



# MILLARD COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service

December 18, 2022

## **Covenant** by Margaret Halaska

*The Father  
knocks at my door  
seeking a home for his son:*

*Rent is cheap, I say.*

*I don't want to rent. I want to buy, says God.*

*I'm not sure I want to sell,  
but you might come in to look around.*

*I think I will, says God.*

*I might let you have a room or two.*

*I like it, says God, I'll take two.  
You might decide to give me more some day.  
I can wait, says God.*

*I'd like to give you more,  
but it's a bit difficult. I need some space for me.*

*I know, says God, but I'll wait. I like what I see.*

*Hm, maybe I can let you have another room.  
I don't really need that much.*

*Thanks, says God, I'll take it. I like what I see.*

*I'd like to give you the whole house  
But I'm not sure—*

*Think on it, says God, I wouldn't put you out.  
Your house would be mine and my son would live in it.  
You'd have more space than you'd ever had before.*

*I don't understand at all.*

*I know, says God, but I can't tell you about that.  
You'll have to discover it for yourself.  
That can only happen if you let him have the whole house.*

*A bit risky, I say.*

*Yes, says God, but try me.*

*I'm not sure—  
I'll let you know.*

*I can wait, says God. I like what I see.*

This Advent, how do you see God patiently waiting for more of you? It might feel risky, but how can you surrender more to him? -Pastor Sharon

## **Upcoming Events**

This Sunday, the choir will lead worship with the **Christmas Cantata: "Bethlehem Morning"**.



**Poinsettias** in the sanctuary have been given in memory of **Lavon Mamerow, Don & Elsie Schoenbeck, Anna Roth, Nancy Spaulding, and Matthew Schleich.**

**Board Meeting**, December 19, 6:30 p.m.

The **Christmas Eve** candlelight service is at the church at 7:00 p.m., following by treats in the Fellowship Hall.



On **Christmas Day**, there will be no Sunday School or in-person Sunday services: look for a worship video on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Our Sunday School kids are selling bookmarks and Christmas ornaments to raise money for **Heifer International**. Look for the "cow bank" and display in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Sundays at Millard**

**Sunday School** classes begin at 9 a.m. for adults and children (no confirmation/discipleship class this Sunday). No Sunday School on 12/25 and 1/1.

**The worship service begins at 10:00 a.m.** Sunday Worship can be viewed live or later on our [YouTube Sunday Worship playlist](#). Sermon audio is also available on our [website](#) or on CD by request.

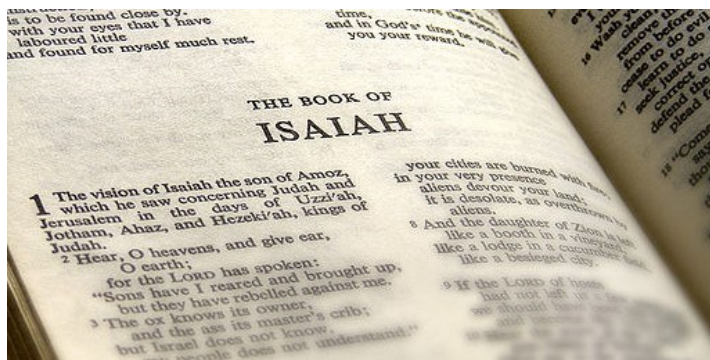
**What's that new song?** Check out our church Worship Music [Playlist](#) to hear some of the new music before Sunday mornings.

**2023 is Fast Approaching**– This Sunday will be the last Sunday morning offering collection for 2022, however, some counters will deposit any gifts that arrive in the mail by the 27th. Thank you for your faithful giving during 2022. **Offering envelopes** for 2023 are available for pick up in the Fellowship Hall. If you are not already on our offering envelopes list, please contact Peggy Watson or the church office so that we can add you. The 2023 counting schedule is posted. To all our offering counters: thank you for your service to God and his church!



**Children's Christmas Pageant**

Thank you to Brit Radloff and Michelle Morgan for directing the 2022 Children's Christmas Pageant. Thanks to all our young ones for reminding us what Christmas is all about!



**This Sunday–12/18**

Choir Cantata: "Bethlehem Morning"

Advent Candles: Navis Family

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10,

Scripture Reader: Emilie Bruns

Greeters/Ushers: Bruns Family

Sound/Video: Jan Baker

Coffee Set Up: Carole Stanczak

Cake will be provided this Sunday

**Christmas Eve– 7:00 p.m.**

Advent Candles: Watsons

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20,

Readers: Peggy Watson and 2 more needed

Greeters/Ushers: Needed

Sound/Video: Brit Radloff

Coffee Set Up: Needed

**Sunday, Christmas Day**

No in-person services, but wherever you are, whoever you are with, look for our online time of carols and praise for Christmas Day

***Thank you for sharing in the work of God's church!***

**Happy Birthday!**

- December 15.....Madiline Boyd
- December 22.....LouAnn Getzen
- December 28.....Amanda Noehl

**Happy Anniversary!**

- December 17.....Tim & Kayla Anderson
- December 21.....Jerry & Michelle Morgan
- December 23.....Jim & Carol Dillner

*Please let us know if we need to add or correct a birthday or anniversary.*

Register for summer camp at [Covenant Harbor](#) and [Covenant Point](#). Contact the church office to find out about funds available to help with costs. The camps are also hiring summer staff.



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