

The Messenger

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SAVE THE DATES

GOOD NEIGHBOR FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, September 10, 2022,
8:00 a.m. to Noon
Elmwood Park
Sponsored by EMMA organization
and E/M FBLA students
A chance to get coffee and donuts
and meet the EMMA members

HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

For a better, healthier and happier YOU!

Saturday, September 24, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to Noon
Elmwood Cultural Arts and Learning Center
Sponsored by Syracuse Area Health/EMMA/E/M FBLA
Health screenings, health care experts, safety experts,
First aid training, much more plus
Salad luncheon at the Elmwood Community Center

August Mission Project - Back to School Supplies

For the August Mission Project, we will be collecting school supplies for Elliott Elementary School in Lincoln. This school has a large number of low-income students and the school supplies are very much needed. Cathy Stewart, a member of the Elmwood Methodist Church, teaches there. In the past, contact Cathy Stewart or Karey Koehn with questions about this mission project. See a list of needed items below:

dry erase markers	crayons
#2 pencils	markers
wide ruled paper	glue sticks
erasers	or cash donations

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

New folding chairs for the church have been purchased by the Elmwood UWIF so there are some old folding chairs available for sale. If you would like to purchase a few for your own use, please contact Pastor Michelle or leave a message on the church phone. They are \$5 each.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, August 20, 2022, 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.

Pie Ride Events

Last year's events were successful so they are back this summer. The August dates are 4th at the Elmwood Park and 18th at the Elmwood Community Center from 5-8:00 p.m. There will also be entertainment at the Gazebo in the park from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Elmwood Farmers Market

Will continue in July through September.
The hours are 8:00 a.m. to noon each Saturday

Cass County Fair

August 10th through 13th, 2022

UWIF CORNER

The National Office of the United Methodist Women has changed the official name to "United Women in Faith." They felt that the name change would include ALL women of other denominations, not just members of United Methodist Church.

The Elmwood UWIF will not meet in August. Next meeting date will be Tuesday, September 6th.

Murdock UWIF will not meet in August
Next meeting is on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for our usual meal and meeting at the church.

The Elmwood UWIF collects the Best Choice labels and submits them for a small refund. We would appreciate receiving any of these labels that you might have. They can be found on certain food items at Russ's Market and Super Saver grocery stores. Thank you for the donations.



August Birthdays-Elmwood



Barbara Leefers – August 4
Cassie Vogt – August 5
Damincka Stephens – August 7
Curt Backemeyer – August 8
Saranne Vogt – August 11
Grant Bornemeier – August 11
Joshua Bornemeier – August 12

Gary Wheeler – August 13
Bill Fleischman – August 15
Alan Stubbendick – August 16
Delaney Frahm – August 18
Troy Callaway – August 19
Megan Hawks – August 21
Sherryl Vogt – August 21

Joyce Vogt – August 22
Payton Vogt – August 24
Lyla Fritz – August 25
Meagann Schweitzer – August 27
Lori Kerns – August 27
Jack Deibert – August 29
Austin Meisinger – August 29
Drake Spohr – August 30



August Birthdays-Murdock



Carla Olson – August 1
Spencer Koehn – August 4
Nancy Luetchens – August 5
Tom Brewer – August 6
Chesney Murdoch – August 9

Julie Synovec – August 12
Sherry Farmer – August 14
Angie Friesell – August 17
Brandon Luetchens – August 18
Hailey Stock – August 22

Brooke Butler – August 24
Vivian Rase – August 27
Annie Miller – August 28
Julie Backemeyer – August 29

PASTOR'S PEN



Happy August!

I have to admit that I have been looking forward to August since the end of school in May. I am sure to some it seems like a weird thing to look forward to at the beginning of summer; but yet here we are. I have been looking forward to this month because although I love summer and the added time I get with the kids, I miss the routine of school. The kids miss it too, even if they would never admit it. Now that August is here, I am excited, yet sad. School is about to start which is a sign that the kids are getting another year older, that our lives are about to be consumed with school and friend's birthday parties and sports. It is something I long for yet am never quite ready for when it gets here.

I think sometimes that our relationship with God is like my anticipation for August. We have a deep desire for it. We long for a relationship with God, to be connected to something greater than ourselves, to know that we will be taken care of, that there is a routine, an order to things. Yet, our relationship with God often takes a different turn than the one we were expecting.

As followers of Christ, we are called to be the hands and feet of God. I learned this week they call this incarnational mission. When we enter the world as a follower of Christ, our lives have been transformed by the love and power of Christ. I think we sometimes think that our relationship with Christ will be different. That for some reason, we believe that it will not change us, when in fact every relationship we encounter changes us. Our relationship with Christ is no different. In fact, Jesus tells us that our lives will be transformed when we follow him. That when we commit to Him, we will be taken care of, that he will prepare a place for us for all eternity. How can we read those words and believe that we can remain unchanged?

When we fully accept God into our lives, we are saying that we are willing to be changed. We are willing to do the will of God. We want to be transformed and be like God to all the people that we meet. John Wesley believed that to fully commit to Jesus, we had to perform works of mercy and works of piety. We had to show our commitment not just through piety, our prayers, but also through mercy, our actions.

This month we will be talking about people in the Bible that have said yes to God and fulfilled prophecies in the most unexpected way. We start with David, a young boy that defies all odds when he takes on a giant. I am excited to jump into this sermon series as well as to explore more ways that we can say yes to God and allow him to continue to transform us so that we can fully embrace the transforming love of Christ

Until Next Time,
Pastor Michelle




The family of Keith Bornemeier appreciates the kindness and sympathy our church family extended to us at the time of his passing. We thank Pastor Michelle for her words of comfort, Laurel and Owen for their gift of music and the church ladies for the bountiful lunch they provided after the memorial service.

We thank you very much and feel truly blessed to be part of such a caring congregation.

Martha Ann

Deb & Dave, Janet & Tim

Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren



Pie Ride


Thursday August 4, 2022
Elmwood Aldrich Park
5pm-8pm
St. Paul United Methodist Church
Serving Homemade Pie and MORE!

Apple Cherry Peach Pecan
Blueberry Strawberry- Rhubarb
Black Raspberry and possibly more
flavors


Brownie Sundaes and Root Beer Floats

Slice of pie \$3.00 Ice Cream \$1.00 Bottle Water \$1.00
Brownie Sundae \$3.00 Root Beer Float \$2.00

We will have Grab and Go containers available.
Everyone is invited to enjoy some Delicious pie/Dessert!



Tidball Barger Band
Performing 6pm – 8pm at the Gazebo
Bring your lawn chair



Great way to enjoy your summer at the park
with Food and Music.

Dear Church Family,

Graduation came and went and it's hard to believe I am about to start my college career at Northwest Missouri State in Maryville, MO. I would like to take the time to Thank all of you who have helped support me over the years with Christian love and education, words of encouragement and guidance, and overall support throughout the years. All of this has provided me with the solid foundation I will use as I begin my new journey.

I would also like to thank all of you who supported me by attended my Graduation party, with words of encouragement, or with cards and/or with a gift. It was great to see and talk to everyone, even though I repeated my future plans, a MILLION times! LOL I am grateful for your support and the memories that I can take along with me. Thank you all again so much, it is greatly appreciated. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers, as I will do the same for you.

God Bless,
Tucker Oehlerking



Dear Church Family,

We want to thank everyone who made our 65th wedding anniversary in June so special by sending a beautiful greeting card or other form of good wishes.

We treasure your friendship. Thanks again,



Walter and Carolyn Oehlerking

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 5-8:00pm Pie Ride - E	5	6 8-Noon Farmers Market – E Each Saturday
7 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	8 7:00pm Church Council – M	9	10 CASS	11 COUNTY	12 FAIR	13
14 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	15 7:00pm Church Council - E	16	17	18 Public School Starts 5-8:00pm Pie Ride - E	19	20 9-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution
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