



*Harbor's Beacon*

*January 2019*

*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 2 Cents*

### **January 2019**

Christmas is a time for giving gifts...and receiving gifts. Think about that Christmas gift you received. What did you do to get it? You didn't earn it. You didn't necessarily deserve it. All you had to do on Christmas morning to make it yours was to unwrap it and receive it. After all, it was freely given by someone who loves you.

The Bible says. "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23) Heaven! It can't be earned. It can't be bought. It, too, is underserved. It is God's gift to you from Someone who loves you very much. And, all you have to do to make it your own is receive it...by faith.

The message of Christ is not confined to December and does not end in the cradle. It continues to the cross, where Christ took your sin in His own body and paid your sin debt in full. He was buried and rose again on the third day. But this is not all. After the cradle and the cross comes the crown. He is coming back, no longer as a suffering servant, but as the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords. After journeying through The Christmas Code, perhaps you feel like poet Christina Georgina Rossetti, who long ago asked:

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would give Him a lamb.

If I were a wise man, I would do my part; What can I give Him? I know, I will give Him my heart.

You can do that this very moment by accepting His Christmas gift to you, eternal life. If that is the desire of your heart, tell Him. While a prayer cannot save you, Jesus can. Allow this prayer to express the desire of your heart:

Dear Lord,

Thank You for coming to Bethlehem and clothing Yourself in flesh...for me. Thank You for dying on the cross...for me. I receive Your free gift of eternal life by faith right now. Forgive me of my sin. I open the door to my heart to You. Come in today...come in to stay. I accept Your free and gracious offer of forgiveness. Thank You, Lord, for the gift of eternal and abundant life and for coming to take up residency in my heart right now,

In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Church Council Communication**  
**Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church Council**  
**December 11, 2018**

The Council Meeting of Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church was held on December 11, 2018. President Denny Struck called the meeting to order at 7 pm. The following members were present: President Denny Struck, Vice President Barb Rohlf, Secretary Linda Johnson, Treasurer Karen Sunde, Financial Secretary Kristi Peck, and council members: Elmer Lubinus, Dale Gehrels, and Lynne Koelling. Members absent were Scott Berry and Adam Clausen. Devotions and prayer by Dale Gehrels.

The Secretary's minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

Treasurer's report and Financial report were approved as read.

Donation made to Our Daily Bread for devotionals to be given out at care facilities and home visits.

Kristi noted that the last day of gifting would be December 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastor Call Committee Report**

Met December 4<sup>th</sup> and decided to write applicants a courtesy letter saying we issued a call. Committee also reviewed other resumes.

Call was issued to Dr. Kyle Fever on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Property Committee**

Remodel: ADA bathrooms next phase. World map after that.

Parking lot resurfacing and painting done. Bill has been paid.

Snow removal contracted with Mitch Bergen was well done with first snow.

New Bose sound system priced with Carey's electronics.

New lock box will be mounted.

**Missions/Benevolence Team**

Will meet for Christmas help for needy.

**Parish Education for Youth**

December 12<sup>th</sup> was the Joy Kids, Joy Us Christmas celebration with supper at 5:15, program at 5:45.

Patti organized the kids presentation. Donation of soup, cookies, and kitchen help very much appreciated.

Team discussed discipline problems and solutions for spring session starting February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Milford Kiwanis donated \$200 to the Joy Youth Program.

**Adult Discipleship/Small groups**

Bible study group with leaders Patti Thayer and Patt Gehrels will start again in January.

**Fellowship Team**

Dean Wednesday night monthly suppers/special events. Thanks for good turn outs each time.

**Worship Team/ Pulpit supply**

Dec. 16-Andrew Loomis

Dec. 23-Dan Winkowitch

Dec. 24-Mike Maffin-Hymn sing with Bob

Dec. 30-Rick Porter

Jan. 6-Rod Quamback

Jan. 13- John Jensen

**New Business**

Note: the council selected Dean Ramsey to serve Adam Clausen's resignation until April annual meeting.

Next meeting is January 8, 2019, at 7pm. Devotion: Scott (Linda Johnson Secretary)

## HARBOR OF JOY LIBRARY

The following is the list of new books that have been donated to the church library this past month.

### Fiction

The House at Saltwater Point by Colleen Coble

The First Love by Beverly Lewis

### Nonfiction

Christian Living-- Coming of Age by David Anderson

Biography- Handcrafted by Clint Harp

Church- The Church From Age to Age by Edward Engelbrecht

Bible- The Big Book of New Testament Q & A by Michael Eschelbach

Neighborhood Outreach by Group Publishing

The Lost World of the Flood by Tremper Longman III & John Walton

The Lost World of Genesis On by John Walton

The Lost World of Adam and Eve by John Walton

Many thanks to all who donated these books.. The library operates totally on the generosity of the church members, and every book, magazine, Bible Study, DVD, & CD we receive is greatly appreciated! We just ask that all materials be of Christian content.

Blessings for 2019

Harbor of Joy Library

### **Women of Joy Bible Study**

Be watching for an announcement for the next women's Bible Study. Plans are to begin a new study in January. We will notify everyone of the subjects, time and date when everything is finalized. Hope you can attend!



## PARISH ED MINUTES—December 5, 2018, 5:15pm

Opened with prayer.

Six members present.

December 12<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of the Fall Joy Program with a Christmas program. Patti has prepared the program. Dinner will start 5:00-5:15 with program at approximately 5:45. There will be a dinner of chili soup, chicken noodle soup, crackers and vegetable trays. Cookies will be served after the program. Thank you to all who are donating soup & cookies!

Dean will call for a volunteer to lead kitchen preparation. (Thank you to Carol Banta who agreed to be in charge of the kitchen and get help.) Carol Banta also received a grant from Thrivent to purchase supplies and goodie bags for the Christmas Program. She will be purchasing vegetable trays, milk, crackers and all paper products.

We discussed some discipline problems and will think about solutions for Spring Session.

We will need to rethink the prayer partner program as some children have left the program and we now have new children.

We will be looking for a Director for the Bible School program. Please pray for the future director. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Patti or Dena.

The Milford Kiwanis donated \$200 to the Joy Youth program. Thank you so much Kiwanis!!

Youth program Fall Session will end after the Christmas Program on December 12<sup>th</sup>, but will resume on February 6<sup>th</sup>.



The Joy Kids / JoyUs programs ended with a wonderful program on December 12th. So many people have been a part of this amazing ministry. Hats off to all of them. I hope all that have helped with our Christmas Program and supper and throughout the Fall session have been blessed because I know the children and parents have been. It is wonderful to see the HOJ family supporting the ministry and welcoming the parents.

Harbor of Joy is a special place because we all come together to make "the church" be "the church", the body of Christ Just as it says in 1 Corinthians 12:15-27

**15** Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.**16** And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.**17** If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? **18** But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. **19** If they were all one part, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

**21** The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" **22** On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, **24** while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, **25** so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. **26** If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

**27** Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Thanks for everyone doing their part!

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**Prayers:**

Future of Harbor of Joy, Jeanette and Merle Johnston, Verne and Kate Hansen. Joyce, friend of Carolyn Rossie has cancer. Chuck Tielbur, Zoey Wulf's grandfather, Bobbi Berry's brother-in-law. Sandy Johnson, Patti Griffiths, Lyn Creswell, and Nancy Letcher, going to Tanzania Jan 1, 2019, Chris Kyle, Sympathies to Wendy Schmitz in death of husband.

**Please Notify church office of any shut-ins or anyone ill who would appreciate a visit.**

- **Gratitude and Praise:** We can still worship the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
  - 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
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month:** Legion Breakfast at the Legion
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday nights of every month** is Community Table dinners. 5:30-7:00PM at Bible Conference Community Center. No cost to you. Everyone welcome.
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Jan. 25th .**
- **Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>,** Board And Council Meeting

**Please sign up for Sunday morning snacks and coffee.**

Pulpit supply for 2019

Jan. 6 Rod Quanbeck

Jan. 13 Pastor John Jensen

Jan. 20 Steve Meyer

Jan. 27 Dr. Kyle Fever

Feb. 3 John Pausley

Feb.10 John Jensen

Feb. 17

Feb. 24 Pastor Rick Porter



Harbor of Joy Weekly Calendar

Jan 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:30am - Sunday 10:45am - Education 6:30pm - Faith	31	1 Office Closed 10:30am - Prayers 1pm - Accura	2 7pm - AA Meeting	3 2:30pm - Music	4 3pm - AA Meeting,	5 7:30am - Men's
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