

The Messenger

June 2024



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SAVE THE
DATE

JULY 8-12, 2024 FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

HELD AT ELMWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

6:00 – 8:00 P.M. EACH EVENING

MORE DETAILS LATER

**Annual Conference for the Great
Plains Conference
Will be held in Kearney, NE
From Thursday, June 6 through Sunday, June 9, 2024.**

**Because Pastor Michelle Chesnut will be attending the
Conference through Sunday, the worship service at
Elmwood will be conducted online via Facebook
and/or our website. Murdock Ebenezer UMC will
have a hymn sing that day.**

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, June 15, 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.

On Thursday, June 6th, the Center is offering a pasta dinner along with a presentation from the Wildlife Safari Park. Cost is \$6.00. More info on page 3.

Elmwood Community Garage Sales

Friday, June 7, 2024 and
Saturday, June 8, 2024

Elmwood Pie Rides

St. Paul UMC is sponsoring the Pie Ride on June 13th and 27th. See flyer on page 3 for more details.

Elmwood Learning Center

On Sunday, June 23rd, 2:00 p.m., Gus Pope will have a presentation about his Semester at Sea experience. He traveled 107 days to 10 countries, 11 cities and 3 continents while earning 12 college credits. Please come and learn about his amazing trip.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CORNER

A joint meeting of the Murdock Ebenezer UWF and Elmwood St. Paul UWF units will be held on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Elmwood Community Center. Kelli Brewer has agreed to give an informative presentation on the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Pawnee, IL, which is a National Mission Institution of the United Women in Faith.

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



June Birthdays-Elmwood



Kim Huxhold – June 1
Konrad Huxhold – June 2
Gary Reed – June 4
Elmer Miller – June 5
Tamara Rorie – June 7
Quinton Romero – June 7
Becky Callaway – June 8

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

Joel Bornemeier – June 22
Brad Backemeyer – June 22
David Nielsen – June 23
Jared Blunt – June 25
Daniel Fritz – June 25
Myrna Bornemeier – June 27



June Birthdays-Murdock



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

Lori Rase – June 13
June Stock – June 25
Helen Streich – June 26
David Livers – June 28

ELMWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

Presents

Dinner & a Safari

Enjoy a delicious Italian dinner and learn more about the Lee G. Simmons Wildlife Safari Park. This local attraction has been voted the number one outdoor Safari Park in the nation and it is located in our own backyard. Kristen Janssen will make an interactive presentation for kids as well as adults about the park and about volunteer opportunities in return for an annual pass. Bring the family!



**Cheese stuffed manicotti or tortellini with marinara sauce
Tossed Salad & Bread Stick**

\$6.00 - Dine in or Carry Out

Ice Cream Sundaes \$2.00 - Dine in only

Thursday, June 6th

Dinner served: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Safari Park Presentation: 6:30 pm

Reservations due by: Wednesday: (402)994-2145



Pie Ride

Thursday June 13, 2024

Elmwood Aldrich Park

Serving from 5pm-8pm

St. Paul United Methodist Church

Serving Homemade Pie and MORE!

Apple Cherry Peach Pecan Blueberry Strawberry- Rhubarb Black

Raspberry Rhubarb Mixed Berry and possibly more flavors

Brownie Sundaes and Root Beer Floats

Slice of pie Ice Cream Bottle Water
Brownie Sundae Krispy Bars Root Beer Float

We will have Grab and Go containers available.

Everyone is invited to enjoy some Delicious pie/Dessert!

Bring your lawn chair

Performing

6pm – 8pm

at the Gazebo

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

Local Talent

Chack and The Choir

PASTOR'S PEN



Happy June!

Summer is in full swing, as school is out for the next couple of months and the craziness of a non-scheduled life has begun. I feel like there is so much energy spent these days on our differences. From where we live, what we look like, what side of the political spectrum we are on. There are all these things that are trying to show how far away we are from each other; it is easy to feel like we are on our own islands. To feel a very tribal mentality, like it is us against them and those people are so different from us, so far removed from the experience that we are having right now that there is no way we can find a space to live, work or communicate together.

I was back in Chadron last weekend for Memorial Day. My Dad's best friend passed away last year. He and his wife were living in New York and so they did a service out there for him, but I had offered to do a memorial service for him back at the family farm if that is something his widow wanted. She agreed as they were going to spread his ashes out there and she wanted some way to honor this next step in their grieving process. So, we planned it all out, invited family and friends and met together at the family farm. This is a farm that I knew well. I grew up about 2 miles from this place but had not been back for many years. Upon arriving back at the farm, we were greeted by my family but also by my Dad's best friend's family. He came from a big family, there were 11 siblings, so there are many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and nephews...you get the idea. As we gathered on the hilltop of this farm, that also serves as the back porch to do the memorial service, I had the chance to look over the people that were in attendance. There were people of all ages there from people in their 90's to little babies. There were people from Oregon, Massachusetts, New York, Colorado, Indiana, and California there. There were farmers, ranchers, lawyers, technology gurus, nurses, doctors, engineers, teachers, and insurance agents there. There were people of many ethnic backgrounds there. There were friends, family, neighbors, boyfriends, girlfriends, wives, husbands, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents there. They all came for the same reason: because they had lost someone they loved. They came to be together, to celebrate a life lost but also to be in community. To be a support to each other, to show love, care, compassion, and empathy to each other.

It was a reminder in that moment that we are not that different. We are all looking for our community. We are all looking for a place to belong. A place where we can find that love, that compassion, that spirit that drives us to keep going. Jesus provides that place for all. Not just for some but for all. In the Gospel of Matthew, he offers us this: "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." When we are feeling like the world is trying to divide us, may we remember that Christ is trying to unite us by offering a place of respite. May we provide that place for others this month.

Until Next Time,
Pastor Michelle



June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	3 2:00pm Joint UWF at Elmwood	4	5	6 Great Plains	7 Elmwood Sa Annual Co	8 Garage Les nference
9 9:00am Hymn Sing – M Online Worship Services -E	10 7:00pm Church Council - M	11	12	13 5:30pm Elmwood Pie Ride	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15 9-11am Food Pantry Distribution
16 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	17 7:00pm Church Council - E	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	24	25	26	27 5:30pm Elmwood Pie Ride	28	29
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Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 16, 2024