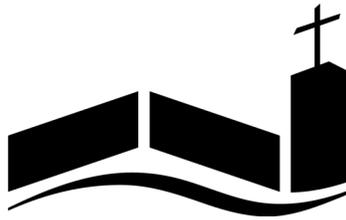


**BUFFALO  
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*So All May Know Joy*

**November 17, 2019**



**Today's Sermon:**

**Defying Gravity:**

As impossible as it may seem, God has given each one of us the capability of living our lives in defiance of financial gravity. The Biblical word for that is stewardship, and it's the life God always meant for us to live. But nobody is born a good steward. It takes a life-long journey of devotion, self-sacrifice, and surrender to God's will. And the payoff? Freedom!

**We're glad you're here!**

**Questions?** Ask anyone with a red nametag for information about our church.

**Welcome Flyers** for new worshipers are found on the entryway wall.

**Please fill out** the "Thanks for Being Here" card in the pew rack. Time will be given to write any prayer requests and/or comments on your worship experience on the back of the card, then place it in the offering plate.

**A staffed nursery** is available in the education wing for children 5 & under.

**Children's activity bags** for worship are available on the rack in the entryway. There are also "scribble sheets" for kids on the wall!

**Copies of the sermon manuscript** are available before the service from any usher, and can also be found posted on our church website.

**Words will be projected for all songs.** Some songs are also found in the red hymnal, black hymnal or gray songbook found in your pew and page numbers are listed accordingly in your bulletin.

**Coffee** is served between the worship services each week in the Fellowship Hall from 9:20-10:20.

**Devotional resources** are available on the wall rack in the entryway.

**Hearing assist devices** are available, please ask an usher or soundboard operator.

**8:15 am • Joyful Praise Worship**

**10:30 am • Celebration Worship**

**Coffee Fellowship & Education • 9:20-10:20 am**



# Joyful Praise Worship • 8:15 am

*Defying Gravity*



## Gathering Music

## Welcome & Announcements

## Invocation & Sharing Christ's Joy

## Song

*Open Up the Heavens*  
words projected

## Call to Worship

## Song

*Give Thanks*  
#170 gray songbook  
*Thank You, Lord*  
words projected

## Old Testament Reading

*Joseph the Steward*  
Genesis 39:1-6a NLT

## The Early Word

*Who Took the Cookie From the  
Cookie Jar?*

## Gospel Reading

*A Bigger Barn*  
Luke 12:15-23 NLT

## Message

*Defying Gravity\**  
includes video *The Blob*  
Message adapted from the sermon sample by Pastor  
Tom Berlin, in *Defying Gravity: Break Free from the  
Culture of More- Program Tools* (Abingdon Press).

## Time of Reflection

Spend this time in meditation or to write a  
comment or prayer on your response card

## Invitation to Offering

## Music during Offering

*Holy Spirit (You are Welcome Here)*  
words projected

## Prayer of Consecration

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be  
thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be  
done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this  
day our daily bread. And forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
forever. Amen.

## Song of Sending Forth

*Thrive*

## Blessing

## Music for Departure

# Celebration Worship • 10:30 am

*Defying Gravity*



## Gathering Music

Craige Farwick

## Welcome & Announcements

## Invocation & Sharing Christ's Joy

## Call to Worship

## Hymn of Praise

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

#92 vss. 1-4 red hymnal

## Old Testament Reading

*Joseph the Steward*

Genesis 39:1-6a NLT

## The Early Word

*Who Took the Cookie from the Cookie Jar?*

## Hymn of Preparation

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

#140 red hymnal

## Gospel Reading

*A Bigger Barn*

Luke 12:15-23 NLT

## Message

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## Time of Reflection

Spend this time in meditation or to write a comment or prayer on your response card

## Invitation to Offering

## Offertory

*I'd Rather Have Jesus*

arr. Marilyn Ham

## Doxology

#94 red hymnal

## Prayer of Consecration

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## Hymn of Consecration

*Standing on the Promises*

#374 red hymnal

## Blessing

## Postlude

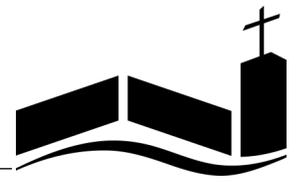
*Rock Medley:*

*The Solid Rock*

*Rock of Ages*

*He Hideth My Soul*

Arr. Marilyn Ham



## Happening Today

### Consecration Sunday

Today is a special day as we consecrate our 2020 Promise of Giving commitments. If you did not receive a mailing or forgot your form at home, copies are available on the table in the entryway. This is also a good day to commit to service in the news year if you haven't already done so. How might God be calling you? "My Plan for Serving" forms are also available in the entryway.

### Book Fair Today—Check it Out!

Today we have a Book Fair with many Advent resources that you can purchase for study on your own, or as part of one of our Advent classes, or even to form your own group. Advent begins December 1, so plan now for the ways you will prepare your heart for Christmas. If the cost is an issue, please see a staff member for scholarship information.

## Coming Up

### Singleton Street Concert November 23



The Delano-based Singleton Street Trio is back to share their rich bluegrass and gospel music with us this **Saturday**,

**November 23 at 7:00 pm.** They will include a short Christmas set in the concert. Plan to be here for this always fun event, and invite some friends along, too! Refreshments follow; freewill offering received.

### Poinsettia Orders Due November 24

Help adorn our sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. Place order in the offering plate by **November 24** using the forms in the pews. Flowers remain through Christmas Eve. **Sign up on the bulletin board** (separate sheet) to purchase extra poinsettias for yourself at \$10, with the profits going toward apportionments.

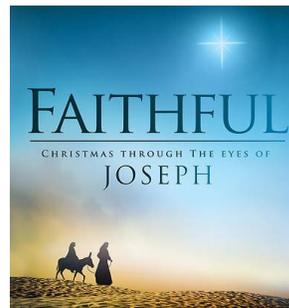
### Community Thanksgiving Service

The Community Thanksgiving Service is **Wednesday, November 27** at Zion Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm. It's a wonderful evening of praise and gratitude with mass choir and handbells, including our Chancel Chimes.

### Student Day Offering Next Week

We receive the United Methodist Student Day special offering next **Sunday, November 24**, one of six annual UM special offerings. This offering calls the church to support students preparing for life in uniting faith with knowledge through scholarships and the UM student loans.

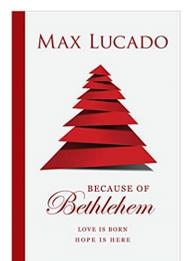
### "Faithful" Advent Study on Joseph



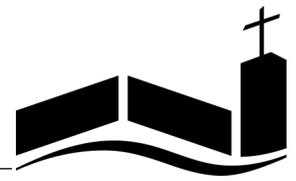
Have you ever wondered what it would be like to raise a child that was not yours? Or even more, to raise the son of God? This Advent you have the opportunity to discuss the possible feelings of Joseph, earthly father of Jesus. The responsibility given to Joseph is explored in the book "Faithful – Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph" by Adam Hamilton. A four-week study will take place Sunday mornings between services on December 1, 8, 15, & 22 in the conference room by Dexter and Sheryl Lehman. The books are \$9 each and available at the book fair today.

### Because of Bethlehem Advent Study

Because of Bethlehem, we no longer have marks on our record...just grace. We have the promise that God is always near us, always for us, always within us. Please plan to join Laurie Schroeder for a three session Advent study, *Because of Bethlehem*,



by Max Lucado on **Thursdays, December 5, 12, & 19 at noon.** (Due to a late Thanksgiving we can only fit in three sessions this year.) There is a video with each session, so you can participate without preparing ahead of time. Bring your lunch with if you like! Sign up in the entryway at church. Books are \$12 and available today.



### **Church Conference Sunday, Dec. 1**

There will be a Church Conference to vote on the 2020 budget, pastor's compensation, membership report, ministry team members, and other church business on **Sunday, December 1 at 9:20 am at church**. All members of Buffalo UMC are welcome to come and vote. Constituents are welcome to participate with voice but not vote.

### **Help Make the Christmas Dinner Happen**

Last year we served 225 people at the Christmas Day Dinner. Our team has met to plan for how to manage things more smoothly this year, and we will need as many volunteers as possible! We have posted sign-up sheets with many ways for you to support this wonderful community outreach ministry – our 23rd annual dinner!!

- Donate food, supplies or cash. (Turkeys needed by Dec. 15; non perishable items by December 15; perishables by December 22. Salads and desserts may be brought on Christmas Eve.)
- Help decorate on **Sunday, November 24 at 11:30 am**.
- Help cook turkeys on **Saturday, December 21**.
- Help set up tables on **Sunday, December 22**.
- Volunteer to work one or more of the shifts on **Christmas Day**.

### **News! BUMC Will Host "Adopt a Family"**

We are pleased that our church will be hosting the Buffalo Rotary's Adopt-a-Family Christmas program this year. Gifts for families will be dropped off at the church on **Sunday, December 8 from 3-8 pm**, and then families will pick up their gifts on **Saturday, December 14**. We ask your gracious hospitality as we work with the Rotary to administer this program.

### **Be An Adopt-a-Family Sponsor**

If you would like to sponsor a family, or a group of you wish to sponsor together, sponsorship forms are found on the bulletin board across from the church office. Forms need to be in by **November 21** so they can match you with a family before Thanksgiving.

### **Adopt-a-Family Forms Due November 21**

If you or someone you know is having a tough time and would appreciate some help with getting Christmas presents to family members, please complete an Adopt-a-Family referral form and return it by November 21. The yellow forms are found on the bulletin board across from the church office.

### **Help Decorate Next Sunday**

Help decorate the sanctuary and fellowship hall, and put up Christmas trees in preparation for Advent on **Sunday, November 24 at 11:30 am**. Your help would be welcome if you're available!

### **Wesley Meal on November 30**

Our church will serve a meal at Wesley Church in downtown Minneapolis on **Saturday, November 30**. Check the bulletin board for sign-up sheets if you can help serve that day and/or make a dessert (either cake or cookies).

### **Frozen Meals Available**

Thanks to our kitchen crew, there is a fresh batch of frozen lasagna in the freezer for you to take to someone needing a meal or two. Who could you surprise with the blessing of a meal?



### **Blankets for Beds**

Thank you to everyone who continues to bring in blankets and bedding to donate to the Food Shelf. The need is NEVER ending. Any and ALL new OR gently used blankets/linens are accepted---please put them in the new "Blanket Basket" outside of the church office or call Dianne McLain (763-682-2260) if you need them to be picked up.

### **Serve Communion to Homebound**

If you would consider occasionally taking communion to our homebound and care center residents, see Pam Croft or Laurie for details.

### **Confirmation Corner**

On **Wednesday, November 20** we are having a Focus night. Please remember to bring your Bibles.

## Next Sunday November 24

### I'll Save You a Spot

Every life, no matter their story, background or situation...God has an open spot to sit down and enjoy spiritual food, to be told you are valuable and loved, and to receive strength and rest. You are welcome exactly as you are, whether you can imagine it or not, at the table.

## Prayer Matters

- Prayers for Tracy Lay and her family as they grieve her aunt Wendy Thibodeau who passed away.
- Wermagers ask for continued prayers for Dawn Lund, who is back in the hospital again with fluid in her lungs.
- Gail Hurley's dad fell, so pray that he recovers well and regains his strength.
- Mary Dockendorf asks prayers for the new medication to work for her children.
- Thanksgiving for many answered prayers that were reported on cards this past week, including Helen Johnson's favorable angiogram results.

## Serving Today

Musicians:	Joyful Praise Team (8:15); Craigie Farwick, Laurie Schroeder & Peter Bedker 10:30)
Tech:	Glenda Vidmar & Joe Schroeder
Scripture Reader:	Julie Bedker
Ushers:	Troy & Laura Carter (8:15) Linda Bostic & Jeremy Carlson (10:30)
Coffee Servers:	Esther Kiphuth, Eric Johnson & Gail Hurley
Nursery:	Angie Masteller

## This Week in Ministry

### Tuesday, November 19

7:00 pm      SPRC Team Meeting

### Wednesday, November 20

6:00 pm      Confirmation Focus Night  
6:00 pm      Senior High Youth  
6:00 pm      Adult Discipleship Team Meeting  
6:30 pm      Handbell Rehearsal  
7:30 pm      Joyful Praise Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 21

6:30 pm      Adult Bible Study @ Paulette's  
7:00 pm      Disciple Fast Track Bible Study

### Saturday, November 23

7:00 pm      Saturday Awakenings Concert—Singleton Street

### Sunday, November 24 *New Member Sunday/ UM Student Day Offering*

8:15 am      Joyful Praise Worship Service  
9:20 am      Defying Gravity Book Study  
10:25 am      Jesus Rocks Rehearsal  
10:30 am      Traditional Worship Service



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