

October 2024



The Messenger

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

Fall has officially arrived. There's a noticeable chill in the morning and evening air these days. As the seasons change, we sometimes hear news of illness among those around us. I pray that everyone takes care of their health and that no one suffers from sickness.

We have now concluded the sermon series, "Intersecting Faith with Everyday Life." In this series, we reflected on everyday objects such as lawns, dining tables, pens, and clothes. These items are so familiar to us that we often overlook how blessed our lives truly are. Throughout this series, we were reminded of the importance of gratitude in our daily lives, realizing that even in the routine, we can encounter God personally.

Starting from the first week of October, we will begin a new sermon series focused on vision. The title will be "Vision of Life: Living Out God's Plan," providing us with an opportunity to reflect on the vision for our lives.

It is essential for us to live with vision. Vision gives us clarity about where we are headed and what we are living for. In the context of Christian faith, vision is not just about personal desires or goals; rather, it is about discovering and growing in alignment with God's will. When we follow the vision that God gives us, our daily lives take on a deeper meaning, far beyond mere survival. A vision provides motivation and guidance, leading us to live lives glorifying God.

Moreover, living with God's vision helps us grow spiritually. It draws us to continuously depend on Him and seek His will. This gives us the strength to remain steadfast in the face of challenges, living by the power that He provides.

It is just as important for the church to embrace a vision. The church is not simply a building; it is a community called to fulfill God's mission in the world, guided by the vision He has given us. The church exists to proclaim the gospel, practice love and justice, and expand God's kingdom. While each person within the church has different gifts and roles, a shared vision allows us to move forward together in unity. When the church's vision is clear, we can unite as one, resulting in greater strength and influence.

As we reflect on our vision for the coming year, I encourage everyone to think about the direction our church should take in 2025. It would be beneficial to ponder and pray about specific ways to implement this vision. I especially hope that all church leaders will attend and engage deeply in considering our church's vision.

May God's grace and peace be with you all.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Wednesday School 3:30-5:00pm 6pm Finance Mtg	3 9:30am Prayer Time	4	5
6 10am Worship 20th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School World Communion Sunday	7 7pm Girl Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	8	9 9:30am UMW 3:30-5:00pm Wednesday School 6:30pm Youth Group	10 9:30am Prayer Time	11	12 Scouting For Food
13 10:00am Worship 21st Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School	14  8am-4pm WIC	15	16 3:30-5:00pm Wednesday School	17 9:30am Prayer Time	18	19 1pm Minden Band Fest
20 10:00am Worship 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School	21 7pm Girl Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	22	23 3:30-5:00pm Wednesday School 6:30pm Youth Group	24 9:30am Prayer Time	25	26
27 10:00am Worship 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School 3pm Girl Scouts	28	29 7pm Girl Scouts	30 3:30-5:00pm Wednesday School	31 9:30am Prayer Time 		

Scripture Readers:

October 6: Leanna Warner
 October 13: Kent Verbeck
 October 20: Josie Graham
 October 27: Kent Verbeck

Greeters/Ushers:

October 6: ?
 October 13: ?
 October 20: ?
 October 27: ?

Refreshment Hosts:

October 6: ?
 October 13: ?
 October 20: Graham Family
 October 27: ?

October: Communion Steward: Shirley

Servers: Shirley Fellers, Lori Conyers,
 ? _____ & ? _____

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

Life in Our Church Family...

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

Lee Mills, Dan & Ginger Frizane, Joe & Marjorie Hultquist,
 Larry Anderson, and Peggy Rasmussen.

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.

September Financial Report...

General Giving in September	\$7,704
General Fund Giving to Date	\$113,055
General Expenses in September	\$17,536
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$152,141
(This report does not include the final days in September)	

Extra expense during September : HVAC Chiller Repairs \$3,000

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

OCTOBER

Happy Anniversary

October 5

Todd & Kelli Suchsland—28 yrs

October 30

Dave & Allyson Jameson—43 yrs

**Youth Group
October 9 & 23
at 6:30pm**

Happy Birthday

- 2—Brodie Kring
- 2—Kurt Muller
- 5—Dylan Janda
- 5—Kaleigh Melroy
- 5—Drew Rome
- 9—Knox Smidt
- 11—Alaina Boudreau
- 11—Karli Havens
- 12—Mark Klabunde
- 13—Malcom Dornhoff
- 17—Susan Fries
- 17—Zach Froid
- 17—Addison Klabunde
- 19—Louise Carlson
- 20—Jennifer Bauer
- 20—George Sinsel
- 26—Natalie Janda
- 28—Al Lux
- 29—Judy Hansen
- 29—Hayzlee Kring
- 30—Ed Sorensen

**Wednesday
School
will meet every
Wednesday after
school until
5:00pm.**



Beginning October 6, we will not be passing the offering plates. Leave your offering in the plate when you enter; or there will be a plate on the back table when you walk out at the end of service that you can place your offering.

Annual Charge Conference is November 17, 2024.



The Methodist Episcopal Church also known by many as the M.E. Church. The parsonage in this photo was not the first one. A photo with the original parsonage was in the Minden Courier November 10, 1921. This was a very active church from 1903—1970.

2024 Stewardship Program: “Transformed by God”

From October 27- November 17

Grace is more than just a gift; it's God's call to enter into a relationship that has the power to change our lives and reshape the world around us. In this series, we will explore stories of transformation and relate them to our daily lives. We'll examine shifts from feeling excluded to becoming part of a community, from fear to trust, and from ‘the same old’ to something creative and new. These are just a few of the transformations that God’s grace works in our lives. Say yes to grace and find new freedom in relation to yourself, others, and even your personal and financial resources.

October Fundraiser for Youth Group and Children's Ministry

We are holding a fundraiser throughout the month of October with a goal of raising \$1,500. Of this amount, \$1,000 will go toward the Youth Group, and \$500 will be used for the Children's Ministry. A large portion of the funds raised will be used for meals and snacks for these groups. By supporting this effort, you are helping them to serve with even greater passion and dedication. Thank you for your generosity and partnership in this ministry!





October 6, 2024 - World Communion Sunday

WHAT IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY?

The United Methodist Church celebrates World Communion Sunday with congregations all over the globe. Followers of Jesus Christ in large churches and small, on farms and in cities, in ornate buildings and under tents, gather to receive the bread and cup of Holy Communion.

Some will receive cubes of bread. Some will tear from a common loaf. Some will receive a wafer.

Some will drink from a common chalice. Some will dip a piece of bread into the cup. Some will have individual glasses.

Some will use wine; some juice. Some will offer both.

Pastors will lead a variety of liturgies, in many languages. Clergy will dress traditionally, formally, and casually.

Despite the differences in our denominations and traditions, we celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

In The United Methodist Church, World Communion Sunday continues to be a special giving Sunday. The monies raised help provide scholarships for racial and ethnic minority students in the US, and students worldwide.

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