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The Messenger



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Greetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

My family had a vacation to Los Angeles for one week. My family has brought back lifelong memories. We took hundreds of pictures. We are refreshed, recharged, and regained with new energies. We are ready for the second half of 2022. Thank you all for filling my duties and work.

The family vacation is vital, as you know well. We can share our entire time away from the usual routine. Moreover, we can experience new cultures, peoples, places, and foods.

Most of the time, I followed what Lena, Chloe, and Hailey planned for this trip, except for the General Sherman Tree. They didn't like to drive toward the Sequoia National Park since it took over 10 hours by car to see the one big tree. And we had to return on the same day for another schedule. I listened to Hailey's complaints in the car for 10 hours, but I kept driving toward the mountain top since it was on my wish list.

With the advancing years, I would like to go and see the beauty of great nature. I like to go up to the mountain-top and see the river since I probably want to take away from the usual routine and experience a separated place from the ordinary. When we arrived at the Giant Forest of Sequoia National Park, I was amazed at the grandeur of the great nature, especially the sequoia tree.



It grows between 5,000 and 8,000 feet in elevation. I am especially very impressed with the General Sherman Tree. "It is the world's largest tree, measured by volume. It stands 275 feet tall and is over 36 feet in diameter at the base (www.nps.gov)." The most recent age estimate of the Sherman Tree is about 2200 years old.

I recognized how I was small and weak compared to the size and age of the tree. The tree never moves but puts down roots and stands there for over 2,000 years. Within the tree, I could feel God loves and how he cares for us. He never gives us up. He stands there to save us.

On the way home, I heard the weather warning in the North Platte, NE area. The navigation recommended driving different routes. There would be 30 percent of a severe thunderstorm with half-dollar-sized hail. I was too tired, and I had to drive 30 minutes longer. So, I wanted to pass through the area of North Platte. In this situation, Lena suggested that I would drive through McCook for the safety of my family and car.

We are struggling to build a better life. To have more, we fight each other. However, sometimes, we should stop what we are doing. And we should listen to God's will. He will give you a direction and leads you to a better way to go.

Pastor Peter Choi

There's Just Something About That Name by Joyce Will

As a kid, most of us had nicknames and they would usually come from your family or your friends. Some nicknames are fun and while some can be cruel, for the most part, they are often quite fitting for the recipient. I remember having 2 nicknames, both when I was very young. One was Joycee Ann and the other was Stompy. I wasn't bothered by those names, as they were generally used by my parents and a close family friend. Those endearments often made my heart smile whenever I heard those particular nicknames called out to me; it just made me feel like I was loved. Mary and Joseph were told that the baby Mary was carrying must be named Jesus. They didn't have a choice. Both Mary and Joseph were told by an angel, telling them that "...you are to call him Jesus" - Luke 1:31 and "...you are to give him the name Jesus..." - Matthew 1:21. So Jesus was His name and last names were not common back then; in fact reading the Bible, there are few if any last names given to people back then, at least not the common last names that we associate people with today.

The name Jesus is heard in so many places. We hear it in music, titles of songs and books and in scripture of course. When you say the name Jesus, there really is something about that name, isn't there. I love the beautiful Gaither song titled, "There's Something About That Name". It is said that the song was written by the Gaither's "because of the profound power and effect Jesus had on them in their daily lives, the lives of their grandparents and the many times they came to Him in prayer". We can all relate to those reasons and whenever we say the name "Jesus", we really do feel that reverence and



so much more. Jesus' name was special from hundreds of years before He was born when it was prophesied in Isaiah 7:14 - "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." Jesus was named at His birth, but He is known by so many other names as well. Are they nicknames? Maybe, maybe not. What we do know is that in the Bible there are so many references to who Jesus is; Jesus is our King of Kings, Savior, the Holy One, Messiah, the Prince of Peace, Wonderful, Counselor, the Light of the World, Immanuel. The cross pictured here includes those names and more. It is located in the east hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall. Won't you

take a moment the next time you are in the church building and find that cross, then look at all of the names on there. Those names are also what we have heard Jesus' be called from one time or another. My friends, whatever name we associate with Jesus, know it in your heart, that there really is just something about that name. **Jw♥**



RUMMAGE SALE

Keep bringing clean & gently used items until August 7th.

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

August 8 – Set up and price

Come Shop

August 9 – Sale 9am-7pm

August 10 – Sale 9am-7pm

August 11 – \$3 Sack sale 9-1pm
(1:00 pack and load Goodwill truck)



Life in Our Church Families...

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

Lyra Johnson, Gary Smidt, Larry Anderson, 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.



**Youth Group
August 17th
at 6:30 p.m.
Meal and drinks will be provided.**



Sunday School
Ages PreK-6th Grade
August 24th
3:30-5:00 p.m.

Education Meeting
August 20th at 7:00pm

If you would like to be a teacher or helper please try to attend this meeting or let us know you would be able to help. We welcome any one who would like to help teach our children about God.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1 HB Chris Cohen	2 10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study
7 10:00 am Worship 9th Sunday after Pentecost Blessing of Backpacks HB Man Marlatt	8 HB Kevin Smith	9 Rummage Sale 9am-7pm HB Keven Schutz
14 10:00 am Worship 10th Sunday after Pentecost	15 HB Jentry Olsen	16 HB Jaxyn Olsen HB Jess Putnam
21 10:00 am Worship 11th Sunday after Pentecost HB Brad Janda	22 HA Steven & Lynne Favinger—52 years HA Larry & Laurain Tatum—68 years	23
28 10:00 am Worship 12th Sunday after Pentecost	29	30 HB Gary Smidt

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 HB Pat Mullin	4 HB Mikaela Froid	5 HB Orlan Grams HB Melissa Klabunde HB Jerzee Smidt	6 HB Marcia Fries HB Nathan Martin HA Dan & Ginger Frizane—56 years
10 Rummage Sale 9am-7pm Ad Council Mtg 7pm HB Braylee Kring	11 Rummage Sale 9am-1pm \$3 Bag sale HB Lena Choi HB Corey Smidt	12 HA Dave & Jane Craig—44 years HA Tony & Julie Ratka—27 years	13 HA John & Pat Mullin—56 years
17 HB Marah Dornhoff HB Steve Maulsby HB Carol Wright HA Mike & Lori Conyers—31 years Youth Group 6:30pm Finance Mtg 7pm	18	19	20 HB Terese Smith HA Jim & Virginia Madsen—16 years Education Mtg 7pm
24 Youth Sunday School 3:30-5:00pm	25 HB Levi Loseke HA Mark & Lori Loseke—21 years	26 HB Marsha Granger	27
31	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <h2 style="color: blue; margin: 0;">August 2022</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">HB Happy Birthday HA Happy Anniversary</p> </div>		





July Financial Report...

General Giving in July	\$10,782
General Fund Giving to Date	\$99,983
General Expenses in July	\$14,778
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$131,663

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

Scripture Readers for Aug. & Sept.:

- August 7:** Jodi Boudreau
- August 14:** Dawn Moyer
- August 21:**
- August 28:** Ian Goding
- September 4:**
- September 11:**
- September 18:**
- September 25:**

Refreshment Hosts Aug. & Sept.:

- August 7:** Jodi Boudreau
- August 14:** Dawn Moyer
- August 21:** Jack Hultquist
- August 28:**
- September 4:**
- September 11:**
- September 18:**
- September 25:**

Greeters/Ushers for August & September:

- August 7:**
- August 14:**
- August 21:**
- August 28:**
- September 4:**
- September 11:**
- September 18:**
- September 25:**

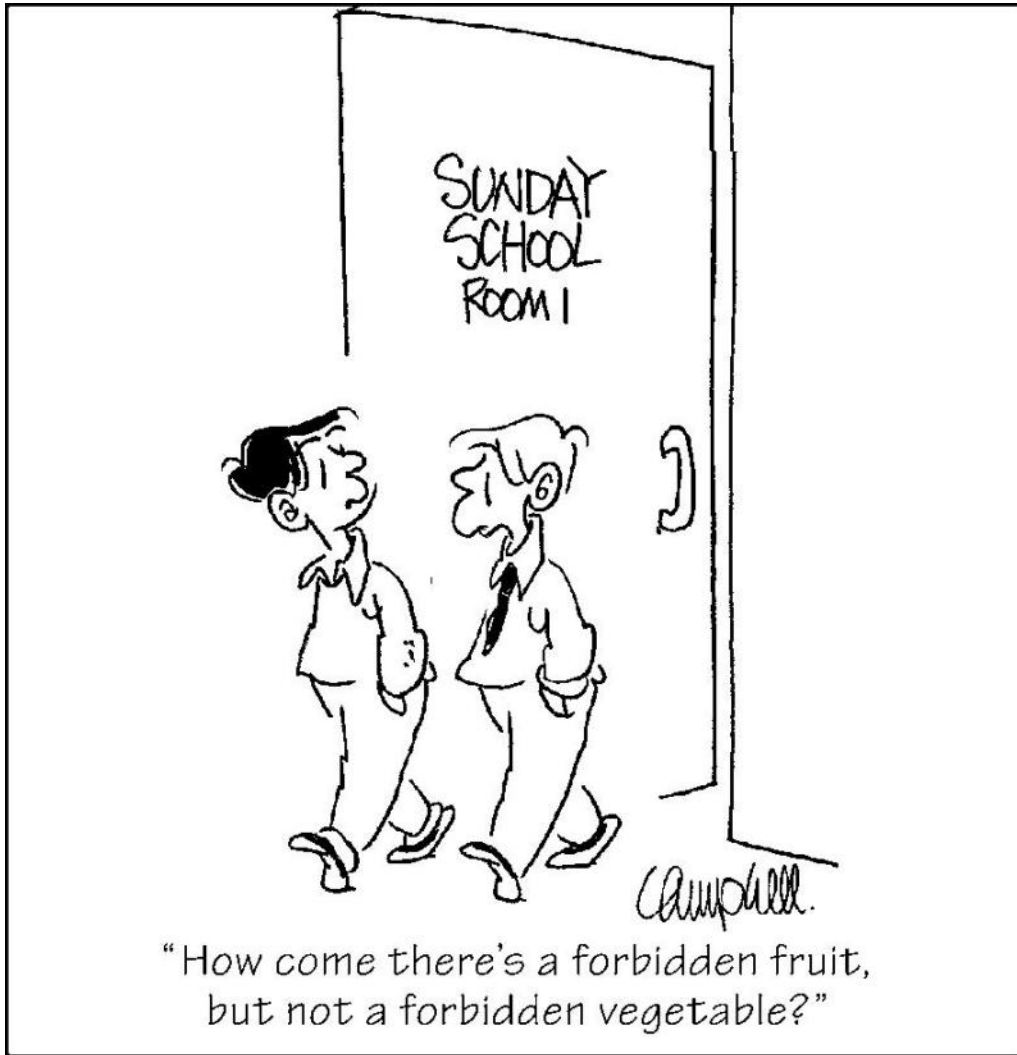
Please Call (308) 832-1995 if you can fill one of the open dates or email managerumcminden@msn.com.

August 7: Communion Steward: Joyce Will

Communion Servers: Joyce Will, _____,
_____, and _____.

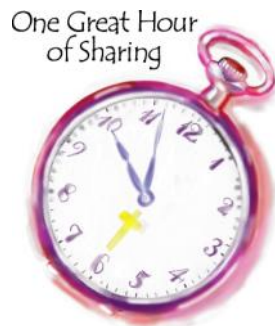
September 4: Communion Steward:

Communion Servers: (4 people) _____, _____
_____, and _____.



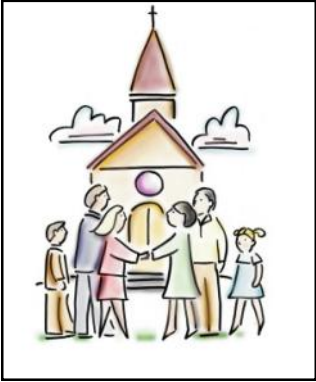
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Sunday Worship 10:00am

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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