

November 2020



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Revelation

## From Your Pastor

November Greetings!

“How are you doing?” That seems to be a question people are asking one another a lot these days. “Are you doing OK?” “Are you coping well?”

These questions are one way we show that we care for each other. I pray that you are indeed doing OK. I pray that you are coping well. Although, I also know that there are likely days that are more difficult than others. That seems to be the way life is. And the pandemic has made that very apparent.

Soon it will be Thanksgiving. As you will see in this newsletter, we WILL be having our Thanksgiving Dinner this year. It will be a drive-thru dinner, with deliveries made to those who can't or do not want to venture out. I can almost smell the turkey and dressing now, can't you? Of course, much help will be needed to get ready for the big day, and during the day itself. There is a sign-up sheet on the hall bulletin board. The date for the dinner is Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 15TH. Due to the Thanksgiving Dinner and the special times we will be serving our drive-thru guests, we will be having no in-person worship that day. I will be doing a Facebook service, as I have been doing, which you can watch as it airs (7:45 am) or at any time later. Also, you may choose to attend Trinity UMC at 9 am, if you prefer. Just remember to wear your mask and practice social distancing.

\*\*\*\*\*

ADVENT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Beginning Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 pm, I will lead an Advent Bible study via the Zoom platform. If you are interested, call or email me at the church office and I will put your name down and send you the link. If we have at least 3 people interested, we will make it happen! But of course, we can have lots more than that, too! I will be using some of the works of Henri J. M. Nouwen for the study. There will be plenty of opportunity for us to discuss and share.

\*\*\*\*\*

Finally, even though this Thanksgiving season will likely be very different for most of us, we have much to be grateful for. I encourage you to take a few moments each day to give thanks for the good things, no matter how large or small. And know that I am thankful for each and every one of YOU!

Pastor Melanie

## Video Hug

---

Are you missing your church family or wondering what activities are going on this fall? Check out this [Video Hug!](#)

## Online Worship

---

Have you been joining us for Facebook worship? Join us at [www.facebook.com/concordia1umc](http://www.facebook.com/concordia1umc)! Pastor Melanie will broadcast a devotional at 7:45 am on Sunday mornings. If you need help getting setup to view the service online, contact the church office.



## Enhanced Online Giving

---

Additional options have been enabled for online giving through our web site. You can access [Online Giving](#) or scan the QR code with your phone.

Through online giving, you have the option to give with a credit card or to setup direct deposit from your checking account. These gifts can be setup for a one-time gift or as a recurring gift. There is even an option to increase your gift to cover the cost of credit card processing fees!

**We encourage you to create an account using the e-mail address you receive e-mails on from the church so your giving is associated with your account in the ChurchTrac membership system and will appear on your annual giving statement.** By creating an account, you will also have access to all of the giving options mentioned above. If you do not want to create an account, there is an option to give as a guest.



## Trustees Update

---

The Trustees are raising funds to purchase new Pew Cushions! The estimated cost for the project is \$19,000. To-date, approximately 1/3 of the needed funds have been raised. A sample of the new Pew Cushion is available to try out in the narthex.



New projectors have been purchased and installed for the Sanctuary!



## Missions Buckets

---

Missions Buckets will be passed on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> for the United Methodist Student Day Special Offering. If you would like an envelope for your offering, they will be available on the offering table. For more information, visit [United Methodist Student Day Special Offering](#).

Thank you for your gifts of \$46.25 for the World Communion Sunday Special Offering in October!



## Food Distribution

---

It started out a cloudy, dreary day October 21 as we unloaded the Commodities Truck! Just as the 17 volunteers loaded the last box it was a very light mist. We were able to serve 73 households, 128 total people in our community.

## Little Free Pantry

---



Thank you for your continued support of our Little Free Pantry! Your generous contributions helped purchase food to replenish our pantry store in October! **If you would like to help feed those in our community who are food insecure, we ask you to place items directly into the pantry at your convenience. If you prefer, you can also make a monetary donation to help purchase food for the pantry. This helps us to provide a variety of food on a daily basis.**

Thanks to those that have been placing food from our store in the pantry daily: Pam Campbell, Jan Novlan, Melanie Adams, and Lisa Valcoure!

## Cloud County Resource Center Needs

---

The Food Bank is open and accepting donations of cash or food items for distribution on **Monday and Friday from 9 am – 12 pm and Wednesday from 9 am – 2 pm.**



Help is needed to pack Thanksgiving Baskets on **November 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**. The CCRC is also planning a Virtual Bake Sale in November for anyone who would like to pledge yummy snacks to be sold to raise money for the CCRC Holiday project.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the activities listed above, please contact Tonya Merrill at 243-1065 or [ccrc@nckcn.com](mailto:ccrc@nckcn.com).

## Meals on Wheels

---

The Senior Center is looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels. To volunteer, contact the Senior Center at 243-1872. Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal and human contact for the homebound.



## Annual Layette Set Project

---

Thank you for your gifts of \$41.25 in the September Missions buckets to help purchase items for Layette Sets!

**Join the Missions Team after church on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, to assemble the sets.** Assembly will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Masks and Socials Distancing will be required.



## Missions Tree

---

Donations to our Annual Missions Tree will go to the Cloud County Resource Center Holiday Baskets program this year. **Collection of items will start on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and go through December 13<sup>th</sup>.** All items collected will be delivered to the CCRC on December 14<sup>th</sup> so they can be included in the Holiday Baskets. Requested items include:

- Hats, Scarves, Gloves, and Earmuffs for all ages
- Blankets
- Toys
- Holiday Food Items
  - Cranberry Sauce
  - Canned Green Beans or Corn
  - Evaporated Milk
  - Pumpkin Pie Filling
  - Tuna or Canned Chicken
  - Boxed Stuffing Mixes
  - Mashed Potato Flakes
  - Macaroni and Cheese
  - Boxed Dinners or Dry Pasta
  - Cereal
  - Biscuit, Bisquick, or Pancake Mixes
  - Spices or Baking Supplies (Flour, Sugar, etc.)

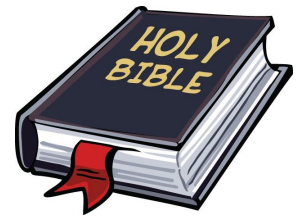


*Donations of perishable items are also needed and should be directed directly to the CCRC. Suggested items include: Frozen Turkey (including just breasts), Ham (including half hams), Hamburger, Bread, Pre-made Pie Crusts, and Whipped Topping.*





Christian Education  
will meet  
November 8th  
9:30 am  
In Room 203



**JAM!**  
*Jesus and Me!*  
November 1st, 15 & 29 9:30am  
This is the new name for our Children's Ministry!

**IMPACT  
HAYRACK RIDE**  
LOREN & JOYCE SWENSON'S FARM

November 1st @ 3:00pm  
Meet at the Church  
Hot Dogs and Buns Provided  
Youth bring a side of your choice!

**Church Conference Via Webinar**

Here is the information and the link you will need:

When: Sunday, Nov 22, 2020

Time: 4:00 PM Central Time

Topic: Hutchinson-Salina Districts Joint Church Conferences

Register for this webinar:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Ciunk2ndTDuuu6N0UF8SXQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ciunk2ndTDuuu6N0UF8SXQ)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



## With the upsurge of COVID-19 in our area please remember:

If there is ANY CHANCE AT ALL that you have been exposed, please do not attend Sunday school, worship, or other church activities until you know for sure that you are OK.

When you come into the church building, please wear a well fitted mask. Also, do not forget social distancing, even when you are visiting with people. Hand sanitizer stations are available in the church. Please use them for your safety. Wash your hands often.

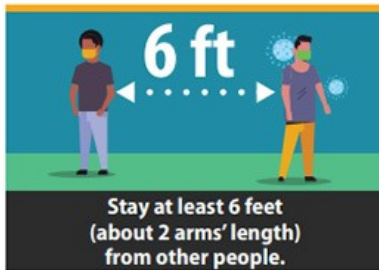
Let us do our part in keeping ourselves AND others safe.

Wearing a mask is a sign that you care!

If you choose to stay home you may watch my morning devotion time on FB. It will be live at 7:45 am, but you can watch it at any time after that.

## Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

3/18/20 11:00 AM

# Thanksgiving Dinner To-Go

**Sunday, November 15th**

**11:00 am –12:30 pm**

**Lower Parking Lot**

**\$10 per meal**

**Delivery available - call 243-4560**



**Help is needed on the weekend of the dinner—sign-up on the main bulletin board (or contact the office to sign-up) TODAY!**

## Healthy Congregations

We have resumed Yoga Classes! Classes have been scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm.

All classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Participants are asked to wear a mask as they enter and leave the building.

Masks are not required during the class, but social distancing will be required. Attendance will be taken.

Participants will be cleaning the area of the Fellowship Hall used for class when class is complete.

Classes will last around 45 minutes and are open to all skill levels (including beginners). Participants may want to bring a mat or towel for the floor and a small pillow or towel to sit on.

Contact Angie Gabel-McConkey ([angie.gabel@usd333.com](mailto:angie.gabel@usd333.com)) for more details!



**Hand Soap Dispensers** have been installed in all bathrooms, the nursery, and the upstairs kitchen!

**A Table and Chair Cart** was purchased for the Fellowship Hall to make it easier to setup and breakdown for events.



## Prayer Requests:

Family of Mel Steinle  
Brandi Petersen  
(Our Janitor, Abby's, Mother)  
Our Community, State and Nation



## November Birthday's!!!

4 Braden Johnson	18 Randy Johnson
4 David Strait	18 Denise DeRochefforte-Reynolds
9 Peggy Barrett	19 Wyatt Townsdin
10 Margaret Thornton	21 Ben Peltier
11 Nathan Brown	23 Russell Dethloff
14 Dorothy Torgler	23 Brenton Edwards
14 Cynthia Strait	28 Richard Peterson
14 Marjorie Cruzen	28 Wendy Holt
15 Ann Lanoue	28 David Brewer
16 Janessa Ade	



**Masks** are available as you enter the upper and lower entrance of the church. If you need one or know someone who needs one, please take what you need! We want everyone to be safe and to stay healthy in the coming months. If you have a specific mask need, please contact the church office.

We are in need of more adult size mask. If you need supplies to make masks, please contact Nancy Wentz ([ndwentz@gmail.com](mailto:ndwentz@gmail.com)).





# NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> All Saints Day Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:30am Crusader 9:30am JAM (Jesus & Me) 3:00pm Impact Hayrack Ride	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7pm Trustees Meeting 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 am Christian Ed. 9:30am Crusaders 9:30 JAM	<b>9</b> 7pm Finance	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Prep for Dinner	<b>14</b> Prep For Dinner
<b>15</b> Thanksgiving Dinner 9:30am Crusaders	<b>16</b> 5:30 pm ADCO	<b>17</b> 5:30 pm SPPRC	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> UMC 12:15pm Executive 1:00pm General	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Special Offering- United Methodist Student Day Church Conference Webinar 9:00am Christian Ed. 9:30am Crusaders	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30am Crusaders 9:30am JAM	<b>30</b>					



**Return Service Requested**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 740 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street

Sunday Services:  
 Facebook Devotions: 7:45am  
 Crusaders: 9:30am  
 Worship: 10:30am

Contact Information:  
 Email: concordia1umc@gmail.com  
 Pastor's Email: mad-ams@greatplainsumc.org  
 Church Phone: 785-243-4560  
 Pastor's Cell: 308-920-0917  
 Parsonage: 785-262-4224  
 Website: www.concordiafumc.com

**Pastor: Rev. Melanie Adams**  
 Administrative Assistant: Lisa Valcure  
 Christian Education Coordinator: Angie Gabel-McConkey  
 Groundskeeper: Devin Pearson  
 Choir Director: Renata Knox  
 Organist: Pam Campbell  
 Nursery: Jan Novlan

**Concordia First United Methodist Church**

Belong | Believe | Become

