

# The Messenger



July 2021

Greetings from South Korea,

I am having a terrific time with my family in Korea because you support my family and me in various ways. I indeed appreciate all your supports for the church, worship, and parsonage, especially while I am not in Minden. As children grow with parents' love and care, I realize from this time that a pastor can also grow with the congregation's love and care.

I was concerned about the church before I decided to go to Korea because our church was not fully recovered yet. While I hesitated whether to go to Korea or not, SPRC members encouraged me to decide for four weeks for the continuing ministry and renewal of spirituality.

I have been quarantined for 14 days at Lena's parents' home. During this time, I could feel the healing of God and refresh my soul. My body could gain more powers to lead the second half of the year. I spend more time with Lena, Chloe, and Hailey. Plus, sleeping late and waking up early because of the jet lag is indeed beneficial to me.

I enjoyed our worship in Korea since our church could provide live-streaming worship. Nevertheless, it is a proper time to return to the church. We are considering a picnic service soon at the park. As I promised you that we would have a bbq together. We have Vacation Bible School for five days, from July 18 to July 22. Teachers are preparing for VBS with a warming heart with high expectations. It is time to return to the church.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another- and all the more as you see the Day approaching (Hebrew 10:24-25)."

Miss our church and look forward to seeing you soon.

Rev. Peter Choi



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Sunday School 9:00am  
Sunday Worship 9:45am  
Adult Sunday School 10:45am



Address/Service Requested

## 2021 Vision:

### Overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
(Romans 15: 13 NIV)



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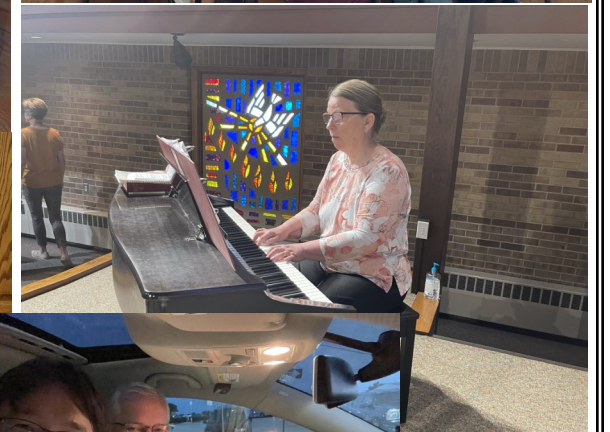


### Always Be Grateful by Joyce Will

When I was a nurse, my director of nursing had a sign on her door which read something like - always find something to be thankful for. That really was a necessary sign in the hallway we often walked through at the hospital I worked at because anyone who has worked in the medical field knows without a doubt there are days, let alone moments when you really struggle to find that thing to be thankful for! Not only in the medical areas, but simply in our daily lives, are we looking for the things that give us gratitude or do we easily find the negative in so much of our lives and the lives of others? A good friend of mine had a favorite verse that he absolutely lived every day of his life by. It was from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - "Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circum-



stances; For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." My friend had no problem being happy as I rarely saw him without a smile on his face. He prayed often and he could always find the good in every single situation! It was such a blessing to have had him in my life and to have had a friend such as that, that I could learn from. Finding that gratefulness in all things can bring us abundant joy in our lives. It can make our days much more tolerable and it can open our hearts up to God's blessings that He gives us every day. But it's a choice that we can make for ourselves. Either we can go out everyday looking for blessings that make our hearts grateful, or we can go out finding fault with every situation we are in that makes an emptiness in our hearts. I once was given a gratitude journal. It was a book that I could fill in each day for what I was grateful for that day. Some days were easy to write almost an entire page of so much joy and happiness that my heart was blessed with. But then there were those days that I really struggled to find things to be thankful for. In those days, I like to pick up my Bible and turn to the Psalms. In those many chapters of Psalms you find the scripture that will make your hearts smile and fill with joy and thanksgiving. One example is from Psalms 9:1 - "O Lord, I will praise you with all my heart and tell everyone about the marvelous things you do." My friends, gratitude in all things is what God wants for us and is based on trusting His unfailing love. What we shouldn't do is base our hearts of gratitude on the circumstances we find ourselves in as they can change in an instant. Rather, allow gratitude to be a way of life for each of us. God and all of His blessings He showers us with is sufficient for us. No matter where life takes us, find it in yourselves to always be grateful. Jw♥



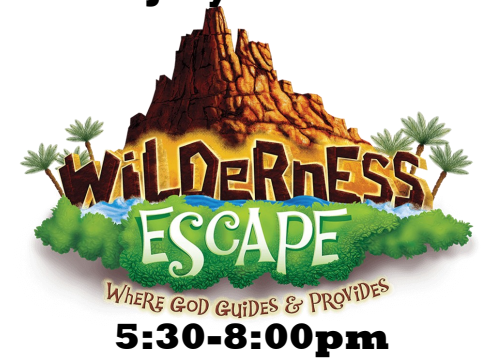




The Methodist Women Rummage Sale will be September 22, 23, & 24, 2021. You can start bringing your items to the Church after July 15th. Items should be clean and gently used and places in a box, sack or bag. Leave items in Room 103. Please do not leave items in the halls or fellowship hall. **NO TVS, COMPUTERS, BABY CRIBS OR CAR SEATS.** Please do not leave furniture. If you have furniture please contact Joyce Bender 830-1053 to find out time to bring the furniture to the church.



**Vacation Bible School  
July 18-22**



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

Take a moment and say a prayer for healing for Gary Smidt, and Linda Amstuz, Dolly Grams and family for their loss her brother, and Stephanie Cunningham and family for the loss of her father. 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

**Youth Sunday School at 9:00 am on Sunday  
Adult Sunday School following worship on Sunday**



United Methodist Church Family,  
Thank you for the graduation present. Thank you for all that you have done for me over the years.  
Alaina Suchsland

**June Financial Report...**

General Giving in June	\$9,767
General Fund Giving to Date	\$85,561
General Expenses in June	\$15,573
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$122,862
(This report does not include the final days in June.)	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center"><b>July 2021</b></p> <p>HB Happy Birthday HA Happy Anniversary</p>				<p><b>1</b></p> <p>HB Joyce Jameson HB Dawn Moyer</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>HA Roger &amp; Rita Jones—50 years HA Wade &amp; Kimberly Melroy—22 years</p>
<p><b>4</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 6th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School HB Virginia Madsen</p> 	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>HB Aubree Kring 6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>HB Brecklyn Delaney  Education Mtg 7pm</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>HB Stetson Heath  HA Mark &amp; Roxanna Johnson—32 years</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>HB Ethan Hanson HB Randy Nolan</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>HB Linda Amstuz HB Aiden Sinsel HB Carter Yelken  VBS Decorating 1-6pm</p>
<p><b>11</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 7th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School  HB Nadine Fahrlander</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>HB Dolly Grams HB Bailie Worrell</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>HB Hailey Choi HB Elta Kern  6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>HA Scott &amp; Delaine Maxon—19 years HB Anna Sinsel 9:30 am UMW 7:00 pm Education Mtg 7:00 pm Finance Mtg</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>HB Bobbie Heitman</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>HB Doug Fellers</p>
<p><b>18</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 8th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>HB Susan Tunnell</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>HB Alaina Suchsland HA Ed &amp; Lonna Rowse—27 years</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
<p><b>Vacation Bible School—Wilderness Escape 5:30pm-meal, 6pm-8pm VBS Program</b></p>						
<p><b>25</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 9th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School  HA Kurt &amp; Jennifer Muller—34 years</p> 	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>HB Rhodell Jameson HA Joe &amp; Marjorie Hultquist—57 years</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>HB Leah Boudreau HB Lisa Cohen HB Julie Ratka HA Gary &amp; Deb Smidt—47 years</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>HB Carlie Bauer</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>