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Minden, Nebraska

# The Messenger



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Beloved Minden Methodist Brothers and Sisters,

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Autumn, the season of maturity, is already here. The weather is beautiful, and it is good to go outside to play and hang out with friends. However, it is easy to catch a cold during this transitional season. I pray that you stay safe and healthy.

We started the Bible study with Threading Bible: The Old Testament in November 2021. Like farmers are harvesting their crops at this time, I assume we can also complete the Bible study in October. It has not been easy to continue to have a Bible study for one year. I couldn't get a rest fully on Monday to prepare for the class. It has also been challenging for students to come every week and read in advance.

However, I feel something like farmers harvesting their crops or fruits. I have learned many things from the thick book and discovered the backbone of the Old Testament. There is a consistent key message in the Bible. Even in the Old Testament, I can see how God prepared Jesus Christ to save all humanity for a long time. That's God's long-term plan for us. And I can experience how God loves us in the stories of the Bible. The Israelites continued to commit sins, although God gave them countless opportunities. Sometimes they returned to the Lord, but they again worshipped idols. God would be super patient with the sins of the Israelites.

I believe there will be the season of harvest for all of us. God doesn't wait anymore at some point. There will be the day of judgment when Jesus Christ comes as his second coming. Therefore we should stay awakening because we don't know when he will return. And for Christians, it is not the day of judgment but the day of a new beginning with God. It is not a day of sorrow but joy and hope.

The Church must stay awake, too. We live in a world where we hardly believe in Jesus. There are tons of things we have to do every day. There are

false teachings around us. They whisper in our ear, 'You have Jesus in your mind. You don't need the Church.' That's not true! Without the Church, we cannot sustain our Christian faith. We cannot be nourished. We are the being who is fragile. We must be with Christ. And you have to return to the Bible and the Church.

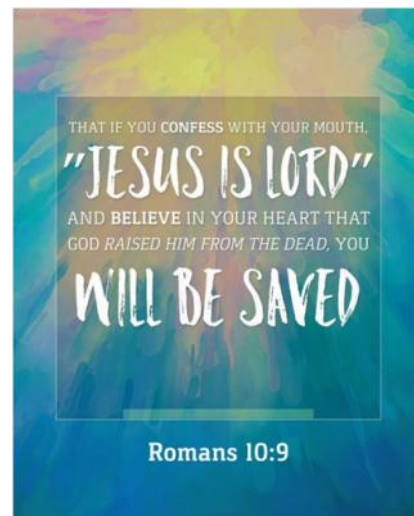
The hesitating time is over. You have to decide to come to the Church. If your friends cannot determine that yet, I need you to make them a decision for the Christian faith. Then see you at the Church and celebrate your return to the Lord. And you will see the miracle of Christ through this Church. AMEN.

In Christ, Your Pastor Peter Choi

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### **When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder, Will You Be There? by Joyce Will**

A really old time hymn came to mind one day as I was taking a walk. I started humming the tune and soon the words came along with the tune. Many of you remember when you were kids in church and the entire congregation stood and sang out with praise while holding the hymn book in their hands. That often 4-part harmony sounded so good now that I think back to those days. And with so many of those songs I can clearly remember the words, at least the chorus to many of them. While I do enjoy the newer Christian music, there's still something about those hymns that we grew up with that holds a special place in our hearts. One such song was the one I referred to when I was taking a walk - "When the Roll is Called up Yonder, I'll be There" - what a wonderful hymn from long ago. So it was with that song that makes us wonder, when the roll is called, will my name and your name be on it? The only way we will be on that roll is if we confess our sins and ask Jesus into our hearts. Romans 10:9-10 tells us: "If you declare with your



mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." That seems like a straight-forward-easy-to-do direction to get "up yonder", doesn't it. So many of us go through life thinking that if we only do what is good, that will be enough to get us a spot in heaven.

Right? Wrong! We can be as nice as can be, but if we don't have Jesus living in our hearts, we just won't be there; our name will be absent. I had a patient one time that was admitted shortly before I came onto my shift. He was dying and his family felt he needed the support that could be offered from a hospital; be it comfort measures at that time. He had many children and he was surrounded by them and his wife; the patient's room was filled. When I went to check on him, I found everyone standing in the hallway by his room. Wondering what was going on, I learned that he wanted to talk with a pastor. So one of the nurses called in a pastor from the community that promptly came down to talk with this gentleman. He gave him communion and read some scripture to him, then he left. All the family returned to his bedside, but one of his sons found me and asked to go to a room to use a phone. I took him into a room nearby, and then he asked me while he held up a Bible that he'd found in the room, "you're a Christian aren't you?" I told him that yes I was. He then asked if I remembered that in the Bible it says that there's a place in heaven for us. And again, I said yes. He went on to tell me that his father had just become a Christian and "he'll get to go to heaven, right, to one of those rooms?" I smiled at him, nodded my head and said "yes, your dad will go to heaven." That son was so joyful that his father was going to go to heaven when he died, which happened within a few hours after he became a believer. I was blessed over and over; there were so many, many moments that I will always cherish in my heart and know that I was so blessed to be a part of something good that God had done and my heart was full. My friends, the Bible teaches us that doing good cannot get us into Heaven. None of us could ever gain enough merit to deserve heaven as we are all sinful creatures. But here's the thing - it's never too late to ask Jesus into your hearts, to confess our sins and to follow His Word. It is then and only then, that when the roll is called up yonder, we'll be there. Jw♥



# EARN. SAVE. GIVE.

## Wesley's Simple Rules for Money


You're probably used to hearing people in church talk about giving. But when was the last time in church that you talked about earning or saving? Is it unchristian to earn money? Is it wrong to save for ourselves and our families?

John Wesley didn't think so. Wesley, the Christian evangelist and founder of the Methodist movement, gave a remarkable sermon called "The Use of Money." In it, he said that the important thing isn't money itself but how we use it. Wesley's surprising advice still rings true today: earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

Beginning October 23rd our church will experience an exciting new stewardship program, *Earn. Save. Give.: Wesley's Simple Rules for Money*, developed by popular author and pastor James A. Harnish. The program centers around a book and DVD, in which Harnish describes Wesley's surprising advice and introduces us each week to faithful Christians who, like all of us, struggle with money.



Consecration Sunday will be November 13th. Following worship on November 13th a meal will be served in the fellowship hall.

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**Youth Group**  
**October 5 & 19**  
**at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Meal and drinks will be provided.**  
(If you would be willing to provide the meal or part of the meal there is a sign up sheet in the west hallway.)


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



**Life in Our Church Families...**  
Take a moment and say a prayer for:  
Family and Friends of Bonnie Westengaard,  
Lyra Johnson, Larry Anderson,  
Lori Conyer's father, Merlin Beahm, and  
Jan Hofferber (Kathi Schutz's mother).

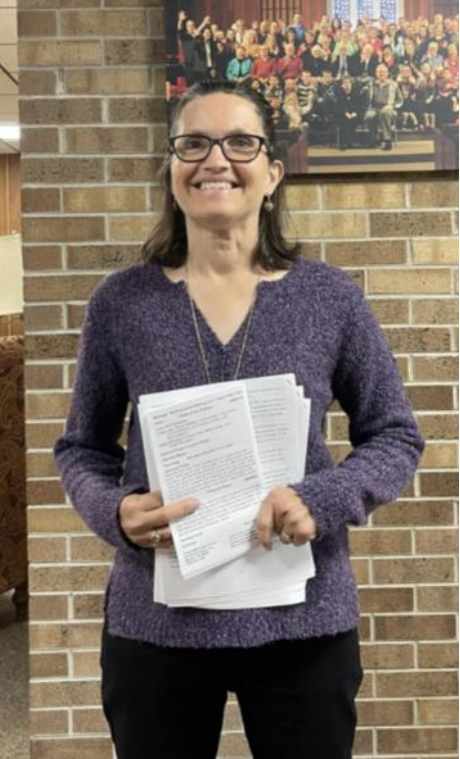
Please call the office when you know of any illness, hospitalization, new babies, marriages, joyous or sad news among your friends or family members.

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <h1 style="color: #e67e22; margin: 0;">October 2022</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">HB Happy Birthday HA Happy Anniversary</p> </div>		
<p><b>2 10:00 am Worship</b> <b>17th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>11am Adult Sunday School</b></p> <p>HB—Brodie Kring HB—Kurt Muller</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Bible Study 10am</b> <b>Bible Study 5pm</b> Girl Scouts 6:30pm</p> <p>HB—Spencer Mills</p>
<p><b>9 10:00 am Worship</b> <b>18th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>11am Adult Sunday School</b></p> <p>HB—Knox Smidt</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Bible Study 10am</b> <b>Bible Study 5pm</b> Cub Scouts 7pm</p> <p>HB—Alaina Boudreau HB—Karli Havens</p>
<p><b>16 10:00 am Worship</b> <b>19th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>11am Adult Sunday School</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>WIC Boy Scouts 7pm</p> <p>HB—Susan Fries HB—Zachary Froid HB—Addison Klabunde</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Bible Study 10am</b> <b>Bible Study 5pm</b> Girl Scouts 6:30pm</p>
<p><b>23 10:00 am Worship</b> <b>20th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>11am Adult Sunday School</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Bible Study 10am</b> <b>Bible Study 5pm</b> Cub Scouts 7pm</p>
<p><b>30 10:00 am Worship</b> <b>21st Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>11am Adult Sunday School</b></p> <p>HA—Dave &amp; Allyson Jameson—41 years HB—Ed Sorensen</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> 	

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>5 Youth Church School 3:30pm</b> <b>Youth Group 6:30pm</b> HB—Dylan Janda HB—Kaleigh Melroy HB—Drew Rome HA—Todd & Kelli Suchsland—26 years	6	7	8
<b>12 UMW 9:30am</b> <b>Youth Church School 3:30pm</b> <b>Finance Mtg 7pm</b>  HB—Mark Klabunde	<b>13</b>  HB—Malcom Dornhoff	<b>14</b> Mobile Food Pantry  HA—Chris & Lisa Cohen—28 years	<b>15</b>  <b>Annual Conference at Kearney 1st UMC at 10am</b>
<b>19 Youth Church School 3:30pm</b> <b>Youth Group 6:30pm</b>  HB—Louise Carlson	<b>20</b>  HB—Jennifer Bauer HB—George Sinsel	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>26 Youth Church School 3:30pm</b> HB—Natalie Janda	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  HB—Al Lux	<b>29</b>  HB—Judy Hansen HB—Shane Heath HB—Hayzlee Kring









### September Financial Report...

General Giving in September	\$7,646
General Fund Giving to Date	\$119,588
General Expenses in September	\$15,386
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$163,003

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

#### Scripture Readers for October:

**October 2:** Ginger Frizane

**October 9:**

**October 16:** Doug Hammer

**October 23:**

**October 30:**

#### Refreshment Hosts October:

**October 2:** Lori Conyers

**October 9:** Wilkinsons

**October 16:** Ginger Frizane

**October 23:**

**October 30:** Graham's Family

#### Greeters/Ushers for October:

**October 2:**

Dawn Moyer

**October 9:**

**October 16:**

Doug & Diana Hammer

**October 23:**

**October 30:**

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**October 2:** Communion Steward: Shirley Fellers

Communion Servers: Shirley Fellers, Kay Lyn McBride,  
Lori Conyers, and Dawn Moyer

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

# The Pumpkin Prayer

**Dear God,  
As I carve this pumpkin, help me say this prayer:**

**Open my mind so I can learn about You;**

Cut off the top

**Take away all my sin and forgive me for the  
wrong things I do.**

Clean out the inside

**Open my eyes so Your love I will see;**

Cut two eyes in the shape of hearts

**I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You  
have given me.**

Cut the nose in the shape of a cross

**Open my ears so Your word I will hear:**

Cut two ears in the shape of a Bible

**Open my mouth to tell others You are near.**

Cut a mouth in the shape of a fish

**Let Your light shine in me so others can see.**

Place a candle inside



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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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