

The Messenger

October 2019

As summer is over, farmers have started to harvest soybeans and corn from the fields. I can feel the joy and even the beauty of harvest from farmers while I drive on the highway. I can feel how our farmers harvest the crops with high expectation because God has provided us with the better condition of rain and temperature this year. Furthermore, it is also meaningful to me although I am not a farmer because I have seen everything from casting seed to the ground, sprouting, growing to bearing good crops. I can feel the same, when Joyce Bender said to my wife Lena, “What a beautiful crop, isn’t it?” These crops are the farmer’s life. They are the outcome of their passion and effort for one year. The crops support the people of community in better living. I believe the crops are more than simply money.

I was thinking of two things, while I see the harvest. First, crops usually have a cycle of life, from birth to death every year. The corn and soybean have to die, when the time of harvest comes because God creates them to live only less than a year. However, their crops give us life as well as the crops continue to become a seed for the next year. We cannot compare Jesus with crops but Jesus died for us to give us a new life. Jesus had to die for the salvation of our life. In addition, as the Church has lasted for more than 2,000 years, our role is to pass the baton to the next generation. Second, Let us try to rely on our God. Although the technology of agriculture has been highly developed, the outcome of crop has to be dependent to the condition of weather. In some years nature gives us good products but in other years, not. We do our best for a good result but we have to rely on our God. Don’t be disappointed with ourselves, if not a good product. We recently watched a movie, All Saints, at our church. In the movie a pastor and church members started to plant seeds with good intention; they love their church. They couldn’t afford to pay the mortgage. The number of congregation keeps decreasing. So the conference has decided to close the church. They planted seeds and planned to have a good outcome to pay the mortgage. Nevertheless, the outcome was not good enough. Although they failed, they had a time of unity in Christ. They learned something from this experience. The important point is that we just rely on God, no matter what happens to us.

Everyone knows God always gives us a good thing and we just follow God with our whole heart.

Pastor Peter Choi

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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Your Name Is On God's Hand by Joyce Will

In Isaiah 49:16 God tells us this: "I have written your name on my hand". That's quite a profound statement! Not maybe, or sometimes, but "I HAVE written YOUR name on MY hand". How does God know every single one of us? Oh my friends, He knows! He knows each and every one of us - He created us! Those stories about finding you in the cabbage patch or the stork dropped you off - you can just kiss those goodbye because those are just fairytales - no truth to them at all. What is true is that God created each one of us - EACH ONE OF US. That's you and you and you and you and. . . God makes no mistakes when He creates every human being that walks on this earth. God created each of us for a purpose, each of us are unique and special - we are His masterpiece. Jeremiah 1:4 - "The Lord gave me this message: I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb." Psalms 119: 73 - "You made me: you created me." Ephesians 2:10 - "For we are His workmanship." Psalms 139:16 - "You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed." Those are tremendous words we read from our Bible!

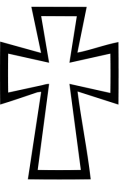
I imagine most of us at one time or another have written something we wanted to remember on the palm of our hand so we wouldn't forget it. If it's on our hand, it's pretty much right in front of us and we can't lose or forget that message. So here's the question - why did God write our name on His hand? My friends, it clearly shows us just how important each of us are to Him. Just like the important message you jot down on your hands, God has your name always in front of Him on His hand. Furthermore, it clearly shows us that He is always thinking about us and that we are always, *always* on His mind. He loves us that much! How incredible is that! So what about the days that we have doubts, that we feel forgotten and unloved, when the enemy tries to tell us that God can't possibly remember us. Remind that enemy and yourself that our name is *engraved* on His hand with eternal ink that never erases - He can't forget us, He won't forget us, He loves us more than we can ever grasp and that His hand - with our name - is on each one of us - leading, guiding, encouraging, protecting, strengthening, and giving us His eternal love - every second of the day. **Jw♥**



Chris Sayre presented Nebraska's Musical Smorgasbord Brought to us by the United Methodist Women On September 11th



New Carpet in the Nursery





Youth Group Greeters: Kara, Jessica, Sam, Levi



Julie & Tony



Shirley & Doug



Larry



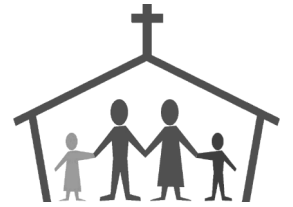
Sheryl, Mindy, Paul, Shawn & Shane

Life in Our Church Families...

Phyllis Finkner has moved back to Kearney to Prairie View Gardens. Vivian Bunger is recovering at Bethany Home.

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 friends or family members.



Thanks to all our church family that have made our church what is today! The improvements that have been made in the last few years have been amazing. The new widows, new carpet in the Sanctuary and fellowship hall, new paint in the fellowship hall, new carpet in the nursery, new wax on the floors, and many more projects! Thanks to all!

We thank everyone for their time and commitment to our church. No matter what you do, it helps our church. From taking pictures for every occasion, serving coffee and refreshments, teaching Sunday school, running the sound board and video, reading scripture, leading songs, ushering, performing special music and leading worship. The list goes on and on.

Special thanks to the UMW and the Memorial Committee for the carpet in the Fellowship Hall and nursery, for the dishwasher repair and the water heater in the kitchen. All the services that you provide are so appreciated. You are the best!

Thank you to Randy Wolfe for remembering the church with his generous donation for the future of the church. He would be proud.

Also, thanks to Pastor Choi for his enthusiasm and new ideas to help the church move forward.

Sincerely,
Gary Smidt-Finance Chair
Dave Craig-Trustees Chair

Performance & Art Night

November 20, 2019 at 6:30pm

Anyone who would like to perform please be practicing and let the church know we will start making a program. We would also like to display our members artistic talents, drawing, painting, carving, sewing, crafts, the list of creativity is endless. The arts can be brought to the church anytime and we can keep them in a safe place. Performance by Kevin & Heidi Cheng.



The Grocery cart will be back the first week of October. Help us fill it for Scouting for Food on October 12th and then keep filling it to help those in need through out the holidays. Some items of need are hygiene products, laundry detergent, dish soap, and toilet paper.

October 2019

Happy Birthday! Members and Friends

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		6:30 pm Girl Scouts	6pm Choir Practice 7pm SPRC			
6 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Prayer Time 9:45 am Worship Adult SS after Worship 6:00pm Girl Scouts	7	8	9	10	11	12
	7pm Cub Scouts	7pm Finance Meeting	9am UMW 6pm Choir Practice 7pm Ad Council			
13 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Prayer Time 9:45 am Worship Youth Group after Worship Adult SS after Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
	7pm Cub Scouts	6:30pm Girl Scouts	6pm Choir Practice			
20 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Prayer Time 9:45 am Worship Adult SS after Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Prayer Time 9:45 am Worship Adult SS after Worship	28	29	30	31		
	7pm Boy Scouts	6:30pm Girl Scouts	5:30 Kids Night Out with meal 6pm Choir Practice 6pm Cub Scouts			

2 nd	Lynne Favinger Kurt Muller	17 th	Susan Fries Zachary Froid
4 th	Janice Garrett Spencer Mills		Addison Klabunde JoAnn Vohland
5 th	Dylan Janda Kaleigh Melroy	19 th	Loise Carlson
8 th	Audrie Muller Kathryn Wilkinson	20 th	Jennifer Bauer George Sinsel
	Audrie Woldt	21 st	Jack Lammers
9 th	Ed Sheen Knox Smidt	23 rd	Zoe Sexton
11 th	Alaina Boudreau Karli Havens	24 th	Connie Linder Carol Wegner
	Sarah Taylor	26 th	Natalie Janda
12 th	Mark Klabunde	28 th	Alvan Lux
13 th	Malcom Dornhoff	29 th	Judy Hansen Shane Heath
14 th	Todd Johnson Brandon Woldt	30 th	Gary Remmenga Ed Sorensen

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

10/5	Todd & Kelli Suchsland	23 years
10/14	Chris & Lisa Cohen	25 years
10/30	David & Allyson Jameson	38 years

September Financial Report...

General Giving in September:	\$9,905
General Fund Giving to Date:	\$119,987
General Expenses in September	\$11,354
General Fund Expenses to Date:	\$142,793

This report does not include the final days in September



Kid's Night Out. October 30th, 5:30 pm. Enjoy a meal. Wear Costumes.
Play some holiday games. Festivities will end at 8:00pm.



Greeters and Ushers for October...

October 6: Fred & Joyce Will
October 13:
October 20:
October 27: Marilyn Rasmussen/Lori Conyers

Scripture Readers for October...

October 6: Joe Hultquist
October 13: Aiden Sinsel
October 20: Joyce Will
October 27: Marilyn Rasmussen

Refreshment Hosts for October...

October 6: Russ & Carolyn Olsen
October 13: Sinsel Family
October 20: Merlin & Lynette Beahm
October 27: Loseke Family

Acolytes for October...

October 6:
October 13: Zander & Aiden Sinsel
October 20:
October 27:

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