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The Messenger



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Beloved Minden Brothers and Sisters,

I feel a chill in the morning as summer is officially over. I love Autumn. Although our body needs lots of energy to adjust to the new season because it is a transitional season before winter.

During winter, most products will be freezing and die. So it is a time of preparation in Autumn. The ground is carpeted in colorful leaves. The air is getting crisp. Farmers have started to harvest what they planted. We bring back a short sleeve shirt to dressers and bring out a long sleeve.

When I lived in New Jersey, much snow came in October. Leaves were still on the trees. So trees could not endure the weight of snow. Trees fell on the road, house, and everywhere. Many areas of New Jersey, including my home, were blacked out for one week and more. There would be no problem if that much snow came during winter. Snow came too early.

Even next year, we may continue to live with Covid-19, but we will return to our new normal with the much-stabilized condition. Our next year will be much better as our average attendance is going up. We are striving for the restoration of the Church. United Methodist Women had the fabulous rummage sale this year with tons of items. Our youth group is getting stronger. I can see Sunday school teachers' big hearts to the children.

Now we need to prepare for the new season of the Church. It is a time of preparation for the future of the Church. I am organizing the new vision for 2022 and the church conference. It will focus much on the word of God next year. We need to be suitable containers to put incoming materials through the word of God.

With Bible Study and discipleship programs, we will go forward to the structure of the small group. That is my future goal for this church community. As Jesus trained 12 disciples, I will find Jesus' disciples and lead the small groups.

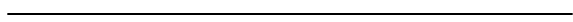
I never see that the ministry is light in my life. It is our task and responsibility that Jesus commanded us. If we work together in the name of Christ, we can even move mountains. It is a time of preparation for the new season of the Church, and we need to be cut, trimmed and polished to be suitable containers through the word of God. Those days will come! Thanks be to God

In Christ, Pastor. Peter Choi.

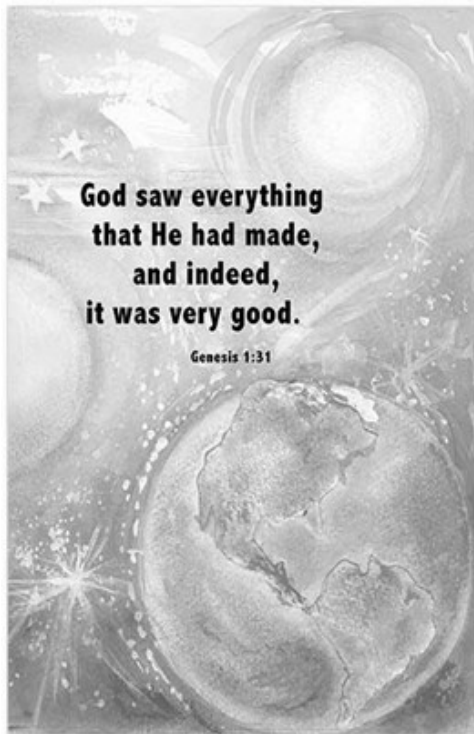


It Was Very Good by Joyce Will

By now you can tell that I love music as I often make a reference to various songs in my writings. I have many favorite songs and another one is a secular song, "What A Wonderful World" from 1967 and wonderfully sung by Louis Armstrong. It's a song about the hope and faith of the world and its people. But more so, the lyrics paint a picture for us right at the very beginning: "I see trees of green, red roses too. I see them bloom, for me and for you . . . I see skies of blue, and clouds of white. The bright blessed day and the dark sacred night. And I think to myself, what a wonderful world." So even though this is not thought to be a Christian song, to me, it speaks so much about all that God created, for me and for you. It amazes me that when I read the Creation story in Genesis, every time that God made something, He didn't just say that it was or that it existed nor did He stretch and yawn and say, that's a wrap. No, after each day, when He made something, the Bible tells us "God saw, and it was good". Can you imagine how excited He was to have made all of these things, to put names on them and then know it was good? Six times in Genesis 1,



we find the phrase, "it was good". Doesn't that make you break out in a huge smile? "It was good" - God made the heavens and the earth. He made the first rays of sunlight to make daylight where skies were colored blue along with white fluffy clouds and he made night and scattered the skies with the millions of stars and where He hung the moon. He made the waters into the seas, drying out the land masses, then He made every plant and tree imaginable, trees of green and red roses, too. He filled the waters and the land



with living creatures and the skies with birds and He said "it was good". But my friends, He didn't stop there, He was far from done with His creating. The entire sixth day He gave to the creation of male and finally female. From the dust of the ground, God shaped the very first man, breathing life into him and then giving him command over entirely everything that had been created by Himself. God was not satisfied with Adam being alone, so God formed a soul mate from the man's side, and together they began their rule over all that had been made. At the end of that day, as He looks back at all that He has created, God said, "it is very

good" (Genesis 1:31) Yes, what goodness God freely gave us that day before He told us to rest. "Oh give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever" from Psalms 118: 29. My friends, God has given this wonderful world to us. Let us all give thanks for that gift and know in our hearts that "it was very good".

Jw♥

Rummage Sale Thank You...

I appreciate everything everyone did to make the rummage sale a success. It takes lots of people, and all of you helped in some way. Thank you, whether you brought items for the sale, helped carry items out of the room, helped sort and price, brought food for snacks, helped clean up and pack, bought at the sale or helped in another way, we needed everyone of you. It wouldn't have been possible without you. Thanks, Joyce Bender

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

Take a moment and say a prayer for: Larry Preston (Jeanette Wilkinson's brother), family & friends of Maxine Christinsen, Merlin Beahm, Fred Will, Gary Smidt, Jill Shipley, Kent Berbeck, Jan Hofferber, and Julie Ratka's Aunt. 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**



**Movie Night
October 21st
7:00pm**

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



**YOUTH
GROUP**

**Worship with us online if you can't make it in person.
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; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <h1 style="margin: 0;">October 2021</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">HB Happy Birthday HA Happy Anniversary</p> </div>		
<p>3 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 19th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>4</p> <p>HB Janice Garrett HB Spencer Mills</p> <p>7:00pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>5</p> <p>HA Todd & Kelli Suchsland—25 years HB Dylan Janda HB Kaleigh Melroy HB Drew Rome</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>10 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 20th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School SPRC Meeting following Worship</p>	<p>11</p> <p>HB Alaina Boudreau HB Karli Havens</p> <p>7:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12</p> <p>HB Mark Klabunde</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>17 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 21st Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>HB Susan Fries HB Zachary Froid, HB Addison Klabunde HB JoAnn Vohland</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>HB Louise Carlson</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>24 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School HB Connie Linder</p> <hr/> <p>31 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>25</p> <p>HB Natalie Janda</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p> <p>Mobile Food Pantry 2:30pm Homecoming Parade</p>	<p>2</p> <p>HB Lynne Favinger HB Brodie Kring HB Kurt Muller</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Youth Group 6pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Choir 6:30pm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>HB Ed Sheen HB Knox Smidt</p>
<p>13</p> <p>HB Malcom Dornhoff</p> <p>7:00pm Finance Mtg</p>	<p>14</p> <p>HA Chris & Lisa Cohen—10 years</p> <p>Choir 6:30pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>HA Cray & Cindy Stubbs—39 years</p>
<p>20</p> <p>HB Jennifer Bauer HB George Sinsel</p> <p>Youth Group 6pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>HB Jack Lammers</p> <p>Choir 6:30pm 7pm Movie Night</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>HB Alvan Lux</p> <p>Choir 6:30pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>HB Judy Hansen HB Shane Heath</p>	<p>30</p> <p>HA Dave & Allyson Jameson—40 years HB Gary Remmenga HB Ed Sorensen</p>





September Financial Report...

General Giving in September	\$10,087
General Fund Giving to Date	\$118,310
General Expenses in September	\$11,621
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$169,975

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

Scripture Readers for October & November:**October 3:****October 10:****October 17:****October 24:****October 31:****November 7:****November 14:****November 21:****November 28:****Refreshment Hosts for October & November:****October 3:****October 10:****October 17:** Keven & Kathi Schutz**October 24:** Dave & Jane Craig**October 31:** Paul & Dawn Moyer**November 7:****November 14:****November 21:****November 28:**

Please Call if you can fill one of the open dates

(308) 832-1995 or email

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OCTOBER

Happenings

October 1 Mobile Food Pantry at Minden United Methodist Church.

October 1 at 2:30pm Homecoming Parade

October 3 at 2:00pm 85th Bladen Birthday Tea. Entertainment provided by Kevin & Heidi Cheng and dessert served. Bladen United Methodist Church, 418 N. Thorne St. Bladen, Nebr.

October 16 at 1:00pm Minden Bandfest Parade

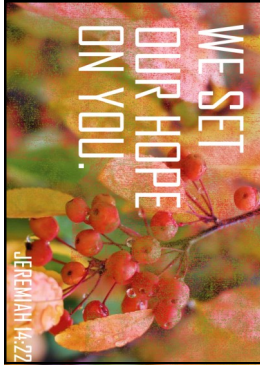
October 31—Happy Halloween!!



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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