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Jesus in the Everyday-ness of Our Lives

Christmas embraces culture every year. Our everyday culture blends with the Christmas story from early fall to the end of the year. For this reason, December is one of the best times of the year to address how The Christ meets us in the everyday-ness of our lives.

Our worship times this December will bring renewed meaning and purpose to our sometimes busy and hectic lives.

We will explore the meaning behind and within various events that enfold and even entangle us as we get ready for the annual celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ as a baby in Bethlehem and as we anticipate his return again in victory and glory.

Here are the themes and scripture that will guide us from now until Christmas Day.

Dec 4 – "Christmas at the Mall" (Matthew 2:9-11 & 2 Peter 3:8-14)

Dec 11 – "Christmas at the Party" (Luke 2:8-20 & Isaiah 61:1-4)

Dec 18 – "Christmas at Church" Luke 1:26-38 Children's Christmas Program at the 10:30am service.

Dec 24 – "Christmas at the Manger" Luke 2:1-20 Christmas Eve worship at 6pm.

Dec 25 – "Humble Beginnings" Luke 2:8-20 Christmas Day one service at 9am.

Themes:

DEC 4 – The Christmas song at the mall is shop until you drop. God doesn't mind when we shop, but our Creator also calls us to remember to drop to our knees in worship and wonder this season.

DEC 11 – Christmas breaks into every area of life, even the holiday party. How do we deal gracefully with the temptations and tendencies of the party? Our encounter with God through Christ gives us a joy that far outweighs the best of parties.

DEC 18 – We always celebrate the true joy of this season in our Church family as we remember the greatest gift of all: God's Son.

DEC 24 – God came to us in the flesh. The power of God appeared in the everyday life of a family caught up in the tasks and trials of life around them.

DEC 25 – Why did God choose a manger, a stable, a tiny town and an ordinary

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couple for the birth of the Savior?

On December 11th at our 10:30am service we will be featuring some extra Christmas hymns for the season. Come with your favorite choices and enjoy the music.

On December 18th at our 10:30am service the Children will share the Christmas story with the performance of "Carol of the Animals."

On December 21st we will share our outdoor live nativity with the neighborhood from 5:30-7pm. Please sign up to become a living part of the Bethlehem scene setup right next to our prayer garden.

Blessings to you in this season.

Rev. Bill McBride





EFFECTIVE STEWARDSHIP IN THE LAKE MILLS CHURCH FAMILY

Applying Bible Principles

GOOD STEWARDSHIP

There are some wonderful principles in the Old Testament which apply to present-day Christians. One of these is in Deuteronomy 8:10-18. Stated in contemporary language, it says, “When you have eaten and are full, when your cars, houses and bank accounts multiply, don’t forget where it came from: Remember the Lord your God.”

In truth, all that we have comes from God. He determines what we will receive, whether it be money, gold, silver, houses, land, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, etc. It all belongs to Him in the first place, and He entrusts it to us. According to David’s prayer in 1 Chronicles 29, riches, honor, power, and wealth all come from God.

That’s why there is no such thing as a self-made man or woman. Oh, we have to do our part. God’s plan is not that we just sit around praying and reading the Bible all day long so that what we need to survive will miraculously drop into our hands. We’re not just to pray for “our daily bread,” but we’re also to get up each day and work for it! That’s why the Apostle Paul stated clearly, “Anyone unwilling to work should not eat” (2 Thes. 3:10). But in reality, the amount of money and wealth which we receive is determined by God. According to His divine will and knowledge, He entrusts to each of us the amounts which He knows will be best for us.

The wealth we have is determined by God.

“But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth” (Deut. 8:18).

THE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is set for **Sunday December 18th at 10:30am** in the sanctuary. Come and help celebrate this wonderful season with the children.

THE LIVING NATIVITY will be **Wednesday December 21st from 5:30 to 7:00 pm**
CHRISTMAS EVE worship will be held at **6pm** in the sanctuary, December 24th.

CHRISTMAS DAY IS SUNDAY THIS YEAR and we will hold only one service of worship on **December 25th at 9am** in the sanctuary.



UMW



**Church Council
Committee**

**Church Council meeting for
December has been Cancelled.**

UMW events for December are as follows:

1. **The Cap & Mitten Tree** is up in the Narthex. It will be up through New Years, but some items will be removed by Dec 16th for PADA & for Christmas Neighbors. We will also take donations of sox & new underwear (adult). Gently used items are permitted but won't be used for Christmas gifts.
2. The UMW has **adopted 2 families!** We will be providing Christmas presents to these families. Their lists are on the board. Money and/or gifts need to be received no later than **Dec.13th (preferably by Dec 11th)**. If you wrap a gift please provide a note of the contents and who it is for.
3. **Cookie Plates** will be assembled **Dec. 11th** after church. Once again the congregation is encouraged to share any extra cookies they may have. UMW members, please bring 2 1/2 doz.



Wed Dec 21st

From 5:30 - 7 pm
271 E. Prospect St.
(in front of Prayer Garden)

Please check the Narthex
for sign-up sheet
30 Minute time slots
Coffee & Cocoa provided

Adult Sunday School Class



Please plan on joining the Adult Sunday School class on Sunday, December 4th from 9-10 a.m.. The Faithlink topic we will be discussing during class that day is "Domestic Abuse," and we are fortunate enough to have a speaker from Jefferson County PADA joining us. PADA is an agency that our church has supported over the years, and it is a very important program available to residents in Jefferson County.

We hope you can join us!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

FOR DECEMBER-

Wednesday, December 7th

NOTE: When emailing Rev. McBride, you should send it directly to HIS email at lakemillsumc@gmail.com If you send it to the office and Connie is not there to forward it, he does not receive it until she is back in the office.



Missions Committee

We have plans to honor people in our church who consistently serve us. Let us know if you have someone in mind that should be honored as a local missionary.

Loose Coin Offerings: December - Local Food Pantry

Our special Christmas Offering this year will go toward the mission trip of our three church members coming in June. (see below) We would like to include a "Christmas Greeting" to all our soldiers when we send the next care packages. There are cards on the Missions table for you to take for this purpose. Fill them out and bring them back by December 4th and we will include them in our packages!



Next June Tom Popp, Silvia Bond, and Kathee Jantzi will be taking a month long trip to the country of Malawi in southeastern Africa. They are going to work on a project that Tom helped to start in Karonga, Malawi, a project for orphans being operated by a Malawian non-profit organization called FOCUS. The project is called Restored Hope for Orphans and Vulnerable Children, and the majority of the children served by the project are orphaned because their parents died of AIDS.

Among the goals of FOCUS are these:

1. to inspire behavior change in all areas relating to HIV/AIDS
2. to improve nutrition and the economic status in vulnerable households as well as sanitation generally

Out of a population of 14 million almost one million people in Malawi are living with HIV/AIDS. It is the leading cause of death among adults in Malawi and is a major factor in the country's life expectancy of just 43 years.

Tom, Silvia, and Kathee will stay in Karonga and will work with FOCUS to support this project.

Their African adventure has been in the making for five years, since Silvia was in confirmation and Tom was her mentor.

Thank you to the Lake Mills United Methodist Church family for all your support. Your contributions will be used to support this orphans project. This opportunity would not be possible without you.



Is there anyone interested in working with us on the Missions Committee? We are always looking for new ideas and willing workers. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the even numbered months. (Only 6 meetings a year) Different members help with the different projects you



Make Joy a Habit

Everyone wants to be happy. We know that the majority of people are eager to find happier ways of life.

Many persons are unhappy because they have not yet learned the art of living happily and joyously in spite of conditions and circumstances in their lives. But true happiness can be attained by anyone. Every one of us can learn to make joy a habit.

... It does not matter so much what our experiences are as how we react to them. This is what is definitely important to our wellbeing, to our health, happiness, and success.

What are your reactions to life? Have you analyzed them?

How do you react when something disturbing or unexpected happens?

Do trivial things bother you?

Are you in control of your emotions?

Do you dramatize the negative aspects of your experiences?

Many of us may hold to the thought that some persons are naturally happy and that other persons are naturally moody or despondent. This is not true. What, then, keeps us from being joyous individuals? It is our reactions to occurrences in our life that cause us to be happy or unhappy.

No matter what happens, let us "count it all joy." Let us be joyous in every experience and pray to find the blessing in that experience. For the out-growth of habitually dwelling on the idea of joy is happiness.

.....as my family and I were unwrapping Christmas decorations, we came across the Baby Jesus in a manger. When my 4-year old saw it, he exclaimed, "Look Mommy!, Baby Jesus is in a car seat!"

LAKE MILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Attendance & Giving Statistics for Prior Month

Date	Sanctuary Worship	Fireside Worship	Sunday School	Nursery	General Fund Offering	Maint. Fund Offering	New Blg Fund Offering
11/6	68	9	34	9	10,030 (incls TB)	375	120
11/13	112	18	28	5	4840	385	155
11/20	82	9	26	7	2707	270	5
11/27	98	12	24	4	1362	120	205

Our Church Staff Members

Pastor

Youth Director

Church Council President

Trustees Chair

Finance Chair

Education Chair

Treasurer

S.P.R.C.

UMW President

Choir Director

Organist

Nursery Coordinator

Custodian

Building Maintenance

Administrative Assistant

Teddy Bear Preschool Board Chair

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Sandy Whisler

Brad Rosecke

Dan Hornickel

Laura Wethall

Tom Jones

Mark Hoggatt

Dawn Chavez & Beth Leverton

Sandy Hastings

Marty Bollig

Christa Walter

Charles Hail

Jon Erb

Connie Anderson

Lisa Thomas

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Lake Mills United Methodist Church
Budget vs Actual ytd
November of Fiscal Year 2011
 Responsibility: All
 Fund: 01 - General - checking

Major Group	November Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Remaining Budget
Income				
01, Offerings	14,004.50	154,027.80		
02, Building Use	5,435.00	42,780.00		
03, Other Receipts	60.00	1,240.82		
Total Income	19,499.50	198,048.62		
Expense				
01, Compensation	8,970.93	102,663.64	112,021.28	9,357.64
02, Operational	1,319.95	18,968.07	16,693.00	-2,275.07
03, Conference Apportionment	0.00	8,044.00	29,964.00	21,920.00
04, Trustees	1,185.41	22,834.11	34,820.00	11,985.89
06, Education	375.85	2,658.42	2,300.00	-358.42
08, Music	384.00	576.49	300.00	-276.49
09, Ministry	518.11	3,366.42	2,450.00	-916.42
13, Youth	455.00	786.00	750.00	-36.00
15, Other	0.00	111.98	0.00	-111.98
20, Teddy Bear Expense	83.69	26,151.96	39,189.00	13,037.04
Total Expense	13,292.94	186,161.09	238,487.28	52,326.19
Income Less Expense	6,206.56	11,887.53		

A huge THANK YOU to all who participated in our "Cookie Jar" fund drive. Together you raised \$13,453.25 for the General Fund and the Maintenance Fund. Your "extra mile" giving helped us to turn the corner on our church finances for the year. Because of you we will end the year on a positive note. We can't, however, stop here. Not only do we still have one month to go with the typical bills to pay for the operation of our facilities, but we also have approximately \$20,000 left to pay on our Conference Apportionments. So with your help let's finish the year strong and carry the momentum into 2012.

EVERYONE'S help and support is ALWAYS
GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!!

Thank You!

The Finance Committee & Generosity Committee



I am happy to report that the Youth Group is up and running!

On Sunday, November 20th Pastor Bill and I were joined by 6 Middle School kids for a Pizza and Youth Group Night and on November 21st I was joined by 6 High School Youth for Donuts and Drop-In. Needless to say we had pizza and donuts, but at both events we also talked about what the Youth want from their Youth Group and what the expectations are when we are together. Together we

brainstormed ideas of fun things we can do, ways we can give back to our community, and things the Youth would like to learn about faith.

The next Middle School Youth Group Night will be Wednesday November 30th and Wednesday December 14th from 7-8pm. The next High School Youth Group Night will be on Sunday, December 4th at 4pm--this is a time change to 4pm due to the Awards Night for the Musical--there will also be another Youth Group Night on December 18th from 7-8pm (this is the normal time for High School Youth Group).

To date we have also had two Drop-In Wednesday's and I have had kids keeping me company both nights. On November 16th I was joined by four of our Middle School Girls and had the pleasure of listening to them play music, helping with homework and playing hide and seek in the church; on November 23rd I was joined by 3 Middle School boys and we played tag, hide and seek, Simon Says, and generally had a good time just hanging out.



I have very much enjoyed spending time with the youth at Lake Mills United Methodist Church and appreciate all of the parent support we have had bringing kids and encouraging them to come and participate. I look forward to building relationships with all of you and look forward to the events to come!

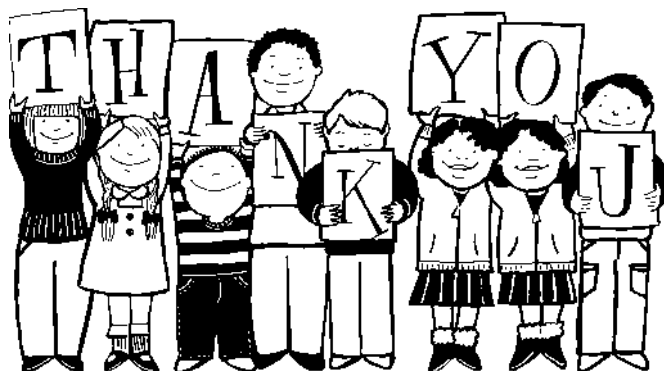
**Wonder what our Middle School Youth (5th-7th grade) are up to? Check out our Youth Page for a crazy video!
Go to www.LakeMillsUMC.org/youth**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DECEMBER 18TH

AT THE 10:30 SERVICE

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Corey Thomas	b.12/1
Jill Christian-Engels	b.12/2
Larry & Katy Roedl	w.12/2
Scott Galston	b.12/3
Kristina Thomas	b.12/4
Vee Dierksmeier	b.12/5
Larry & Arlene Paluch	w.12/5
Dawn Masche	b.12/7
Anthony & Dawn Chavez	w.12/8
Logan Chavez	b.12/9
Sherry Brock	b.12/12
Lauren Ford	b.12/13
Lewis Wethall	b.12/13
William McBride	b.12/16
Noel Lincks	b.12/17
April Stark	b.12/17
Cheri Hjerstedt	b.12/18
Tom Hawkes	b.12/19
Logan Rubenbauer	b.12/20
Jim Goers	b.12/21
Debbie Jardine	b.12/21
John Wethall	b.12/21
Cathy Daly-Bond	b.12/23
Pat Billings	b.12/24
Phyllis Goers	b.12/24
McKenna Garman	b.12/25
Jeremy Smith	b.12/25
Clariese Kaltenberg	b.12/26
Bradley & Kathy Rosecke	w.12/26
Nicholas Hallmark	b.12/27
Don & Carol Battenberg	w.12/29
Ken & Pam Mueller	w.12/29
Stacey Peters	b.12/29
Dave & Mary Jo Hornickel	w.12/30
Dylan Lucas	b.12/30
Laurel Barklow	b.12/31

Dear Pastor McBride & members of the Lake Mills United Methodist Church,

Reaching Out Respite has had the honor over the past 15 years of working in partnership with your congregation to provide respite to the caregivers and guests within our community and area. Without your generous contributions of the use of your wonderful facility over that time, our community volunteers could not provide this service to those in need. We are deeply grateful to the Lake Mills United Methodist Church for this outreach to meet the needs of so many in our area. Thank you all!

- Fort Health Care and Reaching Out Respite Board

Dear church family,

Thanks to everyone for cards, prayers, kind words of support, & offers to help during & after Gary's recent surgery. He's doing great. He has graduated to a cane, but won't be driving until after Christmas.

Blessings to all,
Beth Leverton

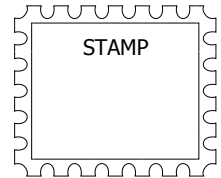
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 8am Fireside Worship 9am Sunday School 10am Fellowship 10:30am Worship 4 pm High Sch Youth 6:30 pm BSA Trp 148</p>	<p>5 7 pm Advent Bible Study</p>	<p>6 7pm SPRC 7 pm Dartball</p>	<p>7 9 am Respite 7 pm Choir 7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>8 1:30 Prayer Shawl @ Trinity Pines 7:00 pm Trustees</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 8am Fireside Worship 9am Sunday School 10am Fellowship 10:30am Worship Feature Kids Choir</p>	<p>12 7 pm Advent Bible Study</p>	<p>13 7pm Missions</p>	<p>14 9:00 am Respite 7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>15 6:00 pm Finance Council Mtg Cancelled 6:30 pm Interior Design Team</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 8am Fireside Worship 9am Sunday School 10am Fellowship 10:30am Worship & Children's Program 7 pm High Sch Youth 6:30 pm BSA Trp 148</p>	<p>19 7 pm Advent Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9 am Respite 5:30 pm Live Nativity 7 pm Choir</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve 6 pm</p>
<p>25 Christmas Day One Service - 9 am Worship <i>Bring a friend!</i></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7pm Dartball</p>	<p>28 9 am Respite 7 pm Choir 7 pm Middle School Movie Nite</p>	<p>29 7 pm High School Movie Nite</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 New Years Eve</p>



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