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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!

**November 2015** -----The year is nearing a close, and I am truly wondering where it went to. That does not mean that I think nothing has been accomplished. Some personal goals have been accomplished, and there have been some successes in the church and community. However, "Time marches on!"

With that in mind, we need to make sure we focus on thanking our military veterans on Veterans Day. And we are planning a special Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 22. May that be only one way we extend our thanks to God for all the blessings we experience in life. It has been suggested that the kids from Kids Club sing in worship sometime soon. That might be accomplished on a Sunday morning or at the special Thanksgiving service. If you have a child or grandchild in the group, please consider how that might be done.

As I write this, a high school football playoff game is to be played. Many of us are hoping that the team from Albia continues to play into November. It would be good to see the Number One ranking they have had all season validated through the Playoffs. We pray that all involved will play to the best of their ability and represent the school well. We pray that no serious injuries take place. Neighboring schools have also had spectacular seasons in eight-man football (Moravia) and volleyball (Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont). Congratulations and our best wishes to them as well.

God's blessings to all!  
Pastor Raymond Doser

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## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

- 1** – Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44 or Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
- 8** – Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127 or Psalm 42; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
- 15** – 1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8
- 22** – 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37
- 29** – Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

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*The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."*

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## AFTER SCHOOL KID'S CLUB

The After School Kid's Club is going good with an attendance of seven to twelve young folks. There have been three helpers each week, and we have studied about Queen Esther and Ruth & Naomi. We also had a video night, with 2 Veggie Tales stories about asking for God's help when we are scared.

We had a visit from the director of Mobile United Methodist Missionaries (MUMMS), Cherie Miner, on the day of the soup supper. She left some supplies for crafts for us to use.

Thanks to all who have helped and who have supplied the snacks. We will continue the first three weeks of November. We have had a suggestion for the youth to sing during a worship service, possibly near Thanksgiving.

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*A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle, the phone rang, so she asked her four-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "It's the minister, Mommy," the child said to her mother. Then she added, "Mommy can't come to the phone right now. She's hitting the bottle."*

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BOOK REPORT by Goldie Kraber

### KEEPERS CHOICE

*by Sarah Rupalo of Iowa*

Most of all loving mothers are known to be keepers. They keep and cherish special gifts and remembrances from their children. Why then, wouldn't Mary mother of Jesus have treasured and saved things from his youth? Couldn't it be possible that her descendants still continue to protect that secret legacy today?

Marsy Evans, a small town girl from Iowa, had just turned twenty-one when she suddenly finds herself embroiled in a mysterious quest. Following the brutal death of her grandmother she finds herself the target of a sinister pair of culprits looking to steal the centuries old secret. Both she and private investigator Zeb Coleman from Texas are thrown together to discover if the legend is real or just a fantastic myth born years ago in England. An old bible and a list of odd equations lead them on a journey of love and intrigue.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## NOVEMBER

- 2 **Bob & Lola Ivins (A)**  
**Magie Conner**
- 5 **Mark & Kate Hastings (A)**
- 7 **Goldie Kraber**  
**Rev. Ray Doser**
- 10 **Phil Lundstrom**
- 20 **Nathan Chamberlain**
- 28 **Ginny Barnes**
- 29 **Emily Hastings**

### *LOVILIA UMW by Goldie Kraber*

Our soup supper was not as well attended as usual. We do thank everyone for their donations and help. Everyone put their best efforts forward.

Our Ingathering Kits are due and must be given by Nov. 4th. Call me at 946-7910 if you have one yet to be turned in.

Our next meeting will be Nov 5th at 1:30. Leader and hostess are Judy Conner and Linda Weldon.

Dec. 3rd will be our Christmas luncheon at noon. There will be a \$5 gift exchange for those wishing to do so. The program will be by Pastor Ray. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, men are also invited.

Remember to give GOD thanks for all we have and who we are.

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### **WORSHIP AT NURSING HOMES**

Worship service at Monroe Care Center is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Raymond Doser would welcome anyone who wishes to help with this endeavor. Thanks to Goldie Kraber for helping.

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### **COLLEGE STUDENTS**

**Jenny Kimball**, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls

**Taylor Hastings**, granddaughter of **Gayle Hastings**, Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa.

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

The family of Judy Noe, Scott Hugen, Norma Barnes, Norma Jean See, Phil Lundstrom, Sheila Lundstrom, Virginia Weldon, Merlin Newman, Gayle Hastings, Connie Barnes, Linnette Holley, (Max & Lorena Bowman's granddaughter), Angie Geno, Teresa (Conner) Williams, Nile Cook, 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.

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### **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.

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***In honor of all the men and women who served and continue to serve this country, "Happy Veterans Day!" Thank you for your service and sacrifice. God bless you and God bless America.***



# ***NOVEMBER CALENDAR***

## **1 – ALL SAINTS DAY --- TWENTY–THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST--- HOLY COMMUNION DURING WORSHIP.**

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

(Daylight Savings Time ends.)

2 – Pastor’s day off.

3 – Lovilia city elections. (Pastor Raymond Doser serves as an official.)

4 – Kids’ Club after school, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

5 – U.M.W. to meet, 1:30 p.m.

6 – World Community Day. The Ingathering site at Greenfield is to have a youth retreat.

If any youth are interested in attending, there will be a need for adult chaperones, as well.

(The youth retreat at Mt. Pleasant has been cancelled.)

7 – Ingathering at several sites around Iowa, including the above sites.

Men's breakfast at Bussey, 7 a.m.

## **8 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

+ Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday

+ Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

+ The current Billy Graham movie will be shown at Trinity UMC Family

Life Center, Albia. The doors will open at 5 p.m.; music will be presented at 6 p.m.;

the movie will be shown at 7 p.m. An offering for the ministries of the Monroe County

Ministerial Association will be taken.

9 – Pastor’s day off.

## **11—HOLIDAY: VETERANS DAY.**

+ Kids’ Club after school, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. (Possible emphasis on “The Lord’s Army.”)

14 – Pastor’s day off.

## **15 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

16 – Pastor’s day off.

18 – Kids’ Club after-school, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. (Likely Thanksgiving emphasis.)

+ Administrative Board meeting, 6:00 p.m. (This is scheduled to replace meetings originally scheduled for October 28 and November 25.)

21 – Pastor’s day off.

## **22 – CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY ----- BIBLE SUNDAY**

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

We invite you to bring a special Bible to display and/or explain its significance to you.

+ Special Thanksgiving worship Service at 6:00 p.m.

23 – Pastor’s day off.

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

## **26 – HOLIDAY: THANKSGIVING**

28 – Pastor’s day off.

## **29 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

U.M. Student Day special offering.

30 – Pastor’s day off.

## COMING –

- Planning will be done for Christmas Eve Candlelight worship (Thu., 12/24). If there is something you would like to have featured, please discuss it with Pastor Raymond Doser.
- 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 and times might work best for you.
- GENERAL CONFERENCE is May 10 – 20, 2016.
- Pastor Raymond Doser is likely to be on vacation May 29, 2016 (Memorial Weekend). Granddaughter Taylor Doser is scheduled to graduate from Southeast Polk High School that afternoon.
- Annual Conference is Saturday, June 4 through Monday, June 8, 2016, in Des Moines.

***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.***

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## ***Take Time – A Poem With So Much Meaning***

Take time to think – thoughts are the source of power.

Take time to play – play is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read – reading is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to pray – prayer can be a rock of strength in time of need.

Take time to be quiet – being quiet is the opportunity to seek God.

Take time to be aware – awareness is the opportunity to help others.

Take time to be friendly – friendships give life a delicious flavor.

Take time to laugh – laughter is the music of the soul.

Take time to give – sharing brings joy to your heart.

Take time to work – work is the price of success.

Take time to dream – dreams show you what is possible.

Take time to do your work well – pride in your work nourishes the mind and the spirit.

Take time to show appreciation – it's the frosting on the cake of life.

Take time to love and be loved – loving is what makes living worthwhile --- It is God's greatest gift.

*Author Unknown*

As far as we know, the "Take Time" poem is based on an old English prayer adapted from a Bible scripture (Eccl 3:1) ----- To every *thing there* is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

Today, take time, or rather **make** time for what's really important in your life. Remember to share a smile, give a hug, hold the door open for another person, be courteous when driving, call **someone** you haven't talked to for awhile, write a letter to a loved one, and tell those close to you that you love them. Life is too short to go around living it with anger or hatred.

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**REMINDER: Men's Prayer Breakfast at Bussey, Nov. 7, at 7:00 a.m.**

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**Anyone wishing to participate in the Christmas Child shoebox project needs to have them finished and at the Church by Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 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."**

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***TOWN HALL MEETINGS AROUND IOWA***

Iowa Conference Treasurer, Terry Montgomery, has announced a series of meetings around the state which will allow people to ask questions and comment about items that affect the financial interests of our Conference. He will have another of our state leaders with him as well. They would like to have as many members of Iowa United Methodist Churches as possible to meet with them, ask questions, and give opinions. Some that might be possible for our members will be held in Ottumwa on Tuesday, November 3, in Winterset on Thursday, November 12, and at Des Moines Trinity U.M.C. on Monday, November 23. Each of these meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m.

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Have you visited our website yet? Go to [loviliaumc.org](http://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](mailto:nathanchamberlain@hotmail.com) or give to Pastor Ray.

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***WISHING YOU A  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING***



***GOD COLORED THE WORLD WITH AUTUMN***