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The Messenger



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Beloved Minden Methodist Brothers and Sisters,

'I just started harvest this week!' I heard this from a farmer at a rotary meeting on August 25. It looks like that summer just came a few days ago, but I enjoy the fresh cool air every morning and evening. I love to see the sky because the color is entirely blue. People walk around the church. I can read the happiness on their faces. Yay! Fall is around the corner. And everything is getting abundant.

Our church is also busier after the summer. Wednesday school and youth group resumed. Bible Study resumed! Each committee is preparing for the church conference. I am also planning next year's vision and goal. I can see some more people return to the house of worship. And Bell Choir finally started with the leadership of Mike Boudreau. We are ready to go forward to this new season! And I am excited!

There will be some challenges if we do something new or even existing. Nevertheless, the church must go forward. We should not be afraid of failure. When we started the school fundraising, I felt frustrated since we just collected \$150 for a few weeks. It looked like not many were interested. However, when the fundraising was closed, we exceeded our goal of \$1500. We collected \$1,530. Grayson Tool also made and donated the signs on the benches. It is more than just money. And I see a possibility.

We have a mission of Christ, "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Faith doesn't go alone but must go with others. We can see the brokenness of the world once we have the heart of Christ. We have to share Christ's love with others.

I have recently received a report regarding this town. About 30 percent don't believe in God in this town and over 50 percent don't trust religious organizations. There are many people we need to care about. Many people have life concerns. It is impossible with one person, but it is possible together.

Don't be afraid of failure! We can build the kingdom of God together. Knock on your neighbor's door today, and then you will see the miracle of Christ from your neighbor. Amen!

In Christ, Your Pastor Peter Choi

He Saved You A Seat by Joyce Will

Where will I sit? Isn't that the age-old question that for most people at some point in their life has been unsettling at best, and a full blown social crisis for many depending on your age. I remember as a kiddo how we would save seats for each other; maybe it was on the school bus, maybe it was at the lunchroom tables, or maybe it was to a sporting game. Whatever event, it seemed like you had a friend there to save you a seat; and didn't that make you feel good, that someone cared enough to save a seat for you. But then there were the times when there wasn't a place to sit, often times because the people didn't want you to sit with them and that just never felt so good. Banquets, parties and wedding receptions often have seating arrangements. Now while that is needed when you have hundreds of guests to accommodate, there will always be someone who will feel left out. It would be a great kindness if you were just invited to sit at a strangers table, but what if they weren't strangers and they know who you are and maybe what you have done in your life that wasn't always so good and their decision was one to not accept you at their table.



When you sit at Jesus' table, you never know who else might show up. But there's always a seat saved for you.


That's hard isn't it, to be excluded. But here's the deal, my friends; God will never exclude you from His table! God forgives us and washes us clean. Isaiah 1:18 - "no matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can take it out and make you as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if you are stained as red as crimson, I can make you white as wool!" Praise God for His everlasting love for us. What a tremendous blessing to understand that God will always seat us at a table with Jesus! I love this passage from James 2:1-5: "How can you claim that you belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, if you show favoritism to rich people and look down on poor people? If a man comes into your church dressed in expensive clothes and with valuable gold rings on his fingers, and at the same moment another man comes in who is poor and dressed in threadbare clothes, and you make a lot of fuss over the rich man and give him the best seat in the house and say to the poor man, "You can stand over there if you like, or else sit on the floor" - well, judging a man by his wealth shows that you are guided by wrong motives. Listen to me, dear brothers; God has chosen poor people to be rich in faith, and the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs, for that is the gift God has promised to all those who love him." Jesus walked and dined with common people like you and me. He often times ate at the table with sinners; again people like you and me. Jesus welcomed fellowship with people who dressed in rags, who were poor and some who were sick. He didn't care if they smelled, if they had old and torn clothing, he didn't care if they had some illness that was contagious, he didn't care how many sins they had committed. No, Jesus invites everyone to His table, no one is excluded! Jesus doesn't care if we are poor, crippled, blind, lame or outcasts to some; His table is a picture of the great love He has for all of us no matter who or what we are. When you feel like you don't have a place in this world, remember that you will always, always have a place at Jesus' table. He Himself saved you a seat. Jw♥



**Thank You
Grayson Tool for
donating the signs
for the benches at
the school.**

Youth Church School
Every Wednesday
3:30-5:00 p.m.





Youth Group
September 7 & 21
at 6:30 p.m.
Meal and drinks will be provided.

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.

Lord my God, How do we know if we are doing right? How do we know what you want us to do? Many questions are in our minds and we look to you for the answers but sometimes we don't know how to find them. We trust that you are directing us without us knowing. We pray that you are guiding our paths and taking care of each and every one of us. Help us to understand sickness, death, love, heartache, kindness, bullies. Send us a calm to know you are watching over us each day. Help us pray for everyone to heal and live the life you chose for them. Amen.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <h1 style="margin: 0;">September 2022</h1> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0;">HB Happy Birthday HA Happy Anniversary</p> </div>		
<p>4 10:00 am Worship 13th Sunday after Pentecost 11am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>HB Emily Cohen</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Bible Study 10am</p> <p>Bible Study 5pm</p>
<p>11 10:00 am Worship 14th Sunday after Pentecost 11am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>HB Larry Snavelly HB Tim Tunnell</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bible Study 10am</p> <p>Bible Study 5pm</p> <p>Cub Scouts 6:30pm</p>
<p>18 10:00 am Worship 15th Sunday after Pentecost 11am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>19</p> <p>WIC</p> <p>HB Fred Will</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Bible Study 10am</p> <p>Bible Study 5pm</p>
<p>25 10:00 am Worship 16th Sunday after Pentecost 11am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>26</p> <p>HB Avery Froid</p>	<p>27</p> <p>HB Mindy Heath</p> <p>Bible Study 10am</p> <p>Bible Study 5pm</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 HB Lonna Rowse	2 HA Tim & Susan Tunnell—22 years	3 HB Cozette Sinsel
7 Youth Church School 3:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm HB Chloe Choi HB Colton Greving HB Lori Loseke	8 HB Lori Conyers HB Michael Swartz	9 HB Bill Hunter HB Aleda Younkin	10 HA Dudley & Michelle Scharff—28 years
14 UMW 9:30am Youth Church School 3:30pm Finance Mtg 7pm	15 HB Elaine Curren	16 HB Mary Nuss	17 HB Debra Smidt
21 HB Marlys Farm Youth Church School 3:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm	22	23 HB Jeff Johnson	24
28 Youth Church School 3:30pm Ad Council Mtg 7pm HB Jenae Boudreau	29	30	





August Financial Report...

General Giving in August	\$10,474
General Fund Giving to Date	\$110,457
General Expenses in August	\$5,932
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$137,615

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

Scripture Readers for September:

- September 4:** Larry Evans
- September 11:** Jessie Tunnell
- September 18:** Shirley Fellers
- September 25:** KayLyn McBride

Refreshment Hosts September:

- September 4:** McBrides
- September 11:** Tunnell Family
- September 18:** Russ & Carolyn Olsen
- September 25:** Sandy Johnson

Greeters/Ushers for September:

- September 4:**
Laurie Clement &
- September 11:**
Tunnell Family
- September 18:**
Russ & Carolyn Olsen
- September 25:**

September 4: Communion Steward:

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

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

The Pigeon And The Ant

Long ago, a pigeon flew down to drink water from a river. While drinking, she noticed an ant flowing away with the water. She thought of helping the ant. She looked around and plucked some leaves from the tree. She then flew over the river and dropped it into the water near the struggling ant. The ant quickly climbed over the leaf and reached the shore safely. The ant was grateful to the bird and thanked her. The pigeon smiled and said that it was her duty to help someone in need. She then flew away.

A few days later, a hunter came to the jungle. He was aiming at a pigeon that sat on a nearby tree. The ant was walking through the forest when she noticed the hunter with a gun.

She immediately recognized the pigeon who had saved her life. She decided to return the favor by helping the bird. She crept into the hunter's trousers and bit him hard.

The hunter fired the shot but missed his target because of the ant bite. The pigeon heard the gunshot and was alarmed. She flew away.

The ant, too, quickly jumped off the hunter's leg and fled into the forest. The hunter sat there upset and saw the pigeon flying away.

Moral: We should always help others selflessly.
(from sharingourexperiences.com)



**Congratulation to
Colton & Brooke
Greving**

**May your lives be
blessed with many
years of Love and
Happiness.**

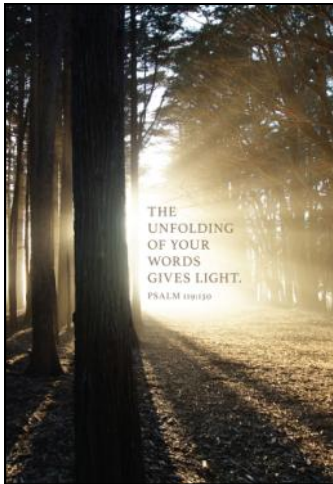
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WORSHIP
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Sunday Worship 10:00am

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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