

The Messenger



May 2023

Dear Friends,

As we enter the month of May, we continue to celebrate the amazing story of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This miraculous event not only changed the lives of those who witnessed it but also changed the course of human history forever.

The post-resurrection story is a powerful reminder of the hope and promise that comes from putting our faith in Jesus. We see this hope and promise in the lives of the disciples. At first, they doubted Jesus' resurrection. But they were transformed by the truth of His victory over death. They went from being fearful and confused to becoming bold and confident witnesses for Christ, sharing the good news of His resurrection with everyone they met.

As we reflect on this story, we are reminded that the resurrection is not just a historical event but a present reality. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available today, giving us hope and strength to face whatever challenges we may encounter in our lives.

Let us take time this month to reflect on the incredible gift of salvation that we have received through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And may we also be inspired to share this good news with others, just as the disciples did, so that they too may experience the hope and promise of new life in Christ.

I believe Minden United Methodist Church will be blessed and resurrected because we have seen and witnessed His victory over death. Don't doubt our future. The Church is built on the foundation of Christ.

Let us be bold and confident witnesses for Christ. Let us tell and share this good news with everyone. We always have hope within Jesus Christ. Let us move forward for the future of the Church.

Blessings,

Your Pastor Peter Choi

Welcome Those New Beginnings by Joyce Will

Any sort of new beginning can be a welcome change. For most people, we enjoy those new beginnings; we look forward to new adventures, new times, new places. Spring is always a new beginning when the many new plants, flowers and newly sowed crops pop up all around. For gardeners and farmers, those people welcome the new as they watch the seeds they planted take root and shoot up to become beautiful flowers, tall soybeans and corn, and more from vegetable gardens that many enjoy. May ushers in new beginnings for graduates, be they from preschool, from high school or from college. After 13 years in school, kindergarten through 12th grade, kiddos are usually more than ready to burst out of the school doors one last time, anticipating a new life to look forward to, while pre-schoolers look forward to just beginning those long 13 years. Those that have put in years in college are equally ready to charge into life, full speed ahead, to look forward to a new job and maybe



even moving to a new town/city or even a new state or country. Newness seems to be almost everywhere we turn during this month. A new beginning can also be entering a new phase of life, like becoming a Christian for the first time, or renewing your commitment to God if you've turned away from Him for some reason. The new beginnings can be a breath of fresh air; nothing better, right? Not only that, but it is a wonderful time of growth in every area that we are involved in. Even though new beginnings are exciting, no doubt some will feel

just a bit of anxiety in the unknown. That's perfectly normal. So what does the Bible speak to us about new beginnings? God created us to do great things in the life He provided us with and He gave us a wonderful Book to cling to as we move forward. It takes a heart full of courage and trust from God as you start that forward move. Isaiah 40:31 tells us that the Lord renews the strength in us as we hope in Him: "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." I just love the song "On Eagle's Wings". The lyrics are so special in that it always reassures us of God's presence in our lives, "and hold you in the palm of His hand", which is sung several times during the song, which makes my heart overflow with thanksgiving, knowing that God always, always holds us. What a treasure to know that God will always do this for us. Whatever new path you find yourselves on, it usually comes with many unknowns. But know that God is forever faithful; and as the words to the song say, He will make "you to shine like the sun". My friends, know that you'll never walk alone whenever you welcome those new beginnings. Jw♥

Reminders

Youth Group: May 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
May 7 during worship Honor the Graduates
UMW May 10 at 9:30am
Wednesday Kid’s Church School: May 3 & 10, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
May 14—Mother’s Day—Honor the Mothers during Worship
Confirmation Class: Wednesday at 5:30pm.

Scripture Readers:

May 7: Dawn Moyer
May 14: Larry Evans
May 21: KayLyn McBride
May 28: ?

Refreshment Hosts:

May 7: Dawn Moyer
May 14: Larry & Nancy Evans
May 21: KayLyn McBride
May 28: The Graham’s Family

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

Greeters/Ushers:

May 7: Dawn Moyer
May 14: Larry & Nancy Evans
May 21: ?
May 28: ?

May 7: Communion Steward: ? _____

Communion Servers: ? _____, ? _____, ? _____, ? _____.

US National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 4th is the 70th US National Day of Prayer. There will be an Open House from 11am to 7pm at the Minden Exchange Bank. You may pray with others in small group prayer or individually take time to seek God. His wisdom, guidance and healing for the United States of America. Written prayer guides will be provided. Set aside some time for prayer on May 4th. America needs you, your participation, your heart, your care, your engagement, your prayers.

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective—James 5:16b NIV



Birthdays

- 4—Delaine Maxon
Tony Ratka
- 5—Gracie Fries
Jaime Sinsel
- 6—Scott Maxon
- 12—Donlyn Space
- 13—Sam Tunnell
- 14—Gabriella Froid
- 17—Carolyn Olsen
- 19—Alexandra Bauer
Dave Craig
- 21—Mike Froid
- 23—Jessie Tunnell
- 24—Doug Hammer
Gage Fries
- 25—Jacey Smidt
- 26—Braxton Janda
- 28—Steve Younkin



**MAY BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**

Anniversaries

- 21—Mark & Melissa Klabunde—18 years
- 26—Larry & Sheila Anderson—51 years
- 29—Mike & Maryjo Froid—24 years
Larry & Kim Snavelly—24 years
- 30—Clark & Jennifer Bauer—31 years

Congratulations 2023 Graduates
 Levi Loseke
 Ian Sinsel
 Tyler Nolan
 (recognition will be Sunday May 7 during worship)

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).

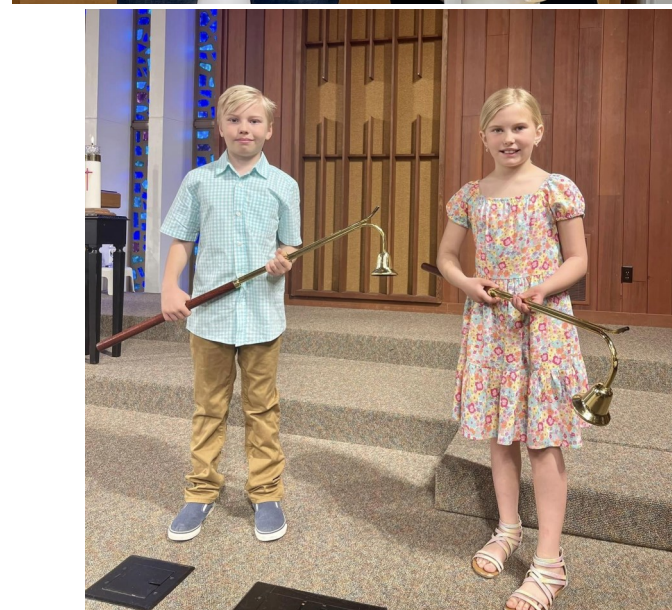
Congratulations to Ed & Roxanne Sorensen on Grand Baby #3. Michael and Misty Sorensen had a baby boy, Braxton Kevin, on April 11. He weighted 6lbs 15ozs and was 20 inches long.

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30pm Girl Scouts	3 3:30pm Kid's Church School 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth Group	4 National Day of Prayer 9:30am Prayer Time 10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study	5	6 <i>Dawg Days on the Square 3-7pm</i>
7 10am Worship Honor Graduates 5th Sunday of Easter 11am Adult Sunday School	8	9	10 9:30am UMW 3:30pm Kid's Church School 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm Finance Mtg	11 9:30am Prayer Time 10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study	12 Mobile Food Pantry	13 Minden High School Graduation 
14 10am Worship 6th Sunday of Easter Honor Mothers 11am Adult Sunday School <i>Mother's DAY</i>	15 WIC	16 6:30pm Girl Scouts	17 5:30pm Confirmation	18 9:30am Prayer Time 10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study	19	20
21 10am Worship 7th Sunday of Easter 11am Adult Sunday School	22 <i>Boy Scouts 7pm</i>	23	24 5:30pm Confirmation	25 9:30am Prayer Time 10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study	26	27
28 10am Worship Day of Pentecost 11am Adult Sunday School	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> 	30	31 5:30pm Confirmation			



April Financial Report...

General Giving in April	\$19,361
General Fund Giving to Date	\$52,395
General Expenses in April	\$13,997
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$82,498

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



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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***Have Life and
Have it Abundantly
John 10:10 (NRSV)***

