



Harbor's Beacon

November 2018

*Anchored in the Word
Growing through Worship and Prayer
Sharing the Joy of God's Love for All*

*Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church
1204 L Ave.
Milford, Iowa*



*Charly's
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November 2018

Fellow Servants

Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels. Colossians 2:18
Twice in the book of Revelation, the apostle John was so overwhelmed by the sudden appearance of an angel, he fell on his face to worship him. Evidently, the angelic presence was so dazzling John thought it was Jesus. But on both occasions—Rev. 19:10 & 22:8-9—the angel said, ‘See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant...Worship God!’

Throughout the Bible, the angels worship God with majestic intensity, but they are not the objects of worship. They are our fellow servants. What a surprising biblical description of angels! They are our partners in serving God. They serve Him in the invisible realm while we serve Him in the visible realm.

One day the invisible will become visible for God’s children. Ephesians 1:10 says. “In the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are on earth.” what joy we’ll have in working side by side with angels, serving our Lord! What a hopeful thought to encourage us today!

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Reginald Heber, in hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Church Council communications

October 9, 2018

The council meeting of Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church was held on Oct. 9, 2018. President Denny Struck called the meeting to order at 7pm. The following members were present: President Denny Struck, Secretary Linda Johnson, Treasurer Karen Sunde, Financial Secretary Kristi Peck and council members: Scott Berry, Elmer Lubinus, Lynne Koelling, Dale Gehrels, Adam Clausen. Members absent were Pastor Tim and Vice president Barbara Rohlf(LCMC convention in Des Moines).

Devotions and prayer by Karen Sunde.

The secretary's minutes of the previous meeting approved as read. Treasurer's report/Financial report approved. Audit will be completed for Oct. 28th, semi-annual meeting.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor is at LCMC convention in Des Moines.
- Verbal resignation with letter waiting due to LCMC convention
- Pastor Tim will continue being Pastor at Sibley.

Property committee

- Small trees by bell tower have been removed.
- World map will be our next project
- Parking lot resurfacing scheduled for Oct.
- Snow removal contracted.
- Thanks to Denny for doing October safety inspection late October.

Staff Support Team (Denny)

- Pastor's insurance problems with Medishare are a work in progress. Hope to be resolved soon.

Mission/Benevolence Team: Adam, Jeff K, Dean, Carol B, Enid, Angie L, Pastor Tim

- Funding for Mexico to the Kyles, \$1000/Garden produce \$220/\$500 for roof also available.

Parish Education for Youth (Barb & Kristi)

- JoyKids/JoyUs started September 19th.

Adult Discipleship/Small Groups (Barb & Lynne)

- Bible study group started Oct. 9th with leaders Patti Thayer and Patt Gehrels.

Fellowship Team (Scott)

- Dean will continue 4th Wednesday of each month potluck dinner at 6pm.

Worship Team (Lynne)

- Discussion on whether to have a Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 21st. Council voted to not have a Thanksgiving service this year.
- There will be three musicals: Fall, Oct. 28th, Winter, Dec. 9th, Easter, April 21st.

New Business

- October budget. Semi-annual meeting will be October 21st.
- Severance package discussed for Pastor Tim. Passed for 8 weeks of severance pay of \$6,084 a month for 2 months.
- Form a call committee: (5-9 members/ see chapter 8 of constitution)
*Terry Dirks, Patti Griffiths, Steve Letcher, Norma Lubinus, Dale Gehrels, Barb Rohlf, Denny Struck. Motion made by Kristi to accept call committee with Terry Dirks as leader. Call committee will start meeting very soon.
- Interim Pastor discussion: Council felt the need for an interim pastor for pulpit supply and leadership.
- Next meeting is November 13, 2018 at 7pm. Devotions Lynne.
Linda Johnson, Secretary

**Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church
October 21,2018**

Meeting was called to order by President Denny Struck following the church service. Pastor Tim opened with a prayer. Financial secretary Kristi Peck gave a yearly financial update and presentation of 2018 proposed budget. A motion was made by Walt Mier to pass the annual budget presented as a continuation from last year. Motion was seconded by Terry Dirks. Motion carried.

President Denny presented the letter of resignation from Pastor Tim Nappe for acceptance by the congregation. Kristi Peck passed the motion to accept the motion for retirement. Verne Hansen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Denny updated the congregation on the remodel update. He explained the plan to finish the remodeling at present.

He then shared with congregation the update on the calling process for a new pastor. Calling Committee will be the following: Chair leader: Terry Dirks Calling Committee: Steve Letcher, Dale Gehrels, Patti Griffiths, Norma Lubinus, Barbara Rohlf, Becky Roe, Denny Struck.

Pastor Perry Fruhling, LCMC District Coordinator, will give a seminar on transitioning to a new pastor and explain the calling process on Saturday, November 3rd. He will also give the sermon at HOJ on November 4th. President Denny explained to the congregation that we are ready for resumes and to begin looking for a new pastor for Harbor of Joy. He also explained that the council needs to approve what the calling committee confers. This will then be voted on by the congregation with a 2/3 approval for calling a new pastor.

Denny asked for any other business. Board of Administration asked for a motion for the \$2,000 amount be bumped up to \$5,000 without congregational approval so the property committee could go ahead with maintenance and repair as needed. Norma Lubinus made the motion and David Berg seconded the motion. Becky Roe brought up need of discussion on the council approving any amount of money other than maintenance expenses needing approval by council. Discussion was taken under advisement for council.

Jeff Kyle made the motion to adjourn meeting. Charly Hertel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Johnson, Council Secretary

Property Committee Meeting

Property Committee Notes from September:

After reviewing bids that were submitted for snow removal it was decided that we should go with the bid that Mitch Burgin submitted. The parking lot will start end of October. Thank you for your votes! We will look at beginning to look at remodeling the bathrooms to make them more handicap accessible. We also welcomed Walt Meir to our committee. Submitted in Christ, Terry Dirks and the property committee!

Operation Christmas Child

Packing of the Christmas boxes on Nov. 14th. Come and help with this mission at 6:00 PM.

Thanks to your generous donations, we have many wonderful items to include! The boxes will be taken to a local collection center by the **November 19th**. From there, trucks transport them to one of 8 processing centers in the U.S. The boxes are inspected and prepared for shipment to over 100 countries. In addition, The Greatest Gift Gospel booklet written in the child's language is included. A partner guide is also included to train those distributing the boxes how to share the message of the Gospel in a child-friendly way.

The total cost associated with shipping each Christmas box to a child is \$9.00. If you would like to contribute to the shipping costs please see Charly or Carol Banta. Have your donation of money for shipping here at church by Sunday, Nov, 11th. Thank you for helping to spread the Good News of Jesus to children in need around the world!

BIG THANK YOU!!!

To all our Harbor of Joy friends for the beautiful cards, heart felt prayers and thought for Jerry and me during his recent heart illness and surgery.
God Bless you all. Jerry and Arlene Ostrum

Pulpit supply for the month of November 2018

Nov. 4 th	Perry Fruhling
Nov. 11 th	Mike Maffin
Nov. 18 th	Rick Porter
Nov. 25 th	Dan Winkowitsch

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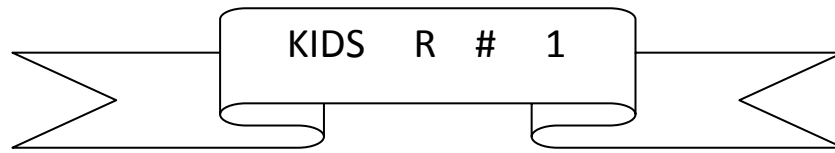
The library has received many new books the past month. The following is a partial list:

**Serving with Eyes Wide Open by David Livermore—Mission
When Helping Hurts by Steve Corbett/Brian Fikkert—Mission
Touched By the African Soul by Gloria Cunningham—Mission
Evangelism by Fire by Reinhard Bonnke—Mission
Don't Say I didn't Warn You by Anita Renfroe—Christian Living
Honor's Reward by John Bevere—Christian Living
You and Me Forever by Francis Chan—Christian living
Gospel Reset by Ken Ham—Christian Living
The Prayer of Protection—Christian Living
Jerusalem by Jak Sekulow—Bible
Glory Days by Max Lucado—Lucado
The Love Letter by Rachel Hauck—Fiction**

All these books are located in the “New Books” section of the library, and in a month will be moved to their respective category (Mission, Christian Living, etc.)

Please visit the library and look over the large selection of Christian material we have available, all possible through the generous donations from Harbor of Joy members.

Many thanks to those who have donated!



The Joy Kids and JoyUs programs has started up again for this season. We're always looking for people who would be interested in assisting with these great programs. Would you be interested in teaching a life skill? Assisting in a classroom? Helping in the kitchen with snacks? Teaching a bible lesson? There are so many possibilities and so many talented individuals in our congregation! Talk to Dean Ramsey or myself if interested.

We haven't taken the summer off completely! In July, the JoyUs kids (middle schoolers) and their families were invited to my house for a bonfire and yard games. The weather turned out to be ninety-plus degrees and ninety-plus percent humidity but we had enough people turn out to eat about 40 hotdogs and a number of s'mores! A good time was had by all who participated!

Your Sister in Christ,

PARISH ED MINUTES—October 10, 2018, 5:15pm

Opened with prayer.

Four Members present.

December 12th will be the last day of the Fall Joy Program with the Christmas program.

No Seroogy's Chocolate and Coffee fundraiser.

JoyUs had their field trips and have been working on Christmas boxes. They are planning a trip to the Nursing Home.

Trunk or Treat—will ask Lisa if we are planning on sponsoring this event. (Talked to Lisa and it will be October 31st (5:00-6:30 pm.)

Next meeting, **November 7, 2018 @ 5:15**



Prayers:

Keith Van Hove, Carol Nappe, Connie Jenkins sis-in-law.

- **Harbor Of Joy, Those sharing pulpit supply, Jeanette & Merle Johnston, Jean Reed's sister, Gordon Willett, Mike Holdren in Sibley, Barb Hesby in Acura, Spirit Lake**
- **All Saints Day. The saints that have gone on before us:
Keith Weber, Diana Kinnitz, Bill Cooper, Brian Peck, Sandi McIntire, Ronald Dillon,
Mary Jo Swalve**

Flag: Jeff & Deb Kyle, Mission Mexico--Guymas

Please Notify Church office or Charly (712-330-0828) of any shut-ins or anyone ill who would appreciate a visit.

- **Gratitude and Praise: Farmers are able to harvest their crops.**
First Sat. of the month: **Men's Breakfast at Perkins at 7:30 AM.**
- **Every Tuesday is Nursing Home Ministry** with Nancy Letcher and Linda Johnson
- **2nd Sunday of each month:** Legion Breakfast at the Legion
- **2nd & 4th Thursday nights of every month** is Community Table dinners. 5:30-7:00PM at Bible Conference Community Center. No cost to you. Everyone welcome.
- **3rd Sunday of every month property Committee meets after church in Library**
- **Every Tuesday Prayer Group at 10:30 AM**
- **All communications for newsletter are due on November 23rd.**
- **Nov. 13th,** Board And Council Meeting
- **Fall Crafting Retreat at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp, Nov. 16-18th.**

Please sign up for Sunday morning snacks and coffee.

There has been a lot of good comments regarding the fall musical. Thank you Bob for all the hard work you put in for the musicals.



A Word from Pastor Tim November 2018

“As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey.

So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia.

When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him,

“Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.”

Paul and his ministry companions are on a journey. In verse 4 of this passage, it says that “they traveled from town to town.” The message was being proclaimed, lives were being touched, and the Holy Spirit was at work. Verse 5 Describes the effects of their ministry, “So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.”

It sounds like a successful ministry. It sounds like Paul was being effective and that the work was accomplishing God’s purpose. But, I get the sense that something was still missing. The next verses talk about Paul and his companions kind of bouncing around. It is not that they were aimless, but they were not quite sure where God wanted them to be. They tried Phrygia, Galatia, Asia, Mysia, Bithynia, and Troas. These are all towns and regions in Asia Minor, which is present-day Turkey. None of them seemed quite right.

They were actively proclaiming the word and trying to be faithful to God’s call, but they seemed to be searching for the specific place where God wanted them to be. They were not idle. They were busy doing the work of evangelism, but they wanted to be in the will of God, doing exactly what He called them to do. And that was still unclear.

It is not until verse 9 that Paul experiences a vision with a direct message to come to Macedonia and preach to them. That is where they receive a specific message of God with a particular command to go. and their response is immediate. In verse 10, as soon as Paul had seen the vision, ‘we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia.’ As soon as God’s call became apparent, they were ready to step forward in obedience to that call.

Bev and I, along with the churches of Harbor of Joy and Faith Lutheran of Sibley have also been on a journey. We have enjoyed many years of fruitful ministry together. God has been faithful in granting his blessing to the work and we have seen many lives touched and hearts changed. We have walked together during joyful times and through some not so joyful times.

But, over the last couple of years, I have to admit that I have felt restless. God seemed to be quietly calling in a new and different direction. It has not been very clear, but it seemed to be persistent. I have interviewed in a couple of other churches and prayed for God's direction and leading. I trust that you have been doing the same.

After our latest trip to Ghana and Togo, it seemed quite apparent that the time was right for me to dedicate my time and energy to Reaching the Unreached—West Africa. The ministry there is growing and the need for financial resources is going to expand. There needs to be more attention given to organizing, coordinating, and administering the finances, mailing lists, newsletters, and webpage. There is plenty to do, and I cannot adequately do both.

As with Paul and his companions, it now becomes a question of obedience. As the call became clear for them, they needed to respond faithfully. That is what Bev and I intend to do as well. God has answered our prayers and made His will known. Now, it is up to us to respond.

This will be my last pastoral newsletter for harbor of Joy. I do plan to continue to preach and serve Faith Lutheran of Sibley on Sunday evenings. But, I am planning to be available to share the message of God's work in West Africa with other churches on Sunday mornings. I have already scheduled some dates on my calendar, with other churches on Sundays being considered.

We trust that God is also going to be at work guiding and directing both congregations as we move into the future. For Harbor of Joy, there will be applications and resumés to review, interviews to schedule, and congregational meeting to hold. For Faith Lutheran of Sibley, we will be seeking God's direction for the next chapter in our history together.

God is, and always will be faithful! He will guide and His ways are best! As He makes His direction apparent, we need to be ready and willing to respond with obedience.

I hope that you will be praying for Bev and me as we start this new adventure. Please know that we will be praying for you and trusting God for your future. Pray, listen, wait, and trust that God will answer your prayers!

God be with you! Thank you so much for your support and encouragement over the years. It has been an honor and privilege to serve with you!

Pastor Tim