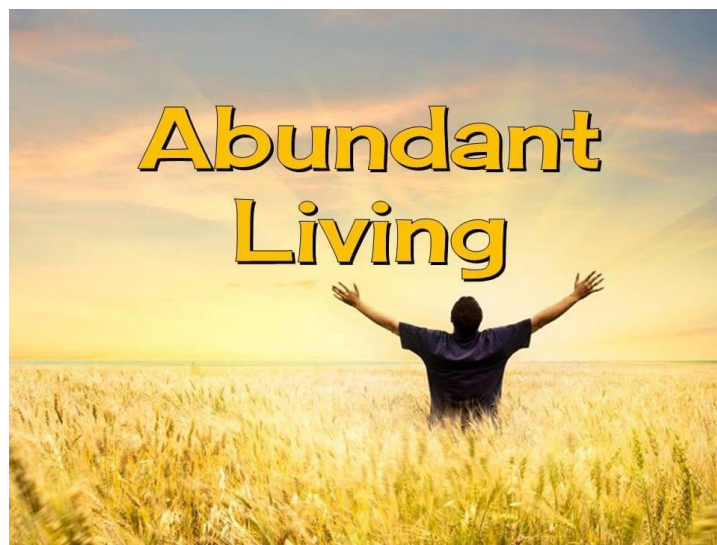




St. Mark's

United Methodist Church

January 12, 2025 - 9:30am Service



Scripture Reader: Cindy McDowell

Ushers: Kay Seagren and Ann Parker

Acolyte: Izzy Berwald

Guest Preacher: Rev. Ron Carlson

Special Offering: Iowa United Methodist Camps
Next week Special Offering: Human Relations Sunday

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

Pastor Alberta

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn

Freely, Freely

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Children's Moment

Pastor Alberta

Special Music

What Gift Can We Bring
Jane Marshall/arr. J. Broeker

Chancel Choir

Offertory & Prayer – Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Alberta

The Lord's Prayer

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Hymn of Preparation

Hymn of Promise

pg707 UMH

Scripture

John 6: 1-14

Cindy McDowell

Sermon

Abundant Living

Rev. Ron Carlson

Hymn

Take My Life, and Let it Be

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Benediction

Closing Hymn

As We Go

pg. 3183 W&S

Postlude

Announcements



Money

Today we have a special guest preacher Rev. Ron Carlson from the district office. Ron is the Treasurer and Director of Admin Services, and the finance team asked him to come talk with us about money. How does it affect our life? How does it impact those around us and why he has a passion about giving. If you remember this past fall our stewardship campaign, we asked you to pray about giving and tithing and then fill out your pledge card. Today we are going to give it back to you, if you want to rip it up and fill out a new one that is great, if you want to leave it the same that is fine also. Only you and God know what is written on that pledge card and it will stay that way. We would like you to turn them back in, only because we are going to have a burning ceremony in the spring (more details later).

In case you have ever wondered – some quick facts on how our budget is broken out!

57% Staff Salaries

20% Grounds, Maintenance and Parsonage

11% Conference Apportionments

13% Children's Education, Youth, Office Supplies and supplies for Worship

Also, we have such a generous congregation on top of your giving to our church, you also gave an additional \$4,846 to special offerings last year! You are amazing! We are blessed because of you.



JESUS a movie first!

WE ARE EXCITED to host a church movie afternoon on **Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.** JESUS, Deaf Missions film. God's story is unstoppable when it is in the heart language of a people group. Jesus, A Deaf Missions Film is the first feature film about Jesus in the American Sign Language (with subtitles), using native signers to bring the story of Jesus to life from a Deaf perspective for a Deaf audience.

<http://brushfire.com/faithcontentnetwork/jesus-adeafmissionsfilm/592408> for tickets. \$6.30 ages 13 & over; \$5.25 for children ages 6-12. Childcare is available on site.



Golden Valley District Superintendent has put together a 2025 District Church Prayer List asking us to pray for specific churches and their clergy. Please pray this week for the DeWitt UM Church-Clinton, Lyons/Trinity UM Church-Low Moor UM Church, Pastor Jeff Bixby

Free Lunch

This month's day for St. Mark's to provide lunch at the **Free Lunch program is Monday, January 20th.** Pans will be available to pick up **TODAY** for volunteers to prepare Tater Tot casserole (recipe provided). Also needed are bars and cookies. Please bring these donations to church Sunday morning January 19th. There is also the opportunity to volunteer on Monday, January 20th beginning as early as 10:30. Any questions, contact St. Mark's faithful Free Lunch Coordinator, Truda Kruger 319-354-5595.

Cinnamon Roll Sunday is coming up quickly (Sunday, Feb. 9th)! We are looking for bakers and a few volunteers to do intake and distribute rolls on the day of.

[Here](#) is the link to the Sign-Up Genius. You can also reach out to me, Kathy Welsh at kwelsh173@gmail.com if you want me to sign you up.

Thanks in advance for making this event a success and for the opportunity it gives us the opportunity to remember and celebrate Emma Nugent.



Fleece Blanket Project

We will tie the blankets in Fellowship Hall today after worship service and again on the 19th. Each blanket takes two different pieces of fleece 2 – 2 ½ yards each. If this is something you would like to support, please bring donated fleece to the church (box in Fellowship Hall) to be prepared for tying.

Upcoming Weekly Calendar

- 1/12** 9:30am – 10:30am – Sunday Worship
 - 1/13** 10:30am – 11:30am – Loom Mat Making – Youth Room
5:45pm – 6:45pm – UWF Board Meeting – Youth Room
6:45pm – 9:00pm – Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall
6:00pm – 7:00pm – ASL – Fireside Room
6:00pm – 7:00pm Trustees Meeting – Wesley Room
 - 1/14** 7:00pm – 8:00pm – N.A. Meeting – Wesley Room
7:00pm – 8:30pm – Odd Fellows – Fellowship Hall
 - 1/15** 4:00pm – 5:00pm – Men's Book Club – Fireside Room
6:00pm – 8:00pm – Loving Arms Staff Meeting – Room 108/109
6:30pm – 7:15 pm – Bell Choir – Music Room
7:15pm – 7:45pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
 - 1/16** 10:30am – 11:00am - Library Bookmobile – parking lot
 - 1/17** 6:30pm - 9:30pm – Sam Hixson group – Fireside Room
7:00pm – 8:00pm – N.A. Meeting – Wesley Room
 - 1/18** 9:00am -11:00am – Overeaters Anonymous – Youth Room
1:30pm – 4:00pm – A Deaf Mission Film “Jesus” – Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary
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