

# The Messenger



May 2022

**All are invited to Mother's Day coffee before worship, May 8. Everyone is welcome to come celebrate a mother they know. Please come at any time from 9 until church begins for coffee/tea/juice and some yummy goodness to celebrate Mothers.**



Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Easter Sunday, one of the biggest celebrations in the church calendar, has passed. Its celebration quickly slides into the past, and we again are tempted to move back into our doubts and fears. We are again overwhelmed with hopelessness and loneliness. If you are stuck in these feelings, you should remember that Jesus stayed with his disciples for 40 days on earth after his resurrection.

He repeatedly appeared to his disciples to assure his resurrection. He wanted to share this good news with them. He showed the marks, which are wounds on the wrists, feet, and side to prove he is the Jesus Christ who was crucified on the cross. He is not a ghost, which has no physical body. Resurrection is the proof that God is not silent anymore for those who are righteous before God. Then Jesus promised to send another Advocate who would be with them forever. If it is still hard to believe in his resurrection, hang in there. The Holy Spirit will be with you.

If you came to our Easter service, I encourage you to continue to come to our regular worship. Jesus will come to you no matter what our barriers are. He will pass through all locked doors. He will assure and resurrect you. If you didn't come to our service at Easter, I urge you to make a decision to return to the Lord. You cannot keep your faith alone. Our faith can only grow in the relationship of the Christian community. That is why Jesus gives us a Church, a Community of Faith.

This spring season is quite challenging. Farmers and residents of many areas of Nebraska are suffering from high wind and less rain. Even some farmers don't start to plant seeds yet for this reason. Some lost their life, house, livestock, and farm areas in the fire. It is the right time to pray together for those people and all situations.

I believe God will answer our desperate prayers. God will respond to us as the Bible always showed. Moreover, as the people of God, please do not ignore the cries of suffering. Let us give our hearts to them. We can make our state of Nebraska more beautiful and meaningful.

Lastly, let me talk about our church and ministry. Our church leaders have some plans to make our church vitalized. And you are the body of the church. Please join us when we reach out to you. We cannot do our ministry without your commitment. Pandemic does not excuse you, but you return to normalcy! The Lord be with you!

Pastor Peter Choi

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### **God Is With You by Joyce Will**

From the moment our hearts start to beat while we grow inside of our mother's body, until the moment our heart takes its last beat, we are walking on a road called life. That road of life is most likely to have all sorts of twists and u-turns, valleys and mountains, but we are never alone on that road. What's more, we will often encounter speed bumps, detours and even road blocks. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." We humans often believe that we know best what roads we choose to walk during our lives. Many times when we forget that God is walking by our side, we will go on a path that we choose instead of seeking out the road map that God has chosen for us. When we forget to trust in the Lord and lean on our own understanding, that is when we most likely will encounter a few twists and turns and even end up at a road block.

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It is then that we frown and wonder what went wrong with the plans that we had, instead of going the way God wants us to go. Life isn't easy, is it. Life is downright hard at times. And it is in those times that we need to know in our hearts that God is right there with us, during those low valleys that find us wondering what to do. We know that God's ways are not our ways from Isaiah 55:8-9. If we truly have God in our hearts, then why do we question times when we think we have all the answers instead of listening to God? We so need to learn to not hold on to our own expectations and ways of life so that we can have those desires that God wants for us. When we encounter those different road problems, do we feel like we are being punished? That God is no longer by our side? I imagine from time to time we do. Remember this from Jeremiah 29:11 - "I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Our God loves us so very much that He only wants what is the very best for us, to prosper us and not bring us harm. The world we live in is a hard world. It forever brings temptations to us, brings evil to us, brings hate to us. It will always try to bring us harm. But God will never leave us. He is with us every second of our days and nights. He gives us strength and comfort and yes, even peace that passes all of our understanding! My friends, know without any doubt that always and forever, that you are never alone in your thinking and in your being, simply because God is with you. Jw♥



Thank  
You

Thank You MUMC for the beautiful red daisy floral arrangement that you sent for my birthday! It is so pretty and “made my day” feel like I was “65” instead of “95” :) Also thanks to each who sent a card. We have been blessed by MUMC for nearly 70 years!



Thank You. God is Good. John R. Finkner

Dear Friends,

Today I received the beautiful lavender carnation for my birthday and words fail to express my sincere appreciation to my church family remembering me. I miss so much attending church each Sunday, but this gift reminds me of your presence and love in my life still. I am getting along quite well and very comfortable in my new home. Love to all. Libby Williams



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### Newsletter Change



We are asking you to please pick up your newsletter at the Church. We will be to have them by the entrance the Friday before the 1st of each month. We will still be mailing them to members if they would like them mailed. It is posted every month on our website, [mindenumc.org](http://mindenumc.org).

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

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

Norma Rasmussen's Family and Friends, Orville Scharff's Family and Friends, Larry Anderson, Jan Larsen, Kurt Muller, Marjorie Madsen, Gary Smidt, Merlin Beahm, and 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.

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**3rd and 4th Grade Students received Bibles on April 10th. 4th Grade: Shawn Heath, Aubree Kring, and Laci Loseke, 3rd Grade: Chloe Choi, Shane Heath, Eponie Kring, Bryson Richards, and Zander Sinsel. Presenting the Bibles were Jeanette Wilkinson and Pastor Peter Choi.**

Calling all people who knit, crochet, or can sew pieces of fabric together. If there is enough interest, we would like to start a Prayer Shawl Ministry for our church family. A prayer shawl is made by someone in our church then the



shawls are brought together to be blessed and prayed over during a church service and then be distributed to people who need to feel a "hug", who need to feel prayers and comfort when the shawl is placed around their shoulders. The recipient may be one who is enduring cancer treatment, one who is having major surgery, someone who has lost a loved one, someone who needs to feel that they are not alone, that they are loved, prayed for and thought of by their church family. Questions and interest can be directed to Joyce Will.

**Bible Study "Threading the Bible"  
with Pastor Peter Choi  
Every Tuesday at 10:00am and 5:00pm**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>1 9:45 am Worship</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Church Closed</b> <b>Hallways will be</b> <b>getting a new coat</b> <b>of wax.</b>	<b>3</b> 10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Girl Scouts
<b>8 9:00 am Coffee &amp; Rolls to</b> <b>celebrate mothers.</b> <b>9:45 am Worship</b> <b>Senior Sunday</b> <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>9</b> (Election Set Up)	<b>10</b> <b>Elections</b> 10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study 6pm Cub Scouts
<b>15 9:45 am Worship</b> <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study 6:30pm Girl Scouts HB Carolyn Olsen HB Melanie Remmenga
<b>22 9:45 am Worship</b> <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>23</b> HB Jessica Tunnell	<b>24</b> 10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study HB Gage Fries HB Doug Hammer
<b>29 9:45 am Worship</b> <b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> HA Larry & Kim Snavely—23 years HA Michael & Maryjo Froid—23 years	<b>30</b> HA Clark & Jennifer Bauer—30 years  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>31</b> 10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>5pm SPRC meeting 6:30pm Youth Group</p> <p>HB Delaine Maxon HB Tony Ratka</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>HB Gracie Fries HB Jaime Sinsel</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>HB Scott Maxon</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:30am UMW 7:00pm Finance Mtg</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>HB Donlyn Space</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Mobile Food Pantry HB Samuel Tunnell</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>HB Gabriella Froid</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>HB Dave Craig HB Alexandra Bauer</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>HB Michael Froid HA Mark &amp; Melissa Klabunde—17 years</p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p>HB Jacey Smidt</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>HB Braxton Janda HA Larry &amp; Sheila Anderson—50 years</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>HB Steve Younkin</p>
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### April Financial Report...

General Giving in April	\$20,496
General Fund Giving to Date	\$62,897
General Expenses in April	\$15,569
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$77,343

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

#### Scripture Readers for May & June:

<b>May 1:</b>	Lena Choi
<b>May 8:</b>	Julie Ratka
<b>May 15:</b>	Jodi Boudreau
<b>May 22:</b>	Jessie Tunnell
<b>May 29:</b>	Ian Goding
<b>June 5:</b>	Shirley Fellers
<b>June 12:</b>	Madeline Kring
<b>June 19:</b>	Emma Grube
<b>June 26:</b>	Lori Conyers

#### Refreshment Hosts for May & June:

<b>May 1:</b>	Doug & Diana Hammer
<b>May 8:</b>	Sandy Johnson
<b>May 15:</b>	Jodi Boudreau
<b>May 22:</b>	Tunnell Family
<b>May 29:</b>	Gene Lundeen
<b>June 5:</b>	Martin Family
<b>June 12:</b>	Larry & Nancy Evans
<b>June 19:</b>	Heath Family
<b>June 26:</b>	

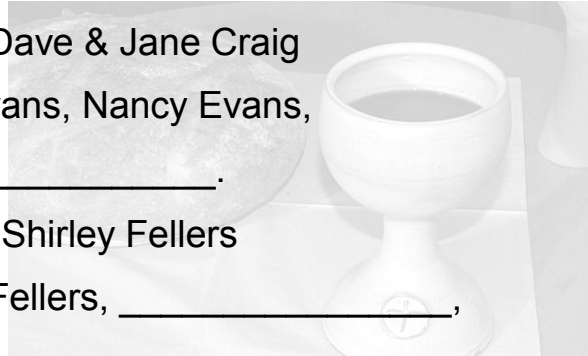
#### Greeters/Ushers for May & June:

<b>May 1:</b>	Dawn & Paul Moyer
<b>May 8:</b>	
<b>May 15:</b>	Lori Conyers
<b>May 22:</b>	
<b>May 29:</b>	
<b>June 5:</b>	
<b>June 12:</b>	Larry & Nancy Evans
<b>June 19:</b>	Heath's
<b>June 26:</b>	

Please Call (308) 832-1995 if you can fill one of the open dates or email [managerumcminden@msn.com](mailto:managerumcminden@msn.com).

**May 1:** Communion Steward: Dave & Jane Craig  
Communion Servers: Larry Evans, Nancy Evans,  
Shirley Fellers, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**June 5:** Communion Steward: Shirley Fellers  
Communion Servers: Shirley Fellers, \_\_\_\_\_,



**"Heritage Goodie Coffee"**

On the first Sunday of each month beginning in June we would like you to sign up provide foods to share with the church after the service. Instead of the regular coffee/cookies, we would like you to prepare and serve some foods that are from your heritage background. It may be something from Germany, Sweden, Italy, France, Mexico, Korea, Ireland, Greece, Denmark, etc. - wherever your heritage is from. Ethnic foods are fun to make and fun to serve to others. The possibilities are endless with what you can decide to serve along with either coffee or maybe there is a certain kind of tea/coffee/non-alcoholic drink that your heritage enjoys that you would be able to share with others, too. Make it fun. Make it a way to learn about each other. If you want to make small signs about your foods you serve, you can sure do that too. Let's celebrate the countries our families are from and share that with our church family.

**If your child would like to go to church camp this summer we have money available to pay for them to attend. Camp information is on the bulletin board inside the west door.**

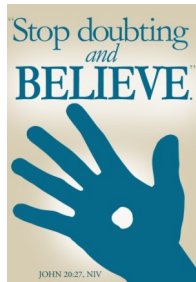
**SUMMER  
camp**



**Need to update how to communicate with you. The church needs updated phone numbers and emails. Please send your info to Jaime at the church office, [managerumcminden@msn.com](mailto:managerumcminden@msn.com).**

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**Sunday Worship 9:45am**

AddressService Requested

**2022 Vision:**  
**Expand Our Boundaries**  
**Through the Word of God.**  
"Your word is a lamp for my feet,  
a light on my path"  
(Psalm 119:105)

A photograph of a decorative, ornate lantern hanging from a wooden post. The lantern has a glass globe and is surrounded by greenery. The background is slightly blurred, showing a garden or yard setting.

**Church Information:**  
**Church office: 308-832-1995**  
**Parsonage: 308-832-2215**

**Pastor Peter Choi: 201-888-8430**  
**Please call or text for**  
**appointment or email**  
**peterchoiminden@gmail.com.**

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**Monday–Friday 8am-Noon**

**Joan Fries, Prayer Chain:**  
**402-756-0257**