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# The Messenger



June 2022



**June 19th at 9am, All are invited to Father's Day Breakfast before worship. Everyone is welcome to come celebrate a father they know. Please come at any time from 9am until church begins for Coffee, tea, juice, muffins, etc.**



Brothers and Sister in Christ,

Nineteen children and two adults were killed in gun violence at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. Innumerable Ukrainians are injured and killed by the destruction of war. With Covid-19, we have suffered for over two years. Nebraskans lost people, houses, and lands with numerous fires across Nebraska. We live in a world of inequality, brokenness, and imperfection. Violence is always around us, and innocent people are victimized.

In these circumstances, the Lord's Prayer reminds me again of how we, Christians, live and respond to injustice. Jesus taught us how we pray with it. We can search for what Jesus wanted from us. We often consider the Kingdom of God in heaven, but we can see how Jesus focuses on the Kingdom of God in this world in his prayer.

God wants us to be holy as God is holy. Our holiness cannot be completed from the separation of the world because Jesus wants us to be the salt and light of the world. He loves peace as he is the prince of peace. The Kingdom of God is already started as Jesus came into the world. Our role is to achieve the kingdom of God through the support of the Holy Spirit.

We celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on June 5, 2022. Jesus' disciples had no power to sustain his ministry. However, they could start the Church with the Holy Spirit and live for God's glory.

I believe the Holy Spirit still comes from heaven and fills the house of worship. When the blazing fire burns within us, our sins are forgiven, and then we have a new life with Christ. When the breath of the Holy Spirit breathes into us, we expect that our broken heart is restored. When we receive spiritual gifts, we can proclaim the good news of Christ. When we receive more spiritual nourishment, we can work for God and our neighbors.

The Holy Spirit is telling us, "come to me!" It is time to respond to His invitation. We will taste joy, hope, love, and peace in Him. We can expect the calf and lion to lie down together. We can expect Russians and Ukrainians together without wars. We can expect the victims of gun violence are supported by the love of God. We can experience new hope in the burned areas of Nebraska. May God's blessings be upon them.

In Christ's Unfailing Love

Pastor Peter Choi

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### **God's Not Done With You by Joyce Will**

What purpose do we have? I suspect we have all wondered that question from time to time, I know I have. Many people try to tell us about that purpose via books they write, speakers talk about it and bloggers chat about it. That's all good, as everyone has their own idea about their purpose here on earth and what they think ours is. But here's the thing; God put you here at this very time at this very place, for a reason. You weren't some unthought-of pointless occurrence! God made each of us, God put us into our families and God doesn't make mistakes! Ephesians 2:10 tells us: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." So why are we here and what good are we to others? Oh my friends, God chose you to arrive at the time you did, He put you in circumstances right where you needed to be and He put people into your lives just when you needed them most, or they needed you most.

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Because of that, we are who we are and no matter our age, God continues to work in us. No matter what jobs we hold or have held during our lifetime, we have made a difference to someone else. Now our jobs don't define who we are, but throughout your lifetime, maybe even without you knowing it, you've made an impact on people. Each day God gives us, He calls us to be a loving and caring people. He made us with lips that turn up into smiles that we give to others. He made us with a heart full of emotions that we can positively share with others. He made us with feet so that we can walk with others who need a friend. He made us with hands so that we can tenderly and gently hold a hand of someone that needs to feel they are not alone. God gave us these things so that we can spread joy and kindness and love to others every day. Proverbs 19:21 tells us this: "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." God put you where you are today for a reason. We only need to keep our eyes and our hearts open and let Him lead you to the people in our lives that need Him. The greatest purpose we will ever have is being His hands and feet. Think how you can be just that every day, at home, at school, at work, out shopping, in your church, in your neighborhood, anywhere you may go and with anyone you are with. God is working with us every day to be a better you. And until your last breath is taken, know that God's not done with you. Jw ♥



**RUMMAGE SALE**

July 1 – Begin bringing clean and gently used items to room 103

August 7 – Begin set up after church.  
All helpers needed!

August 8 – Set up and price

August 9 – Sale 9am-7pm

August 10 – Sale 9am-7pm

August 11 – \$3 Sack sale 9-1pm

1:00 pack and load Goodwill truck



***Movie Night***  
***June 3, 2022 at 7:00pm***  
***Showing: "Queen Esther"***

Set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire, QUEEN ESTHER is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this?

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

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

Family & Friends of Gaylen Hansen, Gary Smidt, Larry Anderson, Jan Larsen, Kurt Muller, Lori Conyer's father, 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.

## Father's Day Breakfast

The hospitality team is hosting another breakfast for our church family on Sunday, June 19 from 9 to 10 a.m. with church service starting at 10 - note the time change! While it is Father's Day, you do not have to be a father to attend the breakfast. We want to include everyone! We have missed the fellowship of joining together with a meal at our church for the past 2 years. Mother's Day breakfast was truly a blessing - smiles, laughter, fellowship. Let's continue to make that change and begin to join together with a time of fellowship and sweet nourishment before church begins. We hope to see all of you!



## Father's Day Breakfast

### Vacation Bible School MONUMENTAL—GOD'S GREATNESS July 10-14, 2022

5:00 Supper

5:30 Opening

5:50-7:20 Activities

7:20-7:30 Closing

We need a Snack Station Leader, a game station leader, supper teams for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and group to take down decorations Thursday after the VBS program.



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   |
|---|---|---|
| <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="font-size: 2em; color: magenta; margin: 0;"><b>JUNE 2022</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">HB Happy Birthday<br/>HA Happy Anniversary</p> </div> |   |   |
| <p><b>5 10:00 am Worship<br/>Pentecost Sunday</b></p> <p>HB Shawn Heath</p>   | <p><b>6</b></p>   | <p><b>7</b></p>   |
| <p><b>12 10:00 am Worship<br/>1st Sunday after Pentecost<br/>Trinity Sunday</b></p>   | <p><b>13</b></p> <p>HB Jackson Froid<br/>HA LeRoy &amp; Rita<br/>Smith—24 years</p> | <p><b>14</b></p> <p>HA James &amp; Jeanette<br/>Wilkinson—26 years</p>            |
| <p><b>19 9:00 am Breakfast to<br/>celebrate fathers.<br/>10:00 am Worship<br/>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p style="color: green; text-decoration: underline;"><b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b></p>                                 | <p><b>20</b></p>  | <p><b>21</b></p> <p>HA Denny &amp; Fran<br/>Lange—47 years</p>                    |
| <p><b>26 10:00 am Worship<br/>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>  | <p><b>27</b></p>  | <p><b>28</b></p> <p>HB Gordon Amstuz<br/>HA Al &amp; Lee Ann<br/>Lux—47 years</p> |

| <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Friday</b>  | <b>Saturday</b>   |
|---|--|--|---|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>HB Sheila Anderson   | <b>3</b><br><b>MOVIE NIGHT 7PM<br/>SHOWING<br/>“QUEEN ESTHER”</b>              | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br><b>9:30am UMW</b><br><b>7:00pm Finance Mtg</b><br>Brad & Natalie<br>Janda—20 years  | <b>9</b> HB Jayla Olsen<br>HB Allyson Jameson<br>HA Larry & Nancy<br>Evans—49 years<br>HA Brodie & Amy | <b>10</b><br><br>HB Marian Johnson   | <b>11</b>   |
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| <b>15</b><br><br>HB Jodi Swartz   | <b>16</b><br><br>HB Larry Anderson   | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b><br><br><b>4:00pm How to<br/>Grow Church<br/>Meeting</b> |
| <b>22</b><br><br>HB Camryn Melroy<br>HA Jeff & Loree<br>Johnson—28 yrs  | <b>23</b><br><br>HB Dan Frizane  | <b>24</b><br><br>HB MaryJo Froid<br>HB Marjorie Madsen<br>HB Elizabeth Merrill | <b>25</b>   |
| <b>29</b><br><br>HB Nancy Evans<br>HA Keven & Kathi<br>Schutz—20 years  | <b>30</b>  |  |   |









### May Financial Report...

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| General Giving in May         | \$16,617 |
| General Fund Giving to Date   | \$79,514 |
| General Expenses in May       | \$11,138 |
| General Fund Expenses to Date | \$88,500 |

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

#### Scripture Readers for June & July:

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>June 5:</b>  | Shirley Fellers |
| <b>June 12:</b> | Madeline Kring  |
| <b>June 19:</b> | Emma Grube      |
| <b>June 26:</b> | Lori Conyers    |
| <b>July 3:</b>  | Kaylyn McBride  |
| <b>July 10:</b> | Marah Dornhoff  |
| <b>July 17:</b> | Doug Hammer     |
| <b>July 24:</b> | Larry Evans     |
| <b>July 31:</b> |                 |

#### Refreshment Hosts for June & July:

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>June 5:</b>  | Martin Family       |
| <b>June 12:</b> | Larry & Nancy Evans |
| <b>June 19:</b> | Heath Family        |
| <b>June 26:</b> |                     |
| <b>July 3:</b>  |                     |
| <b>July 10:</b> |                     |
| <b>July 17:</b> |                     |
| <b>July 24:</b> |                     |
| <b>July 31:</b> |                     |

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

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>June 5:</b>  |                     |
| <b>June 12:</b> | Larry & Nancy Evans |
| <b>June 19:</b> | Heaths              |
| <b>June 26:</b> |                     |
| <b>July 3:</b>  |                     |
| <b>July 10:</b> |                     |
| <b>July 17:</b> | Hammers             |
| <b>July 24:</b> |                     |
| <b>July 31:</b> |                     |

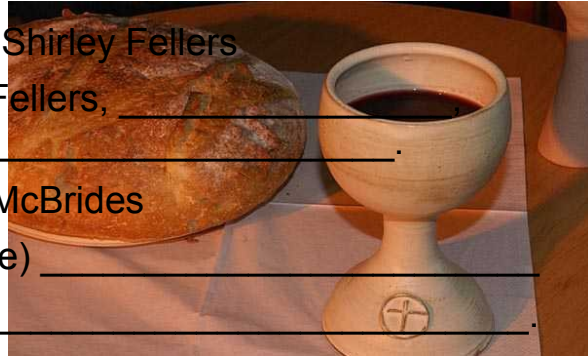
Please Call (308) 832-1995 if you can fill one of the open dates or email [managerumcminden@msn.com](mailto:managerumcminden@msn.com).

**June 5:** Communion Steward: Shirley Fellers

Communion Servers: Shirley Fellers, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

**July 3:** Communion Steward: McBrides

Communion Servers: (4 people) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**"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 her/him to attend. Camp information is on the bulletin board inside the west door.**



**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 10:00am**

**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)



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