

September 2024

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

As spring and summer give way, the rich abundance and gentle ease of autumn begin to settle into our lives. This summer, we were blessed with timely rains, which brought a sense of fullness and tranquility to our hearts. Observing the slowing growth of the vegetables in the garden, I am reminded that as our faith matures, we, too, need timely and appropriate spiritual and theological guidance.

Starting in September, we will resume Wednesday School and Youth Group. This year, we will update the curriculum for our children. We are looking for a video lesson for our Youth Group that would connect bible teaching with every day life. We are hoping to find something that anyone can step in and teach. Youth group is composed of middle school and high school students and we want to teach them a bible lesson, relate it to everyday situations, keep their attention and learn how to lean on God for help.

For Wednesday School, we have chosen Bible Story Basics. This curriculum employs a storytelling approach, providing a simple and engaging way to introduce our children to the Bible's stories and teachings. It will educate, entertain, and captivate them, making the learning process more enjoyable. Additionally, it allows us to establish a solid foundation by teaching about God's love, grace, and the importance of faith in terms they can easily understand.

Our church always needs your prayers and support to help our children grow spiritually and faithfully. We are deeply grateful for your past contributions, whether it's providing snacks and meals, or offering financial support. Your support has been instrumental in our mission to nurture the faith of our children. To sustain and grow our church over the next 20 to 30 years, we must diligently invest in the future of our children, and we appreciate your continued support in this mission.

In the past, our focus has been on preaching in a way that is aligned with the church calendar. However, we are now shifting towards thematic sermon series that delve deeper into aspects of our daily lives and their connection to God's Word.

Our new series, "Intersecting Faith with Everyday Life," will explore how familiar objects and experiences in our lives can inspire and reflect our spiritual journey. Over the next four weeks, we will examine how everyday properties and items relate to our faith and encourage deeper reflection.

If you're curious about how this will unfold, we encourage you to attend and experience it firsthand. We believe that through this series, you will feel the touch of the Holy Spirit in new and meaningful ways.

Lastly, I want to express our deepest gratitude to Jodi Boudreau for leading the rummage sale and to everyone who helped with it. During this period, we had the opportunity to meet and assist many people in the local community. It was especially meaningful to support our community through the funds raised here. This effort has truly contributed to the growth of our church community.

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

In Christ's Unfailing Love,

Your Pastor Peter Choi



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<p>8 10:00am Worship 16th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Girl Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 UMW 9:30am</p> <p>Wednesday School 3:30-5:00pm</p> <p>Finance Mtg. 6:00pm</p>	<p>12 9:30am Prayer Time</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
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<p>22 10:00am Worship 18th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Girl Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Wednesday School 3:30-5:00pm</p> <p>Youth Group 6:30pm</p>	<p>26 9:30am Prayer Time</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Minden High School Homecoming</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 10:00am Worship 19th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>30</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>

Scripture Readers:

September 1: Lori Conyers
September 8: Sirena Havens
September 15: Kent Verbeck
September 22: Sophie Graham
September 29: ?

Greeters/Ushers:

September 1: ?
September 8: ?
September 15: ?
September 22: ?
September 29: ?

Refreshment Hosts:

September 1: Havens Family
September 8: ?
September 15: ?
September 22: Graham Family
September 29: ?

September: Communion Steward:
Shirley

Servers: ? , ? ,? & ?

Please Call (308) 832-1995 if you
can fill one of the open dates or
email

**Wednesday School begins
September 4th.
Children, K-7, will meet every
Wednesday after school until 5:00pm.**

Life in Our Church Family...

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

Lee Mills, Dan & Ginger Frizane, Joe & Marjorie Hultquist,
Larry Anderson, Merlin Beahm, 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.

August Financial Report...

General Giving in August	\$10,410
General Fund Giving to Date	\$105,351
General Expenses in August	\$14,896
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$134,585

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



Happy Anniversary

Sept. 2nd—Tim & Susan
Tunnell—24 years

Sept. 10th—Dudley & Michelle
Scharff—30 years

September

Happy Birthday

1—Lonna Rowse
3—Cozette Sinel
7—Chloe Choi
7—Lori Loseke
7—Colton Greving
8—Lori Conyers
9—Bill Hunter
11—Tim Tunnell
11—Larry Snavelly
15—Elaine Curren (102)
17—Deb Smidt
19—Fred Will
20—Rod Duffey
21—Marlys Farm
26—Avery Froid

Annual Charge Conference is November 17, 2024.

We need to be preparing the required documents. We also need to be discussing if we want to go with a Simplified Accountability Structure. Many documents are due October 1st. Please be setting up committee meetings if needed.

Youth Group September 25 at 6:30pm

Great Plains United Methodist Conference Disaster Response News

Over the past two years in the Great Plains United Methodist Conference, we were blessed to not experience wide-spread and destructive natural disasters. That pattern has ended. Since January 1, 2024, we have experienced a larger number of disasters that have left so many in our communities in need of assistance. Our volunteers have been on the ground responding. We continue to respond in the Long-Term Recovery process with the Nebraska and Kansas tornadoes and a Kansas flooding event.

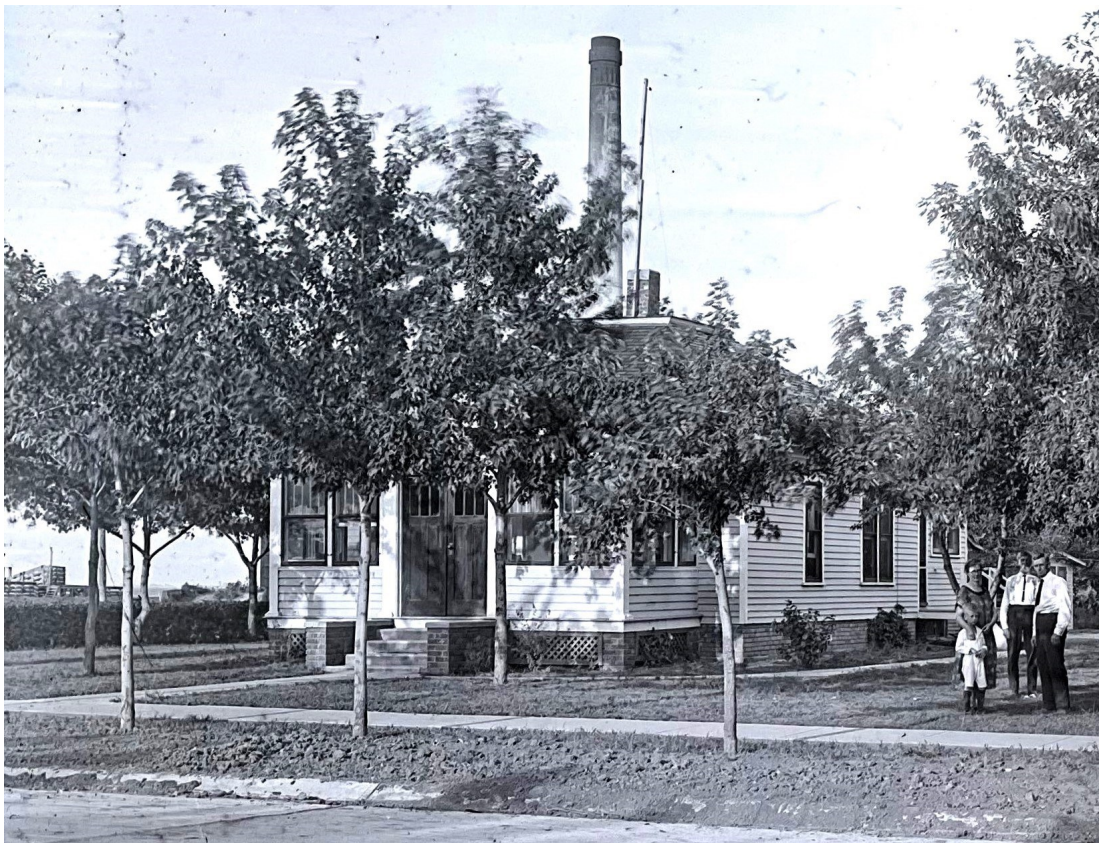
An important piece of our ministry of compassion and care is our Disaster Response Assistance Fund. This fund is generated by the faithful donations from individuals and local churches in our conference. One hundred percent of donations goes toward the need of the survivor. In a typical year we normally receive around 50 applications for assistance. Since the first of this year, we have received 153 requests. Our conference disaster response team has been faithful to be good stewards of our funds. With the larger than normal request, our assistance fund is depleted. Currently we have 20 applications that we cannot fund. Your support is needed to allow us to continue to be a source of hope and healing for survivors.

September 2024 Sermon Series: "Intersecting Faith with Everyday Life"

Starting September 8, we're embarking on a unique and thought-provoking sermon series, "Intersecting Faith with Everyday Life." Over the next few weeks, we will explore how everyday objects—such as lawns, coffee makers, dining tables, chairs, clocks, grills, doors, cars, and American flags—can illuminate aspects of our faith and spirituality.

Each week, we'll be delving into the history and significance of these items, showing how they can provide comfort and insight into our spiritual lives. For instance, we'll see how a lawn, once a symbol of wealth, now serves as a space for community and family moments. Just as maintaining a lawn requires ongoing care, nurturing our faith also requires continuous attention.

We invite you to discover how these familiar objects can deepen our spiritual journey and enrich our understanding of faith. Don't miss out on this unique series!



A little Minden history. Do you recognize this house? For several decades this house was located next to a major hub of activity in Minden. Still today during the summer months this house sees much activity pass by. Do you recognize the house and location? A prominent family lived there for one generation and one inhabitant was known nationwide. After some thought you may find the answer on page 7.





Answer to house on page 5. The address is 836 N. Minden. Photo age is 100 +/- one year. In the photo is the Oscar Warp family and Civil War Veteran John H. Allbee, Ruth Warp's father. For a period of time Harold Warp lived at this house with this brother Oscar and family.

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