

The Messenger

August 2023



BACK TO SCHOOL

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HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY!!!



Coleman and Deb Lenz will be celebrating 50 years of marriage on August 10, 2023. Love is what happens when two hearts find their happy place right beside each other. Help them celebrate with a card shower by sending them well wishes or words of wisdom!

Send Cards to: 30104 O Street, Elmwood, NE 68349

Elmwood Pie Ride

Serving from 5pm-8pm
Serving Homemade Pie and MORE!

Thursday, August 3, 2023
Elmwood Christian Church

and

Thursday, August 17, 2023
At Elmwood Community Center

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the

Dustin West Band on August 3rd
And Josh Hoyer and the Soul Colossal on August 17th

Performing from 6-8:00 p.m.
At the Gazebo in the park

thank you!

The Board Members of the Elmwood Community Center wishes to thank the congregation of St. Paul UMC for their continued support of the Center. We greatly appreciate all the contributions we have received from the Church over the years.

Thank you for being a benevolent partner with the Elmwood Community Center.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, August 19, 2023, 9:00–11:00 a.m.
Location: Old Village Town Hall Building
113 West E Street, Elmwood

Elmwood Rescue 5K Run/Walk

Registration Cost: \$30

On website: www.elmwoodrescue.org

In Person closes August 13th

Virtual closes August 31st

In Person: August 26th, 8:00 a.m., Elmwood Park

Virtual: Entire Month of August

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.

Elmwood Farmers Market

Market will continue every Saturday during the summer at the Elmwood Park from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Save the Date

Cynthia Knosp will be presenting a pipe organ concert at St. Paul United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy some wonderful music.

UWF CORNER

The Elmwood UWF will not meet in August. We will meet again on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at the Elmwood Community Center.

Murdock UWF will not meet in August. We will meet again on September 6th at 5:30 p.m. for their usual meal and meeting at the church.

Upcoming Event at

Elmwood Cultural Arts and Learning Center
Saturday, August 5, 2023

10 a.m. – Noon Southeast Community College
Workshop on Watercolor Greeting Cards

1:00-3:00 p.m. SCC Workshop on Working with
Resin

Elmwood G.A.R. Hall Veterans Museum
20th Annual Ice Cream Social
Saturday, August 20, 2023, 6:30-8:00 p.m.



August Birthdays-Elmwood



Barbara Leefers – August 4

Cassie Vogt – August 5

Damicka Stephens – August 7

Curt Backemeyer – August 8

Saranne Vogt – 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 Frahm – August 24

Lyla Fritz – August 25

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



How is it possible that it is already August? I feel as though I was just writing about the beginning of summer break and now it is back to school time. The beginning of the second half of the year. The return of football and volleyball. Have you ever noticed that we set up these times of new beginnings nicely two times a year? January is a time where we talk about resolutions and starting off the new year on the right foot, but also in August we are beginning again. I know that some might say that only happens if you are in school because of the new school year but I have not been in school for over 15 years and somehow I still feel the newness and freshness of the start of the school year. It is like we are always looking for the reset button.

I used to listen to a podcast about the internet, how it started, different trends, interesting stories based on the internet, but one of the things that was introduced through the podcast was "Email forgiveness day." It was a day that allowed the recipients of an email that they did not return in a timely manner to respond and apologize for their lateness without having to worry about how the other person would react to their tardiness. Now granted it only works if both people are aware of the day and what it means but it was a way of introducing a new beginning. A place to start when the task seems overwhelming. It makes sense, we as humans are often looking for the motivation and the availability to start afresh. "Next week I will start that diet." "After I finish this project, I will do better with time management." "My resolution is to do one nice thing for someone every day."

This concept is not new, people have always been looking for this. Paul gives the church reasons to change who they are and take steps towards a new beginning. By spreading the word of who God is and who Jesus was, it allowed people a reason for something new. It allowed people to say that now that they know about Jesus, they can take the steps to be better, to live a life of grace, love and forgiveness. This month we are focusing on the Church of Ephesus. It is a player in the book of Acts, and we have a letter to the Ephesians in the New Testament. Ephesians chapter 2 says this, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." It is our job as Christians to continue to evaluate how we are living and ask ourselves if it is in line with what God is calling us towards. Are we living a life as Jesus taught? And if not, may the beginning of a new school year be what you need to kickstart the change needed to live that life.

Until Next Time,
Pastor Michelle

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
SYRACUSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
560 6TH ST., SYRACUSE

Sunday, August 6, 2023
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Ice Cream, Pie, Cake, Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Chips, Drinks

Free Will Donation

Aug./Sept. Mission Project Supports EM Students

For the mission project in August and September, we are collecting school supplies and cash donations for students in need at Elmwood-Murdock Schools. All donations collected will be given to the elementary and middle/high school principals to distribute to students in need. Thank you for supporting EM students! A list of requested school supplies is included below.

Glue sticks, crayons (box of 24), yellow #2 pencils, blue or black pens, pocket folders, single subject spiral bound notebooks, colored pencils, pink erasers, markers (12 pack), Kleenex, antibacterial wipes, dry erase markers, ruler, plastic pencil boxes, scissors

The school has also requested donations toward replacing the elementary school's portable keyboard for their music program. If you would like to make a donation toward this, please mark **"school keyboard"** on your donation.



Hello, St. Paul United Methodist Church Members!

We would like to start by saying THANK YOU for your support last couple of years by helping to provide students with free books. It has been a highlight for many!!! Year after year, our hearts smile at their excitement to take a free book home and share it with their family. Reading is important each year, and we want to continue to spread the love of reading with our students.

Here is our idea:

Like last year, we would LOVE for each student to receive one free book each month of the school year at no cost to his/her family? Scholastic Book Club has books ranging from \$2.00 to \$15.00. We would LOVE for each of our students to be able to bring home one new book each month during the school year from September to May. Children look forward to taking something positive home that they can call their own!

Would you be interested in sponsoring free books? You could sponsor free books by mailing a donation of \$20.00, or whatever amount you would like, made out to the church so that we can order new books each month! The church will then send each of us a check so we can then send in all the money to Scholastic and our Scholastic account would have a credit that we could use to order from each month. Remember, you can send your check to the church and write in the memo that your donation is to be used for ordering books for children!

We are very grateful for all the support the church provides for the community. New books are always so fun and it's a great way to build a lifelong love of reading! Thank you for helping to spread the word of God each day. Let us know if you have any questions!

Blessings to Everyone,
Carae Oehlerking
Title One Reading
Elmwood-Murdock

Cathy Stewart
3rd Grade
Elliott Elementary



August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 5-8pm Pie Ride	4	5 10am-noon Workshop 1-3:00pm Workshop at Learning Center
6 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	7	8	9 CASS ALL	10 COUNTY DAY	11 FAIR.... ACTIVITIES	12 Thru Sat.
13 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	14 7:00pm Church Council - M	15	16	17 First day of E/M Schools 5-8pm Pie Ride	18	19 9-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution
20 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service – E 6:30-8:00pm Legion’s Ice Cream Social	21 7:00pm Church Council - E	22	23	24	25	26 8:00am Elmwood Rescue 5K Run/Walk, Elmwood Park
27 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	28	29	30	31	1	2

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Address Service Requested

<p>Grounds Entertainment</p> <p>Sam's Amusement Carnival</p> <p>Wednesday 6-10 Thursday 1-5 & 6-10 Friday 6-10 Saturday 1-5 & 6-10 \$25 Wristband each time slot.</p> <p>Prairie Blacksmith Demo Sponsor: Roloff Construction</p> <p>Mini Golf Sponsors: Liebman Financial-Behms Family Seed</p> <p>Papa Bear Carving Sponsor: American Exchange Bank - Riverstone Bank - Hope's Closet</p> <p>QuickDraw Caricatures Sponsor: Pinnacle Bank</p> <p>Ag Education Sponsor: Liquid Trucking OFC/Schmidt/Barto</p> <p>Foam Zone: Sponsor: NEXTERA Energy- Baileys Local Meeske Hardware</p> <p>Horn T Mutton Bustin' 6:30 Wednesday, August 9th On the Pull Track Sponsors: Frontier Cooperative,-Land O'Lakes Witte Physical Therapy & 24/7 Wellness Wade Insurance Agency</p> <p>Pedal Pull Friday, August 11th Register at 5:30pm - Open to All Ages Sponsor: Cass County Farm Bureau</p> <p>Funded in part by Cass County Tourism www.visitcasscounty.com</p>	<p>Track Entertainment</p> <p>Wednesday, August 9th Extreme Bull riding - 8:00pm Sponsors: Cass County Farm Bureau T.E.A.M. - Citizens Bank Lubben Veterinary Service GreyStone Flatwork-Quality Signs -Todd Valley Plumbing & Heating-Cornerstone Bank</p> <p>Thursday, August 11th Outlaw Truck & Tractor Pull - 7:00pm Sponsors: KanEquip, Inc. Westover Rock & Sand - Agri Builders, Stroy Seed - DNTree - Pankonin's Inc. Bunge North America-Nutrien Ag Solutions OPPD - Schram Seeds-Green Thumb Meyer Rock & Ag- Bobcat of Omaha FirstBank of NE Syracuse Branch - Channel Seed/Pivot Bio, Jim Jansen, Dealer - Weeping Water Express Lane Seltre Genetics - Bond Trucking - - Thompson & Thompson 3rd Generation Langfieldt Overhead Doors - Hoss Lawn Care - N & W Transfer- Ash Grove Mowen Owen Lawn & Garden - HyVee Plattsmouth- Stander Trucking- Lee A Sapp-Stove Creek Air- Batten Trailer Leasing</p> <p>Friday, August 11th Figure 8 Race - 8:00pm Sponsors: Stock Seed JSM Concrete - Kerford Limestone Western National Bank - Burrows Tracts Real Estate Coppie GMC Inc - Derby Heating & Air- First Nebraska Bank</p> <p>Saturday, August 12th Garden & Mid States Tractor Pull Registration 8:00-9:00am Starting Time 9:00am Tuff Truck 8:00pm Sponsors: Mill Creek Auto Parts Bornemeier Well Drilling State Farm-Brian Gross- Big Rig Truck Acc. - Murdoch Aerial Spraying</p>	<p>Open Air Entertainment</p> <p>Cass County Queen Contest 7:30pm Wednesday, August 9th</p> <p>Hypnotist 7:30 pm Thursday, August 10th Sponsors: Beck's</p> <p>Pioneer Farm Family Awards 7:30pm Friday, August 11th</p> <p>Dueling Pianos by Fun with Pianos 8:00 till 10:00 pm Friday, August 11th Sponsor: Wilbur-Ellis - Campbell's Nurseries</p> <p>Line Dancing Class 8:00pm August 12th Dirty Boots Band 9:30pm Saturday August 12th Sponsors: AKRS Equipment Hoegemeyer Seed - Ray Albert Plattsmouth Animal Hospital P.C. - W-M Farms, Inc. Duane Glasshoff</p> <p>LEGO CONTESTS 2:30-4pm Thursday thru Saturday</p> <p>Parade Saturday, August 12th 6:00pm 4:00-5:45pm Line-Up</p> <p>Horse Arena Events National Barrel Horse Assoc. Show 7:00pm Friday, August 11th Draft Horse 2:00 Saturday, August 12th Horse Fun Night 7:30pm Saturday, August 12th</p>	 <p>CASS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY August 9-12, 2023</p> <p>Where Entertainment is FREE</p> <p><i>Generations of Family Fun!</i></p> <p>Carnival Outlaw Truck & Tractor Pull 4-H Show and Exhibits Live Entertainment Dueling Pianos Queen Contest Parade - Commercial Exhibits Pedal Pull - Young & Old Figure 8 Race Extreme Bull riding</p> <p>Cass County Fairgrounds 144th & Hwy 1 Weeping Water, NE www.cassfair.com</p> <p>Join Us</p>
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