

The Messenger



October 2020

Beloved Minden Brothers and Sisters,

I cannot believe the summer is already over. We are now passing the beautiful weather of the fall. My family is truly enjoying this perfect weather and blue sky every day. However, shortly, the temperature will drop to 30s Fahrenheit. Vegetables in our garden will freeze and die. They will provide no more produce. They will return to the earth for winter, and then replenish the soil to cultivate next year.

Likewise, we also need a break time in our life. We must have this relaxing time to achieve more progress. If we stop doing something, we may feel like making a loss and falling behind at some point. No, that is not true! If we pause to go forward, we can see and examine what we have been doing. We can open our eyes and mind to a wider world.

We are suffering and exhausted from the Pandemic. We wander where we go like the Israelites in the wilderness. We have stopped what we have been doing at some point. However, we can listen more to what God is saying to us. I can start to see what is most important for the ministry. It is a relationship between God and us and others. Moreover, I can see possibilities and opportunities beyond the hill. I am excited to look forward to our future in hope.

I have been visiting church family's houses this September. I receive great energy from them. I can recognize they are still part of our church and pray for the ministry. I feel much more comfortable. As a pastor, I realize that the congregation's care is more important in ministry than programs. I have also started the ZOOM gathering. Just a few people are joining this gathering, but that is fine! As I prepare the gathering, I can have more time with God. How sweet the word of God is!

Our Sunday school will wear new clothing starting October 28th. I expect more kids to join the Sunday school with a new setting and focus on programs with flexibility. They can learn about God and Jesus. Please pray for our Sunday school teachers with His wisdom and guidance. We need teachers and helpers for children of all ages.

The drive-in service was excellent, although it was raining! It is a good sign that more church families return to the worship service. Probably, the last Sunday of October might be colder, but our heart to God is never cold but warm!

In Christ, Pastor. Peter Choi.

Vision:
Extend Hospitality
to Strangers

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice Hospitality."
(Romans 12:13)



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Worship Time
9:45 AM

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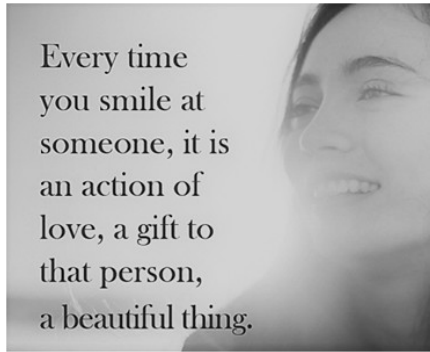
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Give Them Your Smile by Joyce Will

What makes you smile? If we polled every member of the church we would probably come up with many differing ideas on what makes each of us smile, simply because we all have those things, those times, those people that just bring that smile to our faces. There are moments during the day that we may find ourselves with that grin, twinkle, even a giggle when we least expect it. That's the fun part about a smile, sometimes it is so spontaneous that our entire body smiles. Songs are written about joy and happiness and some are written about our smiles. Do you think that when we are so happy that we smile, God smiles too? Of course He does. God wants us to be happy, to be joyful, to be glad. The Bible speaks about joy many times; specifically over 200 times. Over and over again, God's word talks about happiness in our lives. Many of the Psalms speak of it. And Proverbs 15:13 tells us - "A happy heart makes the face cheerful." That brings a smile to my face, doesn't it yours? God made us to have feelings, to have the ability to feel joy and happiness so that when our heart is full of His

gladness, our face puts on that beloved smile. Rejoicing and laughter and smiling are a gift from God to each of us. What's more, He gave us that gift to share with others. How often do you give your smile to someone you meet? One of the first times our young family went to a large and new shopping mall in Kansas City with family that lives there, one of them warned us - "don't smile and don't look at anybody". I found that really hard to do as I'm one to usually smile at strangers. We were there to share our joy, but we felt like we

were almost in a different world. I love to give my smiles to others. When I'm out and about, I will often look at the person meeting me and smile at them. Sometimes they smile back, sometimes they just look at me. I think it is those times that when we smile at others through our facial expression, through our words and kindness, and even through our hugs, that God smiles at us. Our God is a God filled with joy, smiles and laughter, and He provides us with every opportunity to give that to others. In Philippians 4:4, He reminds us several times to "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." God knows that our lives are more abundantly blessed when we are filled with His joy, enthusiasm and hope. My friends, the next time you meet someone while out shopping, taking a walk, or even chatting with them on the phone, share the joy and happiness in your heart. Simply give them your beautiful smile. Jw♥



October 25th —Drive-In Worship Service - tune in to 90.3FM.



NO UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETING IN OCTOBER

COMMUNION

October 4th from 10:45-11:15

Communion will be served by the west entrance.

Kid's Night Out

Fall 🍁 in Love ❤️ with Jesus! Join us October 21, 2020, at 5:30 PM for Kids Night Out! All kids ages 4 through 6th Grade are welcome. Fall and Halloween games, songs, and treats that are fun and festive for the season! A face mask is needed please! Email or call the church by October 19, 2020 to register your child's. Thanks so much!

Sunday School begins October 28 @ 3:30pm

The Christian Education committee is looking for teachers to teach and help with children's classes. The Sunday School classes are going to be moved from 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings to Wednesday afternoons at 3:30-5:00 p.m.. We need teachers and helpers for children of all ages: Pre-K to 2nd grade, 3-6 graders, junior and senior high. If you can and are willing to teach or help, speak to Pastor Peter or Dan Frizane. Here is a wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord and our church.



Continuing through October, Pastor Peter will reach out to all church members and non-members who have registered and visit their houses.

Life in Our Church Families...


Take a moment and say a prayer for Marjorie Hultquist, Maxine Grams, Lori Conyers's parents and Marjorie Madsen. 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.



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BIRTH DAYS

2-Kurt Muller
 2-Lynne Favinger
 4-Spencer Mills
 4-Janice Garrett
 5-Dylan Janda
 5-Kaleigh Melroy
 9-Knox Smidt
 9-Ed Sheen
 11-Alaina Boudreau
 11-Karli Havens
 12-Mark Klabunde
 13-Malcom Dornhoff
 17-Susan Fries
 17-Zachary Froid
 17-Addison Klabunde
 17-JoAnn Vohland
 19-Louise Carlson
 20-Jennifer Bauer
 20-George Sinsel
 21-Jack Lammers
 24-Connie Linder
 26-Natalie Janda
 28-Alvan Lux
 29-Shane Heath
 29-Judy Hansen
 30-Gary Remmenga
 30-Ed Sorensen

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 7:00pm Zoom w/Pastor | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:45 am Worship in person and online 10:45-11:15 Drive up Communion | 5 6:30pm Cub Scouts | 6 5:30pm Girl Scouts | 7 | 8 7:00pm Zoom w/Pastor | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9:45 am Worship in person and online | 12 7:00pm Cub Scouts | 13 5:30pm Girl Scouts | 14 7:00 pm Finance Meeting | 15 7:00 pm Zoom w/Pastor | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9:45 am Worship in person and online | 19 7:00pm Boy Scouts | 20 5:30pm Girl Scouts | 21 5:30 pm Kids Night Out | 22 7:00pm Zoom w/Pastor | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:45 am Drive-In Worship and online | 26 | 27 5:30pm Girl Scouts | 28 3:30 pm Sunday School | 29 7:00pm Zoom w/Pastor | 30 | 31  |



October 5
 Todd & Kelli
 Suchsland
 24 years
October 14
 Chris & Lisa
 Cohen
 26 years
October 16
 Cray & Cindy
 Stubbs
 38 years
October 30
 David & Allyson
 Jameson
 39 years

Zoom Chats with Pastor Peter
 Zoom.com
 Meeting ID: 434 655 2693
 Password: 399400
 Phone Number to Call if you don't
 have a Computer or Smart Phone:
 1-312-626-6799

Worship
with us
from

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| September Financial Report... | |
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| General Giving in September | \$10,857 |
| General Fund Giving to Date | \$125,490 |
| General Expenses in September | \$14,734 |
| General Fund Expenses to Date | \$156,510 |
| (This report does not include the final days in September.) | |