



# The Messenger

April 2023



Holy Week Schedule:  
April 2 Palm Sunday 10am  
April 6 Holy Thursday 7pm  
April 7 Good Friday Noon  
April 8 Holy Saturday  
April 9 Easter Day 10am

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we enter the season of Passion and Easter, we are reminded of the incredible sacrifice that our Lord and Savior made for us on the cross. It is a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal as we journey with Jesus toward the ultimate victory over sin and death.

As you know, our Church has been challenged and emotional in the process of what is happening with disaffiliation. I appreciate your willingness to engage in this process and make your voice. That is truly admirable. I have also learned from you how open discussion is essential in the Church.

Following the informational meeting on March 26, Ad Council decided to remain in UMC. And we will take no action toward disaffiliation.

The UMC is a community of believers who share a common purpose and mission, "Make disciples for the transformation of the world." Together, we can work towards building a more just and compassionate world. Let us lift each other up in prayer and support and keep moving forward with hope.

The UMC is a strong and resilient community, and I have no doubt that we will continue to thrive and make a positive impact on the world.

Our story doesn't end because Christ, our Lord, is always with us. On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and the triumph of life over death. This is a time of great joy and hope as we remember that because Christ has conquered the grave, we have the promise of eternal life with him.

Let us open our hearts to God's grace and mercy and remember that we are called to witness the power of the resurrection in our daily lives. May the Holy Spirit guide us as we seek to follow Jesus and live out his love in the world.

Yours in Christ,

Your Pastor Peter Choi

## Amazing by Joyce Will

Amazing is defined in the dictionary as "causing great surprise or wonder; astonishing." Other words we might add to that definition may be stunning, awesome, breathtaking, spectacular, phenomenal, mind-blowing, extraordinary. How often do we use that word amazing in our day to day speech, I wonder. I imagine we would have to be involved in something or see something that triggers this reaction. But what can that be? I would imagine that if we all wrote down what was amazing to us, we would have many differing answers. And that's great because we are all different and we all see things our own way. God made us that way,

AMAZING



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praise God! But I believe that there's one thing that we as Christians can all agree on that is mind-blowing. That would be Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection; just absolutely extraordinary to almost being unbelievable. What kind of a being thinks up those happenings - to bring our Savior into the world as a human, as a newborn baby, allow Him to grow as His faith and His teachings grew and to perform so many miracles, then have Him killed in the most abhorrent way, but then have Him rise again - all to save us because we are sinners. Maybe that's why people who are not Christians just can't believe this happened; they'd rather believe in Santa Claus and the Easter Rabbit - both much more pleasant to think about. But here's the deal - Easter is not about the bunny, but about the Lamb. John

3:16 is so familiar to us, but it speaks to us when we ask, why did God do this? "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." God isn't just any being, my friends. He is our creator of each one of us and our entire universe and everything that is in it. It takes a heap of faith and more for us as Christians to fully understand who God is and what He has given us, because let's face it - it is just incredibly staggering what all He has done for us, for every single one of us. Easter is a beautiful day in the Christian year. It is a time that allows our hope and faith to increase more than it already is, it is a time of experiencing God's beautiful creation when the earth comes alive after a long winter and we just love seeing all the newness in our world again. Martin Luther has said: " Our Lord has written the promise of Resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." My friends, if there was no Good Friday, we would never have an Easter Sunday. The gift of Christmas was Jesus, and the gift of Easter is Hope. Luke 24:6-7: "He is not here; He has risen!" Amazing . . . because it is! Jw♥

**Note from the Church Council**

**After gaining knowledge through several meetings, in-depth discussions, and prayers, the majority of the leadership of Minden UMC feel we are aligned with the future direction of the United Methodist Church and therefore will take no action towards disaffiliation.**

**Jodi Boudreau, Council Chair**

**Scripture Readers for February:**

**April 2:** Melissa Klabunde  
**April 9:** ?  
**April 16:** Mike Boudreau  
**April 23:** Jane Craig  
**April 30:** Jessie Tunnell

**Refreshment Hosts for February:**

**April 2:** Klabunde's  
**April 9:** ?  
**April 16:** Tunnell's  
**April 23:** Dave & Jane Craig  
**April 30:** Youth Group Lunch Fundraiser

**Greeters/Ushers for February:**

**April 2:** Klabunde's  
**April 9:** ?  
**April 16:** Tunnell's  
**April 23:** Dave & Jane Craig  
**April 30:** ?

**March 5:** Communion Steward: Shirley Fellers

Communion Servers: Shirley Fellers, Lori Conyers, 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 Passion of Christ”  
at The Minden Opera House  
April 2, 2023 at 3:00pm.  
Free Admission sponsored by Be The Gift.**

Birthdays

- 3—Joan Fries
- 13—Val Kauk
- 15—Phyllis Burnham
- 15—Bailee Fries
- 17—Libby Williams
- 18—Lyra Johnson
- 20—Jeanette Wilkinson
- 25—Joyce Bender
- 25—Riley Ratka
- 29—Marjorie Hultquist



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS  
& ANNIVERSARIES**

Anniversaries

- 12—Rhodell & Joyce Jameson—70 years
- 29—Doug & Shirley Fellers—23 years

Reminders

- Youth Group: April 5 & 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- UMW April 12th at 9:30am
- Youth Church School: Every Wednesday 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Confirmation Class: Wednesday, April 6 & 26 at 5:30pm.

**Life in Our Church Family...**

Take a moment and say a prayer for: Marjorie Hultquist, Fred Will, Larry Anderson, Merlin Beahm, and Jan Hofferber (Kathi Schutz's mother).

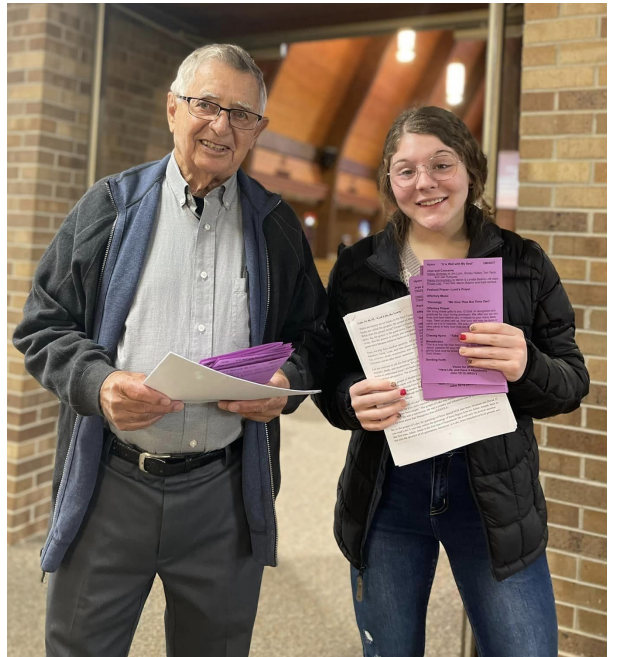
Please call the office when you know of any illness, hospitalization, new babies, marriages, joyous or sad news among your friends or family members.

If you or your family has a prayer request and you would like to put on the Prayer Chain call Jeanette Wilkinson at 402-756-0772.

# April 2023

| Sun  | Mon                                | Tue                                | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat                    |
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| <b>2</b> Palm Sunday<br>10am Worship<br>11am Adult<br>Sunday School                                  | <b>3</b><br>7pm Boy Scouts         | <b>4</b><br>6:30pm<br>Girl Scouts  | <b>5</b> 3:30pm Kid's<br>Church School<br>5:30pm<br>Confirmation<br>6:30pm<br>Youth Group | <b>6</b> Holy Thursday<br>9:30am<br>Prayer Time<br>10am Bible Study<br>5pm Bible Study<br>7pm Maundy<br>Service | <b>7</b> Good Friday<br>10am Boy Scout<br>Church Cleanup<br>Noon Good Friday<br>Service | <b>8</b> Holy Saturday |
| <b>9</b> Easter Day<br>10am Worship<br>11am Adult<br>Sunday School                                   | <b>10</b>                          | <b>11</b><br>7pm Cub Scouts        | <b>12</b> 9:30am UMW<br>3:30pm Kid's<br>Church School<br>NO Confirmation                  | <b>13</b><br>9:30am<br>Prayer Time<br>NO Bible Study  | <b>14</b>   | <b>15</b>              |
| <b>16</b><br>10am Worship<br>11am Adult<br>Sunday School<br>4pm Cub Scout<br>Committee Mtg           | <b>17</b><br>WIC<br>7pm Boy Scouts | <b>18</b><br>6:30pm<br>Girl Scouts | <b>19</b> 3:30pm Kid's<br>Church School<br>NO Confirmation<br>6:30pm<br>Youth Group       | <b>20</b><br>9:30am<br>Prayer Time<br>NO Bible Study  | <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b>              |
| <b>23</b><br>10am Worship<br>11am Adult<br>Sunday School   | <b>24</b>                          | <b>25</b><br>7pm Cub Scouts        | <b>26</b><br>3:30pm Kid's<br>Church School<br>5:30pm<br>Confirmation                      | <b>27</b><br>9:30am<br>Prayer Time<br>10am Bible Study<br>5pm Bible Study                                       | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b>              |
| <b>30</b> 10am Worship<br>11am Adult<br>Sunday School<br>Youth Group<br>Fundraiser Lunch<br>11am-1pm |                                    |                                    |   |   |   |                        |





Happy EASTER!



### March Financial Report...

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| General Giving in March       | \$11,421 |
| General Fund Giving to Date   | \$32,986 |
| General Expenses in March     | \$19,929 |
| General Fund Expenses to Date | \$68,239 |

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



United Methodist Church  
340 N. Newell Ave  
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**Sunday  
Worship  
10:00am**

**Kid's  
Church  
School  
Wednesdays  
3:30pm**

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Church office: 308-832-1995  
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