

The Messenger

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SON-SHINE CHILD CARE CENTER

With the school year officially ending, summer is in full swing and we are busier than ever at Son-Shine. All the teachers have lots of fun things planned for the kiddos this summer. The kids love to create fun craft/art projects, and we are always accepting donations of craft supplies for the kids to use. We especially like beads, yarn, colorful paper, or anything we can turn into fun art.

We are full in all classes for the summer! We are also looking to add to our staff. If you know a high schooler (16 or over) who loves kids and is looking for a fun job this summer, send them on over!! Our office phone number is 402-994-2384.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

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

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

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, June 18, 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.

Elmwood Farmers Market

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

Pie Ride Events

Last year's events were successful so they are back this summer. The June dates are 2nd and 16th 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. Be sure to put these dates onto your schedule.

Elmwood/Murdock Garage Sales

Friday, June 10th and Saturday, June 11th
The Community Center will be offering a brown-bag lunch of hot dogs, chips, etc. for \$3.00 each from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. each day.

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 Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. We will meet at Donna Clements, 217 West 2nd Street, Elmwood.

Murdock UWIF will meet on Wednesday, June 1, 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.



June Birthdays-Elmwood



Kim Huxhold – June 1
Konrad Huxhold – June 2
Gary Reed – June 4
Tamara Rorie – June 7
Quinton Romero – June 7
Becky Callaway – June 8
Bonnie Brewer – June 9

Jerry Pointer – June 9
April Bacon – June 14
Bryson Jones – June 17
Ashton Ernst – June 17
Katelyn Stewart – June 18
Larry Fleischman – June 19
Lonnie Rorie – June 19

Joel Bornemeier – June 22
Bradley Backemeyer – June 22
David Nielsen – June 23
Jared Blunt – June 25
Thomas Leone – June 25
Dan Fritz – June 25
Myrna Bornemeier – June 27
Roger Bornemeier – June 28



June Birthdays-Murdock



Jim Panska – June 1
Trace Hanson – June 3
Phyllis Buell – June 7
Zoe Zierott – June 10
Lori Rase – June 13

Charles Cawley – June 24
June Stock – June 25
Helen Streich – June 26
David Livers – June 28
Bob Rikli – June 30

PASTOR'S PEN



Happy June!

I often think about June initially as a month where not a lot happens. Graduations and the end of the school year happens in May. The 4th of July is of course in July. School starts again in August along with the fair season. Harvest and football in September. June, it just sits there. I suppose it is the beginning of summer. It can brag about having the longest day of the year with the summer solstice; and as I am sitting here writing, I am reminded that it is also the month that my grandparents got married 74 years ago!

This of course leads me to wonder what that is like, but at the same time I don't really have to wonder. For the last 38 years I have gotten to witness what that looks like. I have gotten to witness what it means to love another individual through the good and the bad, sickness and health, rich and poor. It is a love that goes so deep, not a surface love, like how we love food, or a television show. But a love that in honesty seems to know no bounds. A love that defies time and space. The love and devotion that I witness when I see my grandparents together touches on what I believe the love of Christ looks like for us.

We are called to live a life headed towards Christian Perfection; this is the theory that John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement put forth. Christian Perfection being that we are loving one another the way that Christ loved us. That we are truly seeing every person as a child of God and treating them the way that God treats us with love, compassion, grace, mercy, forgiveness. The thought is that we can reach moments of Christian Perfection; but since we are humans and not gods, we will never stay there. We are flawed and will make a mistake; we will fall from our perfection.

The relationship I witness with my grandparents is the closest example I have of real-life Christian Perfection. It is by no means perfect, I am sure if I asked them, they will tell you that they have failed each other on a daily basis; but despite the shortcomings of their humanness, it has sustained for 74 years. It is a bond that has been strong enough to survive all the craziness of life, all the evil that the world could throw at them, all ups and downs that come with living life on this planet.

I believe this is what God's desire was when he created Eve from Adam's rib. Genesis states that God was looking for a helper for Adam but none of the animals that He created were right. Genesis says, "So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man." We wander this earth looking for the suitable helper, the person to go through our lives with. But the relationship is doomed without God being a part of it. I fully believe that my grandparents' relationship is a testament to their faith in God. There is no way that they last 74 years together with God being the center of their focus. So for this, the month of their anniversary, I challenge you to make God the center of your relationship, remembering that the three strings are stronger than two. May God be the third piece in your relationship rope.

Until Next Time,
Pastor Michelle

A laugh is just like sunshine,
It freshens all the day
It tips the peak of life with light
And drives the clouds away.
The soul grows glad that hears it Anonymous
And feels its courage strong;
A laugh is just like sunshine
For cheering folks along.

Celebrating 65 Years of Marriage!

**Walter and Carolyn Oehlerking celebrate their 65th
Wedding anniversary on June 20, 2022!**



**Please help them celebrate
with a card shower.**



**Well wishes can be mailed to:
28617 O Street
Elmwood, NE 68349**

Thank You!

We want to thank everyone who helped at the celebration of life for Roberta Bornemeier.

As we look over the long list of names of people who made a salad, dessert or potatoes or those that helped by either setting up tables and chairs and then taking them down again, we feel blessed to be a part of such a giving church family. The tables were decorated just perfect; she would have been so happy to see how beautiful it all looked. A special thank you to those who worked in the kitchen; we know how hard you worked. You served an amazing meal.

Thank you for being there for us. We appreciate your kindness, and it will always be remembered. Just to know the many ways our friends and family are with us, makes it all easier.

Gary & Shirley Bornemeier and families
Judy & Rick Hodtwalker and families

MONTHLY MISSION PROJECT



For the mission project in June, we will continue collecting funds to add a bench to the Bess Streeter Aldrich House's outdoor garden. A bench will add a lovely resting space for visitors enjoying the garden. If funds collected allow, a small patio table and chair set will also be purchased. If you have questions about this mission project or would like to learn more about the Aldrich Foundation, contact Kurk Shrader. at kurkshrader@gmail.com.

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30pm UWIF - M	2 5:00pm Pie Ride - E	3	4 8:00am-noon Elmwood Farmers Market Each Saturday
5 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	6	7 1:30pm UWIF - E	8	9	10 8:00am - 5:00pm Elmwood Garage Sales	11 8:00am – 3:00pm Elmwood Garage Sales
12 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service – E <i>Peace with Justice Sunday</i>	13 7:00pm Church Council - M	14 Flag Day	15	16 5:00pm Pie Ride - E	17	18 9-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution
19 Father's Day 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	20 7:00pm Church Council - E	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	27	28	29	30		

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FLAG DAY, TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022