

# The Messenger



November 2020

Minden UMC Brothers and Sisters,

As November is coming, we can see most areas of fields empty. We have already experienced a severe winter at the end of October, as the temperature drops to 15 degrees. We could not have the drive-in worship service in October. Different from last year, this year we have not seen much rain. Yes, we live in Nebraska! Yesterday, today and tomorrow are very different. It makes us inconvenient and unpredictable. Nevertheless, I love living in Nebraska for this reason! I can experience, in these weathers, the vitality of my life and awe of God.

I would like to share some joys and ask for prayers. First, we have finally started our Sunday school programs, as we had Kids Night Out on October 21st. We will have Sunday school programs, but we continue to have Wednesday school programs to open the door to more kids. We haven't had Sunday school for COVID-19 since this March. Many kids could not come to the program, but it was significant for us to resume the program so Kids can listen to His message. It is very crucial to hear about God at a young age. We need your prayer as teachers lead the program.

Second, I have completed the documentation of my church's outcomes for 2020 and strategies for 2021. I also made the vision statement of the church for 2021. We are almost prepared for the charge conference. With COVID-19, we are not able to do what we planned in many places. I was frustrated when we could not have the 50th anniversary of the new church building. Nevertheless, I don't want to say to you, 'we failed!' This is because we have quickly responded to new settings. We have tried so many new things this year. As I visit our congregations, I can feel more connected with them. I am super excited about our new year with you! Please continue to pray for our church and ministry. I will send you this document after our charge conference.

Third, I have started transferring from the Korean Methodist Church to the United Methodist Church. I completed a background check and a psychological assessment! I am writing about my life, calling, theology, and ministry. It is a meaningful time to reaffirm my journey with God. It is joyful to serve our church and community as God leads me. Our God is majestic and powerful! Amen!

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)



**Office Hours:**  
**Pastor Peter Choi**  
Please call for appointment 201-888-8430  
Tuesday-Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm  
**Jaime Sinsel, Office Manager**  
Monday-Friday 8am-Noon  
**Tony & Julie Ratka, Custodian**  
**Joan Fries, Prayer Chain**

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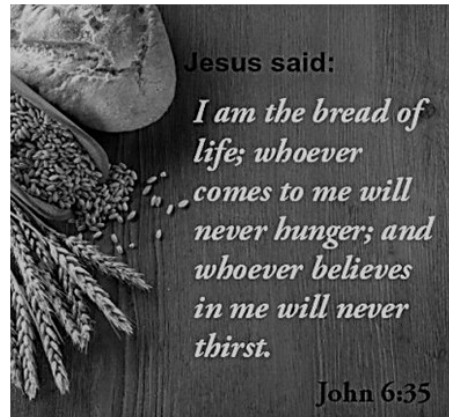
**Worship Time**  
**9:45 AM**

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The Bread of Your Life by Joyce Will

When I was a girl, my mother made all of our bread products and we thoroughly enjoyed all of those yummy, satisfying, tummy filling loaves of bread and buns she would make every week for us. My favorite was something she simply called "Brown Bread". I think it was named that due to the lack of a better name, because the color of the bread was indeed brown. It had molasses in it and brown sugar and it had All-Bran in it which all combined, gave it the rich brown color not to mention the luscious flavor. It gave us so much gratification to fill up on that beloved bread. Her bread relieved our hunger in our bodies, but what about our hearts and souls. Do you ever feel like your heart and soul is hungry for something? During this month of Thanksgiving, more than any other time, we seem to make an added effort to be thankful for the many things we have in our lives, be it food, clothing, homes, vehicles, places of worship, and the love that God gives us when He lives in our hearts. But what do we feed our hearts when it becomes hungry? Do we feed it by praying, by reading God's word in our Bibles and by showing love to those around us and even to strangers? John 6:35 says this: "Jesus replied, 'I am the Bread of Life. No one coming to me will ever be hungry again. Those believing in Me will never thirst.'" Our hearts need a daily feeding of this bread that Jesus is talking about in John. Although our physical needs are great, Jesus is the only nourishment that sustains us far beyond alleviating our hunger pangs. He is the Bread of our lives, my friends. Without it, we are starving ourselves, our souls and our hearts. How often do we read in the Bible about Jesus eating or breaking bread. He loved to eat meals with people, with His disciples on so many occasions. We all remember the story of feeding the 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish. Remember when we partake of communion, that the bread symbolizes His body. Time and again we see this word - bread - in the scriptures. It appears three, four hundred times, maybe more. I'd say that was an important word. Not only does bread fulfill us with nourishment, but the bread that is spoken about in the Bible, is nourishment for our hearts and our souls. Jesus came into the world to be the all-satisfying bread for our souls and with that bread He gives us compassion, grace and mercy. My friends, not only during this month of turkey, dressing and pumpkin pie, but every single day of the year, make Jesus the Bread of your life! Jw♥





**PACK A SHOEBOX!  
SEND GOOD NEWS & GREAT JOY AROUND THE WORLD**

We are collecting donations for Christmas Shoeboxes. Donations can be left in the box inside the west entrance. Suggested items can be found at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org). If you would like to pick up a box and fill it the boxes are also located inside the west entrance. There is a \$9 fee to cover shipping costs. Boxes must be packed and returned to the church by November 15. Individual items must be at the church by November 11th for the children to pack during Wednesday Sunday School. Remember you are blessing a child who would likely get nothing for Christmas by your gifts and sharing the good news of Jesus.




**JOIN US FOR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Every Wednesday  
from 3:30-5:00pm

Library

The Library is open to anyone wanting to borrow a book. Please come any time and find a new book to read. We have many titles to choose from and would like them to be used.

Communion  
will be served  
November 1st by the  
west entrance from  
10:45-11:15.

**NO UNITED  
METHODIST  
WOMEN  
MEETING IN  
NOVEMBER OR  
DECEMBER**



*United Methodist  
Women*

Cards for Sale

There are some cards for sale in the fellowship area behind the sanctuary if anyone is in need for an occasion (birthday, wedding, baby, get well, sympathy, etc.). The money goes towards missions.

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

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

November



Birthdays

- 2—Dave Jameson
- 3—Kim Melroy
- 6—Michala Olsen
- 8—Fran Lange  
Jason Sinsel  
Kelli Suchsland
- 9—Todd Suchsland  
Lonnie Granger  
Stacy Sinsel
- 11—Linda Montgomery  
Kim Pearson
- 13—Zander Sinsel  
Michelle Scharff
- 15—Paul Heath  
Kay Lyn McBride
- 17—Kristie Taylor  
Cindy Stubbs  
Kelly Mills  
Megan Conyers
- 18—Jason Smidt  
Maxine Grams
- 19—John Jensen
- 20—Jean Scharff
- 21—Linda Wubbenhorst
- 24—Sandra Space  
Tyler Nolan
- 25—Laurie Clement  
Gabe Walmsley  
Lynette Beahm
- 27—Bob Peterson  
Marilyn Rasmussen

# November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Election Day</b> <b>Remember to</b> <b>Vote</b>	<b>4 3:30-5:00</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Finance Mtg</b>	<b>5</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Zoom</b> <b>w/Pastor</b>	<b>6 9:30 am</b> <b>Mobile Food</b> <b>Pantry by</b> <b>appointment</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 9:45 am Worship</b> <b>in person and online</b> <b>10:45-11:15 Drive up</b> <b>Communion</b>	<b>9</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Cub Scouts</b>	<b>10</b> <b>5:30pm</b> <b>Girl Scouts</b>	<b>11 3:30-5:00</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>SPRC Mtg</b>	<b>12</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Zoom</b> <b>w/Pastor</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15 9:45 am Worship</b> <b>in person and online</b> <b><u>CONSECRATION DAY</u></b>	<b>16</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Cub Scouts</b> <b>&amp; Boy Scouts</b>	<b>17</b> <b>5:30pm</b> <b>Girl Scouts</b>	<b>18 3:30-5:00</b> <b>Sunday School</b>	<b>19</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Zoom</b> <b>w/Pastor</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>9:45 am Worship</b> <b>in person and online</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>5:30pm</b> <b>Girl Scouts</b>	<b>25 No</b> <b>Sunday School</b>	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9:45 am Worship</b> <b>in person and online</b>	<b>30</b>					



**November 19**  
**Thomas & Kristie Taylor**  
**32 years**



Continuing through November, Pastor Peter will continue reaching out to all church members and non-members who have registered. He will visit their homes. DUE TO COVID-19, he will not enter your house but wear a mask and keep 12 feet social distancing outside. It will be just a short visit.

**Zoom Chats with Pastor Peter**  
**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**  
**November 5, 12, & 19 at 7pm**

*Worship*  
*with us*  
*from*  
**HOME**

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**facebook.com/mindenumc**  
**www.youtube.com**  
**search: Minden United Methodist**  
**Church in Nebraska**  
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**mindenumc.org**

**October Financial Report...**

General Giving in October	\$11,364
General Fund Giving to Date	\$136,854
General Expenses in October	\$15,128
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$171,641
(This report does not include the final days in October.)	



November 15th. Consecrate means to to make or declare sacred; dedicate formally to a religious or divine purpose. Please remember to return your pledge cards.