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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! SEPTEMBER = FALL

Ready or not, Fall is almost here – and for most purposes, we consider the entirety of September to be a part of the Fall season. So, plans are underway to do a variety of things during this Fall season. Charge Conference is in October (10/25), which means that we will begin gathering information and preparing reports and doing other committee work in September. Watch the weekly bulletins and the Sunday e-mails for specific information about those meetings. I will have my annual interview with District Superintendent Paul Smith on Thursday, September 10.

We are planning a kids' clean-up day on Wednesday, September 2 at 4:30 p.m. This is to help the community prepare for the community celebration taking place on Saturday, September 12. We hope to provide substantial snacks or a light supper. Our church is in the process of preparing an entry in the "lighted parade" the evening of September 12..

I will be on a trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, from the afternoon of Sunday, September 13 through Sunday, September 20. This is for continuing education and the annual meeting of the National Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors. Rev. Dr. Jaye Johnson, our Field Outreach Minister, will be worship leader on September 20. We are planning a potluck dinner at 11:30 that day.

If anyone would like to take in a late-season visit to Adventureland (at Altoona), there is the U.M. Youth Mission Day on Saturday, September 19. The park will be open from 10 a.m. through 7 p.m. All tickets (age 4 through adult) are \$24.00, a discount from regular prices for all ages. In addition, \$1.00 of each ticket is donated to Iowa Conference youth ministries. An emphasis this year is books for children. There is a youth rally at the theater at noon. If you choose to go, and want the discount, you will need a flyer, which is available to download from the Iowa Annual Conference. Contact me if you need the information.

Be sure to revel in the glory of God during the Fall season!

God's blessings to all! Pastor Raymond Doser

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LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

6 – Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 124 (or 125); James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37
13 – Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
20 – Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37
27 – Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

WORSHIP AT NURSING HOMES

Worship service at Monroe Care Center is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Raymond Doser would welcome anyone who wishes to help with this endeavor.

2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The most recent session of the Iowa Annual Conference was held at Des Moines in early June. Raymond Doser was the clergy member representing Lovilia U.M.C., Dola Doser was the Alternate Lay Member attending the Saturday and Sunday sessions, June 6 and 7, and Goldie Kraber was our Lay Member attending the Monday and Tuesday sessions, June 8 and 9. If anyone would like to have more information, please contact one of them. The theme for this year was “Therefore, GO and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19-20).

Pastor Raymond Doser has printed off four summary documents and will place them at the church for anyone to read. Also, those of you with Internet access may wish to go to the Iowa Conference website (iaumc.org) to research your questions. The Conference Journal is available there, or will be soon.

If you look at these printed documents, you will find information about a variety of things that take place at the Annual Conference sessions and/or things that affect the various churches within the Conference. There were items of legislation which determine how we do things together, that affect the budgets of the churches, and which determine what input we want on social issues (Resolutions). There were elections of delegates and alternates to attend the 2016 General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference. There were significant worship services, including the Memorial Service for those who had departed during the past year, the Retirement Service for those clergy who are now retired, and the Sunday morning worship service in which clergy are ordained for their ministries. The fixing of appointments is also done in the context of a worship service. There were three teaching sessions by Rev. Adam Hamilton, lead pastor of a large church in Kansas, and he shared both successes and failures with us. His message seemed to be “If it seems to be beneficial to someone, try it.”

If you have never attended a session of Iowa Annual Conference, it would be a good thing to do. Visitors are welcome; Lay Members and Alternate Lay Members are elected each year. You might consider taking a turn at that. If interested, contact Pastor Raymond Doser or another member of the Nominating Committee.

JOY CAMP AT WESLEY WOODS

Six youth who attended the Lovilia U.M.C. Vacation Bible School attended the JOY Camp sponsored by Mobile United Methodist Missionaries (MUMMS) at Wesley Woods, near Indianola, July 19 – 24. They included Brody Conner, Barrett Bonnett and Dawson Bonnett of Lovilia. Gaige Rankin also attended, and although he lives near Lovilia, it appears he has a Bussey address. Two others from Bussey attended: Trenton Reed and Kisha Reed. The reports seem to be very favorable for the experience.

FAITH is the bird that sings when the dawn is still dark.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Merlin Newman, Loita Williams, Gayle Hastings, Judi Johnson, Don Shelford, 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.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Jenny Kimball, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls
Taylor Hastings, granddaughter of **Gayle Hastings**, Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa.
Melinda Kimball, Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs

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.

WITHOUT GOD – ONE WEEK WOULD BE:

**SINDAY,
 MOURNDAY,
 TEARSDAY,
 WASTEDAY,
 THIRSTDAY,
 FIGHTDAY,
 SHATTERDAY**

**SEVEN DAYS WITHOUT GOD MAKES ONE
WEAK!!!!**

- 2 Max & Lorena Bowman (A)**
- 10 Hannah Gilkerson**
- 13 Bill & Connie Barnes (A)**
- 14 Barbara Doser**
- 18 Colleen Visser**
- 22 Danny Weldon**
- 23 Sheila Lundstrom**
- 26 Connie Barnes**

LOVILIA UMW by Goldie Kraber

The August "Day Out" was enjoyed by six ladies of the Church. Dola drove and they went to Chariton. First was a stop at the Trading Post just outside of Chariton, then on to have lunch at the revamped Hotel Charitone located on the square and of course no trip to Chariton is complete without a stop at Piper's candy shop.

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 3rd at 1:30 p.m. in the church basement. Lola Ivins has the lesson and members are invited to bring their favorite snack food to share. During the meeting we will be planning for our "Guest Day" on Thursday, October 1st. We invite surrounding churches and usually approximately 60 ladies are present. Luncheon will be at noon and our program follows. Guest speaker will be Lori Mercer of Kellerton, niece of Pastor Ray, on her missionary trip to South Africa. Invite your neighbor to come and enjoy the fellowship.

John 13:17 *Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*

HAPPY

LABOR DAY



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

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

2 – Kids’ Cleanup Day, 4:30 p.m. with a light meal or substantial snacks to follow.

5 – **Men’s’ Breakfast at Bussey, 7 a.m.**

6 – **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. HOLY COMMUNION.**

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

We invite you to bring work-related items to display in celebrating of Labor Day.

7 – **HOLIDAY: LABOR DAY.**

10 – Pastor Raymond Doser to have annual interview with District Superintendent, Paul Smith, at Albia, 1:00 p.m.

12 – **Lovilia Community Celebration**, including the lighted parade at 8:00 p.m.

We are planning to have an entry in the parade.

13 – **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. GRANDPARENTS’ DAY.**

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

Pastor Raymond Doser to begin trip to Tennessee for the National Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors Annual Meeting and Continuing Education. Pastor Vickie Steffes of Attica will be “on call.” Call her at 641-943-2330 or 712-212-4224 (or another area pastor of your choice) in case of emergency.

19 – United Methodist Youth Mission Day at Adventureland, Altoona.

Discounted tickets of \$24.00 available in advance; \$1.00 of each ticket is donated to youth missions, this year focusing on providing books for children. The park is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and a youth rally at the Theater at noon.

20 – **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.**

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

Rev. Dr. Jaye Johnson, our District Outreach Minister, will be worship leader. Potluck dinner at 11:30. Pastor Raymond Doser expects to return from the trip to Tennessee late today.

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

25 – District U.M.W. meeting at Osceola.

27 – **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.**

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

29 – Pastor Raymond Doser plans to attend the Retired Clergy Fall Gathering at Des Moines, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

COMING –

- U.M.W. Guest Day at noon on October 1. Lori Mercer, a niece of Dola and Raymond Doser, plans to present a program about mission trips, most recently to South Africa.
- World Communion Sunday, October 4, with special offering.
- Kids’ Club may be scheduled for October 14 through November 18 (6 weeks).
- There is likely to be a CROP Walk in October, or an alternative opportunity.
- Pastor Raymond Doser expects to be out of the area October 17-19. Gary Gravert of Albia to lead worship on October 18.
- Charge Conference at Albia, Sunday, October 25.
- Dr. Richard Mouw to give presentation at Vermeer Global Pavilion, Pella, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28. This is free and open to the public. He will present continuing education on October 29, 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
- A special Thanksgiving service may be held, Sunday, November 22.
- Planning will be done for Christmas Eve Candlelight worship (Thur., 12/24).
- We will try to schedule a four-week Bible study using Mayberry (Andy Griffith) television programs sometime during the winter. Let us know what dates might work best for you.
- 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.

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. Last month the School kit items were listed. Health Kits help disaster victims reclaim their dignity and self-respect and are used as teaching tools with children. When people can maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves. Here is the list for the Health Kits:

1 hand towel--15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches; Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels NOT acceptable.

1 washcloth

1 comb --- Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long; No pocket combs or picks please; Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth.

1 metal nail file or nail clippers ---No emery boards, please.

1 bath-size soap ---3 oz. and larger sizes only; No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content; Do not remove from original packaging.

1 toothbrush --- Adult size only; Do not remove from original packaging.

6 adhesive bandages --- ¾ inch to 1 inch-size; Common household Band-Aids.

1 plastic bag --- One-gallon size sealable bag only.

\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Assembly Directions:

Set the \$1.00 for toothpaste aside to be included in a separate envelope. Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold sides of the hand towel to cover items. Fold one end of the hand towel so that it covers all items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag. (Value \$12 plus \$2 Shipping)

Book Report by Goldie Kraber:

THE KING'S RANGERS

Author is John Brick- An early history buff born in Hudson Valley and still lives in New York. He has researched the customs and manners of the Revolutionary War period which he depicts, beyond that his story is fictional. Dan Millard is a Troy in the days when this is unpleasant in the Mohawk Valley and often dangerous. Dan and his companion Walter Butler fight for the king. Belle Montour, a beautiful held-Indian girl, loved Dan and proved her love to him. This vivid story of the Revolution, of the terrifying Indian massacres, occurs in pioneer New York state.

LOVILIA COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

The "2015 Lovilia Community Festival" will be held on Saturday, September 12th. We are planning a children's fall clean-up day September 2nd. It was decided at the July Administrative Board meeting to have a parade entry for that event. The theme is "NOAH'S ARK". A meeting was held August 27th and it was decided to begin work on the float on Aug. 31st at Ronnie Conner's shop on Hwy 5. Anyone wanting to help????? We are starting at 6:00 p.m. 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately. Decide girl or boy and the age category: 2-4; 5-9; or 10-14. Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Then add other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo. Labels will be available at the Church for your boxes. Contact Debbie Conner if you have questions. Boxes need to be at the Church by Nov. 8th for delivery to the local drop-off location.

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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!!!!

-----Scouts are saving cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

-----Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

-----St. Hilary church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

"We may speak about a place where there are no tears, no death, no fear, no night; but those are just the benefits of heaven. The beauty of heaven is seeing God." Max Lucado

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