

The Messenger



August 2021

I greet you in the precious name of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! First of all, my family is very grateful to our church for permitting a vacation in South Korea. My family had a wonderful time with parents, siblings, and friends. Chloe and Hailey have improved the Korean language and learned about Korean culture. Now I feel much flexible and energetic to lead and sustain our church. We enjoyed Vacation Bible School for five days this year. There were 29 children and 12 teachers and helpers. I love the beautiful decorations. Everyone enjoyed songs, dances, games, Bible stories (especially Moses), and art and craft. Above all things, I see possibilities with them for our future. We had been so challenged in children's ministry for the pandemic. But I see a vision with them. I am already excited about a blessing of backpack and the school year on August 8.

I always consider our youth group in my heart. We are going to have a lock-in program on August 3 at 5:30 pm at our church. I hope more friends come to our church through this activity and experience Jesus Christ in their lives.

Music is a vital part of ministry. The great news is that we have more praise team members now, but we need more. It doesn't matter how much you have gifts. We also need many places in ministry. You don't need to be professional, but we need your heart and courage to Christ. We are going to work for the ministry more aggressively.

Would you please hold our hands and go together to glorify the name of Christ? May God bless you! Love you all!

Rev. Peter Choi



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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Sunday School 9:00am
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Serve Others by Joyce Will

Did you know that the Bible gives us wisdom to live each day of our lives? Did you know that the Bible gives us suggestions on how to care for others? Did you know that the Bible, God's word for us, tells us over and over again how we are to be as Christians? That Bible, what was written long, long ago, but translated over and over again, is such a book of depth that we may often find it exhausting. I particularly don't care much for the Old Testament, as it seems that the people were so destructive, so hateful, so evil. I do enjoy reading Psalms and Proverbs, but I'm just more drawn to the New Testament. I love how Jesus teaches us so much in all of the books of the New Testament, that we find many scriptures that speak to our heart, that teach us how to live, that directs us how to serve others. That New Testament is jam packed with so much it is overwhelming sometimes. But here's the thing, we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus. He tells us time and time again to be generous, to share with others, to unselfishly give of ourselves, to learn the needs of others, to love and show mercy to others, to pray for others, to be an example to others. There are so many, many scriptures throughout the Bible that tells us how to serve others. But one that I especially identify with is this: 1 Peter 4:10-11 - "God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings. Are you called to preach? Then preach as though God himself were speaking through you. Are you called to help others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies, so that God will be glorified through Jesus Christ - to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen." In Acts 20:35 He tells us, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." In Galatians 5:13 He tells us, "love and serve each other." In John 13:14-15 He tells us, "And since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow; do as I have done to you." And there are many, many others, but the bottom line is this: Each of us are called by God to serve others and by serving others we are expressing God's love. Pray that God will use us for His glory and that when we give and serve others, we are serving Christ. It doesn't get any better than that, my friends. It will make your heart smile if you simply serve others. Jw♥





The Methodist Women Rummage Sale will be September 22, 23, & 24, 2021. You can bring your items to the Church. Items should be clean and gently used and placed 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.



Please bring your Backpack to Worship on August 8th to receive a blessing for the new school year.



Life in Our Church Families...

Take a moment and say a prayer for: Fred Will, Gary Smidt, and Linda Amstuz, Jeff and Loree Johnson for the passing of his father-Jerry Johnson. 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 and you would like to put on the Prayer Chain call Joan Fries at 402-756-0257.

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

Dear Minden United Methodist Church,
 Thank you for thinking of me on my graduation day! I loved my pen and cup gifted to me on the senior spotlight church service. Thank you for allowing me to practice my faith at church and live through Christ. I am excited for my next journey and cannot wait to see where God takes me :)
 Jacey Smidt



Dear Church Family,
 I want to let you know how much your card and personal notes meant to me. It is so nice to know that so many people are praying for my recovery!
 Sincerely, Linda Amstuz

July Financial Report...

General Giving in July	\$12,940
General Fund Giving to Date	\$98,505
General Expenses in July	\$13,120
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$136,002
(This report does not include the final days in July.)	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School 3:00 pm Boy Scouts HB Chris Cohen	2	3 HB Barb Detlefsen HB Pat Mullin 5:30pm Youth Group Lock-In (7-12th grades)	4 HB Mikaela Froid	5 HB Orlan Grams HB Melissa Klabunde HB Jerzee Smidt	6 HB Marcia Fries HB Nathan Martin HA Gordon & Linda Amstuz—49 years HA Dan & Ginger Frizane—55 years	7 HB Jan Marlatt
8 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Blessing of Backpacks 11th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School 6:00 pm Boy Scouts HB Kevin Smith	9 HB Keven Schutz	10 HB Braylee Kring 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	11 HB Lena Choi HB Corey Smidt 9:30 am UMW 7:00 pm Finance Mtg	12 HA Dave & Jane Craig—43 years HA Tony & Julie Ratka—26 years	13 HA John & Pat Mullin—55 years	14
15 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 12th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School HB Jentry Olsen	16 HB Kersie Delaney HB Ryan Engel HB Jaxyn Olsen HB Jess Putnam	17 HB Marah Dornhoff HB William Barber HB Steve Maulsby HB Carol Wright HA Mike & Lori Conyers—30 years 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	18	19	20 HB Terese Smith HA Jim & Virginia Madsen—15 years	21 HB Brad Janda
22 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 13th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School HA Steven & Lynne Favinger—51 years HA Larry & Laurain Tatum—67 years	23	24 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	25 HB Becky Barber HB Levi Loseke HA Mark & Lori Loseke—20 years	26 HB Marsha Granger	27	28
29 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 14th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School	30 HB Gary Smidt	31 HB Shoni Delaney 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	<div style="background-color: #00FF00; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> August 2021 HB Happy Birthday HA Happy Anniversary </div>			