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The Messenger



September 2021

Beloved Minden Methodist Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. As September starts, it looks like summer is just around the corner, and autumn comes soon. There's often quite a chill in the air in the morning. I pray that all stay safe and healthy in-between seasons. Sometimes, we feel stagnant in our life, especially during this pandemic. We try something to do, but it doesn't go well often. However, life is never static. Life constantly moves like an unrecurring movement. You have probably heard the phrase, "Failure is not an option." In other words, success has to come with tons of failure. There is nothing meaningless if we do something.

We have been struggling with getting out of the impact of covid-19. We are trying to make an effort to our normalcy. UMW has a meeting monthly. UMW served a meal for the funeral service. It looks pretty great with Rummage Sale items. We had a Bible study for the Lenten season. VBS was a success. We had a Youth Lock-in. The praise team added more members.

We often feel like whatever we do, it doesn't seem to work. The average attendance of Sunday worship is not going up entirely. If you feel like that, I want to say to you, 'Don't give up!' or 'Don't be discouraged!' I have heard from research that it will take a long to make our normalcy. What we need is what we do with faith. Just step forward as much as we can. The good news is that Larry Evans will help our youth group. We are going to have a picnic on the last Sunday of September. I plan to have Bible study this fall. I am very looking forward to seeing the fruitfulness of the church as we are planting seeds with faith.

In Christ, Pastor Peter Choi

Faith, Hope and Love by Joyce Will

Probably one of the earliest scripture we learned to memorize when we were in Sunday School was the verse from 1 Corinthians 13:13 -

"And now these three things remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." We hear it often read at weddings, we see it printed on t-shirts and wall hangings, blogs write about it, people get tattoos with those words, and greeting cards have the verse printed on them. It's virtually found in many places and without having to look too far to see



it. But why are these three words grouped together? Can we have one without the others? Did God desire us to have all these three things in our lives? So let's look at faith first. It's meaning is found in

Now, faith is
being sure
of what we hope for...
Hebrews 11:1

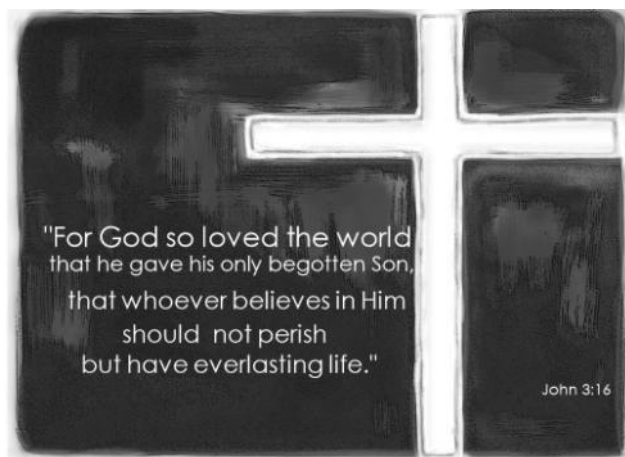
scripture. Hebrews 11:1 tells us - "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." It is pretty much a thing of trust, isn't it. When we have faith in God, we trust what He tells us throughout the Bible is true, it is our instruction book. We as Christians need to let others know that despite not being able to see it, faith is an assurance from God that His promises will never fail.

Let's look at hope. Hope and trust seem to go hand in hand. It's almost impossible to have one without the other. Hope from God is a reality and not a feeling, for God keeps His promises and there is no doubt upon that. Even though God knows that we will at times struggle with holding onto hope, we know that hope is a source of comfort, of faithfulness and encouragement. Isaiah 40:31 tells us - "but those that hope in the Lord will renew their strength."

Hope gives us an anchor for our souls as we find it rooted in the work of Jesus, who paid for our sins on the Cross. Finally, let's look at love and how it ties in with faith and hope. Love does not carry the meaning conveyed in the myriad of movies and written fiction, but rather it is a love that seeks what is best for others.

It is defined in one of the Bible's most cherished passages, another that most of us memorized at an early age - John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

This love that we read about is eternal, my friends. It remains forever, is never-ending and is the greatest commandment. That love is the greatest because God showed us, through His Son, Jesus, how great His love is for us. How can there be anything better than that? And in 1 John 4:8, we read this - "God is love." My friends, these three God-given gifts that we have the privilege of having for today, will remain with us forever. God in His goodness gives all of us faith, hope and love. Jw♥



BUYERS AND WORKERS NEEDED for the United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale which will be held on September 22, 23 & 24.

Help is needed after church on Sunday, September 19, to take items to the fellowship hall.

Workers are needed September 20 and 21 for unpacking, folding and sorting.

Buyers are needed September 22, 23, 24

Wednesday 9:00am to 7:00pm

Thursday 9:00am to 5:00pm

Friday \$3 sack sale 9:00am to 1:00pm

No coffee shop or bake sale.

Help needed for clean up and hauling to the Closet after 1:00 on Friday.

All Help is appreciated.



Life in Our Church Families...

Take a moment and say a prayer for: Family & friends of Linda Amstuz, Merlin Beahm, Fred Will, Gary Smidt, family and friends of Thelma Jensen, people of Haiti and Afghanistan.

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




Outdoor Worship & Picnic

September 26
9:45am Worship
&
11:00am Picnic
at
Jaycee Park
200 E Campbell St

**Youth Group will
Meet the First &
Third Wednesday of
September at 6pm.
Meal and drinks
will be provided.**



Worship with us online if you can't make it in person.
[Facebook.com/mindenumc](https://www.facebook.com/mindenumc)
or www.youtube.com
search: Minden United Methodist Church in Nebraska
All Bulletins and Newsletters are posted on our website
mindenumc.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <h1 style="margin: 0;">September 2021</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">HB Happy Birthday HA Happy Anniversary</p> </div>		
<p>5 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Blessing of Backpacks 15th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>6 HB JoAnn Hansen</p> 	<p>7 HB Chloe Choi HB Lori Loseke 6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>12 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 16th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>13 HB Chase Shelton 7:00pm Cub Scout Recruitment 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>14 6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>19 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 17th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>HB Fred Will</p>	<p>20 7:00pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>21 HB Marlys Farm 6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>26 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship at Jaycee Park 18th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School BBQ Following Worship at Jaycee Park</p> <p>HB Avery Froid</p>	<p>27 HB Mindy Heath HB Kevin Howard 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>28 HB Jenae Boudreau 6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>HB Jordan Granger HB Radford Hansen HB Lonna Rowse</p> <p>Youth Group 6pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>HA Tim & Susan Tunnell—21 years</p>	<p>3</p> <p>HB Cozette Sinsel</p>	<p>4</p> <p>HB Emily Cohen</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am UMW HB Lori Conyers HB Michael Swartz HA Dale & Nancy Lambert—47 years</p> <p>7:00 pm Finance Mtg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>HB Bill Hunter HB Aleda Younkin</p>	<p>10</p> <p>HB Paul Blanchard HA Dudley & Michelle Scharff—27 years</p>	<p>11</p> <p>HB Roger Jones HB Larry Snavely HB Tim Tunnell</p>
<p>15</p> <p>HB Betty Cross HB Elaine Curren</p> <p>Youth Group 6pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>HB Mary Nuss</p>	<p>17</p> <p>HB Deb Smidt HA Brooke & Joe Lundeen—10 years</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:00am-7:00pm Rummage Sale</p>	<p>23</p> <p>HB Jeff Johnson</p> <p>9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00am-1:00pm Rummage Sale (\$3 Sack Sale)</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>		





August Financial Report...

General Giving in August	\$10,252
General Fund Giving to Date	\$108,219
General Expenses in August	\$22,310
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$158,313

(This report does not include the final days in August.)

Scripture Readers for September & October:**September 5:****September 12:****September 19:****September 26:****October 3:****October 10:****October 17:****October 24:****October 31:****Refreshment Hosts for September & October:****September 5:** McBride's**September 12:****September 19:** Joyce Bender & Jack Hultquist**September 26:** Worship & Picnic @ Jaycee Park**October 3:****October 10:****October 17:** Keven & Kathi Schutz**October 24:** Dave & Jane Craig**October 31:** Paul & Dawn Moyer

Please Call if you can fill one of the open dates
(308) 832-1995.

SEPTEMBER

Happenings

White Elephant Sale & Bazaar at Westminster United Presbyterian Church (109 N. Colorado Ave, Minden) Sept 10 9am-7pm and Sept 11 9am-2pm.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3315 11th Ave, Kearney) presents Andy Gullahorn & Jill Phillips Sept. 11 at 7pm.

Pack 199 Cub Scout Recruitment Night Sept 13, 7pm. (United Methodist Church 340 N Newell Ave Minden).

Life Light Festival (Chautauqua Park in Hastings) Sept 19th 4-9pm.

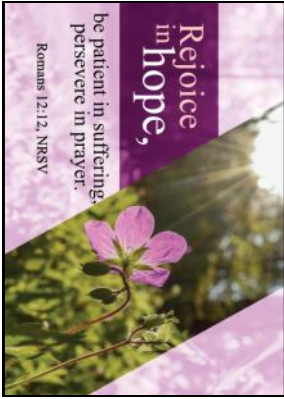
UMW Rummage sale (340 N Newell Ave. Minden) Sept 22 9am-7pm, Sept 23 9am-5pm, and Friday 9am-1pm.



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)



Office Hours:

Pastor Peter Choi

Please call for appointment 201-888-8430

Tuesday-Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm

Jaime Sinsel, Office Manager

Monday–Thursday 8am-Noon

Tony & Julie Ratka, Custodian

Joan Fries, Prayer Chain

Address/Service Requested



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

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