

## November 2024



# The Messenger

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

Can you believe there are only two months left in 2024? I notice the days growing shorter drastically. While driving kids to school, I often stop the car to capture the beautiful sunrise in the east. There's a unique beauty in the sun in November- the empty fields make the sunrise appear even more vibrant. I recognize how God is majestic in that vast, open space.

As November begins, two words come to mind: gathering and gratitude. First, we see gatherings because Thanksgiving brings families and friends together, creating a space where we ask after one another, share meals, and deepen our bonds. It's a time when the warmth of togetherness fills our hearts, reminding us that even in the busyness of life, these moments of connection are sacred.

Second, I find myself reflecting on gratitude. There are many times when life feels exhausting and difficult. Yet, when I look back, I realize how many blessings God has poured into my life- so many that I can't even begin to count them. Though I've often been unworthy, God continues lifting me and guiding my steps.

As a child of God, I may encounter challenges in my journey of growth, but with the assurance that the Lord is with me, I am not afraid of any path I take.

I've been reflecting on our church, and we sometimes forget just how grateful we should be for its presence in our lives. We tend to take our church for granted because it's always been here, a constant in our community. However, it's crucial to remember that our church has thrived for over one hundred years, not by chance but through our congregation's unwavering prayers and dedication. Their hard work and selflessness have let us keep our ministry going, come together for worship, and help those in need.

The stewardship campaign Transformed by Grace began on October 27th. And it will continue through November. On November 17th, we will gather together to celebrate Consecration Sunday. During this time, we want to take a moment to reflect on how God has abundantly blessed our lives. It will also be a time for us to respond once again in faith to God's call, renewing our commitment to God.

I encourage everyone to join this special time. The abundance of gratitude shows that we are on the right path with God. Even if life's circumstances remain the same, having gratitude within me brings tremendous strength to our lives. I bless this time in Jesus' name as an opportunity to experience God's grace and see your lives transformed.

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

In Christ's Unfailing Love,  
Your Pastor, Peter Choi

# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> All Saints Day 	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10:00am Worship 24th Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday 11:00am Adult Sunday School Daylight Saving Time ends	<b>4</b> 7pm Girl Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	<b>5</b> Election Day	<b>6</b> 3:30-5pm Wednesday School 5pm Education Meeting	<b>7</b> 9:30am Prayer Time	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10:00am Worship 25th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School	<b>11</b> Veterans Day 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30am United Women in Faith 3:30-5:00pm Wednesday School 6pm Finance Mtg 7:15 SPRC	<b>14</b> 9:30am Prayer Time	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10:00am Worship 26th Sunday after Pentecost Consecration 11:00am Adult Sunday School Charge Conference at 4pm in Kearney	<b>18</b> WIC 7pm Girl Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 3:30-5:00pm Wednesday School 6:30pm Youth Group	<b>21</b> 9:30am Prayer Time	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:00am Worship Christ the King/ Reign of Christ Sunday 11:00am Adult Sunday School	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> NO Wednesday School	<b>28</b> Happy Thanksgiving 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

**Scripture Readers:**

November 3: Kent Verbeck  
 November 10: Kent Verbeck  
 November 17: ?  
 November 24: Hailey Choi

**Greeters/Ushers:**

November 3: ?  
 November 10: ?  
 November 17: ?  
 November 24: ?

**Refreshment Hosts:**

November 3: ?  
 November 10: Sandy Johnson  
 November 17: ?  
 November 24: Choi Family

**November:** Communion Steward: Craigs

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

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

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

Friends and Family of Jean Liebers, Friends and Family of Denny Lang,  
 Lee Mills, Dan & Ginger Frizane, Joe & Marjorie Hultquist,  
 and Larry Anderson.

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.

**October Financial Report...**

General Giving in October	\$7,357
General Fund Giving to Date	\$130,557
General Expenses in October	\$17,322
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$169,413

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

**Extra expense during October : \$2,750  
 for replacement of exhaust fan above  
 dishwasher in.**





**Happy Birthday**

- 2—Dave Jameson
- 3—Kim Melroy
- 6—Michala Olsen
- 8—Fran Lange
- 8—Jason Sinsel
- 8—Kelli Suchsland
- 9—Todd Suchsland
- 9—Linda Duffey
- 9—Lonnie Granger
- 9—Stacy Sinsel
- 11—Linda Montgomery
- 11—Kim Pearson
- 13—Michelle Scharff
- 13—Zander Sinsel
- 15—Kay Lyn McBride
- 17—Megan Conyers
- 17—Kelly Mills
- 18—Jason Smidt
- 19—Keller Koch
- 20—Jean Scharff
- 24—Sandra Space
- 25—Lynette Beahm
- 25—Laurie Clement
- 27—Marilyn Rasmussen
- 29—Diana Hammer

**Youth Group  
November 20 at  
6:30pm**

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

**Annual Charge Conference  
is November 17, 2024 at 4:00  
at the First United Methodist  
Church in Kearney.**



**“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.”  
Matthew 28:19**



Each shoebox, prayerfully packed full of fun gifts, is an opportunity for the Gospel to transform the life of a child, a family, and a community. Samaritan's Purse collects Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts and delivers them to children around the world. Shoeboxes need to be filled and returned to the church by November 17, so we can take them to the pickup location.

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## **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.

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**You will soon receive the  
2024 Estimate of Giving  
form via mail.  
Please consider serving  
within your capacity. We  
appreciate your support.**





During the month of October \$470 was raised for Youth Group and Children's Ministry. Thank you for supporting the children.

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# HAPPY Thanksgiving

A science experiment to create a rainbow showing God's promise to Noah.



**Try to Find Pastor Peter**



United Methodist Church  
340 N. Newell Ave  
Minden, NE 68959



There's  
Room  
Up  
Front

**Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.**

Kid's Church School every Wednesday  
3:30pm-5:00pm

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Mon-Wed 8am-Noon, Thurs. 8-10:30am

Jeanette Wilkinson,  
Prayer Chain—402-756-0772

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LET  
gratitude  
FOR THE PAST  
INSPIRE US  
WITH trust  
FOR THE FUTURE.

-Françoise Fénelon