Proclaiming God's Promises
Winter 2019-2020

A promise made.

This good news proclaimed.

Begins a journey that is life changing.

In December we observe the four weeks of Advent, the season of preparation and reflection for God coming among us in Jesus. We will wrap up our study of the Hebrew scriptures as we've been exploring the theme "Trusting God's Promises." In Advent, all these promises we've learned point us to the messiah, God's anointed one to rule in justice and peace. As Christmas arrives in celebrating the birth of Jesus the messiah, the promise of the season is salvation of the world.

Following Christmas, our attention turns to the ministry and message of Jesus himself as written in the book of Mark. We see how it is that he lived his life for others and calls us to live with him in the same manner. We hear his message of good news for sinners, the sick, and the oppressed. And we learn to proclaim this good news ourselves.

To live with Jesus is to follow him on his mission. As February arrives, our Spring season of Journey Groups begin. And so too, our study of Jesus' life will be guided by our Spring season theme, "Journey on Mission". You're invited to hear God's word in worship and to join a Journey Group. Together, we grow in God's love and in our capacity to live as followers of Jesus every day.

Unity Lutheran Church

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Gathering in Holy Liturgy: Sunday 10 am & Wednesday 6:30 pm

Outreach Ministries: Wednesdays 5 pm

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 am-2 pm

Sharing Sundays

Sharing Sundays continue each month. One of Unity's ministries will be highlighted each month, and the coordinator will give a short talk during our Sunday service about what the ministry has meant to them in leadership, faith, and fellowship. On those days, we often ask our members to donate at least one item of something that would help that ministry. For example, for Strong Baby Sanctuary, baby clothes, or diapers, or a blanket would be great. For our food pantry, canned goods or a nut butter… even bottled water! Make sense? Great!

Here's the schedule for the rest of the winter:

- December 15th: Food Pantry—Jim Liedtke
- January 12th: Clothing Closet—Marion Karol
- February 16th: Active Adult Center—Diane Hellrung

If you have any questions, email Scott Koral at scott.koral@unitymilwaukee.org.

We remember the following people as we pray…

Ebony Brown **and family** (friends of Unity)**, Gail** Senelon (AAC member), **Carol** Johnson (member), **Mary** Cicerelli (member), **Christina** Garcia (member), **Dareyl** Wahl (member), **Jeff** Tessmer (son of Ron and Marge), **Keith** Mueller (son of Dorothy Mueller), **Jean** Weibner (mother of Tricia Skinner), **Kayla** Wheeler (friend of Krista Emmons), **Don** Plant (friend of Jeff Kornreich), **Blake** Oleson (friends of Unity), **Dorothy** C. (outreach member), **Tony** Seffeldt (nephew of Chris Brown), Pastor **Kevan** Penvose, **Vanessa** Hood (friend of Winklers), **Patsy** Lenz (member), **Patricia** Orlowski (friend of Unity), **Sandy** LeBombard (friend of Unity), **Vivian** Lucci (member), **Jerry & Nellie** Javorski, **Becky** Lefebvre (friend of Krista Emmons), **James** Lopeman (son of Jennifer Lopeman), **Cindy** Larson (friend of Frank Jendisa), **Dan** Blank (family of Rachel), **Bonnie** Ziowkoski, **Ron** Tessmer (member), **Warren** Meyer (member), **Dominic**, **Theresa** (friend of Warren Meyer), **Lori** Jameson (member), **Yvonne** Baczanski (mother of Yvette Baczanski), **Dan** Baczanski (brother of Yvette Baczanski), **Kathy** (friend of Unity), **Joan** (friend of Unity), **Jerry** Sala (brother of Bob Sala), **Jack** Badalik (friend of Unity), **Andy** Wegner (member), **Mary** Noe, **Sandi** Buchman, **Nikkeya** Berryhill, **Robin** Servantez (friend of Lori Jameson), **Kim** Deschler, **Justin**, **Nathan**, **Frank**, (friends of Unity), **William** Darden (friend of Unity)**, Jamie** Kornreich (member), **Elaine** Kornreich (member), **Ruth** Learman (friend of Unity), **Dale** Davis (friend of Unity), **Joe**, **Shelly**, and **Joey** Tuzzo (friends of Unity), **Lu** Butler (friend of Krista Emmons), **Rosie** Karshna (member), **Craig** Chyood; **Laura**, **Jackie**, & **Stewart** (siblings of Patty Johnson); **Bob** Sala, (member) **Steve** Rowley (member), **Rick, Cheryl** Gaber (Rosie Karshna's Niece), **Gloria** Brandenberg, **Jeannine** Lau (member), **Trudy** Rossman, **Do Do** Szofer (AAC member) and **Eddie** S (Rosie Karshna's Son), **Neil** Larsen, **Rachel** Kaiser (granddaughter of Judy Kaiser), **Thom R. Bagley, Marty**, **Jacob** Kaiser (Grandson of Judy Kaiser), **Cindy** Bereiter, **Susan** & **Betty** Johnson (Ross); **Paul, Donna, Paula, Cathy, Izzy** & **Lee**; and **Charlene** Sala (friend of Unity); **Hernandez** family; **Silas** Stewart (nephew of Patty Johnson); **David** Hellrung (member); **Shari** Brand (friend of Maureen Wahhab); **Joe** Weber (cousin of Patty Johnsons; family and friends of **Bob** Cicerelli (Mary's brother); family and friends of **Bea** Liebherr, **Amy** Phillips (member); the **Toni Fare Family.**

**Please notify the office to add or remove someone from Unity's prayer list.*

Pastor's Story

When you make a promise to someone, do you want that promise to have an effect? Or do you think that promise won't make a difference worth noticing or mentioning?

For example, I made a promise on my wedding day. That promise has made one of the biggest impacts on my life, and . . . going out on a limb here . . . I think it's safe to say that the promise I made also has had a huge effect on my wife. In light of that promise, I live together with her, and I make decisions together with her. My finances reflect that promise in combining with hers. My role as a parent is another product of that promise. Even if for some reason I wanted to keep that promise secret and not let anyone know, that would be impossible. My life is shaped by that promise. Anyone who knows me beyond a brief acquaintance, knows the promise I made to her.

We've learned this fall that the same is true for God. We have been studying the Hebrew scriptures with the theme "Trusting God's Promises". These promises have an effect. They produce results. In making promises to us, God is committing to live accordingly with us and to accomplish salvation on our behalf. For God, these promises are worth mentioning continually. God reminds us through stories, through rituals, and through prophets. All of these point our attention to the defining difference for the world, namely Emmanuel — God with us in Jesus.

A promise made is a promise received. An example of a promise made to me is an acceptance letter I've received. If you've ever applied for an educational opportunity you thought would make a big impact in your life, then you also know the excitement, thrill, and sense of relief that rushes through you as you read the letter. The schools I attended sent me acceptance letters as a promise that I could study there and benefit from what they have to offer. I was enthused to tell my family and friends of the school's promise to me. And over the course of many years, I was dedicated to following the course set forth by this promise.

In a similar fashion, when we receive God's promises they have an effect upon us, one that makes a difference worth mentioning. Having received God's promises we then proclaim God's promises to people we care about — family, friends, and neighbors. This act of proclamation isn't a one time thing like saying a sentence and moving on. Rather, proclamation of God's promises entails following the course set forth by God's promises. We journey together in Jesus' mission. And our lives continue to be shaped more and more according to the promises we have received in our baptism, through scriptures, and through Jesus' community of the church.

Winter Scripture Messages & Daily Readings

"The Promise of the Messiah"
December 1

Sunday	**Jeremiah 33:14-18**
Monday	Daniel 1:1-7
Tuesday	Daniel 1:8-17
Weds.	Daniel 1:18-21
Thurs.	Daniel 3:1-7
Friday	Daniel 3:8-18
Sat.	Daniel 3:19-30

"The Promise of Comfort"
December 8

Sunday	**Isaiah 40:1-11**
Monday	Isaiah 40:25-31
Tuesday	Isaiah 49:1-6
Weds.	Isaiah 50:4-9
Thurs.	Isaiah 53:1-9
Friday	Isaiah 55:1-5
Sat.	Isaiah 55:6-13

Cross+Gen Christmas Pageant
December 15th

Sunday	**Christmas Pageant**
Monday	Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13
Tuesday	Ezra 6:1-12
Weds.	Ezra 6:13-22
Thurs.	Zechariah 8:1-8
Friday	Zechariah 8:14-23
Sat.	Zechariah 9:9-17

"Promise of Light in the Shadows"
December 22nd

Sunday	**Luke 1:5-25**
Monday	Luke 1:57-80
Tuesday	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]
Christmas	Luke 2:8-20
Thurs.	Luke 2:21-24
Friday	Luke 2:25-40
Sat.	Mark 1:1-8

"The Promise of Christ in Crises"
December 29th

Sunday	**Matthew 2:13-23**
Monday	Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday	Luke 6:17-31
Weds.	Luke 6:32-42
Thurs.	Luke 6:43-49
Friday	Mark 1:21-28
Sat.	Mark 1:29-39

"Proclaiming the Good News"
January 5th

Sunday	**Mark 1:21-45**
Monday	Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday	Luke 7:11-17
Weds.	Luke 7:18-23
Thurs.	Luke 7:36-50
Friday	Mark 2:1-12
Sat.	Mar 2:13-17

"Proclaiming Healing to Sinners"
January 12th

Sunday	**Mark 2:1-22**
Monday	Mark 2:23-28
Tuesday	Mark 3:1-6
Weds.	Mark 3:7-12
Thurs.	Mark 3:13-20
Friday	Mark 3:21-27
Sat.	Mark 3:28-35

"Proclaiming the Gospel Everywhere"
January 19th

Sunday	**Mark 4:1-20**
Monday	Mark 4:21-25
Tuesday	Mark 26-34
Weds.	Mark 4:35-41
Thurs.	Matthew 4:12-22
Friday	Luke 8:1-3
Sat.	Matthew 5:1-12

"Proclaiming Despite Consequences"
January 26th

Sunday	**Mark 5:1-20**
Monday	Psalm 103:1-5
Tuesday	Psalm 103:6-14
Weds.	Psalm 103:15-22
Thurs.	Psalm 86:8-17
Friday	Psalm 1
Sat.	Mark 5:21-34

"Proclaiming Life"
February 2nd

Sunday	**Mark 5:21-43**
Monday	Psalm 46
Tuesday	Psalm 100
Weds.	Psalm 121
Thurs.	Psalm 23
Friday	Mark 6:1-6
Sat.	Mark 6:7-16

"Journey on Jesus' Mission"
February 9th

Sunday	**Mark 6:1-13**
Monday	Mark 6:30-34
Tuesday	Mark 6:35-44
Weds.	Mark 6:45-56
Thurs.	Psalm 89:5-11
Friday	Mark 7:1-8
Sat.	Mark 7:9-13

"Journey of Personal Awareness"
February 16th

Sunday	**Mark 7:1-23**
Monday	Mark 7:24-30
Tuesday	Mark 7:31-37
Weds.	Mark 8:1-13
Thurs.	Mark 8:14-21
Friday	Mark 8:22-26
Sat.	Mark 8:27-38

"Journey with Our Own Cross"
February 23rd

Sunday	**Mark 8:27-38; 9:1-8**
Monday	Mark 9:9-13
Tuesday	Mark 9:14-29
Weds.	Mark 9:30-37
Thurs.	Mark 9:38-50
Friday	Mark 10:1-12
Sat.	Mark 10-13-16

It's Christmas Time at Unity!

Please join us and invite a friend:

Sunday	December 15	10 a.m.	Cross+Generational Christmas Pageant
Tuesday	December 24	7 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Weds.	December 25	10 a.m.	Christmas Worship Service
		5 p.m.	Unity Soup Kitchen (meal served at 5:30)
		6:30 p.m.	Outreach Worship w/ Christmas Carols

Journey Groups Resume in February

Journey Groups return February 9th! If you're looking for a smaller group of people to help further your journey with Christ, we have options for you!

Our Cross+Generational group (one for ALL AGES) meets **every other week;** inquire with the Kosmoski family. If that doesn't work, Pastor Kevan holds his small group ministry at **Puddler's Hall at 6:30 p.m. Sunday evenings**. How about a weekday morning? **Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. during our Active Adult Center**, we help each other continue their mission with Jesus in our Fellowship Hall. **After our soup kitchen on Wednesday nights (7:30 p.m.)**, Karen Penvose hosts one at the Anodyne Coffee location at KK & Ellen. **Every other Friday at 7 p.m.**, our Spanish language group meets in the sanctuary. For more information, contact the church office at 414-744-6311.

Active Adult Center

Unity's Active Adult Center also returns February 11th! Our Active Adult Center isn't just for seniors...we welcome people of all ages. Come join us in our Fellowship Hall every Tuesday, starting at 9 a.m.

Join us for fun and games, friendship and food...and LOTS of it. Every meal at our Active Adult Center is prepared by our own Active Adult Center members on site, following the rules and regulations put forth by ServSafe...so you KNOW it's not only fresh, but done right.

Join us today, and get the opportunity to be a part of our Supper Club, too! Contact Diane Hellrung for more information!

Communion Classes are Coming!

"This is my body, which is given for you; do this in memory of me."

The Sacrament of Holy Communion, or the Eucharist, is a scared occasion. During Communion, we receive the real presence of Christ Jesus as he promised, and we enter into unity with Christ and his whole church.

So, even if you are currently receiving communion from us, we are planning Communion Classes in 2020! They will be bilingual, and intended for students in grades 4-6. But, if you're an adult and want to attend these classes, know that you are also welcome!

We will have all the details soon! Keep checking on our website and Facebook for the latest information!

Coffee Connections Hosts Needed!

Coffee Connections will continue to run through the winter in the Fellowship Hall! Unity's Council will personally ask people to help host on other weeks.

Hosting isn't a big production. You're not cooking a feast for hundreds or providing silverware or anything like that. It's pretty simple:

- Finger foods (things people can easily pick up and eat quickly; baby carrots or grapes are good examples)
- Pastries
- If you'd like to make something, that's great...but please make sure it's something anyone can eat, like vegetarians or vegans
- Remember to make coffee....(It IS called Coffee Connections)

You don't know how to make the coffee at Unity? You're in luck you can ask one of our staff members (like Peggy!) how to do it. (Honestly... it's really easy...there are only about five steps to it)

There you have it! Contact Peggy if you'd like to get involved in Coffee Connections, and to learn how to make our coffee.

Stewarding our resources for Jesus' mission

Member Giving to Unity Missions and Operations thru October 31, 2019: $195,106
Current (YTD) Financial Status at the end of October 31, 2019: Gain of $3,943

Income	$195,106.21	Annual Budget:	$246,325.65
Expenses	$191,162.53	Annual Budget:	$245,575.65

We find ourselves with a $3,943.59 gain at the end of October. We have no operating reserve for 2019. In the Property Reserve Fund, we have $7,165.21 in cash with investments of $12,500 as savings for emergencies that may arise. Thank you for your generous support.

Stewardship: Seeing Love 20/20

Because we see Jesus doing so much in our lives and in the world, our generosity equips us to do what he is doing and to invite other to participate with us. God is calling us to love our neighbor as ourselves. We have mailed out intent cards to you. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to God's mission at Unity throughout the coming year, helping us reach more people to see the good news of Jesus in action.

You may return your Intent Forms in worship, to the office, by filling out the form on our website, or by emailing your information to peggy.latona@unitymilwaukee.org — Thank you!

Five Ways To Give Generously to Unity:

1. Donate button of Facebook:
Look under the cover photo of our sign for Soup Kitchen, and there should be a blue 'Donate' button. Click it and continue on to our Vanco page.

2. Shop with Amazon & Give to Unity!
Switch to AmazonSmile (http://smile.amazon.com).
Go down to the bottom to search, type 'Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church,' and press enter. There are a few to choose from, but make sure you find the one from Milwaukee, and that's us!

3. On our website!

4. App or Text
(1) Download the Give + Mobile app!
(2) Text the number 414-409-0287; Register; look for Unity Evan Lutheran Church or enter zip code 53207.

5. Thrivent Choice
If you are a Thrivent benefit member you can recommend how Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds using a vehicle called Choice Dollars. For more information about Choice Dollars:

- Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice
- Call 800-847-4836 or contact your local Thrivent Financial Representative

Events during December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	*2*	*3* *8 pm Creative Worship Team Meeting*	*4* *4:15 pm Confirmation*	*5*	*6*	*7* *NO Open Door Free Clinic*
8	*9*	*10* *1:30 pm Good Grief Group*	*11*	*12*	*13*	*14*
15 10am Worship w/ **Cross+Generations Christmas Pageant** Sharing Sunday	*16* *6:30 p.m. Book Club @ Tippe Library*	*17* *Last AAC until February*	*18* *4:30 pm Open Door Free Clinic* *5 pm Unity's week for Soup Kitchen*	*19* *7 pm Council*	*20*	*21*
22	*23*	*24* ***7 pm Christmas Eve Worship***	*25* ***10am Christmas Worship*** *5 pm Soup Kitchen* *6:30 Outreach Worship*	*26 Office closed*	*27*	*28*
29	*30 Office closed*	*31 Office closed*				

Weekly:

Sun. 10 a.m. Worship; 11 a.m. Connecting the Word, Coffee Connections (Hall beginning Sept. 8)
2:30 p.m.—6 p.m. Street Angels (Kitchen)

Tues. 9 a.m.—2 p.m. Active Adult Center (AAC) thru December 17th
2:30 p.m.—6 p.m. Street Angels (Kitchen), 7 p.m. AA

Wed. 5 p.m. Unity Outreach Ministries; 6:30 p.m. Worship

Thurs. 2:30 p.m.—6 p.m. Street Angels (Kitchen)

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Greeters	Jeff Kornreich Mary Cicerelli	Jeff Kornreich	Doreen Williams Arlene Phillips	Jeff Kornreich Mary Cicerelli	Jeff Kornreich
Assisting Min.	Ava Wisniewski	Josefa Puerta-Villacrez	Jake Schroeder	Anna Wisniewski	Josefa Puerta-Villacrez
Lector 1 (Prayers)	Wayne Pratis	Maya Penvose	Rachel Lyden	Ava Wisniewski	Jennifer Lopeman
Lector 2 (Scripture)	Kymarie Kosmoski	Debbie Vogel	TBD	Anna Wisniewski	Jack Kosmoski
Communion Assistant(s)	Jan Dunst Lori Jameson	Jan Dunst Kitty Dinauer	Jan Dunst Lori Jameson	Kitty Dinauer Lori Jameson	Jan Dunst Kitty Dinauer
Acolyte	Maya Penvose	John Lyden	Maya Penvose	Ava Wisniewski	DW Whitfield
Cup Server	Donovan Whitfield	Lucy Lyden	DW Whitfield	Zeke Penvose	Olivia Whitehead
Ushers	Dan Frohberg Warren Meyer Kitty Dinauer Dale Beaumont	Jeff Kornreich Lori Jameson Wayne Pratis Chris Davis	Jim Liedtke Josefa Puerta Villacrez Christina Garcia	Dan Frohberg Warren Meyer Kitty Dinauer Dale Beaumont	Jeff Kornreich Lori Jameson Wayne Pratis Chris Davis
Altar Guild	Josefa Puerta-Villacrez/ Hermalinda	Carla Moha Yvette Baczanski	Cindy Flechner Toni Fare	Josefa Puerta-Villacrez/ Hermalinda	Carla Moha Yvette Baczanski
Coffee Connections	Stacy Davis Meredith Wittmann	TBD	TBD	TBD	Stacy Davis Meredith Wittmann
Counters	Jody Stack Angie Cotto-Koral	Jill Wisniewski Nancy Baker	Joyce Benn Pat Gain	Jody Stack Angie Cotto-Koral	Jill Wisniewski Nancy Baker

Events during January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office closed	*2 Office closed*	*3*	*4* *9:15 am Open Door Free Clinic*
5	*6*	*7* *8 pm Worship Team*	*8* *4:15 pm Confirmation* *4:30 pm Open Door Free Clinic*	*9*	*10*	*11*
12 Sharing Sunday	*13*	*14* *1:30-3:00 pm Good Grief Group*	*15*	*16*	*17*	*18*
19 *Congregation Q&A*	*20* *6:30 pm Book Club at Tippe Library*	*21*	*22* *4:30 pm Open Door Free Clinic* *5 p Unity's Week for Soup Kitchen*	*23* *7 pm Council Meeting*	*24*	*25*
26 *Kids Time Choir* *11:30 am Congregation Meeting*	*27*	*28*	*29*	*30*	*31*	

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Wed. 5 p.m. Unity Outreach Ministries; 6:30 p.m. Worship
Thurs. 2:30 p.m.—6 p.m. Street Angels (Kitchen)

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Unity servers:

	January 5th	January 12th	January 19th	January 26th
Greeters	Dorene Williams Arlene Phillips	Jeff Kornreich Mary Cicerelli	Jeff Kornreich	Dorene Williams Arlene Phillips
Assisting Min.	Ava Wisniewski	Jake Schroeder	Laura McVann	Josefa Puerta-Villacrez
Lector 1 (Prayers) Lector 2 (Scripture)	Maya Penvose Debbie Vogel	Jennifer Lopeman Jack Kosmoski	Jan Dunst Patty Johnson	Rachel Lyden TBD
Communion Assistant	Jan Dunst Lori Jameson	Lori Jameson Kitty Dinauer	Jan Dunst Kitty Dinauer	Lori Jameson Jan Dunst
Acolyte	Oliva Whitehead	Zeke Penvose	Donovan Whitfield	Lucy Lyden
Cup Server	Andrew Wisniewski	Ava Wisniewski	Maya Penvose	John Lyden
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Altar Guild	Carla Moha Yvette Baczanski	Cindy Flechner Toni Fare	Josefa Puerta Villacrez Hermalinda Mondragon	Carla Moha TBD
Coffee Connections	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Counters	Joyce Benn Pat Gain	Jody Stack Angie Cotto-Koral	Jill Wisniewski Nancy Baker	Joyce Benn Pat Gain

Events during February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:15 am Open Door Free Clinic
2	3	4 8 pm Worship Team	5 4:15 pm Confirmation worship	6	7	8
9 First Week of Journey Groups	10	11 1:30-3:00 pm Good Grief Group	12 4:30 pm Open Door Free Clinic	13	14	15
16 Sharing Sunday	17 6:30 pm Book Club @ Tippe Library	18	19	20 2 pm Newsletter Deadline	21	22
23 Kids Time Choir	24	25	26 4:30 pm Open Door Free Clinic 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service	27 Newsletter Distributed 7 pm Council	28	29

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Assisting Min.	Anna Wisniewski	Laura McVann	Ava Wisniewski	Josefa Puerta-Villacrez
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Outreach Update

Our fall and winter series focus on trusting God's promises, but what does that even mean, and mean for us as individuals? Let's take a look at a Bible passage for a little guidance, shall we? I'll put it all together at the end…trust in MY promise here.

"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act."

-Psalm 37:4-5

At first glance, it looks like the first line means "Do what the Lord wants, and he will give you what YOU want." But actually it goes deeper than "I do this for the Lord so he'll do something for me." The first line is more about truly believing in God, and in trusting the Holy Spirit to guide us then God's purpose for the world becomes the very thing in which our hearts find delight. It is less self-serving and more God-serving.

The second line is different. "Commit your way to the Lord." Committing is a one-time act. Your 'way'. Not plural. Singular. The 'way' is your life. Your heart. Commit your heart to the Lord. Trust in him. Trust is a continuing attitude. So, once we've committed, now we have to maintain that commitment by using our attitude. "He will act." Whatever matters in our lives, God is working it out according to God's plan of salvation. In keeping our commitment for living in Jesus' mission, we trust in him to do so.

So we can understand these verses in our own words:

"Believe in God, and the Lord will reward you with the Holy Spirit.

Make God first in your life, trust that the Lord is looking out for you and taking care of you."

Many of us believe in God, but what do we do when we are guided by the Holy Spirit? That gift is for serving God, which we do by helping those who need a helping hand. Unity has prime opportunities to serve God in our outreach ministries.

Serve at our soup kitchen on Wednesdays. It could be a three-hour commitment on each Wednesday, but especially we are always looking for Unity members to serve on Unity's week — the third Wednesday of each month. Help with our food pantry. I'm sure Jim Liedtke would love to have help organizing the pantry's contents and putting them out for our patrons to have for their upcoming week. Be a part of our clothing closet. Marion Karol is our coordinator, and she would love to have someone who can help showcase the clothes or sifting through some of the incoming donations.

Those things fill the hearts of Unity's guests of those ministries, and they are appreciative of the time and effort volunteers put in to making their experience at Unity a great one. You can serve God by showing that same love our volunteers do. Become a volunteer at Unity.

Mission: Transformed by Jesus, our Lord, we go into the community to serve and welcome all people.

Vision: To lead the people of Unity in living worship, empowered to make disciples of Jesus.

Values: Faith is a way of life.

Outreach is relationship building.

Diversity is sought and celebrated.

Worship is life-shaping.

Exploring our scripture theme Sundays at 10 a.m.:

"Trusting God's Promises"

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