

The Messenger

August 2024



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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



THE FCCLA BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024 AT THE ELMWOOD FIRE HALL FROM NOON TO 6:00 P.M. APPOINTMENTS ARE APPRECIATED BY CALLING 1-800-733-2767 OR ON THEIR WEBSITE OF REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG. WALK-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

AFTER DONATING BLOOD, STAY FOR A FEW MINUTES AND HAVE A SANDWICH AND DESSERT. EVERY TWO SECONDS SOMEONE NEEDS BLOOD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION.



Syracuse United Methodist Church Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 4, 2024, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

Free Will Donation

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, August 17, 2024, 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.

THANK YOU FROM THE CENTER

We appreciate the support from St. Paul UMC and Ebenezer UMC for assisting with the finances we need to replace the wooden cabinets in our kitchen. Thank you very much!

Elmwood Pie Rides



These Pie Rides will continue on August 8 and 22, from 5-8:00 p.m. Pizza can be purchased at Elmwood C Store or The Quonset.

Pie and ice cream will be available at Elmwood Christian Church on the 8th and Elmwood Community Center will be providing the pie on the 22nd.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CORNER

The Elmwood St. Paul UWF and the Murdock UWF will not meet in August. Meetings will start again in September.

Christ UMC, Lincoln is making sleeping mats from plastic bags. Our UWF unit is collecting plastic shopping bags to provide the material to continue making these mats. If you have some bags to donate, just drop them off at the St. Paul church office or call Carol at 402-310-6627.

CHURCH MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING CENTERS

Marcie Miller, Bailey Point
7208 Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68506

Steve Henk, Louisville Care Center,
410 W. 5th, Louisville, NE 68037

Joyce Hammons
Good Samaritan Society, #115
1622 Walnut Street
Syracuse, NE 68446



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
Delaney Frahm – August 18
Troy Callaway – August 19
Megan Hawks – August 21
Sherryl Vogt – August 21

Joyce Vogt – August 22
Payton Frahm – August 24
Lyle Fritz – August 25
Maela Vogt – August 25
Lori Kerns – August 27
Austin Meisinger – August 29
Drake Spohr – August 30



August Birthdays-Murdock



Carla Olson – August 1
Spencer Koehn – August 4
Tom Brewer – August 6
Julie Synovec – August 12
Sherry Farmer – August 14

Angie Friesell – August 17
Brooke Butler – August 24
Vivian Rase – August 27
Annie Miller – August 28
Julie Backemeyer – August 29



SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT AROUND THE WORLD AND AROUND THE CORNER

This month I am sharing from the weekly newsletter sent from Midwest Mission. I am so impressed with their networking and partners. I know how hard it is to partner with the US military.

Every year, Midwest Mission works with the U.S. Southern Command on their humanitarian aid exercise, Resolute Sentinel. The United States works alongside local governments during their military exercises, and assist communities with medical, emergency, and educational resources. This year, they requested Student Kits to outfit 68 schools in Caballococha, **Peru**. We sent 4,260 Student Kits. In March, we drove the requested Kits to Scott Air Force Base outside of St. Louis, MO. The supplies were flown on military aircraft into Peru the first week of April and were distributed to students in the weeks following. From pictures recently received, you can see the joy on the students' faces as they receive a bag full of supplies that they can truly call their own. (See website) "The distribution was accomplished by the Soldiers of Delta Company, 402nd Civil Affairs Battalion, during the execution of the exercise; these events supported by your generous donation, created an invaluable impact and left a lasting impression on both children and soldiers in Peru." per a Southern Command spokesperson.

The Student Kit is a highly useful kit — for more reasons than you may realize. It has all the basic school supplies you probably grew up buying to get ready for the school year. When a child has the tools that they need to succeed, they are equipped for the entire education process. But the Kit isn't just used for school! The Student Kit has been requested by our partner Food For The Poor to be used for disaster relief. Food For The Poor makes giant disaster relief kits for entire communities that commonly experience disasters. We provide Student Kits so children are occupied in the aftermath of a disaster, and so that they have a few basic school items for when they can return to school.

During Back To School season, you can purchase school supplies cheaper than MM can in bulk! Keep an eye out for good deals on supplies that go into our Student Kit which are:

3 notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8"x10 1/2"; 1 ruler - 12" long with metric; 6 pencils - unsharpened; 1 pencil sharpener; 1 pencil eraser - 2" or larger; 1 box 12 colored pencils; 1 box 24 crayons; 1 pair student scissors; 1 one-handed cloth bag* (The pattern is on website.)

After the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church requested supplies needed for flood-stricken areas in Iowa, Midwest Mission delivered 720 cleaning kits on June 28. Residents were able to come by the churches and pick up what they needed. The churches also had other needed supplies available such as water, food, clothes, and hygiene items. Currently MM is replenishing supplies to be prepared for future shipments

This week, please pray for those who are recovering from the devastating flooding. Pray that their needs will be met, and that they will feel the love of God and His people surrounding them through this awful time.

Please get ahold of me if you have any donations for Midwest Mission. I will get them to Nebraska City or Pawnee, IL.
Kelli Brewer, cell 402-432-3797

PASTOR'S PEN



Hello, August,

Last night after dinner I sat down to relax before we had to start bedtime routines and turned on the TV. Trying to figure out what I could watch without being too upset if a kid came to bug me, I settled on the Olympics. I enjoy the Olympics. I think it is fun to watch sports that I don't usually pay much attention to. Some of this is because they are not broadcast at other times of the year, but some of it is a time issue, like all other things. Anyway, it was the Men's Gymnastics Team Finals that were on and I love Gymnastics. I have no ability to perform them and am always amazed by the talent these competitors have. The boys slowly trickled in and soon the entire family was sitting watching these men compete. The boys started asking questions and Earl, in his 8 year old boisterousness, decided that he could 100% do all of that stuff. We laughed at him and joked about getting him a pommel horse and some rings to swing around on. We watched for awhile and then got the boys ready for bed. We talked about different countries coming together to compete. We talked about the different areas they could compete in and of course if they could watch more the next day.

The boys have now spent most of their time since talking about, and watching different clips from the Olympics. I can see where my next two weeks are going to go. We have talked about what teams they are rooting for when the Americans are not competing and where the next one will be and how they decide. Emerson has decided that Nebraska should host an Olympics; I told him that was probably not going to happen but I suppose you never know.

One of the things that I enjoy about the Olympics is watching how the competitors interact and treat each other. They are some of the top athletes in the world, fighting for a great honor to say they are the best, to bring pride to their country. And when they are done competing, they are there to congratulate each other. To cheer each other on, to show the world that although we might come from very different backgrounds, political environments, life situations, they are able to join together for the sake of good competition. I want to say they all want fair competition, but we know there are always those outliers but most want a good, clean, fight to the finish, no matter the sport.

It is the same when we are following Christ. We come from all walks of life, from all political beliefs, are of every age, color, and gender. But if we are really in it for the right reasons, we are looking to serve God, to love one another, to have a good, clean, life. One filled with joy, hope, love and peace. We know that there will be bumps along the way. We know that it will not be easy and there will be times when we fall or when we think that we can 100% take on something by ourselves only to find out that we need the help and encouragement of others. And when it all works, it is a beautiful, joyous celebration of what the world could look like if we really allowed ourselves to forget our differences. 2 Timothy 2:5 says "An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules." We all just want to have a fair chance, if we put in the hours of preparation, rely on God as a coach and play by the rules how can we not win for the kingdom of God?

Until Next Time,
Pastor Michelle

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	5	6	7 Cass	8 County 5-8:00pm Pie Ride Christian Church	9 Fair	10
11 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	12 7:00 pm Church Council – M	13	14	15 First day of E/M School	16	17 9-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution
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**CASS COUNTY FAIR
WEEPING WATER, NE**

AUGUST 7-10, 2024

**ROOTED IN
TRADITION**

*Carnival, Outlaw Truck and Tractor Pull, 4-H Show and Exhibits,
Live Entertainment, Queen Contest, Parade
Commercial Exhibits, Pedal Pull, Figure 8 Race, Extreme Bull Riding*