

Churches

MOUNT VERNON

St. Paul Lutheran Church L.C.M.S.
600 Fifth Avenue South

Pastor: Rev. Sean Hansen
www.splcmv.org; send e-mail to info@splcmv.org
Sun.: 9:30 a.m. In-person worship Please refer to our website or contact the church directly for additional worship information.

First Presbyterian Church
301 1st St. N.W.
www.firstpresmv.com
319-895-6060

Pastor: Rev. Lori Wunder
Sun.: 9:30 a.m. in-person worship.
Online services stream beginning at 9:20 a.m. on Facebook

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Rev. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah, parish priest
Sun.: 8 a.m. Mass

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Roch Player, Bishop
Meeting at: 4300 Trailridge Rd.
SE, Cedar Rapids
Sun.: 11:30 a.m. in person services. Also an option for digital worship services.

United Methodist Church

Pastor Terra Amundson
www.umcmv.com
Sun.: 8:30 a.m. Praise Worship. 11 a.m. Traditional Worship.

Community Bible Church

940 W. Mount Vernon Rd.
www.mvcbc.org, 895-6269
Teaching Pastor Brandon Glaza
Discipleship Pastor Dennis Fulkerson
Youth Pastor Stephen Thomas
Sun.: 9:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service Also will stream on our YouTube page. Go to http://mvcbc.org for the link.

Linn Grove Presbyterian

2000 Linn Grove Rd., Mt. Vernon
Pastor Carla Burge
Sun.: 9 a.m. in-person worship, masks requested Also, weekly readings, prayers and sermons are posted on the church's Facebook page.

Baha'i Faith

Nina Scott, Group Secretary, 319-270-9230

CrossLife Community Church

Pastor Erik Bennett
Sun.: 10:30 a.m. — In-person worship service. Services also livestream on Facebook page.

LISBON

Lisbon United Methodist

200 E. Market St., 455-2000
https://lisboniowaumc.org/
Pastor Josh Swaim
Services also livestreamed online at Lisbon United Methodist Church's YouTube page Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
Sun.: 9:45 a.m. — In-person worship.

Seeds of Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

798 Brennehan Lane, 455-2599
(Off Hwy. 30 on eastern edge of Lisbon)
https://www.seedsofffaithlutheran.org/
Pastor Roberta Pierce
9 a.m. — In-person worship.
Services also livestream via Seeds' Facebook Page.

BERTRAM

United Methodist Church

319-365-8077
Rev. Darwin Moore, Pastor
Sun.: 10 a.m. — In-person worship service

MARTELLE

Christian Church

Sun.: 10:30 a.m. — in person worship service
Services also stream online at Martelle Christian Church's YouTube page.

United Methodist Church

Sun.: 10:30 a.m. Worship service. No Sunday school.

SPRINGVILLE

United Methodist Church

Sun.: 9 a.m. Worship service.
No Sunday school
Wed.: 6:30 p.m. Praise service

Springville Presbyterian Church

building closed. Pastor will email out worship experience to church members during coronavirus shutdown.

Faith Christian Fellowship

Pastor Jack Ray
Sun.: 9:30 a.m. worship at Springville Memorial Library, in the Buresh Room (264 Broadway Street)

St. Isidore Catholic Church

Sat.: 6 p.m. Mass

ELY

First Presbyterian

Worship/ Sunday School currently broadcast on Facebook Live. Streaming Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at Facebook.com/elypres.

MECHANICSVILLE

Living Hope Bible Church

Mechanicsville Memorial Building
Closed due to COVID-19.

First Presbyterian Church

408 E. First Street
Closed due to COVID-19.

Methodist

Sun.: 11 a.m. In-person worship Services will also continue to stream online Sundays at Mechanicsville and Morley UMC Facebook Page.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Wed.: 6:30 p.m. — mass
Sun.: 8 a.m. Mass

Lisbon approves band uniform purchases

By Nathan Countryman

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Lisbon has approved purchasing new band uniforms for the Lisbon band program at a cost of roughly \$35,000.

Between the matched donations from the Lisbon American Legion, community donations, the Hwy. 1 Marching Band Classic fundraiser held this past fall and substantial donations from the Lisbon Boosters Club (pursuant to a coming bylaws change), Lisbon band director Joseph Arch said the program has raised more than enough funds to help get the order placed and start the process of getting the uniforms to Lisbon.

"It's a great step forward for our program," Arch said. "We'll be able to cover this purchase without touching any general funds for our program, which is huge. That's all because of the strong community involvement we've seen already for this project."

Arch said the order will be made now to get the uniforms here in hopes for uniforms to arrive by the Memorial Day ceremony in late May 2023. That turnaround may prove to be tight, as the company has a 180 day turnaround time.

Arch said his program has roughly 150 to 152 students between middle school and high school, with 43 currently in the high school band.

"We're on track to retain roughly 70 percent of students from middle school band to high school band, which will increase our numbers upwards in coming years," Arch said. "The company will keep our design on hand and if we need to purchase new uniforms in a few years, they will be ready. This first order will be to buy roughly 70 uniforms."



— Sun file photo

The Hwy. 1 Marching Band Classic helped raise funds to replace the Lisbon band uniforms, which are more than 20 years old. The uniform orders have been placed for arrival later this spring or early summer.

Lisbon superintendent Autumn Pino said that the donations from the American Legion and the Lisbon Boosters club came about because of a great relationship activities director Brandon Horman has fostered.

"It's been a collective approach for us to get to this point," Pino said.

Arch said that having community support, from small individual donors to the larger donations, has also been a huge boost to the band program.

"I've explained to our students that our band is a part of our larger community," Arch said. "This community support for these new uniforms is a huge reminder to our students of that community connection, and something the students and I really appreciate."

Early retirement to be offered again

The Lisbon School board will be offering early retirement again for certified and non-certified staff.

The requirements are the same as in past years — staff have to be 55 or older and have worked 10 years consecutively in the Lisbon School District in order to apply for early retirement. The retirement will amount to 50 percent of their base pay for certified staff and 66 percent of their base pay for non-certified staff. If employees remain on the school's health plan, the stipend will be distributed to an HRA account that will cover those costs. If not, the amount will be sent to a retirement account.

Discussion was held on if teachers could return as substitutes or long-term substitutes

for the district in the next year after retirement, especially as the state deals with a teacher shortage.

"With the teacher shortage, it seems silly to not let teachers return as a substitute teacher if they want to," said board president Jen Caspers.

School board member Abbe Stensland asked if having a teacher back for a long-term substitute position in the next school year would defeat the purpose of financial planning for the district, as the teacher might have to be paid similar to their former base salary if they came back from an early retirement.

Lisbon business manager Laurie Maher said she will be looking at language that explains that position of the district.

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to bid out separately for more favorable bids.

Traffic flow at Mount Vernon Schools

Speaking of construction, work is ongoing on the Mustangs Activity Complex, with a groundbreaking held this fall. With winter finally arriving, work may be done for the winter, but it will be nice to see that activities complex constructed and completed

next to the Mount Vernon schools building. We know the first year is going to be an adjustment with that new facility up and running, but reviewing activities calendars and having a plan on how increased traffic flow to the location as more popular events occur should be a priority. The return of the elementary holiday concert and traffic into the building's adjacent parking lots made for a very hectic night of traffic. Begin-

ning planning for these new draws of increased traffic to the west portion of the city is a discussion that needs to continue.

Water radio meter read for Mount Vernon

This is a project that may take more than one fiscal year to complete, but would benefit the citizens in this community by freeing up public works staff to tackle addi-

tional projects. Additionally, water radio meter reads can capture data of leaks much earlier and allow for repairs to be properly made and mitigate expensive water bills. It's one of the CIP projects that has shuffled forward for the city a number of times and one that Lisbon has completed.

What are some of your hopes and goals for the community in the coming years?

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- Help a loved one clean their home.
- Give your favorite book to a loved one.
- Make a meal with a family member.
- Donate cans to your local food bank.
- Leave a kind note for your mail carrier.
- Visit with an elderly neighbor.
- Tell a loved one they matter to you.
- Clean up trash in your community.
- Ask a coworker how you can lighten their load.
- Stop to help someone

who is having car trouble.

- Take a walk with a friend.
- Offer to teach someone a new skill.
- Hold the door open for a stranger.
- Host a family game night.
- Volunteer at your local library.
- Forgive someone.

When I was young, my family would spend the week after Christmas doing "Gifts of Love" for each other. They were simple acts of service like making each other's beds in the morning, doing one another's daily chores, reading a

story to a younger sibling, etc. It made that week really special as we found ways to serve each other without expecting anything in return. Greater love and harmony flowed in our home that week and I appreciated my siblings and parents in a whole new way.

My husband and I have done this in a different way with our daughters. We have everyone draw a name of a different family member and for a week we secretly do service for that person. We have found that there is increased harmony and love in our home that week because everyone is

finding ways to serve their secret person and no one wants to be unkind to someone who might be the one that is serving them.

However you choose to do it, finding a way to serve those in your family and those that you come in contact with will change how you feel about the holiday season. Peace and love will enter your heart in greater abundance and you will be able to focus more on what this season is about. And as we all begin to serve one another, our homes and communities will be a better place to live.