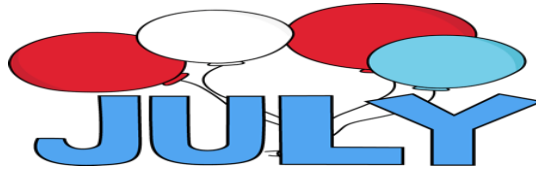


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## Vacation Bible School 2025

God is with us wherever we go! Let's go on amazing adventures to exciting destinations to find out how God is with us in whatever situation we may face.

Sunday, July 13–Thursday, July 17, 2025  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Elmwood Christian Church  
Pre-K4 (potty trained) – 6th grade  
\$15 per child or \$20 per family

Join us on July 17th at 6:00 for the closing program and cookies at the church.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

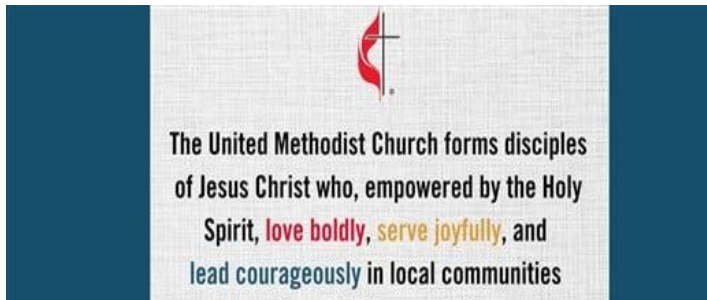
### Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, July 19, 2025, 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.

Grab “N Go Meals are still happening every Friday during the summer, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. First Come, First Go.



## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CORNER

The Elmwood UWF will meet on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Martha Ann Bornemeier for a potluck supper and fellowship.

The Murdock UWF will not meet in July and August. We will start again on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mat Weaving sessions will not be held during the month of July. Sessions will begin again on August 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. We have finished one mat and will be removing it from the loom and starting again one in August. Thanks to everyone who has helped with assembling this one mat.

### THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

When I share a kind word, I show the love of Christ.



### July Birthdays-Elmwood



Ed Blunt – July 1  
Marcie Poteet – July 1  
Michael Vogt – July 4  
Chris Kunz – July 6  
Claire Ernst – July 6  
Sarah Kraeger – July 6  
Tom Rase – July 7  
Caytlin Anstey – July 7  
Faith Offner – July 7

Wayne Althouse – July 8  
Donna Clements – July 9  
Richard Hawks – July 10  
Heath Vogt – July 15  
Suzie Allgayer – July 16  
Sherry Stubbendeck – July 18  
Jacob Stewart – July 18  
Quade Anstey – July 18  
Sidney Brummer – July 19

Bruce Kraeger – July 19  
James Hendrix – July 19  
Walter Oehlerking – July 19  
Barbara Miller – July 24  
Spencer Stewart – July 25  
Clint Poteet – July 25  
Barbara Frederickson – July 28  
Jim Kerns – July 29  
Marshall Vogt – July 30



### July Birthdays-Murdock



Mike Hanson – July 2  
Jean Baumeister – July 5  
Mel Luetchens – July 5  
Randy Bornemeier – July 10

Mike Koehn – July 14  
Kim Streich – July 20  
Nathan Miller – July 31



Thank you to everyone who made St. Paul UMC Pie Ride on Thursday, June 5th so successful. The first Pie Ride had great weather and a wonderful turnout of supporters.

However you helped by baking, working, purchasing pie/dessert, it was a great team effort. Please mark your calendar for St. Paul UMC next Pie Ride on Thursday, July 17, 2025.

We hope the next Pie Ride will raise the same amount of money, which is being given to the Elmwood Learning Center and Bess Streeter Aldrich Learning Mural Project. We continue to help support opportunities for education in our community.

Watch for Pie Ride signup sheets at the back of the Church in July.

Thank you again for your contribution.  
Linda Blunt



**COLOR OUR WORLD!**

**July 10, 17, 24 & 31**

**Section A** Ages 4-6 @ 10:30am  
**Section B** Ages 7-11 @ 1:00pm

**Stories! Games! Crafts! Snacks!**

Sessions run for one hour.  
Parental supervision is NOT necessary. We have helpers!  
Limited space and limited supplies.  
Advance registration is required.



124 West D St Elmwood, NE 402.994.4125

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**Early Registration**  
One per family

Child Name(s)	Section (circle for each child)
1)	A / B
2)	A / B
3)	A / B
4)	A / B
*Please indicate if any child has a food allergy.	

Parent or Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



*(Please return this side to library by June 26)*

## PASTOR'S PEN



When Nick and I first got married we bought our first house. It was a small little starter house in an older neighborhood in Lincoln. It was not a terrible neighborhood but also was not the best. We had this older couple that lived next to us. They seemed like nice people and we got along okay. That is until the 4th of July.

You may not know this about Nick but he LOVES the 4th of July. There is nothing that makes him happier than getting to shoot off fireworks, especially if he can do it for others. So, since we were one of the first couples in our friends group to buy a house, we naturally threw a huge party for all of our friends. Imagine what a party with a bunch of early to mid-twenty year olds on the 4th of July might look like, and for sure that is what was happening. We were having a fantastic time, I don't remember there being music but there probably was, there for sure were outdoor games, we had a hot tub, and we were shooting off fireworks. At maybe 10 that night our neighbor came out to complain about our noise and our fireworks. He felt that stuff was falling all over his camper and he and his wife were planning on leaving on vacation the next day and he wanted us to keep it down and stop blowing things up. This might be hard to imagine but I can say that I was not really receptive to his complaint. It certainly was not my best moment. But the party went on and the next day we cleaned up our mess and moved on.

Our neighbor, however, did not move on. He held on to his anger through his vacation, he came home and cut the cucumbers we had growing up the fence we shared. It was infuriating and sad. I went and tried to talk to him, to apologize for my behavior on the 4th, to try to come to a compromise, a way to co-exist but the damage had been done and there was no way to move forward with friendship. It has been 13 years since we moved from that house and still the memories of those interactions creep up on me.

Please do not hear this story as me stating that I did everything right and our neighbor did everything wrong. That is totally not the case. We were both to blame and we both handled different parts of that relationship poorly but the older I get, the more I am bothered by the inconsiderate nature of people at times. Sure, there are times when we are not aware that we have done something to offend someone but certainly there are times where we know we have/are being inconsiderate and we do it anyway. I am not sure why this is. I have definitely done this, I am not proud of myself for those moments and I really do try not to but still it happens. But when we are inconsiderate, when we are not making an attempt to be kind, we are not making the world better. We are actually doing the opposite and who really wants to live in a world where that is the standard.

How do we deal with people that despite being asked continue to do the inconsiderate action? Romans has this to say ""Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" Basically the Bible says kill them with kindness and lead by example. Try to be a better person, to put on Christ and show them what it looks like to be considerate, to be kind and to be caring. These are certainly traits that this world uses more of. Let us lead the way.

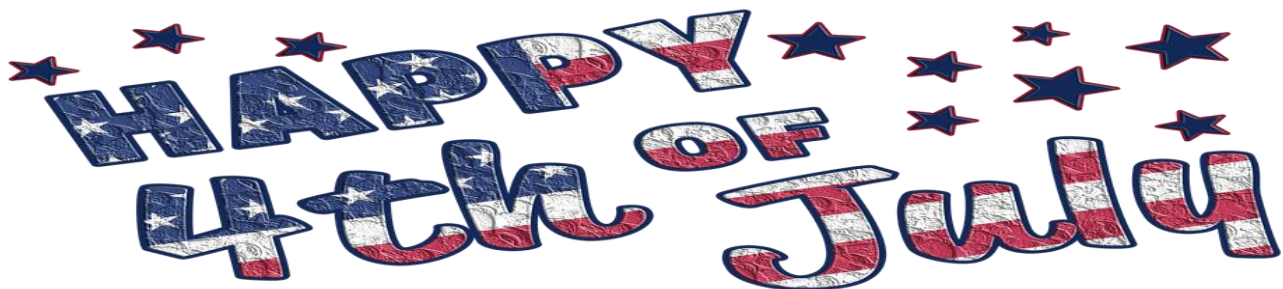
Until Next Time,  
Pastor Michelle

# July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 5-8:00pm Pie Ride, Christian Church	4 Indepen dence Day	5
6 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	7	8	9 1:30pm Mat Weaving – M  6:00pm UWIF - E	10	11	12 9:00am Set up for VBS
13 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	14 7:00pm Church Council – M	15 6:00 pm  <i>Vacation</i>	16 <i>To</i>  <i>Bible</i>	17 8:00pm  <i>School</i>  5-8:00pm Pie Ride, St. Paul	18	19 9-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution
20 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	21 7:00pm Church Council - E	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	28	29	30	31 5-8:00pm Pie Ride, Aldrich Foundation		

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4th of July Celebration – Murdock

Parade @ 11

Lunch after parade at Murdock Town Hall

Pie & Ice Cream @ Murdock Methodist Church from noon – 3 pm

Fireworks @ dusk