

The Messenger

August 2019

Greetings, Minden UMC

We had Vacation Bible School for five days in July. This year, we tried to have the VBS hosted by our church with the curriculum, Athens: Paul's dangerous journey to share the truth. Totally 27 children and 10 staffs participated in and we enjoyed with singings, games, art & crafts, and story times. It was also good to memorize the Bible verses. We clearly delivered the Christian message to our children through Paul's story. I first would like to express much gratitude to the chair of education, Dan Frizane, teachers, volunteers and food and snack providers. I think VBS should be not only Children's festival but also our church's festival. Our church was full of joy and fun with them for five days like that. I loved seeing that Chloe and Hailey try to memorize the Bible verses. They are still singing songs that they learned from VBS.

Our Rummage Sale is around the corner, July 31. Joyce Bender has worried about the rummage sale one month. She thought people would not bring many items in this year, because people brought countless items last year. I saw so many items in this year, too. I saw Joyce Bender smiled at the church. I also felt strong feelings, while church members brought out items from the south side room. They lined up with a happy smile. It looked so beautiful and fruitful, while they served in unity for our church. The UMW organized many items very well. This is one of main reasons that our church stands in Minden. Share the love of Christ.

On Sunday, August 11th, we will have a meaningful time to bless students, teachers and staff who will return to the school. I am thinking how this service is more meaningful to them. Kids should bring their backpacks to the church service on August 11th. Let all congregations bless their new journey and safe with God at their school.

Pastor Peter Choi

Scars by Joyce Will

Tucked away in the corner of each of our lives are wounds that have turned into permanent scars. That's just the way it is. And if they were not there, we would need no Great Physician. Only our Lord - the Great Physician - can turn our ugly wounds into scars of beauty. Only He can heal the pain in our past and make us whole again. In Psalms 147 we read that the Lord "binds up their wounds". And in Jeremiah 30:17 we read "But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord." And from Exodus 15:26 we read - "For I am the Lord who heals you".

Vision: The Lord will renew and strengthen us like eagles.

“Those who hope In the Lord will
renew their strength. They will
soar on wings like eagles; they will run
and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.”
Isaiah 40: 31

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Pastor Peter Choi

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<p>Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Time 9:45 AM</p>

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How many of us have had surgery that has left a wound on our bodies? How many of us have had an accident - be it a car/bike accident, a cut, a burn, or some type of accident at our work that has left a wound? How many have been injured while playing sports or injured in combat during war times? Those times and others leave our skin with wounds and after those wounds heal, we are left with scars. People spend a lot of money trying to rid themselves of these blemishes through plastic surgery, or gels and ointments that are suppose to erase the scars. God could have made our flesh so that it doesn't scar when it is wounded, but He didn't makes us that way did He? God created our bodies to be amazingly resilient and after we receive that physical wound, our bodies start to work immediately to heal - it just happens. If you stop to think about it, that's just pretty amazing, isn't it! Once our body has healed, the blood is gone, the scab is gone, but the scar remains.

Scars - I would venture to guess that almost everyone we know has one or more of them - some that people can see, some that is covered with clothing, and some that they can't see that we keep buried in our souls. Yes, some are actual physical scars on our body, while others are deep hurts that plague us and leave scars on our souls. Many of us carry scars from our past - both physical and emotional - and those can lead us to believe that we are ugly, that we are unlovable, and make us just downright insecure about everything. We as Christians are not immune to scars - some of us carry such deep wounds that we can never talk about them to others. But did you know that God wants us to let go of them? When we can heal from those wounds, that process can be seen as transforming the wounds into scars. Scars show that we've been healed from whatever has happened to us.

So what do these scars tell others about us? Those bumps and bruises and yes, those scars we've experienced - everyone of them - are a part of who we are. Every one of our scars matter, because they tell a story, the story of who I am and the story of who you are and what we've had to endure, what we've had to cope with, what we've had to struggle with, what we've been healed with. And when you pray to God that you don't understand why you've had these scars, you are praying to the One who totally 100% understands what each of your scars are about. He totally gets why you walk a little odd, why you can't function completely like you used to, why your body isn't as perfect as it was the day you were born. He knows and He understands.

When Jesus appeared to His disciples after His death and resurrection, they did not recognize Him. He brought His scars for show-n-tell, so to speak, and once they saw His scars and felt them, only then did they believe who was standing in their midst, especially Thomas - "doubting Thomas" as he is sometimes known as. John 20:27: "Then He said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe!'"

My friends, don't hide your scars - wear them as proof that God is a God of healing, healing from all the baggage our scars carry with them. Scars prove Jesus to be our Savior and those scars on Jesus' body tell the story of our salvation. 1 Peter 2:24 tells us just that - "He personally carried the load of our sins in His own body when He died on the cross, so that we can be finished with sin and live a good life from now on. For His wounds have healed ours!" He truly does see the beauty in all of us, as we are created in His image - scars included! Jw♥



Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved. Acts 16:31



These men of God show us the way to be saved. Acts 16:11



Jesus said, "I and my Father are one."
John 10:30
He that has seen me has seen the Father.
John 14:9



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and don't trust yourself, and he will direct your path. Proverbs 3:5-6

Study to please God, understanding the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15

Life in Our Church Families...

Congratulations to Ali (Rowse) and Jonas Lovin on their Marriage. Phyllis Finkner is currently living at Grand Island Lakeview Care & Rehabilitation Center. Kay Lyn McBride is recovering from minor foot surgery. Jean Liebers is recovering from a broken ankle. Vivian Bunger is recovering from a stroke.

Please call the office when you know of any illness, hospitalization, new babies, marriages, joyous or sad news among your friends or family members.



If you or your family has a prayer request you would like to put on the Prayer Chain call Joan Fries at 402-756-0257

The last camp of the summer is Family Camp at Camp Comeca is August 31-September 2 for all ages – and we want you to be a part of the fun. Family Camp is a fun and relaxing camp over Labor Day Weekend. Jump in the lake! Soar on the zipline! Put a puzzle together with family! Deluxe s'mores around a campfire! Share the joy of camp with family at Comeca! Camp brochures are available at the church or go online to: www.umcneb.org/register. You can also call Camp Comeca at 308-784-2808.



The Importance of Sunday School

Growing up in the 50's and 60's, I remember going to Sunday School and church every Sunday. We four kids all went to our age appropriate class, but Mom and Dad always went to their class as well. When we lived in Kansas and went to church where Grandpa and Grandma went, they also went to their S. S. class. In Sunday School we went through the Old Testament stories and the New Testament stories. We graduated from high school with a good Bible knowledge and the ability to continue to grow spiritually.

At what time did we lose that distinctive? Why does our church have only two children's Sunday School classes, and now, hurrah, a youth class, and one adult class? Do we no longer need the Bible instruction? The answer is that we never out grow our need to study the Bible together. Our children never learn the lessons in those wonderful stories of Jonah, Ruth, Samson, Abraham and so many others if we don't teach them those stories. Reading the Bible together at home is important but studying together will always be productive. Join us next Sunday in Sunday School.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is grown, he will not depart from it.
Dan & Ginger Frizane

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Rummage Sale 9am-5pm	2 Rummage Sale 9am-1pm	3
4 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Prayer Time 9:45 am Worship Youth Group after Worship Adult SS after Worship	5	6 3:00-7:00pm Mobile Food Pantry	7	8	9	10
11 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Prayer Time 9:45 am Worship (Blessing of Backpacks) Adult SS after Worship	12	13 7:00 pm Finance Mtg	14	15	16	17
18 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Prayer Time 9:45 am Worship Adult SS after Worship	19 8:30am-4:00pmWIC	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Prayer Time 9:45 am Worship Adult SS after Worship	26	27	28	29	30	31



Members and Friends

1 st Chris Cohen	16 th Kersie Delaney
3 rd Pat Mullin	Jaxyn Olsen
4 th Mikaela Froid	Jess Putnam
5 th Orlan Grams	17 th Marah Dornhoff
Melissa Klabunde	Steve Maulsby
Jerzee Smidt	20 th Terese Smith
6 th Marcia Fries	21 st Brad Janda
Elger Grams	25 th Levi Loseke
7 th Jan Marlatt	26 th Marsha Granger
8 th Kevin Smith	30 th Gary Smidt
11 th Lena Choi	31 st Shone Delany
Corey Smidt	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

8/6	Gordon & Linda Amstuz	47 years
8/12	Dave & Jane Craig	41 years
8/12	Tony & Julie Ratka	24 years
8/13	John & Pat Mullin	53 years
8/18	Brent & Sarah Sexton	18 years
8/22	Larry & Laurain Tatum	65 years
8/25	Mark & Lori Loseke	18 years

(Please call 832-1995 or email managerumcminden@msn.com if you are available for any of the open dates)

Greeters and Ushers for August...

August 4:	Mike & Jodi Boudreau
August 11:	
August 18:	Larry & Nancy Evans/Fred & Joyce Will
August 25:	Tony & Julie Ratka

Scripture Readers for August...

August 4:	Jodi Boudreau
August 11:	Cindy Peterson
August 18:	
August 25:	Julie Ratka

Refreshment Hosts for August...

August 4:	Mike & Jodi Boudreau
August 11:	Choi Family
August 18:	Larry & Nancy Evans
August 25:	Tony & Julie Ratka

July Financial Report...

General Giving in July:	\$14,503
General Fund Giving to Date:	\$99,894
General Expenses in July:	\$13,609
General Fund Expenses to Date:	\$110,731

This report does not include the final Sunday in July