will continue to watch for ways you can help others recover from damage. May was also a busy month with graduations, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. Thankfully, it will slow down a little, but there are still plenty of celebrations and times to enjoy worship and fellowship in the coming months.

JoAnn Crow will be traveling with me to Des Moines for the Iowa Annual Conference June 7 through June 9 for three long days of legislation, celebration and worship. Please be in prayer for safe travel and good meetings for all attending as we discuss the changes enacted at General Conference. Strawberry Days will begin on Thursday evening, June 6 and run through June 9. (See some of the events listed later in the newsletter.) June 16 is Father's Day, so don't forget those Dad's and Grandpa's and men who have been role models and guides in your life. We will also be celebrating the lives of Clarence MacTaggart on June 29 and Sandy Akerly on July 1. Also note that we will have a Joint Worship Service in Aurora on July 7th and plan to worship in the park and

celebrate the town's 125th anniversary! The Aurora Legion will be making a pancake breakfast that morning too!

It's that time of year for VBS! Tell all the kids in your families and neighborhoods that Strawberry Point will host the children at the Lutheran Church this summer the week of July 15th. The Lamont UMC will host VBS the week of August 5th. The Strawberry Point church is also going to host a Lunch and Bingo event following worship on July 21. The Lunch will be provided with a free will offering. Small prizes will be awarded for the Bingo winners! Everyone is invited! We also have the Blue Grass Festival at the end of July to look forward to and maybe another joint worship yet this summer. We will see what we can plan!

No matter what plans you have made for the summer months, don't forget to include worship! Even though we take a break from some of our programs, like Sunday School and Youth Group, we still need time to spend time with God in worship. We have much to be thankful for and we have much to pray for, and we need God's guidance as we continue to be faithful disciples and seek God's will and purpose for our lives and our churches. And never forget how grateful we should be for God's goodness to us!

"The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the person who seeks him." Lamentations 3:25 CEB

Serving Christ Together! Pastor Lisa

Pastor's July Letter

Greetings

Brothers and Sisters in Faith!

Can you believe we are over halfway through the year! 2024 is going quickly and so is summer. I saw workers in Walmart putting out school supplies! As we pray for enough rain but not too much, warm temperatures but not too hot, and more time to squeeze everything in; let's not forget to be thankful for God's faithfulness in giving us such a good growing season and keeping us safe from destructive wind and hail!

As we enter July we have plenty of things to celebrate! We begin with the July 4th holiday and a time to be thankful for freedom to live without another country controlling our prices and our choices. Let us seek God's wisdom to make good choices and support local merchants, farmers' markets and share with those who don't have enough.

The first Sunday in July we will meet in Aurora at 9:00 A.M. for a joint worship service and celebrate the town's 125th anniversary. We are scheduled to meet in the park for worship, but will have the service in the Aurora church if it is too hot or raining. There will not be a potluck following the service since it is earlier than usual. Instead, you can eat breakfast at the American Legion in Aurora. Hope you will join us in celebrating this important milestone in Aurora's history and thanking God for His faithfulness!

I will be attending a spiritual retreat on July 10-11-12 at St. Benedict Retreat Center. "What Moves Us – Spirituality and the Arts" will examine ways the arts move us on our spiritual journeys to enhance our connection to

God, experience God's presence in liturgy and seek new insights through art. This center is located in Schuyler, Nebraska where I completed my Two-Year Academy for Spiritual Formation. I look forward to being back at this beautiful retreat center and seeing the labyrinth that our group started creating by digging out the sod six years ago.

I am also participating in a trip to Greece and Turkey in October that our Iowa Bishop, Kennetha Bingham-Tsai, will be leading. We will travel to Athens, Corinth, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Cappadocia, Antioch, Colossae, Laodicea, Ephesus, Nicaea - places the Apostle Paul went on his missionary journeys. You are invited to join me, and I will get a discount for every person that I sign up to travel with me. Let me know if you are interested! It is amazing to walk in the places that you read about in scripture!

Vacation Bible School programs are planned! Lamont will be offering "Faith on the Farm" Tuesday July 23, Wednesday July 24, and Thursday July 25. Strawberry Point will be offering their VBS with the Lutheran Church mornings on the week of July 15, with Camp Ewalu counselors leading. Please pass the word to all the kids in our communities and any of your grandchildren!

I pray that your summertime opportunities include time to spend with God in the creation God gave us to find rest, feel connection to God's presence and enjoy God's creative handiwork. Continue to find ways to serve God and care for others this summer as you give thanks for God's blessings and gifts!

Serving Christ Together!

Pastor Lisa

Thank You's

Thank you to those who attended the District Meeting on May 5th at Jesup UMC.

Thank you to the Lamont UMYF for raking lawns and cleaning up the church yard!

Thank you to JoAnn Crow for leading worship on May 12th while Pastor Lisa was on vacation!

Thank you for those who coordinated bringing and those who received, May Day cookies and visits!

Thank you to Terry and JoAnn Crow for hosting our end of the year UMYF BBQ!

Thank you to all who celebrated the life of Jon Downer, brought food for the luncheon or helped serve! Special thanks to Jarrod and Joanne for running the AV!

Thank you to those who participated in the Memorial Day Services by singing, speaking or just being there to honor our Veterans!

To Steve Thacher and Dorothy Eckheart for preaching on June 9!

To those who are preparing and planning for our VBS programs!

Sympathy

To JoAnn and Terry Crow and family on passing of JoAnn's mother, Shirley Bond.

Welcome Eloise!

Eloise Marie Knipper was born May 13, 2024, weighing in at 6 lbs 15oz and 20 in long. She joins her parents, Tyler and Kimberly Knipper and sister Presley at home. Grandparents are Jarrod & Joanne Lamphier and Alan and Lynn Knipper

Mr. & Mrs. Crow

Congratulations to Alex and Hailey (Bergfeld) Crow on their wedding June 15, 2024. Alex is the son of Terry and JoAnn Crow.

May/June Ad Council

May 6, 2024 - Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Lisa offered a prayer. Pastor reviewed her activities for the past two months and those activities scheduled for June and July. Pastor reviewed decisions made at General Conference effecting all United Methodists. Restrictive language will be removed from the discipline regarding homosexuals. The Social Principles will be revised. Pastors and Bishops in homosexual relationships will be allowed to serve churches and regions without fear of prosecution. It was noted that DS Moody Colorado is now going to serve the LaPorte City Church. The new District Superintendent, Scott Kober, will now be serving Pictured Rocks District churches.

Minutes of the April 8, 2024 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER reported all bills paid to date. It was suggested that a letter be composed to appeal for monetary support. An article could be put in the newsletter listing the areas/projects our church supports.

TRUSTEES - Gage Wallace is now mowing the church and parsonage lawns. His fee may be adjusting. Stumps on front lawn have been removed. Clothes racks for the yearly garage sale are stored in the food pantry closet.

PARSONAGE - Balance in accounts is \$1,028.56. A \$2000 check was written from this account and go towards the new camera system in the sanctuary.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH - Garage sale at the end of April was a success. The donated \$500 from this project to the camera system in the sanctuary. Remaining apple pies are being sold for \$5.00. Rhubarb pies will be made May 20th.

YOUTH - Sunday School finished for the year. The last UMYF meeting will be May 15 and be held with supper and bonfire at Crows. The group rakes Faith Sandhagen's lawn and was given a \$25 donation.

MISSIONS - Grant for \$225 was received for our food pantry from

the Mission Ingather Hunger Grant.

OTHER - John Cook will inspect the church bell and rope system. Modifications may be made.

OLD BUSINESS - Motion was made by John, seconded by JoAnn to accept Gage Wallace as our church/parsonage mower. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS - Venmo account possibilities were discussed. More information will be for the brought to the June meeting.

FORUM - None

ADJOURNMENT at 7:55 p.m. Jane Richmond, Recording Secretary

June 10, 2024— Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Communications reviewing activities for May, June and July were given.

Upcoming dates: July 10-12 Pastor Lisa will be participating in a spiritual retreat in Nebraska.

August 5-12 will be vacation dates for a Colorado trip. August 11 Jerry Griffin will be the speaker.

September 25-27 Pastor will participate in a Leadership Institute.

October 8-21 Pastor will be taking a journey with the Bishop to Greece and Turkey.

Lay Servant Ministries training is available July 19 & 20 at Independence.

Retired D.S. Moody Colorado is gathering old hymnals for a Philippine Mission project.

Bible School dates are Tuesday thru Thursday July 23-25 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Flowering crabapple trees were trimmed. Radon gas problem will be further investigated. Tree trimming and bush trimming in front of the church are yet to be done.

Motion made to approve the amended agenda was made and approved.

Minutes of the May 6, 2024 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer report given by Nicole Goedken. All bills had been paid to date.

Trustees: Stumps on front church lawn have been removed. Wallpaper on one wall of the craft storage room has been

removed and the wall painted. Gage Wallace had asked for \$50 per mowing of grass at the church and parsonage. This was approved. Trimming of bushes in front of church needs to be done.

Memorials: Balance in account is \$1228.56. A donation in memory of Jon Downer was received.

United Women in Faith: Pie making day was a success with 10 people helping. Many women and men helped serve and clean up after the Jon Downer funeral. The groups district pledge will be discussed at the next meeting. Planning for the Elaine Akerly funeral lunch will take place.

Missions: Dollar Fresh of Dyersville donations have been received for the next mobile pantry. Cereal has also been purchased to be given out.

Youth: Youth Group is done for the school year. A summer fun activity will be planned.

Audio/Visual: Covers have been installed on the sides of the sanctuary wiring. Positive comments have been received about the improved quality of the broadcasts.

Admin Assistant: Bulletin information for July 23rd needs to be received soon. Lamphier's will be on vacation.

Other: None

Old Business: Venmo account discussion results in the motion by Steve Thacher, seconded by Jarrod Lamphier to have Nicole guide us through setting up an account. Joanne Lamphier would assist. Approved.

New Business: Motion was made by John Richmond, seconded by Steve Thacher to give \$100 and our old hymnals to Moody Colorado for his mission project in the Philippines. Approved.

Adjournment at 7:12 pm

Jane Richmond,
Recording Secretary

Next meeting July 8 at 6pm

Anyone interested in the business of the church is welcome at Ad Council meetings. If you have an idea for a new ministry or a complaint, please come and voice your opinion.

thank you

To know you are with us
in our time of sorrow
sharing our prayers
today and tomorrow.
God gives us comfort
in the form of good friends.
May His peace be with you,
His love never ends.

We are grateful for all our friends that
helped brighten Jon's days while at home
and through his transition to the Strawberry
Point Memory Care Center. Your support is
forever appreciated. There are so many
people to thank; the list is endless. We
send grateful appreciation to all that sent
prayers, calls, cards, and visits. You all
helped our family through this sad time.
We live in a great community!
Thank you.

A special thank you for the
wonderful care from the
Strawberry Point Memory Care Center,
Grace United Methodist Church Community,
and the Fawcett-Schmitz Funeral Home.

*The Jon Downer family
Kaye, Lisa, Greg*

In Memory of Jon Downer

May 11, 1942 - May 17, 2024

Jon R. Downer, 82, of
Lamont, Iowa, died Fri-
day morning, May 17,
2024, at the Strawberry
Point Lutheran Home in
Strawberry Point, Iowa.
Funeral Service: 10:30
A.M. Thursday, May 23,
2024, at Grace United
Methodist Church in La-
mont, with Pastor Lisa
Schroeder officiating.
Visitation: 4:00 to 7:00.
P.M. Wednesday, May
22, 2024, and for one
hour before the service
on Thursday at Grace

United Methodist Church in Lamont. Interment: Union
Cemetery, Putnam Township, rural Aurora, Iowa. Con-
dolences may be directed to the family at: 3486 30th
Street, Lamont, Iowa 50650. Fawcett-Schmitz Funeral
Home in Winthrop is assisting the family.

Jon Richards Downer was born May 11, 1942, in Oel-
wein, Iowa, the son of Harold and Mary Maxine
(Richards) Downer. In 1960, he graduated from Lamont
High School. On January 25, 1964, he was united in
marriage to Kaye Annette Reiling at Grace United
Methodist Church in Lamont. This union was blessed
with three children, Lisa, Gregory and Steven. Jon was
a longtime farmer in the Lamont area.

For many years he milked Holstein cows. He served
on the AMPI Board and Arlington Coop Board. He was
a proud member of the Lamont Coffee Shop Group and
Grace United Methodist Church, both in Lamont. Jon
enjoyed milking cows, checking crops, discussing farm-
ing machinery, traveling, short winters in California, go-
ing out to eat, music and most of all his family.

Jon is survived by his wife: Kaye Downer of Lamont;
daughter: Lisa (Keith) Douglas of Byron, Minnesota;
son: Greg (Katy) Downer of Lamont; 1 grandson: Carter
Jon Downer of Lamont; 2 step grandchildren: Austin
(Jenny) Bissell of Blaine, Minnesota and Dakotah Bis-
sell (Michael Hursey) of Oelwein; 2 great grandchildren:
Sterling and Rosalie Hursey; nephew: Jim Downer of
Lamont; and 2 cousins: Jim Humphry of Omaha, Ne-
braska and Dave Humphry of Dallas, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Harold and
Maxine Downer; son: Steve Downer on November 10,
2021; and brother: Dick Downer.



At Home Nursing Care

There is a growing demand for At-Home-Nursing-Care
to help with daily routines, medication management,
medical care coordination, companionship, errands,
and family peace of mind. If you are someone that
can help our communities, please let us know so you
can be added to the list.

- Jess Luloff, BSN, RN - (319) 505-8323

**Memories are
timeless
treasures
of the Heart**



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN BISHOP KENNETHA AND PASTOR LISA!

Join Bishop Bigham-Tsai & the Iowa Annual Conference

Journeys of Paul in **Greece & Turkiye**

October 8 - 20, 2024



Host:
Bishop
Bigham-
Tsai



Destinations include:

Athens
Corinth
Thessaloniki
Philippi
Cappadocia
Istanbul
Antioch
Colossae
Laodicea
Ephesus
Nicaea



Lamont Days 2024

"Bring Your Pet to the Parade"

FRIDAY
August 2nd

COMMUNITY CLUB
STEAK FRY @ Legion
4:30 - 7:00 pm
\$26 single / \$50 double
Steak, Baked Potato, Beans,
Cole Slaw, Roll, Lemonade
\$5 Hot Dog/Chips

CROWNING
Little Miss & Mister
Grand Marshall

SOFTBALL
Show Up and Play
at the Diamond

FOOD and DRINKS
AFTER THE PARADE

COMMUNITY CLUB
Cotton Candy * Snow Cones
Walking Tacos * Bottled Water

TWISTED ENERGY
(Church Fundraiser)
Slushies * Refreshers * Tea

SATURDAY
August 3rd

BEFORE THE PARADE

Church Bake Sale
Silent Auction
Twisted Energy Drinks

Parade @ 11 am
"Bring Your Pet to the Parade"
Parade Line Up at Church

AFTER THE PARADE

Kids Pedal Pull
Bean Bag Tournament

Kids Inflatables
Noon to 4 pm
Bouncy House on Main Street

Street Dance
Heart Beat DJ Service
DJ Jarrod Lamphier
7:00 - 10:00 pm

Circuit Picnic

Be sure to save September 8th date for the Circuit Picnic. We will be playing Family Feud at 2:00 pm with songs and prayers following at 3:30 and there will be a food truck at 4:00 pm. This will be a great time to be had by all! So, we ask you again, please be sure to save the date. Location: Oelwein City Park

Backbone Park Worship Service

The Blue Grass Festival will be July 26-28. Wouldn't it be fun to incorporate worship service at Backbone with a big church picnic afterwards. Be watching for details. If this is something you would like to see happen and be part of the planning committee, let Pastor Lisa know.

Lamont Museum

All four historic buildings will be open July 6, August 3, and September 7th from 10 am to 3pm. Visit us on Facebook at Lamont Museum to find out more information.



Common Grounds

MON - SAT 6 to 9am
621 BUSH ST, LAMONT IA
563-924-2367

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|---------|-----------------|
| JULY 3 | HAM BALLS |
| JULY 10 | SPAGHETTI |
| JULY 17 | CHICKEN BREASTS |
| JULY 24 | MEATBALL SUB |
| JULY 31 | SWISS STEAK |
| AUG 7 | CHICKEN ALFREDO |
| AUG 14 | TENDERLOIN |
| AUG 21 | BBQ PORK |
| AUG 28 | MEATLOAF |

\$8

PREORDER: Call (563) 924-2367 or
(530) 300-0317 by 9am the Friday before.



AUROMA

LEGION & AUXILIARY

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

8:00 AM to NOON

APRIL 7 & 21
~~MAY 5~~
~~JUNE 2~~
JULY 7
AUGUST 4
SEPTEMBER 1
OCTOBER 6

All you can eat pancakes



Carry-outs Available

All you can eat pancakes; also biscuits & gravy, sausage, ham & scrambled eggs with milk, juice or coffee

| | |
|-----------|---------|
| ADULTS | \$10.00 |
| 5-8 YEARS | \$5.00 |
| PRESCHOOL | FREE |






AURORA

4th OF JULY

CELEBRATION

Sponsored by the Aurora Community Club

Thursday, July 4 - Aurora Park

FLAG RAISING Following Parade

TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL

Starts at Noon
Watch for Signs
For information call Grant Young 319-929-4479
PARADE 1PM

5k Run/Walk
Start 8AM
Main Street
entrance
to the Park

Line-up 12:30PM at Methodist Church - Enter from the East off W45 onto Cornelia St.
For more information call Jessi Optiz 319-573-4601

JOIN THE FUN!

- * Barrell Train Rides * Ring-A-Pop * Trinkets *
- EB FFA Kids Tractor Pull!**
- After Parade - Contact Andrea Young 563-920-3378
- ALSO Available:
- Aurora Legion Bingo 2-8
- Volleyball**
- Live Music In The Park:**
- Food on Site:**
- Community Club Old Fashion Supper, 5-8
- Old Tyme Kettle Corn
- FREE WILL DONATIONS AT GATE**
- For more information Contact Deb 319-961-1389
- Icecream!**
- Energy Nachos!**



Friday, July 5th -
Street Dance on Main
in front of LeRoy's
Beaver Creek Band
7-11PM



Sunday, July 7th -
Legion Pancake Breakfast
8-Noon
Church in the Park 9AM
Pastor Lisa Schroeder

No Outside Fireworks, Pets or BBQ Grills allowed on grounds

May/June United Women in Faith

May 7, 2024 - UMF met at 1:40 PM with 5 members and 1 guest. Pres. Jane read monthly verse Psalm 133:1 + a reading of Water from the Rock.

The Apr. minutes were read and approved. Deb did the Least Coin. Treasury is \$628.11 which does not include the rummage/bake sale profit of \$1214.30: Marcia moved, Renee seconded to donate \$500 to the video project, motion passed. The remainder will go into the pie fund which currently has \$1238.22.

OLD BUSINESS: It was agreed to sell last year's remaining pie inventory before baking new ones: large pies \$5, mini pies \$2, chocolate covered pecans \$4.

A thank you note was read from the Strawberry Pt. Women's Club for the Christmas donation. Toilet paper for Mobile Pantry was ordered on-line for May- hopefully it will ship on time.

NEW BUSINESS: Rhubarb pie day will be Mon May 20. We need helpers, rhubarb, eggs, sugar, Gold Medal flour donations.

We will continue to meet the 2nd Tues. of the month at 1:30 PM. Information on the many camps at EWALU was shared.

We received a \$225 Ingathering grant for the food pantry because of all we donated + apportionments were paid in full..

VBS will be Aug 7-9 evenings. Info on Pastor Doug's Argentina Mission work was shared. (See article in this newsletter.) We will donate money to him this year and encourage the congregation to also take part.

Jane had the lesson "Dwelling with God"; Deb was hostess.

REMEMBER: next meeting will be the 2nd Tues June 11 at 1:30 PM. Elaine will have the lesson, Marcia will be hostess.

Secretary, Glenda

June 11, 2024 - UMF met at 1:30 PM with 5 members present. Pres. Jane opened the meeting with Isaiah 40:31 + GOD'S THOUGHTS by Max Lucado.

Deb read the Least Coin; May minutes were read and approved. The checking account is \$1054.05. The Pie Fund is \$2105.17 with some checks outstanding. A \$50 memorial was sent to the family of Shirley Bond and \$25 was sent to Anna Garlow for eggs for the pies.

OLD BUSINESS: The district pledge will remain at \$350 per quarter.

Ten people made 40 big pies and 13 small ones. Big pies are \$12.

The Jon Downer funeral was served.

VBS is changed to July 23-25 (Tues thru Thurs) from 6:30-8 PM; theme is Faith On The Farm.

NEW BUSINESS: We will serve the Elaine Sheldon Ackerman funeral July 1 at 10:30 AM. Family will provide sandwiches: We will donate salads, desserts, drinks. 50 are expected.

Service July 7, 9 AM, will be at Aurora Park, at church in case of rain. Bring your lawn chairs. June 30 will be regular service in Lamont.

Retired District Supt. Moody is starting an evangelist project in the Philippines. He is collecting old hymnals to send there- shipping is \$100 per box; Marcia moved, Deb seconded to donate \$100 as a thank you for his service.

Glenda moved, Marcia seconded to wire \$300 to Missionary Doug Williams for his work in Argentina via Marnie Stein and Western Union.

Jane did the lesson NUTRITION IN RELATIONSHIP TO SELF; lunch was served.

Next meeting will be Tues July 9 at 1:30. Marcia has the lesson & JoAnn is hostess.

Secretary Glenda

DS MOODY COLORADO AND THE PHILIPPINE CHURCH ON WHEELS!

DS Moody Colorado in partnership with the DS Alex Pascual of Sultan Kuderat District, Philippines starts the "Philippine Church on Wheels" – reaching out to unchurched and Muslim people in the Kuderat District – they have built a Mission House and garage and purchased a 25 acre plot to be planted with crops that will feed the people, and will develop an area to bottle spring water, along with training evangelists, hosting missionaries and doctors.



Grace UMC – Lamont donated 32 hymnals + \$250 (donations from Pastor Lisa, UMC and United Women in Faith) to pay for shipping costs and whatever needs the mission project would need.

Would you like to help this mission project?

Make checks to: Moody Colorado

with note – Philippines Church on Wheels

Put in the offering plate and we will see Moody receives it!

July Communion

Server - Eric Morine

Supplies - Mardelle Streicher

August Communion

Server - Pam Thacher

Supplies - Steve Thacher

September Communion

Server - JoAnn Crow

Supplies - Deb Brown

October Communion

Server - Kaye Downer

Supplies - Deb Brown

November Communion

Server - Terry Crow

Supplies - JoAnn Crow

December Communion

Server - John Richmond

Supplies - Jane Richmond

Ushers

June 30 - Mardelle & Renee

July 7 - Worship together

July 28 - Steve & Pam Thacher

Aug 4 - Deb Brown Family

Aug 25 - Steve & Pam Thacher

Sept 1 - Mardelle & Renee

Sept 22 - Fred & Diane Elsbury

Oct 6 - John & Maranda Cook

Oct 27 - John & Jane Richmond

Nov 3 - Elaine B & Marcia M

Nov 24 - Leon G & Randy M

Dec 1 - Brittany & Nicole

Dec 22 - John & Jane Richmond

Scripture Readers

June 30 - need volunteer

July 7 - Worship Together

July 28 - Maranda Cook

Aug 4 - Kaye Downer

Aug 25 - Steve Thacher

Sept 1 - John Richmond

Sept 22 - Jane Richmond

Oct 6 - Elaine Bliss

Oct 27 - Maranda Cook

Nov 3 - Kaye Downer

Nov 24 - Leon Goedken

Dec 1 - Elaine Bliss

Dec 22 - John Richmond

Worship Schedule

Regular Worship Times

1st Sunday of the month

2nd Sunday of the month

3rd Sunday of the month

4th Sunday of the month

5th Sunday of the month

Lamont

9:00 AM

9:00 AM

9:00 AM

Joint worship service with location TBA @ 10AM

Aurora

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

Strawberry

10:30 AM

10:30 AM

10:30 AM Guest Speaker

10:30 AM

Grace Food Pantry

Thank you all that keep our Matthew 25 project going! We are truly blessed. We are able to help many community families. Anyone in need of food, please contact Deb Brown or Jane Richmond.

Food Pantry Needs:

Spaghetti & sauce

Assorted Soups

Jams & Jelly

Mobile Food Pantry

When: 4th Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

Where: Line up in the alley behind the fire station in Lamont.

Note: Bring two empty boxes to exchange for full boxes.

Hospitality Signup

Each Sunday after worship service, everyone is invited for fellowship. Goodies and coffee is served. If you would like to signup to bring treats, the notebook is in the library.

Prairie Hills Worship

Join us on the 4th Wednesday every month at 9 am in Independence at Prairie Hills Assisted Living.

Working Hands

Typically meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at GUMC in
If you crochet or knit or sew, please come and join us or just come to see what we are up to!

Mission Statement

Making God's love and grace known to all of his children.

Vision Statement

To see God's grace and love made known to all of His children regardless of age, race, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status, religious preference or any other human condition.

Offertory

If you are unable to make it in-person, offertories can be mailed to your church at the address on page 1 of this newsletter.

Venmo

Coming soon....stay tuned

Community Club Meeting

Lamont - 2nd Tuesdays of the month at the Lamont Community Center
Aurora -

Common Grounds Meeting

The 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10am at the Common Grounds.

July 2024

| July 2024 | | | | | | | | WEDNESDAY - Pick up your Common Grounds Special between 11am and Noon FRIDAY - Order your Wednesday Special from Common Grounds by 10 am FRIDAY & SATURDAY - Pastor's regular day off | | | | | | | |
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| SUN | | MON | | TUE | | WED | | THUR | | FRI | | SAT | | | |
| | | 1 Sandy Akerly Funeral and Burial with lunch following at 10:30 | | 2 VBS planning at 9:30 am | | 3 | | 4 Happy 4th! Give thanks for our freedom! | | 5 | | 6 Lamont Museum open from 10-3 | | | |
| FIRST SUNDAY | 7 9am JOINT Worship in Aurora. Aurora Park if raining, worship at the church. No potluck but you can support the Legion Breakfast | 8 SPRC and AD Council Meeting 6pm | | 9 Common Grounds Volunteer Monthly Meeting 10am Women in Faith at 1:30 Pastor Lisa traveling to Schuyler, Nebraska Community Club 7pm | | 10 Pastor Lisa at St. Benedict's Retreat in Schuyler, Nebraska | | 11 Pastor Lisa at St. Benedict's Retreat in Schuyler, Nebraska | | 12 | | 13 Working Hands at 9am | | | |
| SECOND SUNDAY | 14 Lamont 9am | 15 | | 16 | | 17 | | 18 | | 19 Lay Servant Advanced Course 6-9pm | | 20 Lay Servant Advanced Course 9am-5pm | | | |
| THIRD SUNDAY | 21 Lamont 9am Aurora 10:30 am Special Offering Sunday Youth Sunday | 22 | | 23 VBS 6:30-8:00 pm | | 24 Prairie Hills Worship Service Independence 9am Mobile Food Pantry 3:30 pm VBS 6:30-8:00 pm | | 25 VBS 6:30-8:00 pm | | 26 Blue Grass Festival | | 27 Blue Grass Festival | | | |
| FOURTH SUNDAY | 28 Lamont 9am Blue Grass Festival | 29 | | 30 | | 31 | | 1 | | 2 Lamont Days Steak Fry at the Legion put on by Community Club | | 3 Lamont Days Church Bake Sale Fundraiser by Twisted Energy Drinks Lamont Museum open from 10-3 | | | |