

The Messenger



August 2020

Dear Minden Methodist Family,

I greet you in the wonderful and matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As Covid-19 has changed our lifestyles, our church is also adjusting to a new environment. We may not return to our previous lives fully or it may take a long time to return to normal. This new wave may break or deform our previous ones but this new wave may create a new way. So we need to get ready and find a way to live together with this pandemic, although it is still unpleasant to us.

For over 4 months, I have been struggling with learning about new technologies and skills of video and picture editing programs, YouTube and Facebook Live, Prism, OBS program, camera, camcorder, video capture, upgrading lights of sanctuary, boosting WIFI-signal, better qualities of microphone, and FM transmitter. Some of you may not know what these are. I hadn't known most of these or I hadn't been interested in these, either, before this pandemic.

I still make mistakes almost every Sunday, although I carefully practice before our worship. On July 26th, the streaming service was divided into three parts. When my car turned on the engine, the Bluetooth in my car automatically connected to my cell-phone and then the live-streaming application in my phone was disconnected. I turned on the application. I never expected this.

Likewise, the COVID-19 is a new type of virus. We haven't known this virus affects our body. So there have been many mistakes. I am recognizing the government is trying to find ways to coexist with us. The cases of covid-19 sharply increase, as many businesses open. We can't ignore not only the economic part but also the prevention of coronavirus. I think wearing a mask and social distancing are the most important parts in living together. As I learn a new thing, I make a mistake. However, we may not make the same mistake, once we learn this. Another mistake will be found. Then we will overcome it. Making a mistake is fine because this can make us better for next time.

What I am worrying about is how we keep having a relationship with God, as the pandemic lasts long. I am worried that you are not interested anymore, as you are unfamiliar with the new wave. Making a mistake means that we are at least doing something to make us better. The attendees of in-person service are about 30 now. Less than 40 percent of the average attendance comes to the church. I cannot say to you, please come to the worship service because I respect your decisions. If you are not uncomfortable with this, you should at least participate in the online-worship service. Or you can try to join the drive-in service once a month. This service is very safe from the virus.

This new environment is not familiar to you. Nevertheless, I encourage you to keep having a hope in Christ. The way looks different or weird but God never abandons us. There will be a different way, if you don't give up. I just want to say to you, when you are ready, we will be here to welcome you back. We wait to see you until you decide to come. I will try another new way to communicate with you in August.

Blessings, Your Pastor Peter Choi

Worship Time
9:45 AM

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Vision:
Extend Hospitality to Strangers
“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need.
Practice Hospitality.”
(Romans 12:13)

Let mutual love continue.
Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.
Hebrews 13:1-2

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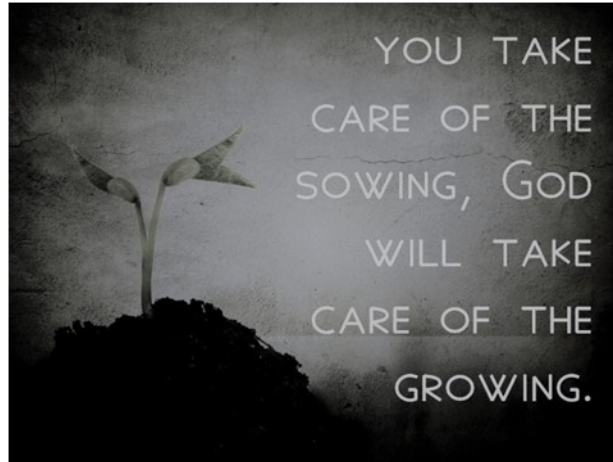
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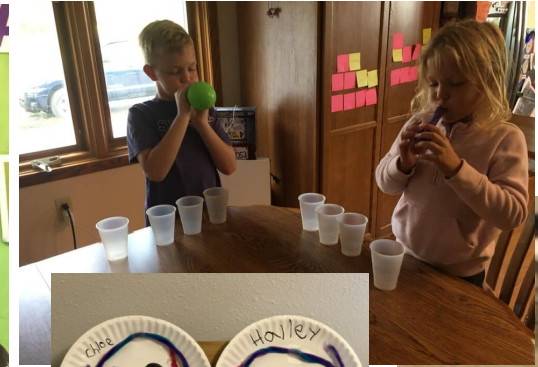
Dry Patches in the Grass by Joyce Will

We recently sowed some grass seed to a small 2'x4' area of our lawn that for a long time was a flower patch, but every year it had less and less flowers come up. So this year we jointly decided that it needed to be put to grass. Any of you who are homeowners, know that getting a new stand of grass to grow takes patience and perseverance. You know that after you throw out the grass seed, you must keep it watered several times a day for the seed to germinate and grow. And you also know that when you neglect that job, even for just a little bit of time, this new grass that miraculously

comes up, will start to wilt and turn a grayish color and soon will die. Also, if you don't evenly spread the misting water you will miss some places and of course that area will not perform like the areas that receive a good bit of water. So it is with our faith in God. We must continually water in His word in our lives, or our hearts will become wilted and ultimately dry up. In Colossians 2:7 we read - "Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." When we allow our roots to grow into our God, our faith will grow strong in what we are taught in the Bible and our hearts will overflow with thanksgiving. My friends, we all go through times when we have those patches of grass that don't grow too good. Our lives can be turned upside down in a matter of seconds. But we can always become full of God's love again and grow and flourish when we are watered with His word. Remember the verse that tells us without Him we can do nothing? It's found in John, chapter 15, verse 5 and it tells us this: "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." Keep the faith, my friends, that we can be like that patch of new grass, taking root and growing in the Lord. And when we have those dry areas in our hearts, know that He is by our side, giving us a drink of His love, His grace, and His mercy to make us grow and flourish instead of being dry patches in the grass. Jw♥



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Carnival of Faith



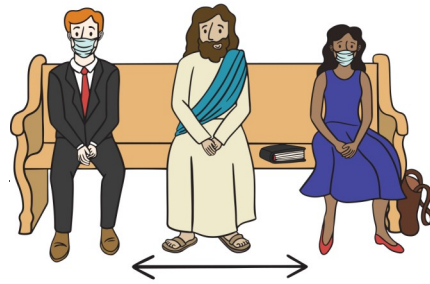
Drive-In Worship Service



New Roof for the Parsonage



LEAVE ROOM FOR JESUS



Please sit 6 ft. apart



Happy 4th of July!!



Mobile Food Pantry



August 9th—Blessing of Backpacks

August 30th— Drive-In Worship Service



Life in Our Church Families...

Take a moment and say a prayer for Dick Swartz's Family and Friends, Ed Sorensen, Lori Conyers's parents, Dolly Grams, Angie Taylor. Pray for all those who need God's guidance.

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.

10 Fun Things to Do in August

1. color a picture
2. Find a rainbow
3. Pull some weeds
4. Go to a state park
5. Take a family picture
6. Try a new food
7. Look at old pictures
8. Eat an ice cream cone
9. Sing "Jesus Loves Me"
10. donate something





- 1- Chris Cohen
- 3- Barb Detlefsen
Pat Mullin
- 4- Mikaela Froid
- 5- Jerzee Smidt
Orlan Grams
Melissa Klabunde
- 6- Marcia Fries
Nathan Martin
- 7- Jan Marlatt
- 8- Kevin Smith
- 9- Keven Schutz
- 11- Corey Smidt
Lena Choi
- 16- Ryan Engel
Jess Putnam
Kersie Delaney
Jaxyn Olsen
- 17- William Barber
Steve Maulsby
Marah Dornhoff
Carol Wright
- 20- Terese Smith
- 21- Brad Janda
- 25- Levi Loseke
Becky Barber
- 26- Marsha Granger
- 30- Gary Smidt
- 31- Shoni Delaney

August 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:45 am Worship in person and online	3	4 5:30pm Girl Scouts	5	6 5:30pm Girl Scouts	7	8
9 9:45 am Worship in person and online Blessing of Backpacks	10	11	12 7pm Finance Meeting	13 Public School Starts	14	15
16 9:45 am Worship in person and online	17	18 5:30pm Girl Scouts	19	20 5:30pm Girl Scouts	21	22
23 9:45 am Worship in person and online	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:45 am Worship in person and online Drive-In Worship Service	31					

- August 6**
Dennis & Linda Amstuz
48 years
Dan & Ginger Frizane
54 years
- August 12**
Dave & Jane Craig
42 years
Tony & Julie Ratka
25 years
- August 13**
John & Pat Mullin
54 years
- August 20**
James & Virginia Madsen
14 years
- August 22**
Steve & Jenny Favinger
50 years
Larry & Laurain Tatum
66 years
- August 22**
Mark & Lori Loseke
19 years



Online Service Information
facebook.com/mindenumc
www.youtube.com
 search: Minden United Methodist
 Church in Nebraska

July Financial Report...	
General Giving in July	\$12,579
General Fund Giving to Date	\$100,465
General Expenses in July	\$25,038
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$127,111
(This report does not include the final days in July.)	