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DECEMBER 26, 2008

*Merry*  
*Christmas*

## Worship Schedule

December 28, 2008

Wide Open Worship  
Chapel & Sanctuary Service

Sermon: "An Exercise in Faith"  
Rev. W. Harold Goodwin  
Scripture: Luke 18:35-43

+THE SOLO - "The Lute Carol"  
Mary E. Caldwell  
Demesia Fleece Blancett, *soprano*

++THE ANTHEM  
"Sing We Now of Christmas"  
Noel Nouvolet; arr. Helvey  
The Chancel Choir

Chapel Service  
Communion - Nina Ross  
Offering - Wanda Mooney  
Sanctuary Service  
Communion - Phoebe Burks  
Offering - Rachel Taylor

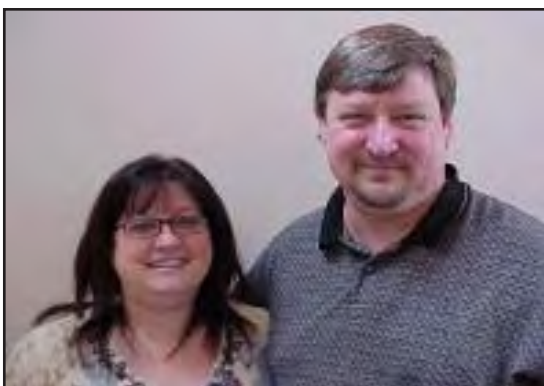
Light Schedule  
Danie Bowden  
Sunday Receptionist  
Gaye Price, Carolyn Mallory

January 4, 2009

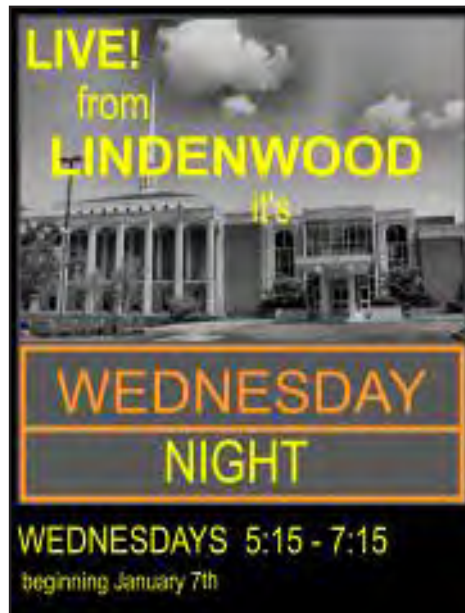
Sermon: "Mystery"  
Rev. Joseph L. Bryan  
Scripture: Ephesians 1:5-10

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
The Church Office will be closed the following dates for Christmas and New Years: December 25, 26 and January 1.

## Welcome to LCC



Please welcome to our Lindenwood family Phil and Denise Martin. Phil and Denise come to us by transfer from Hope Presbyterian Church. Denise is a realtor for Keller Williams Realty and Phil works for the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Sally Isom is responsible for bringing them to Lindenwood.



**Senior Adult Transportation** – For residents of Trezvant Manor, Kirby Pines, and Parkview. Call the church (458-8506) and speak to Carol Smith by Monday of each week.

**5:15 p.m.**

**Dinner** Served continuously in Stauffer Hall until 6:15 p.m.

**5:15 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Weight Room Open** – Free Access on Wednesday Nights Only. Take a few moments to strengthen your body! Check with David Johnson (832-6978) about weekday classes.

**5:30 p.m.**

**Nursery** (Infant to 4 Years Old), Kidz Xpress (Kindergarten through 4th Grade), and Crossover (4th – 5th Grades) Open. Bring your little ones after dinner for fun time before their classes begin at 6 p.m.

**5:30 – 6 p.m.**

**Zumba® Gold.** For All Ages and Abilities. Led by Olga Page, the Zumba® Gold Fitness program is an innovative, fun and exciting program. It was designed for the active older adult, the true beginner, and/or people who are not used to exercising, or people who may be limited physically. Zumba® Gold is done at a low intensity and the great Latin styles of music and dance are used.

(Friendship classroom located at the Life Center) David Johnson at 832-6978

**5:45 – 6:30 p.m.**

**The Junior King's Choir** (grades 1 & 2) – This group frequently sings with their older counterpart, yet their curriculum is more age appropriate. Besides singing for worship, items such as reading music, rhythm, vocal techniques, articulation and more are stressed, as well as seasons of the Church year and their importance. (Room #018 under the Sanctuary)

**6 – 7:15 p.m.**

**"Being a Christian in a Diverse Culture"**. This important dialogue for our church and culture is led by Rev. Ryan M. Tracy (Disciples Classroom, 2nd Floor, Room 202). How does the gospel relate to a culture that is so diverse and pluralistic? What does the XN message say about globalization? Is there validity in the gospel with so much technology? If I believe in science can I believe in God? What is truth? Should the Christian faith evangelize or be in dialogue with this society? Don't miss this opportunity to hear and to be heard...

**Food Packing Ministry** (4th Wednesday – Grand Foyer). Each month 144 families receive a food basket from Lindenwood. Join everyone for dinner (continuously serving from 5:15 p.m.) and bring food to those in greatest need.

**Sharron Johnson Small Group** (Room 101 – Walter White Classroom). This small group leads discussions on biblical topics and leading Christian authors of today.

**Beth Moore Small Group.** Please join us for a study of "Jesus the One and Only" by Beth Moore. If you have never done one of her studies you are really in for a treat. We will study from a workbook and watch a video message from Beth. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays starting January, 2009! Contact Barbara Harris at 251-1728, 299-1428 or bharris@epgins.com or Ruth Johnson at ruth@premiumgraphicsinc.com.

**Kidz Xpress** for grades k-3 and CrossOver for grades 4-5. Each night we will have a group devotional followed by a fun group activity that David Johnson will lead.

**Youth on Wednesday Nights.** Junior and Senior High will come together for a variety of topical discussions, and activities at and away from the church. All youth will support the Food Packing Ministry on the 4th Wednesday. Contacts are Steve Herrington and Lela Garlington – 624-5679 (Junior High); Mary Beth Sclater – 870-4242 (Senior High).

**6:30 – 8 p.m.**

**Men of W.O.W. Small Group.** Contact Joe Williams at 378-0517.

**6:30 – 7:15 p.m.**

**The King's Choir** (grades 3-5) – This group is the backbone of the children's music ministry, as they frequently sing for worship. Items such as team work, poise, healthy pride, excellence, and musical items such as sight reading, vocal technique, multi-cultural repertoire, and use of the hymnal are included, all in the confines of fun and high energy. (Room #018 – under the Sanctuary)

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Stephen Ministers** (Bell Conference Room). Class for members who have agreed to become a trained lay member of the congregation who will visit with you weekly, listen, offer resources and referrals, if needed, pray with and for you, and offer Christian love and support. They are caring, supportive Christian people who have a desire to be with you in a time of need, grief or crisis. Signups for the Stephen Ministers take place once each year.

**7:30 – 9:15 p.m.**

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal** (Music Suite) The nationally renowned Lindenwood Chancel Choir meets each Wednesday evening, 7:30-9:15pm in Room #020, and sings each Sunday morning as part of the Sanctuary Service. They regularly sing for additional services, such as the Good Friday, Christmas Eve, "The Christmas Spectacular" and frequent sing on the Music at Lindenwood concert series. No audition is necessary, though a commitment to rehearsals and performances is necessary.

**7:30 – 9 p.m.**

**Young Adult Basketball** (Briceson Jones 378-0840). Pick up a game each Wednesday evening!



# Week of Compassion

December 08, 2008

## Advent Reflection

Ps. 126 reads like a Christmas card we might receive from a community who has experienced first-hand the already/not-yet of God-with-us, after a crisis. The long arc of memory in a community which has come through a devastating ordeal is precisely what we remember and honor during this sacred season of Advent. God's promises, kept, in the face of our struggles, make this memory meaningful.

This Psalm gives voice to a community that faced war and drought and famine and internal displacement and deep, deep discouragement. They have been affected by natural disaster and political unrest like so many communities we have heard about this year, in the Sudan, China, Myanmar, Iowa, and elsewhere. Reading this psalm like a Christmas card we hear first-hand from a community speaking both about the past and the future, about the miracle of God's movement in their lives, and in defiance of despair and devastation.

Through their troubles the Psalmist tells how this community experienced God's enveloping, transformative presence, even through the barren Negeb desert. This is a Christmas card of blessing and hope which the Church needs today, a card for people of passion and compassion who work in a world of so much want and waste:

"When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The LORD has done great things for them.' The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

The Psalmist knows what it is to dream, to hold forth hope in the face of the "already/not-yet" of God's promise to God's people.

During this season of expectation, can we hear our sisters in Haiti writing this letter? "It was said among the nations, 'God has done great things for us!'"

Can we see our brothers in the Democratic Republic of Congo, sowing in tears and reaping with shouts of joy?!

Can we dream boldly, with the psalmist, of grieving grandmothers in Argentina who go home with shouts of joy, reunited with their lost grandchildren!?

We have labored with families in Zimbabwe who go out bearing the seeds for sowing and have access to water to secure sustainable food production.

We have walked the fields with farmers in Bosnia who now carry their sheaves with joy, harvesting what they have sown on land that they love.

Week of Compassion understands why the Psalmist concludes the way he does. The Psalm is saying that the work is hard, but the work is good. There is enough work to do for all of to participate, and to partake! The rewards of the harvest are the bounty we receive at the Table. God suffers with a suffering world, and we are called to love and hope because that is how God brings about transformation.

And that is exactly the story of Advent: to know, even when the facts seem to flaunt a different reality, that we live in a world that God created and called Good. To know that God attends to our lives with a passion and commitment that vivifies all our relationships, and that in the unlikeliest of places, God is ever being born as Emmanuel and revealed as an anointed one in our midst, and resurrected from the ashes of dreams that have been charred, shattered, blown off course, washed away, betrayed, deferred and almost defeated.

In the face of already/not-yet, God gives us the grace to dream of the world, and our own lives, transformed! Rejoice!

Thanks be to God. Amen!

Bonnie Carenen

WOC Intern

## Kidz Blitz Live

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** Sought after family fun event, Kidz Blitz Live, will be at Lindenwood on Saturday, January 10, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. This promises to be a entertaining and fun event with a faith-based message for all. Advance tickets are \$5 or \$8 on the day of the event. Tickets are on sale in the Easterwood Gallery and at [lindenwoodcc.com](http://lindenwoodcc.com). For more information about this event, call Emily Burks at 861-4770. For more information about Kidz Blitz Live, visit their website at [www.kidzblitz.com](http://www.kidzblitz.com).

## LOSSES

Our love and sympathy go to the following:  
The family of Bill Harris.  
The family of Rachel Massey.  
Paul Polite and Family in the recent death of her mother, Agnes Anderson.

## THANK YOU

To the Lindenwood Family,

My family and I are deeply touched by your expressions of love, concern and prayers during our mother's illness and passing. We are eternally grateful for your many kindnesses.

With God's love,  
Paula Yette Polite and Family

To Lindenwood,

Merry Christmas. God bless all of you at our church. Thank you so much for all the prayers for Nancy and I. We love all of you.

Laverne Harder

## GIFTS

### BENEVOLENT FUND

In Memory of Agnes Anderson: Pulpit Search Committee

In Honor of Jack & Dotite Blake: Ramon & Arlene Diaz

In Honor of Charlie & Barbara Sue Dando: Ramon & Arlene Diaz

In Memory of Bill Harris: Grace Brown, Jim & Sally Canale, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dando, Steve & Lura Turner

In Honor of John & Jean Kenny: Ramon & Arlene Diaz  
In Honor of Rev. Judith Reese: John & Jean Kenny

In Honor of Bob & Marie White: J.B. & Rosemarie Hill  
In Honor of Boots & Ann Whitsitt: Ramon & Arlene Diaz

Donation: Ramon & Arlene & Diaz

### EXTREME MAKEOVER

In Memory of Bill Harris: Bill & Corrie Herington, David & Ann McCabe

### KIDZ XPRESS

In Honor of Harold & Sarah Cloud: Olga Page

In Memory of Bill Massey: Sue Eubanks

### LIFEQUEST

### COUNSELING CENTER

In Honor of Mike Baber: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Blake

In Honor of Charlie & Ruth Cobb: Mike Baber

In Honor of Alan Dunn: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Blake

In Honor of Marie Easterwood: Paul & Carol Lawler

In Honor of Harold & Dot Goodwin: Paul & Carol

Lawler

In Honor of Paul Lawler: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Blake  
Donation: Fred & Betty Blake, Bob & Grace White

### MINISTER'S

### DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of Bill Harris: Men's Prayer Breakfast Group

### MINISTER OF MUSIC

### DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor of Gary Beard: James & Mary Margaret Buck  
In Honor of The Chancel Choir: James & Mary Margaret Buck

In Honor of Chris Nemecek: James & Mary Margaret Buck  
In Honor of Marie & Bob White: Ken & Betty Joplin

### MUSIC FUND

In Honor of Gary Beard: Maxine McCoy

In Honor of Chris Nemecek: Maxine McCoy

In Honor of Ryan Tracy: Maxine McCoy

Donation: Ramon & Arlene Diaz

### PANTRY FUND

In Honor of Steven Swords & James Horne: Randa & Judy Arnett

Donation: Agape Class, Walter White Open Door Class

### SAM SAL FUND

Donation: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Blake

### SPECIAL WORSHIP ACTIVITIES TEAM

### (SWAT)

In Honor of Morgan & Angie Parks: Gary & Tracy Aulfinger, Jeff & Susan Koehn



*Happy  
New  
Year*