

# The Messenger

September 2019

Beloved Brothers and Sisters,

The season of summer is almost over but the beautiful autumn is coming. In this season, I indeed enjoy walking with Lena and kids around the church and the eastern side of Minden.

The summer is almost over, and kids have gone back to school. We had the time to pray and bless teachers, students, and staffs. Our church wears new clothes with painting, carpet, and fence to greet our congregation. We are glad to see some families get back to the worship service. Yet, we can feel some seats are still empty. I count all the names in my mind and pray for them, when they don't come. As I prepare for the charge conference, I plan some exciting things but it is not possible without you. It is the time to return God's house.

We had a good outcome with the annual Rummage Sale hosted by UMW. We collected many items and there were so many interesting items. It was also a good opportunity to serve and talk with people of our community. Thank you all UMW members.

As the one year of ministry in Minden passes, I can feel what we have and what we need. I will do this ministry as much as I can but I need you and your devotion. I love the spirit of Methodism. "Watch over one another in love." I think this is the distinctive point of Methodism. We are a team to draw the kingdom of God together. Kevin Watson says, "We need each other in order to move all of our lives into God's house and learn to dwell in God's will and receive the blessings that come therein."

**Pastor Peter Choi**

## Promises by Joyce Will

Let's first determine what exactly a promise is defined as. I am pretty sure you all know, but for review, how about we take a look at what a dictionary defines the word as: "a declaration or assurance that one will do a particular thing or that a particular thing will happen; assure someone that one will definitely do, give, or arrange something; declare something will happen." Words that come to mind when I think of what promises are would be a pledge, vows taken, an agreement, a contract, a commitment, a guarantee, to assure - I think you get the picture. Not many things are more comforting than when promises are made and then kept. But here's the thing - do we keep all the promises we make to others? You know, if we are completely honest with ourselves, we would truthfully answer that question with a "no". From time to time we have all broken a promise or two or more. Maybe not intentionally or deliberately, but maybe it just kinda happened, that because of

## 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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some circumstances, we weren't able to keep the promise. Were we sad and unhappy because we broke the promise? I would hope so. But I would imagine that the other person involved whom we broke the promise to would most likely be more sad, more unhappy, just plain disappointed in us. Not many things are more hurtful than when promises are broken. So here's the thing - the only true and the only faithful promise keeper we have is God. Knowing we worship a God who keeps His promises is a source of deep joy for us as Christians. Many of us will fondly remember the great old hymn "Standing on the Promises" that many a Sunday morning we would sing with joy and praise when I was a young girl in our Upland Methodist church. It is a great hymn and honestly makes you want to stand up and give God praise. "Standing on the promises of Christ my King, Through eternal ages let His praises ring; Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God. Standing. Standing. Standing on the promises of God my Savior; Standing. Standing. I'm standing on the promises of God." I remember how much I loved singing that wonderful old hymn. I recently read that in the Bible there are over 7000 promises. That seems like a lot of promises, doesn't it, but God gives His promises to us over and over and over again. Does He ever not go through with those promises? NO! Unlike us, He is perfect so of course He will not disappoint us in any of His thousands of promises. The Bible is overflowing with God's promises. While I am fairly certain someone at sometime has sat down and tried to count these promises, God is the only one who knows exactly what all He has promised us and we can know for certain that He will never break any of them. I'm standing on that promise! Hebrews 10:23 tells us exactly that - "Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise." So what are a few of those promises He gives us? He promises to give us wisdom if we ask. James 1:5 - "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." What about temptation? He promises a way out. 31 Corinthians 10:13 - "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." What about His return - did you know that also is a promise to us? Luke 12:40 - "You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." For certain and for sure, my friends! These promises are sure and unwavering from our God who loves us more than we can ever fathom. Oh Lord, when others break their promises, help me to remember that no matter what happens, you will never break a promise to me. You are always faithful. Amen! Jw♥

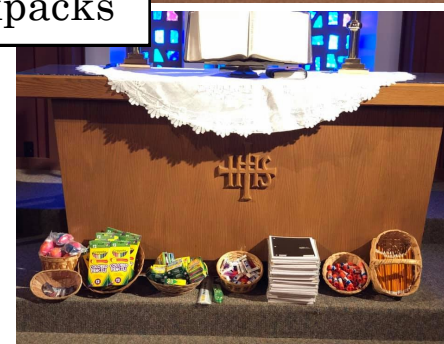
*"I am the Lord that heals you."*  
Exodus 15:26



Mobile Food Pantry



Blessing of Backpacks





2019 Rummage Sale



God helps those who help other rather than themselves.

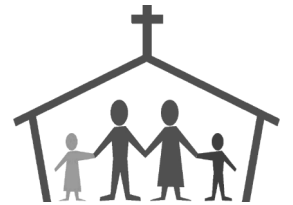


**Life in Our Church Families...**

Congratulations to Keith & Kylee Stepp on the birth of their new baby girl, Elliot Max. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Gregory Craig who passed away. Phyllis Finkner is currently living at Grand Island Lakeview Care & Rehab Center. Vivian Bunger is recovering from a stroke 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.



**Rummage Sale Thank You...**

I appreciate everything everyone did to make the rummage sale a success. It takes lots of people, and all of you helped in some way. Thank you, whether you brought items for the sale, helped carry items out of the room, helped sort and price, brought food for snacks, helped clean up and pack, bought at the sale. Or helped in another way, we needed everyone of you. It wouldn't have been possible without you. Thanks, Joyce Bender

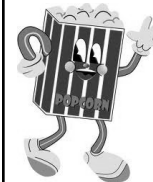


**Movie Night**

September 4, 6:30pm

at Minden United Methodist Church

Everyone is invited to enjoy the movie, "ALL SAINTS" for teenagers and adults and "SUPERBOOK" for younger children. A snack will be provided.



**Performance Night**

November 20, 6:30pm

At United Methodist Church

Anyone who would like for perform please be practicing.

Performance by Kevin & Heidi Cheng.

We will have more details soon.



**50 Year Anniversary**

The 50 year Anniversary of our Church's current location is May 2020. We are looking to gather old photos to make a slide show. If you have any you would be willing to share that were taken in past or present churches of weddings, baptisms, or other events please bring them to the church and we can scan them; or email them to us at [managerumcminden@msn.com](mailto:managerumcminden@msn.com).



# September 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Prayer Time <b>9:45 am Worship</b> Adult SS after Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm Movie Night	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
<b>8</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Prayer Time <b>9:45 am Worship</b> Youth Group after Worship Adult SS after Worship 4:00 pm Girl Scouts	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Finance Meeting	<b>11</b> 2:00 pm UMW	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm Nomination Committee Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Prayer Time <b>9:45 am Worship</b> <b>(Blessing of Backpacks)</b> Adult SS after Worship	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm Girl Scouts	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Prayer Time <b>9:45 am Worship</b> Adult SS after Worship	<b>23</b> 8:30am-4:00pmWIC	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Prayer Time <b>9:45 am Worship</b> Adult SS after Worship Meal after Worship by SPRC	<b>30</b>					

## Members and Friends

1 <sup>st</sup> Radford Hansen	12 <sup>th</sup> Ken Curren
Lonna Rowse	13 <sup>th</sup> Chase Shelton
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cozette Sinsel	15 <sup>th</sup> Elaine Curren
4 <sup>th</sup> Emily Cohen	16 <sup>th</sup> Mary Nuss
6 <sup>th</sup> JoAnn Hansen	17 <sup>th</sup> Deb Smidt
Amanda Wubbenhorst	19 <sup>th</sup> Fred Will
7 <sup>th</sup> Chloe Choi	21 <sup>st</sup> Marlys Farm
Lori Loseke	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jeff Johnson
9 <sup>th</sup> Bill Hunter	26 <sup>th</sup> Avery Froid
Aleda Younkin	Brent Sexton
10 <sup>th</sup> Paul Blanchard	27 <sup>th</sup> Mindy Heath
11 <sup>th</sup> Roger Jones	Kevin Howard
Larry Snavelly	Kyla Putnam
Tim Tunnell	28 <sup>th</sup> Jenae Boudreau

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

9/2	Tim & Susan Tunnell	19 years
9/8	Dale & Nancy Lambert	45 years
9/10	Dudley & Michelle Scharff	25 years
9/17	Brooke & Joe Lundeen	8 years
9/25	Gary & Patricia Dornhoff	54 years
9/25	Jess & Kyla Putnam	20 years

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### Greeters and Ushers for September...

September 1:	Jack Hultquist
September 8:	Youth Group
September 15:	Fred & Joyce Will
September 22:	Denny & Fran Lange
September 29:	

### Scripture Readers for September...

September 1:	Ginger Frizane
September 8:	
September 15:	Loneta Nolan
September 22:	Joyce Will
September 29:	Jeanette Wilkinson

### Refreshment Hosts for September...

September 1:	
September 8:	Heath Families
September 15:	Shirley Fellers
September 22:	
September 29:	Lunch by SPRC

### August Financial Report...

General Giving in August:	\$7,168
General Fund Giving to Date:	\$107,073
General Expenses in August:	\$19,843
General Fund Expenses to Date:	\$131,440

This report does not include the final days in August