

The Messenger

June 2023



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Pie Ride Dates



June 8: McGovern String Band, pie served by Methodist Church at the park

June 22: Chris Sayre, pie served by Christian Church at the church

July 6: Slick Fiction, (Lucas Stock's band – folk rock), pie server tbd

July 20: Kuzi Taki, pie served by Methodist Church at the park

Aug 3: The Dustin West Band, doing a Gordon Lightfoot tribute, pie served by Christian Church at the church

Aug 17: Josh Hoyer and Soul Colossal, pie served by the Community Center at the center.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN!!!

You have helped to fulfill another mission of the church! We asked for monetary donations in the fall to help provide a book a month with each of our students and we were able to do that. It put many smiles on the faces of our students!!! They always looked forward to picking out their own book or receiving one we had picked for them! Thank you for continuing to help build the LOVE of reading!



~Carae Oehlerking and Cathy Stewart

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, June 17, 2023, 9:00–11:00 a.m.
Location: Old Village Town Hall Building
113 West E Street, Elmwood

Elmwood Community Center

The Center is open for meals at noon or the weekday lunches can be delivered upon request or can be picked up at the center. Call 402-994-2145 to make a request for lunch.

We will not offer the Sunday Brunch during the summer months but will start again in the fall.

Thanks for your support of the Center.

Elmwood Farmers Market



**Official Opening Day:
Saturday, June 3rd
8:00 am – Noon
Bess Streeter Aldrich Park
Elmwood, NE**

Vendors welcome! We encourage the vendors to post what they are selling so everyone will know who and what to expect. Vendors traditionally have sold fresh produce, hand-made or homemade products, and even direct sales vendors. It may be too early for fresh produce but there are many other things to be sold at the Elmwood Farmers Market!

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Market will continue every Saturday during the summer.

UWF CORNER

The Elmwood UWF will meet on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. We will meet at Carolyn Oehlerking's home.

Murdock UWF will have their next meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. for their usual meal and meeting at the church.

Workshops at Elmwood Learning Center 221 S. 4th St., Elmwood

Wool Applique Workshop with Barbara Bond
Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., \$60

Folded Paper Stars with Kami Voboril
Saturday, June 24, 2023, 1-3:00 p.m., \$15

Contact Kris at shrader1957@hotmail.com for more details and to register for the workshops.

Summer Time Pie Rides are Back

St. Paul UMC will be serving pie, etc. at the Elmwood Park on Thursday, June 8th. Please consider donating pie(s) and/or volunteering to help serve on that date. We would appreciate your assistance at this event.



June Birthdays-Elmwood



Kim Huxhold – June 1
Konrad Huxhold – June 2
Gary Reed – June 4
Elmer Miller – June 5
Tamara Rorie – June 7
Quinton Romero – June 7
Becky Callaway – June 8

Bonnie Brewer – June 9
Jerry Pointer – June 9
April Bacon – June 14
Ashton Ernst – June 17
Katelyn Stewart – June 18
Larry Fleischman – June 19
Lonnie Rorie – June 19

Joel Bornemeier – June 22
Brad Backemeyer – June 22
David Nielsen – June 23
Jared Blunt – June 25
Thomas Leone – June 25
Dan Fritz – June 25
Myrna Bornemeier – June 27

Congratulations to Roger Bornemeier on his 90th birthday on June 28th.



June Birthdays-Murdock



Jim Panska – June 1
Trace Hanson – June 3
Phyllis Buell – June 7
Zoe Zierott – June 10
Lori Rase – June 13

Charles Cawley – June 24
June Stock – June 25
Helen Streich – June 26
David Livers – June 28
Bob Rikli – June 30

PASTOR'S PEN



Happy June!

This month marks the end of my fourth year here at Elmwood and Murdock and what a crazy four years it has been. Our kids have all started school in the Elmwood-Murdock School system. Nick went from having to commute to Omaha to working exclusively from home. The importance of online worship became so abundantly clear. We have had times where we have been afraid to leave our homes for fear of sickness and times where we could not wait to leave our house just so we could see another person. Many friendships have been built and partnerships have been made.

I never would have been able to imagine where life would take us when we accepted the call to come serve these two communities four years ago. We were apprehensive and excited to start anew in these communities. It is hard to come in as an outsider, especially to a small community where everyone knows everyone and most of them are related to each other. 😊

And yet we came, we moved in, got our kids into school and day care and began a new adventure. Being here has been a true blessing. It is one that I brag about a lot when talking to my clergy friends because I believe it is one of the best appointments out there. This little hidden gem of two communities, that care for each other and I believe really want what is best for each other and the world.

The church has gone through some serious transitions. Elmwood and Murdock had never shared a pastor before; and although it made sense to do so, it had never been done before. Murdock was recording their services before we got here but to put them online and then to stream them online was all new, and Elmwood had never done either. In the Spring of 2020, of course that became a necessity as we were unable to worship in person because of COVID-19. The advances in technology, although necessary, have definitely changed how we do worship. People don't have to be in the pews anymore to be "present." This means that we have to keep working on ways to engage people outside of worship. It means that we can't just hope that we will see people on Sunday and check in with them then. We have to make an effort to reach out at different times. Jesus didn't wait for the people to come to him; he traveled and found the people where they were. We need to be more diligent about meeting the people where they are and not just hoping that they will show up on a Sunday morning.

June is Annual Conference time. The meeting of the Great Plains Conference where the business of the church is discussed, as well as the budget and where we are going from here. It is a time of our marching orders and a time where new appointments are set for the next year. I enjoy the Annual Conference because I get to see my clergy friends and I get to announce to you all that I will be here for another year! I am so excited to see what year five has in store for us and I pray for many more going forward.

Let us focus on the joy from God and the ways that it can lead us forward. The book of James says this: "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." Through whatever trials come our way, may we use the joy and knowledge of God's presence to carry us through.

Until Next Time,
Pastor Michelle

June/July Mission Project supports EM Soccer League

The mission project for June and July is to collect funds for the Elmwood Murdock Soccer League. This local program provides an opportunity for many local youth to play soccer in our communities. Donations will be used to provide equipment for the program. More details will be shared during church services in June and July.

MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS DURING JUNE

Community Shred Event at Murdock Fire Hall

Saturday, June 3, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Elmwood/Murdock City Wide Garage Sale

Friday, June 9, 2023, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 10, 2023, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Maps are available at Elmwood Convenience Store or Bits and Pieces in Elmwood.

Hot Dog Luncheon will be available at the Elmwood Community Center.

3 in 1 Recycling Event for Electronics, Polystyrene and Glass

For all Cass County residents

Saturday, June 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Village of Eagle Office Parking Lot

The Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation Presents a Summer Social

Featuring Paul Siebert

Sunday, June 11, 2023, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Paul will present a musical living history program of a family's journey from Russia to Nebraska in the 1870's.

1:00-2:00 p.m. Aldrich House will be open.

2:00-3:00 p.m. Short Story Awards and Paul's "Echoes of an Era"

At Elmwood Christian Church

Aldrich Writing Camp for Kids

June 12-15, 2023 from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Bess Streeter Aldrich House for Children, grades 3 to 6

\$40 per Student (materials/snacks provided)

Reservations Required: Call 402-867-4233 or email kurkshrader@gmail.com

Elmwood Shred Day

Village Office Parking Lot

Saturday, June 24, 2023, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Free event

Elmwood Community Clean-Up Day

Saturday, June 24, 2023, 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Bring items to the 100 block of West D Street, (across from the library)

This service is provided for Elmwood residents only.

Save The Date For Vacation Bible School

At Elmwood Christian Church

July 10-14, 2023, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 8:00am-noon Elmwood Farmers Market Every Sat.
4 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service – E Peace with Justice Sunday	5 1:30pm UWF – E	6	7 5:30pm UWF – M Great	8 Elmwood Pie Ride Plains	9 8am-5pm Elmwood Garage Sales Annual	10 8am-3pm Elmwood Garage Sales Conference
11 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service – E 1-3pm Summer Social	12 12:30-3:30pm Aldrich Writing Camp	13 12:30-3:30pm Aldrich Writing Camp	14 Flag Day 12:30- 3:30pm Aldrich Writing Camp	15 12:30- 3:30pm Aldrich Writing Camp	16	17 9-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution
18 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	19	20 9:30am-3:30pm Wool Applique Workshop	21	22 Elmwood Pie Ride	23	24 9-11am Shred Day at <u>Elmwood</u> 8am-noon <u>Clean-up Day</u> 1-3:00pm Folded Paper Stars Workshop
25 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	26	27	28	29	30	

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Address Service Requested

A graphic for Father's Day featuring the words "Happy Father's Day" in a black, cursive font. The text is overlaid on four horizontal, overlapping brushstrokes in yellow, cyan, coral, and magenta. The brushstrokes have a textured, painterly appearance with some white highlights and feathered edges.

**Happy
Father's
Day**

Sunday, June 18, 2023