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Lovilia Circuit Writer

Our mission at the Lovilia United Methodist Church is to show the love of Jesus the Christ to our community through worship, teaching, example and tangible acts of love.

FROM THE PASTOR

GREETINGS! AUGUST 2015 IS HERE!!

Dola and I heard TV newscasters talk about the “Dog Days of Summer” during the past week. The two persons speaking said they did not know exactly what that meant, or how the saying originated. As Dola and I discussed it, neither of us were sure of what that meant either, although I had heard the phrase before. My dictionary tells me that it refers to “The hot, sultry period between mid-July and September,” or “A period of stagnation.” No information was given about the origin of the saying. Well, the hot and sultry part has been in evidence the past few days, and our yard is finally beginning to approach a more stagnant stage. So, things seem rather normal in the dog days of summer for 2015.

However, it may be necessary to guard against a period of stagnation in our lives and in our church. That is something that each of us will have to evaluate regarding our own lives, and it is something that we as a congregation need to consider together. May God guide us in our contemplations and in any kinds of activities that may be indicated.

Another August reality – County Fairs are winding down and the State Fair is about to begin. And schools are set to resume classes and other Fall activities. May it all go as planned! (even if heat often accompanies those events!!)

God’s blessings to all!
Pastor Raymond Doser

***Why did Moses wander in the desert for 40 years?
Even then men wouldn't ask for directions!***

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LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

2 – 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a; Psalm 51; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
9 – 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
16 – 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
23 – 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69
30 – Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

WORSHIP AT NURSING HOMES

Worship service at Monroe Care Center is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Raymond Doser would welcome anyone who wishes to help with this endeavor.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE – JUNE 6 – 9, 2015

Clergy and lay members of the Iowa Annual Conference met in HyVee Hall of the Iowa Events Center a total of four days. Raymond Doser represented us as clergy, Goldie Kraber attended two days as our Lay Member, and Dola Doser attended two days as our Alternate Lay Member.

One feature of this Conference was that Rev. Adam Hamilton, lead pastor for one of the mega-churches, led three teaching sessions. It seemed that he had some common-sense suggestions for ways to do effective ministry. There were the special activities that are expected with Conference: retirement and ordination services; a memorial service for those clergy and clergy spouses who died during the past year, as well as for those churches which have closed during that time; and other worship opportunities. There was business to attend to: electing those who would attend General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference; legislation to direct how we conduct business; financial considerations; and offerings for several special projects. Raymond and Dola Doser attended luncheons for retired clergy and spouses, as well as with members of the Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors. There was plenty to do each and every day.

Thanksgiving Ingathering

It is the time of the year to begin gathering items for the kits. The completed items will be due Nov. 1st. The Ingathering kits are a way to help alleviate need in Iowa and around the world. There are several types of kits. You can buy the school kit items at a bargain price right now. School kit items are listed here:

3 notebooks approx 8 1/2 by 11 wide rule --- 210 -250 sheets spiral or bound
1 - 30cm metric ruler
1 box 24 crayons (**only 24**)
1 - 2 1/2" eraser
1 blunt scissors (**metal**)
1 hand pencil sharpener
6 unsharpened pencils with eraser

These go into a sturdy cloth bag; 14" wide X 16" deep with a 22" strap. You may make this for your kit or one will be available.

Why are shoes the only piece of clothing that can get into heaven?... because they have souls.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
AUGUST

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Gayle Hastings, Don Shelford, Bill Barnes, Connie Barnes, Judy Noe, Dana Lennie, Gary Lundstrom, Dave Jamieson, Linnette Holley, (Max & Lorena Bowman's granddaughter), Angie Geno, Teresa (Conner) Williams, Nile Cook, Virginia Weldon, Max Bowman, Frieda Davis, our service men and women around the world, our shut-ins, and their caregivers and our leaders. Remember to offer prayers of thanks for each blessing we receive.

- 10 Judi Johnson**
Danny & Virginia Weldon (A)
- 11 Christy Newman**
- 18 Phil & Sheila Lundstrom (A)**
- 25 Steve & Lisa Gilkerson (A)**
- 28 Teresa (Conner)Williams**
- 31 Mark Hastings**

COLLEGE STUDENTS

- Jenny Kimball**, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls
- Taylor Hastings, granddaughter of Gayle Hastings**, Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa.
- Katie Williams, granddaughter of Norma Barnes**, Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa.
- Christian Williams, grandson of Norma Barnes**, Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa.

KEEP THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray daily for Bishop Julius Trimble, our District Superintendent, Rev. Paul Smith, our Field Outreach Minister, Rev. Dr. Jaye Johnson, and your pastor.

Please pray also for our Conference Lay Leader, Margaret Borgen; our District Lay Leader, Sharon Spear, and the lay leadership and people of the church.

Please pray for the ministry of our sister congregation, Women at the Well UMC inside the walls of the Iowa Women's Correctional Institute at Mitchellville and their pastor, Lee Schott.

The Reverend Billy Graham tells of a time early in his ministry when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon. Wanting to mail a letter, he asked a young boy where the post office was. When the boy had told him, Dr. Graham thanked him and said, "If you'll come to the Church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to Heaven." "I don't think I'll be there," the boy said. "You don't even know your way to the post office."

LOVILIA UMW by Goldie Kraber

Our work day at Bidwell/Riverside was greatly enjoyed by Jean See and myself. We worked in the donations area but the main mission is their food pantry. Volunteers in this area help each client select food items in several categories. They are allowed a certain amount. Hyvee donates their day-old bakery items each day. There is a deep need for this service.

For our August meeting, Thursday, Aug. 6, it will be our day out. We will travel to Chariton, stopping at the Trading Post on Hwy 34. Then we will journey in to Chariton for our Lunch. The trip to begin at 10am. If you plan to go, please let Dola Doser or Judy Conner know as we need to organize transportation.

Quote from Thomas Dove Foster:

"There is nothing more beautiful on earth than the life that is truly and unreservedly placed in the hands of its Creator, Father, Savior, Friend. None of the pleasure this world offers can be compared with it."

PADDED CHAIRS ARRIVE AT CHURCH

Over the years, there have been many complaints about the hardness and the cold condition of the metal folding chairs at the church. Now, thanks to the Sinnott Funeral Home and Bill & Connie Barnes, we have some gently-used padded stacking chairs. We intend to keep the folding chairs, to use whenever and however needed. It is expected that for most of our activities, we will be able to enjoy the comfort of padded (and warm) chairs.

PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR RAY OR JUDY CONNER OF ANY CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS TO ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTS

AUGUST CALENDAR

1 – Pastor’s day off

2 – **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** **HOLY COMMUNION.**

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:00 a.m.

3 – Pastor’s day off

6 – U.M.W. Day Out

8 – Pastor’s day off

9 – **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:00 a.m.

10 – Pastor’s day off

13 – Iowa State Fair begins

15 – Pastor’s day off

16 – **TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:00 a.m.

17 – Pastor’s day off

22 – Pastor’s day off The District picnic for clergy and their families at Red Haw State Park,
Chariton, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

23 – **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:00 a.m.

The Iowa State Fair concludes.

24 – Pastor’s day off

25 – Worship at Monroe Care Center, 10:00 a.m.

Albia School scheduled to begin Fall class schedule.

26 – Administrative Board to meet, 6:00 p.m.

29 – Pastor’s day off

30 – **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:00 a.m. (Possible “Great Day of Singing” emphasis.)

31 – Pastor’s day off

COMING: Some information regarding Annual Conference may be presented sometime during the next few weeks.

- Pastor’s annual interview with District Superintendent, Thursday, September 10.
- I am likely to attend a church conference / continuing education event in Tennessee September 15 through 18. Rev. Dr. Jaye Johnson – our District Field Outreach Minister – is to be worship leader on Sunday, September 20. There may be a potluck dinner or coffee time / reception for him on that day. (To be determined and promoted if so.)
- U.M. Youth Mission Day at Adventureland, September 12, -- 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. All tickets are \$24.00 (a discounted price), and \$1.00 of that goes to the Annual Conference’s youth mission fund. Special programming is available for youth who attend.
- Charge Conference at Albia, Sunday, October 25, 2:00 p.m.
- Kids’ Club may be scheduled for October 7 through November 11 (6 weeks).
- There is likely to be a CROP Walk in October.
- A special Thanksgiving service may be held, Sunday, November 22.
- GENERAL CONFERENCE is May 10 – 20, 2016.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL ===== 9:00 A.M.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME. COME HELP US STUDY THE WORD OF GOD.

WORSHIP SERVICES FOLLOWS ===== 10:00 A.M.

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

LOVILIA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – 2015

For three days in June (23, 24 & 25) we held our summer V.B.S. There was a total enrollment of at least 19, with an average daily attendance of about 16. Mobile United Methodist Missionaries (MUMMS) took the lead in providing a director (Paige) and resources (Cokesbury's "G-Force: God's Love In Action") for these days. Thanks to all who had a part in working with the youngsters, those who provided food, and those who helped out in any other way. The puppeteer held the attention of the youngsters during opening and closing exercises. Your prayerful support of these kinds of ministries is always appreciated. Thanks to Casey's General Store for the pizza served on the last day.

The lessons focused on the calling of Moses (Exodus), the four men who helped their friend in a special way when he was unable to get to Jesus as would be expected (Mark 2), and Jesus healing the blind man, Bartimaeus (Mark 10). Some of the youth ask significant questions and/or offer some wisdom during discussions of the lessons. We trust that God is working in their hearts through all of the lessons and activities. We had some donations of food, which was taken to Helping Hands in Albia. We also had some cash donations, and it was forwarded to MUMMS for their work, hopefully to help fund some camp scholarships.

Unfortunately, some water had found its way into the basement of the church on the morning of the last day. However, due to some hard work by our volunteers and some slight adjustment of our activities, we were able to continue the session as scheduled. Praise be to God!

MUMMS JOY CAMP

At V.B.S. there were at least 6 students who took home registration sheets for this camp, held on July 19-24 at Camp Wesley Woods, Indianola.

At this time it is unknown if all of them followed through to register and if they were able to attend, or if any others had registered directly with MUMMS. We do know that at least four attended, and will try to discern if more were there. Thanks to MUMMS for this tremendous ministry to youth!

LOVILIA COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

The "2015 Lovilia Community Festival" will be held on Saturday, September 12. We are planning a children's fall clean-up day shortly before that --- mid to late August. (Conditions were too wet/muddy for the planned May event, and we had a video day instead) It was decided at the July Administrative Board meeting to have a parade entry for that event. The theme is "NOAH'S ARK". You may contact Debbie Conner or Judy Conner if you would like to help in making this project a SUCCESS and a WITNESS for our Church. Are there other ways we can – or should – be supportive of the fall celebration? If so, please let Pastor Ray know of your ideas.

JOHN'Y VERSION OF MOSES JOURNEY OUT OF EGYPT

Johnny was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School.

"Well, mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt."

"When he got to the Red Sea he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and saved the Israelites."

"Now, Johnny, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, mom, but if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it."

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Remember that Pastor Raymond Doser remains "on call" during the listed days off. When vacation plans take him out of the area, there will be another pastor "on call."

Have you visited our website yet? Go to loviliaumc.org today and "sign our Guestbook," view recent newsletters and prayer requests, joys and concerns, and recent activity at the Church. We're also looking for photos to share online. If you have photos you'd like to see on the website from the church or events, please email them to Nate Chamberlain at nathanchamberlain@hotmail.com or give to Pastor Ray.

Church Ladies with Tripewriters!!!!

-----*The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.*

-----*Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.*

-----*Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.*

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*Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD;
the people he chose for his inheritance. [Psalm 33:12](#)*

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