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## OCTOBER 2024 Newsletter



### **LAMONT LEGION FISH SUPPER**



**11 October & 8 November 2024**

**14 March & 18 April (Good Friday) 2025**

**Lamont Legion Hall : Serving from 4:30 to 7:00 PM(Or run out)**

**\$13 Small Fish Meal = 2 pc fish, FF, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw & roll**

**\$15 Large Fish Meal = 3 pc fish, FF, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw & roll**

**\$15 Just Fish Meal = 5 pieces of Fish only**

**Water, Milk and Coffee are available at no cost. Pop is \$1**

**Dine in or Take out only, no drive up.**

**Shut-ins Call (563) 929-3060**



**Loren Foster American Legion & Auxiliary Post 346**





## NEWS FROM

### THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES OF



AURORA



LAMONT



STRAWBERRY POINT



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## Greetings, Brothers & Sisters in Christ!

As we begin the month of October, I am taking a big breath – inhale – exhale! September was a jam-packed month and October will be just as full! We have much to celebrate! Sunday School and Youth Group are meeting in Lamont and Strawberry Point is working on setting a schedule as we recruit some more people to help! Over forty people gathered in Oelwein from several of the churches in our circuit to enjoy a fun day and play family feud! Our Joint SPRC members met and approved forms for the Charge Conference coming up in October. Lamont held their Swiss Steak Supper with over 130 meals served and over \$3,000 raised. The District United Women in Faith Annual Meeting was held at Strawberry Point UMC and over fifty ladies attended, including leaders from the District and the Conference. We had a wonderful day of hearing what churches are doing, worshipping together, listening to a representative from Families Forward (formerly Bidwell Riverside and Hawthorne House) about the huge number of people they are assisting. We ended the month with a joint worship service at Lamont with Rev. Moody Colorado leading worship and heard about his wonderful mission work in the Philippines.

I was excited to attend the Leadership Institute Conference at the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City again, driving down on September 24 and attending the conference from September 25-27. We hear from so many excellent speakers and get great ideas for ministry, along with amazing times of worship with their orchestra, praise bands and huge choir! Then I will have to get ready for my educational trip to

Greece and Turkiye with the Iowa Conference Bishop and other members of the Iowa Annual Conference. I have not been taking my recommended spiritual growth time so I'm hoping this will be a time of renewal and spiritual growth for me personally. I'm running close to empty! Please pray for our safety while traveling and that all travel and accommodations will go as planned and we will not be affected by illness or any of the craziness in the Middle East.

On October 6 we will celebrate World Communion Sunday as we remember churches around the world are sharing communion! October also is an important time for our churches to gather in Edgewood on Sunday, October 13 at 6:00 PM for our Annual Charge Conference. I pray that many of you will attend since I will be in Greece! I need you to tell all the other churches how hard we are working and how God is blessing us! JoAnn Crow and Josh Troutman will be preaching the two Sundays I will be gone. On October 27, we will be blessing all the health kits and school kits and blankets for In-Gathering. As we move into the fall season, give thanks for the good weather we have had to grow crops and pray for all the farmers and those involved in bringing in the harvest. May God protect them and keep them safe! Pray that we will share our blessings with those in need!

*Serving Christ  
Together!,  
Pastor Lisa*

## United Women in Faith

Aug 13 2024 UMF Minutes

Pres. Jane opened the meeting at 1:31 with 7 members present / Pastor was out with covid. Proverbs 3:5-6 was read / Deb read the Least Coin. July minutes were read and approved. JoAnn reported the treasury balance of \$665.15.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Lamont Day bake sale netted \$532.10: \$482.10 was deposited in the pie fund / \$50 was paid to city for room use. Deb moved, Marcia seconded to donate \$500 to Starmont Backpack project. If some is left over, it will be donated to the school for student personal needs during the year.

Two Santa figures were donated to the Commercial Club Sale and were purchased.

The remainder of the rhubarb pies was sold at the Bake Sale.

### NEW BUSINESS:

There will be a brunch after church Aug 25 to honor the Thachers who will be leaving in Sept. for Oregon. Sign-up sheets for breakfast casseroles, muffins, donuts, etc will be passed around in church Aug. 18.

The Fall Supper and Country Store will be Wed. Sept 18, Joyce and JoAnn will organize it. Mark & Kathy Adams will prepare the swiss steak; we will pay for the meat only. Other donations will be solicited as in past years.

UMF District meeting will be Sept 21 in Strawberry, 9:30-2:00 pm. Each carload is to bring a salad for lunch.

JoAnn read a fun article from Soup for the Soul about score boards. Glenda passed around photos of Holy Week processions in Guatemala taken by her daughter Heather.

Jane did the lesson on Food Deserts; Deb was hostess.

The next meeting will be Tues Sept 10 with a guest speaker from Hospice. The public is invited to come for the presentation. Hostess will be Kaye.

Secretary Glenda.

## Charge Conference

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Edgewood Trinity UMC at 6:00 pm.  
Lamont, Strawberry Point, Aurora, Guttenberg, Edgewood, Greeley, Volga, Earlville churches will be in attendance.

## In-Gathering

KITS AND DONATIONS FOR  
CHURCH WORLD SERVICE  
BLANKETS DUE TO THE  
CHURCH BY OCTOBER 27!

### Blankets - \$10

#### PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT

1 hand towel – no kitchen towels  
1 washcloth – no dishcloths  
1 adult toothbrush – no multipacks  
1 bar soap – 3-4 oz  
1 shampoo - 12-19 oz  
1 deodorant – 2-3 oz – stick, roll on or pump  
1 lotion – 8-10 oz (no pumps)  
Place all items in the resealable plastic bag  
\$2 donation per kit for carrying bag and toothpaste (include on remittance form)  
(do not put cash in the kit – give to church and church will write one check)

#### STUDENT SCHOOL KIT

3 notebooks – 1 subject spiral 8" x 10 ½"  
1 ruler – 12" long with metric  
6 pencils – unsharpened  
1 pencil sharpener  
1 eraser – 2" or larger  
1 box 12 colored pencils  
1 box 24 crayons  
1 pair student scissors  
1 one-handed cloth bag (find instructions and patterns online at [midwestmission.org/patterns](http://midwestmission.org/patterns))  
Place all items in the cloth bag or a plastic grocery bag

## Pastor's Sympathy

Please keep Ken Magsamen family and friends in your prayers. He passed away Sunday, September 15, 2024.

## Missionary Doug Williams



Former Pastor Doug Williams of the Grace Lamont United Methodist Church will be returning on Sunday October 27th at 3:30 pm to share about his missionary work in Argentina. A light supper will follow. All are welcome to join.

## Pastor's Thank You's

Thank you to everyone who attended the Circuit Picnic in Oelwein! There will be a rematch of family feud again!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Lamont Swiss Steak Supper an amazing event! To all who planned, shopped, made donations, cooked, decorated, served, washed dishes and cleaned afterward – you are appreciated!

Thank you to Strawberry Point for hosting the District United Women in Faith Annual Meeting! What a wonderful gathering with good food, celebrating our work, a beautiful time of worship, encouraging each other, sharing the hope and joy of doing God's work!

Thank you to all who support our charge by attending joint worship services and potlucks! We work together to build the kingdom! And we need each other!



# Common Grounds

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

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

<b>OCT 9</b>	<b>PORK RIBLETS</b>
<b>OCT 16</b>	<b>HAM BALLS</b>
<b>OCT 23</b>	<b>TENDERLOIN SANDWICH</b>
<b>OCT 30</b>	<b>SWISS STEAK</b>

**\$8**  
Carry-out only



# AURORA

## LEGION & AUXILIARY

### SUNDAY BREAKFAST

**8:00 AM to NOON**

*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

OCTOBER 6  
NOVEMBER 3

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









# FALL CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

**SATURDAY, OCT. 19**  
**Falcon Civic Center**  
**1305 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE Independence, IA**  
**9:00am- 3:00pm**

A variety of great handmade crafts as well as a variety of product vendors will be at this show.

## UMYF FUNDRAISER

## BAKED POTATO BAR



**November 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00 pm - 6:30 pm**

Grace Lamont United Methodist Church  
745 Washington St Lamont, IA

### FREE WILL OFFERING

*Funds go towards mission projects.*



## 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

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

Oct 27 - Maranda Cook

Nov 3 - Kaye Downer

Nov 24 - Leon Goedken

Dec 1 - Elaine Bliss

Dec 22 - John Richmond

**\*\*\*DO YOU WANT\*\*\***

**To be an usher  
or read scripture?  
Please text or call  
Joanne 319-213-2541.  
She is putting together  
the 2025 list.**



## 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:

Tuna & Hamburger Helper

Canned tuna and chicken

Dish detergent

Laundry detergent

### 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

### SPRC/AD Council Meeting

NO MEETING IN OCTOBER

The 2nd Monday of the month at 6pm in the basement Grace Lamont

### Community Club Meeting

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

### Common Grounds Meeting

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

### Lamont City Council Meeting

The 2nd Wednesday of the month at City Hall 7pm

OCT 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							
	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4	5								
FIRST SUNDAY	6 Aurora Legion Breakfast till noon 9am - Lamont Worship	7 PASTOR LISA PREPARES FOR HER TRIP TO GREECE & TURKEY	8 Fly from Cedar Rapids, to Chicago, Istanbul, Athens United Women in Faith 1:30 Grace Lamont 10am Common Grounds Meeting	9 Athens – Acropolis, Parthenon, House of Parliament Lamont City Council 7pm	10 Corinth & Cenchrae	11 Thessaloniki & Veria (Berea) LAMONT LEGION-FISH FRY 430PM	12 Amphipolis, Philippi, Neapoli WORKING HANDS 9am								
SECOND SUNDAY	13 Travel to Turkiye - Istanbul CHARGE CONFERENCE 6pm EDGEWOOD 9:00 AM WORSHIP IN AURORA	14 Istanbul - Cappadocia NO SPRC / AD COUNCIL MEETING THIS MONTH	15 Goreme, Avcilar, Zelva	16 Konya, Ozkonak UMYF LAMONT 630PM	17 Antioch in Pisidia, Tel Colossae, Pamukkale	18 Loadicea, Pamukkale	19 Ephesus, Izmir								
THIRD SUNDAY	20 Istanbul – Bosphorus Sea 9:00 AM WORSHIP IN LAMONT - NO AURORA WORSHIP SERVICE	21 Nicaea & Iznik	22 Istanbul – final teachings & packing	23 Fly from Istanbul, to Chicago, Cedar Rapids LAMONT MOBILE FOOD PANTRY 330pm	24	25	26								
FOURTH SUNDAY	27 9:00 AM WORSHIP IN LAMONT DOUG WILLIAMS 3:30PM LAMONT GRACE UMC	28	29	30 PRAIRIE HILLS WORSHIP 9AM CIRCUIT MEETING OEL-WEIN 1130AM	31	NOVEMBER 2 IN-GATHERING NOVEMBER 3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24 HANGING OF THE GREENS	NOV 6 UMYF POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER NOV 11 AD COUNCIL/SPRC NOV 20 UMYF								