

The Messenger



November 2021

Greetings Minden UMC,

The Administrative Council has approved all reports for the church conference. I have just completed writing our vision and goals for 2022. From October 31, we will launch the annual stewardship campaign for four weeks with *Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity*. We are already in November, and we have just one more month left until New Year. Yes, it is the season to expect fruits in life and ministry.

Sometimes, we don't see fruits obviously, although we plant with hope and enthusiasm. And that might cause us to lose courage and confidence. I indeed say that we are still going forward, even though our pace goes slow. I see that we are going forward in many positive ways.

Moreover, we still need to plant seeds patiently and positively in this harvest season. That is the reason we set a vision and goals and established a budget for 2022. I am very excited about new leaders. Regardless of our current situations, we go to the field and plant seeds in faith and hope because God is with us and on our side. God still works with His faithful servants, although the world is changing every day. God is worth being praised.

In this uncertainty of wilderness, we can intensively experience the grace of God. The path is invisible, but God will make and guild all paths. I can see, in so many places of ministry, God works in mysterious ways. Significant numbers of registration for the Bible study. I love seeing our youth friends at our church. I am looking forward to the family event on Nov 17. I love to see UMW members.

**November 7th
at 2:00am**



“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9).”

God is still staying with us and helping us be leaders and servants of God as He did for the past generations of faith. God wants to use us for His ministries for transforming the world as the kingdom of God and this time as His time.

Let us live our lives given by God faithfully. Do not lose courage and hope because of situations and circumstances. We are in the center of His excellent plan for salvation, healing, and eternal happiness of God's kingdom, heaven.

Blessings,

Your Pastor Peter Choi

Stop Doubting and Believe by Joyce Will

Do you tend to be a doubter or a believer? If we can't see something don't we tend to doubt that it is true and real? I think that is just human nature. God made us this way, right? But here's the thing, He made us to have eyes to see what is before us and He made us to have ears to hear all the goodness He created for us. He made us with a mind to think about all that we see and hear. Some people question if God is real. I have a hard time understanding that thinking. Maybe it's because from when I was just a tot, I learned who God was and how much He loved living in our hearts. There are so many ways I know that God is real, that happen every day. Let me share some examples. I see Him in the way the sun rises and sets every day, giving us incredibly beautiful colors in the sky both morning and night. How can you not believe God created that? I know God is real in the way the birds know when to migrate, they know when to build their nests and they know how to sing, to give us one of the most beautiful sounds

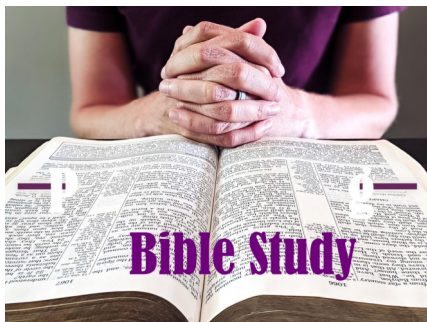
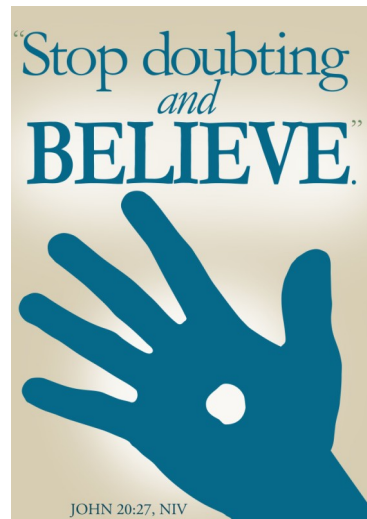


around, their twitters and songs. How can you not believe that God created those beauties? And have you ever really looked at a birds nest? I mean, they have not hands to knit the grass, twigs, etc together, and yet those nests are so perfect for their wee little hatchlings. I know God is real in knowing that my fingerprint is like absolutely no one else on this earth. Now how amazing is that? I mean there are millions of people on this earth, surely there is someone that has the same fingerprint as I have. But no, no one has my fingerprint nor is anyone made like me. That reminds me of Dr. Seuss's quote:

"Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive that is youer than you!" That's right, God made each of us just youer than you. That makes my heart giggle with joy! I know God is real when I see the beauty in each season, but especially in the Autumn, when the nights start to cool enough to change the colors of the leaves into a kaleidoscope of beautiful colors. I'm so grateful that God chose our world to have the four seasons, each season holding its own specialty.

My favorite is Autumn when those leaves He created turn from green to those many colors of yellow, red and orange. Who could be a better artist? I know God is real when I see caterpillars morph into butterflies. What an extra fun time God gave us to see those fuzzy or colorful caterpillars magically turn into those beautiful and colorful butterflies. Wouldn't it be fun to be a butterfly, whom seem to not have a care in the world, but just fly around and sip on that nectar from many, many flowers that God provided for them. I know God is real when I see flowers and plants start to come back to life in the Spring! Oh how much fun I have going out to my garden in the early Spring and I start searching for the plants to start pushing through the ground. They've laid resting all Winter long, and just at the right time, they start to shoot through the soil. How could anyone but God decide to make them do just that, just at the right time, every Spring. Nature is way too perfect to have been created haphazardly or unintentionally. No, God created all of this and so much more just for us, for us to live in, to look at, to listen to and to totally enjoy. I like the story of Thomas when he doubts who Jesus is, found in John, chapter 20. I especially like 2 verses - 27 and 29: "Stop doubting and believe."; "Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." My friends, our God is real. What He created for us is real, what He gives us every day is real. You only have to stop doubting and believe.

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**Pastor Peter Choi will lead Bible Study
Every Tuesday at 5:00pm
and
every Thursday at 10:00am
beginning November 2.**

**Please let him know if you would like
to join so he can order a book for you.**



Youth Group
First & Third Wednesday
November 3 & 17, 2021
6:00 pm.
Meal and drinks
will be provided.

Life in Our Church Families...

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

Merlin Beahm

Fred Will

Gary Smidt (surgery scheduled for November)

Larry Preston (Jeanette Wilkinson's brother)

Jan Hofferber (Kathi Schutz's mother)



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
9:00 am on Sunday

Adult Sunday School
following worship on Sunday



Now is the time to collect items for the Christmas child boxes. We will take them to the collection site on November 22. Thanks to those of you who have already brought items. The Sunday school kids will pack boxes on November 21. If you prefer to pack your own box, boxes are available at the church. Items to consider are health and hygiene products, school supplies, and toys. Boxes are specified for a boy or girl age 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14 years old. For more ideas and information go to Samaritanspurse.org/occ.

A decorative graphic for a "Family Harvest Festival". The text "Family Harvest" is written in a large, black, cursive font at the top. Below it, the text "Celebration of a successful Harvest Family Event" is centered in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the date "November 17" and time "5:30-7:30" are centered. Below the date and time, the text "Meal: Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup Games, Craft, Photo Booth, Fun" is centered. At the bottom, the word "Festival" is written in a large, black, cursive font. The entire text is surrounded by various autumn-themed illustrations including pumpkins, apples, pears, blueberries, and leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	<p>1</p> <p>All Saints Day</p> <p>7:00pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>2</p> <p>HB Dave Jameson</p> <p>5pm Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>7 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship All Saints Sunday 24th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>8</p> <p>HB Fran Lange HB Jason Sinsel HB Kelli Suchsland</p> <p>7:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>9</p> <p>HB Lonnie Granger HB Stacy Sinsel HB Todd Suchsland</p> <p>5pm Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>14 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 25th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>15</p> <p>HB Paul Heath HB Kay Lyn McBride</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5pm Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>21 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Consecration Sunday Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday 10:45 am Adult Sunday School 7:00pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5pm Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>28 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 1st Sunday of Advent 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>29</p> <p>HB Diana Hammer</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5pm Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>HB Kimberly Melroy</p> <p>Youth Group 6pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am Bible Study</p> <p>Choir 6:30pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:00pm Girl Scout Lock-In</p>	<p>6</p> <p>HB Michala Olsen</p> 
<p>10</p> <p>9:30am UMW</p> <p>6:30pm Finance Mtg</p>	<p>11</p> <p>HB Linda Montgomery HB Kim Pearson</p> <p>10am Bible Study</p> <p>Choir 6:30pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5pm Boy Scout Lock-In</p>	<p>13</p> <p>HB Michelle Scharff HB Zander Sinsel</p>
<p>17</p> <p>HB Megan Conyers HB Kelly Mills HB Kristie Taylor</p> <p>5:30 Family Harvest Festival</p> <p>Youth Group 6pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>HB Maxine Grams HB Jason Smidt</p> <p>10am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>Choir 6:30pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>HB Jean Scharff</p>
<p>24</p> <p>HB Tyler Nolan HB Sandra Space</p>	<p>25</p> <p>HB Lynette Beahm HB Laurie Clement HB Gabe Walmsley</p> <p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>HB Marilyn Rasmussen</p>
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>November 2021</p> <p>HB Happy Birthday HA Happy Anniversary</p> </div>			





October Financial Report...

General Giving in October	\$14,673
General Fund Giving to Date	\$133,721
General Expenses in October	\$5,444
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$174,267

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

Scripture Readers for November & December:

November 7: Doug Hammer
November 14: Marilyn Rasmussen
November 21: Julie Ratka
November 28: Lori Conyers
December 5: Kathi Schutz
December 12: Jodi Boudreau
December 19: Larry Evans
December 26:

Refreshment Hosts for November & December:

November 7: Dan & Ginger Frizane
November 14:
November 21: Sandy Johnson
November 28: McBrides
December 5: Kathi & Keven Schutz
December 12: Mike & Jodi Boudreau
December 19: Larry & Nancy Evans
December 26:

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

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity



Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

One of Jesus' great teaching parables involves a sower who cast seed along the ground. The sower hoped the seeds would sprout, grow, and bear good fruit. Some seeds did just that, producing a great harvest. But others, Jesus said, fell among thorns and, though they began to grow, these good plants were quickly choked out. Jesus said the thorns were "the cares of the world and the lure of wealth" (Matthew 13:22).

In a culture where having "enough" seems to have become a never-ending pursuit, Jesus' parable remains incredibly relevant. Many of us are chasing the American dream in ways that lead to stress, anxiety, and fear—thorns that can rob us of the ability to enjoy the abundant lives of purpose that God intended for us.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, over the next four weeks, we will be having a churchwide study and worship emphasis called *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management during worship. We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

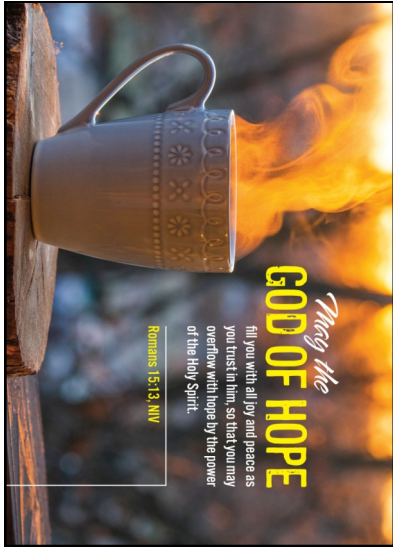
At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on Sunday.

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

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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