

# The Messenger

JULY 2022

SUMMER



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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Elmwood Christian Church will be hosting the Vacation Bible School on  
July 11-15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The hours will be 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All children from pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come for this week of fun, fellowship, and  
scripture knowledge.

They are also looking for supply items for the activities. Please check the sign-up sheets at each  
church if you can bring some items.

**TO MARS AND BEYOND**  
COOKSBURY'S VBS

**Vacation Bible School!**

**Who:** Children ages 4-12  
**When:** July 11-15, 6pm-8pm  
**Where:** Elmwood Christian Church  
311 N 5<sup>th</sup> St Elmwood, NE  
68349  
402.994.2355  
**Cost:** \$10/child or \$15/family

*"To Mars and Beyond,"* will use science, crafts, games,  
music and more to teach your child about God's love.

This VBS experience is a cooperative event combining the skills and resources of St. Paul's  
Methodist, Ebenezer Methodist and Elmwood Christian Churches. Advanced registration is  
helpful, but not required. All children must be potty trained to attend.

**GO BEYOND WITH FAITH!**

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, July 16, 2022, 9:00–11:00 a.m.  
Location: Old Village Town Hall Building  
113 West E Street, Elmwood

### Vaccines and Boosters Shots for Covid-19

Will be given at the Elmwood Community Center on the 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-11:00 a.m. by the Health Department of the State of Nebraska. Sign-up sheets at churches, bank, post office, C Store and the Center.

### 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 July dates are 7<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center and 21<sup>st</sup> at the Christian Church 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

## 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 meet on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. We will have a potluck supper at Martha Ann Bornemeier's, 117 N. West St., Elmwood.

Murdock UWIF will meet on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for our usual meal and meeting at the church.

### Guest Day at Nebraska City UWIF

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Salad Luncheon: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Sally DuBois  
(Keep Nebraska City Beautiful)

Topic: Food Waste

RSVP by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 402-873-3821 or  
secretaryfumc@spiralfiber.com



### July Birthdays-Elmwood



Ed Blunt – July 1  
Marcie Poteet – July 1  
Michael Vogt – July 4  
Christine Kunz – July 6  
Claire Ernst – July 6  
Sarah Kraeger – July 6  
Thomas Rase – July 7  
Faith Offner – July 7  
Wayne Althouse – July 8

Kirsten Struble – 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  
Sidney Brummer – July 19  
Bruce Kraeger – July 19

James Hendrix – July 19  
Walter Oehlerking – July 19  
Marion Wenzel – July 20  
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  
Harper Murdoch – July 26  
Nathan Miller – July 31

## PASTOR'S PEN



Happy July!

The summer has just been flying by. I was telling the boys that they have swimming lessons next week and Emerson said “Man, we have really blown through the summer!” It is true; it seems like school just got out and soon we will be looking at school supply lists and the start of fall sports. Until that time however, there are some fun and exciting things happening in July.

The 4th of July brings a great many events in Murdock. We will have a float in the parade and would love to have as many people as possible on the float. We will be decorating the float starting a little after 10 and the parade starts at 11. We will have the trailer parked in front of the church parking lot on Wyoming Street. The ladies in Murdock are also serving pie, brownies and ice cream in the church basement starting at noon. People are welcome to help with that as well or just come and enjoy some amazing desserts. Be sure to come back to Murdock for the fireworks show at dark.

I started my time in Elmwood and Murdock in the summer of 2019. That year I missed Vacation Bible School because I was in Kansas City for school. We were set to start planning for VBS in 2020 when COVID hit and have not had VBS for two years. I am so excited that as we started looking at the summer of 2022, the conversation was instantly a yes; we want to have VBS again. It has been years since I have helped with a VBS in any way and of course have never helped here. Summer has just been speeding by and VBS is this month! I so enjoy watching our churches come together, working to make a program for the children of our community. I also continue to enjoy seeing how when asked to, you all step up to help out whether it is to help in person for VBS or if it is to bring supplies or to pray for a successful VBS. I am excited to spend time with the children of the community, to have some fun in the name of Christ and sing some silly songs that I have no doubt will be stuck in my head for the next five months. :-)

July this year also has five Sundays; so we will have a potluck lunch after church in Elmwood on July 31st. I do love potluck lunches, one for the food but also for the fellowship that happens. Make sure to invite your friends and have a great lunch with us on the 31st.

This month in the service we will be focusing on Jesus, the people he interacted with, the impact that it had on the people he interacted with and how it still impacts us in this day and age. I am excited about this new sermon series; we talk about Jesus every week but it will be fun to focus on exact situations. One of the things that you can't ignore when you talk about Jesus is that he called people from all walks of life to serve with him. He chose people and had them go forth, trying things that were outside of their comfort zones. In the Gospel of Matthew chapter 10 he directed his disciples saying “As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.” The way we heal the sick, drive out demons and treat those that are on the outside of social acceptance may be different than it was in the days of Jesus but the directions are the same. This month I encourage you to give freely just as you receive the love of Christ freely.

Until next time,  
Pastor Michelle



# MURDOCK'S



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**JULY 4, 2022, MURDOCK, NE**

10:00 a.m.	Murdock Museum Open	4th and Nebraska Street
10:00 a.m.	Cass County Creative Cats 4H Petting Zoo	Next to Post office
10:00 a.m.	Team Tractor Pull	On Main Street Contact Dan Murdoch, 402-433-5005
10:00 a.m.	Games and Activities	On Main Street
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Kona Ice Truck	Near Museum, 4th and Nebraska Street Sponsored by Little Knights Academy, BRS Construction and Electrical Power Pros.
10:00 a.m.	Parade Line-Up	At E/M JR/SR High School
11:00 a.m.	Lions Club Food	In Old Fire Hall on Main Street
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MURDOCK PARADE</b>	On Murdock Main Street \$80 prizes for best float. Sponsored by Corn Growers State Bank \$80 prizes for best antique/classic vehicle Sponsored by Oxbow Animal Health For more information call: Bruce Stock, 402-944-2585
After Parade:.	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Playground.	On Main Street
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Pie and Ice Cream Social	At the United Methodist Church Basement Sponsored by United Methodist Church
<b>Dusk</b>	<b>FIREWORKS</b>	By John Stroy, At the Murdock Ball Field. Donations requested: Contact John Stroy, 402-297-8728



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### 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.

### ST. PAUL CHURCH MOWING SCHEDULE

Sign-up sheet for this summer's lawn mowing will be at the back of the church sanctuary. The lawn is usually mowed once a week so please indicate which week would be convenient for you. Thanks

# July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:00am-Noon Elmwood Farmers Market each Saturday
3 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	4 <i>Independence Day</i>  <i>4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration in Murdock</i>	5	6 5:30pm UWIF - M	7 5-8:00pm Pie Ride at Community Center	8	9
10 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	11	12 VACATION  ELMWOOD	13 BIBLE  CHRISTIAN  ALL WEEK	14 SCHOOL  CHURCH	15	16 9-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution  9-11:00am COVID-19 Shots
17 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	18 7:00pm Church Council - E	19	20 6:00pm UWIF - E	21 5-8:00pm Pie Ride at Christian Church	22	23
24 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service – E 11:30am 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck - E						

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