

The Messenger

March 2024



St. Paul United Methodist Church
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Sunday, March 10, 2024, 2:00 a.m.

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EASTER EVENTS

Lenten Bible Study, Every Monday Night, 6:30 p.m. from March 4th to March 25th at St. Paul UMC, Elmwood

Thursday, March 28th, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Elmwood Christian Church

Friday, March 29th, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at Ebenezer UMC, Murdock

Sunday, March 31st, 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Grandpa Woods
9:00a.m. and 10:35 a.m. Regular Worship Services

ONGOING MISSION PROJECT – COLLECTING PLASTIC FILM FOR PARK BENCHES

As part of an ongoing mission project, the Elmwood and Murdock churches have been supporting the Elmwood Murdock FBLA and FCCLA groups. They have met their goal in collecting 1,000 pounds of plastic film to provide a plastic bench for the Elmwood Park.



Thank you so much for your support!!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, March 16, 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.

We will not have our monthly Breakfast Buffet this month but will start again in April. Thanks for your support.

Cass County Transit

Southeast NE Community Action is providing public transit for Cass County, only by Appointment,
Call 402-852-8313

UMCOR SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 SPECIAL OFFERING

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement, and climate change. This offering underwrites UMCOR's cost of doing business (administrative costs.)

UWF CORNER

The Elmwood UWF will meet on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at Bailey Pointe where we will have lunch with Marcie Miller.

Murdock UWF will meet on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the church and will be sharing a meal and program.

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

Wanda Neben, Legacy Estates, #51
7202 Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68506

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



March Birthdays-Elmwood



Melissa Wheeler – March 3
Marissa Oehlerking – March 6
Lyn Kopf – March 8
Rebecca Smith – March 9
Dan Spaulding – March 10
Sharon Stewart – March 13

Tucker Oehlerking – March 16
Haley Kollars – March 16
Grace Kraeger – March 16
Brianna Poteet – March 20
Marcie Miller – March 22
Ella and Hudson Vogt – March 23

Jase Blunt – March 27
Teresa Hawks – March 28
Chad Peterson – March 29
Adam Wenzel – March 29
Brent Vogt – March 30
Carol Wilhelm – March 30



March Birthdays-Murdock



Dave Friesell – March 1
Kirstie Harvey – March 9
Mason Butler – March 9
Thea Bornemeier – March 20
Linda Glantz – March 20
Annie Backemeyer – March 22

Justin Baumeister – March 22
Drew Backemeyer – March 23
Benjamin Harvey – March 27
Charles Schafer – March 27
Tony Synovec – March 30

PASTOR'S PEN



Happy March!

March marks many things, the beginning of Spring, March Madness and this year Easter! Although the winter thus far has been pretty mild...fingers crossed for more snow! ;-)...and I have already had the itch to plant my garden. March is really the time when we get serious about planning where everything is going to go. March is still early and most plants won't go in the ground until mid-April but the time is coming and it is good to have a plan. At least that is what Nick tells me. But March is unpredictable as to what is going to come up. That is why they call the basketball playoffs March Madness right? Anything could happen, in fact oftentimes the unpredictable does happen. March as a month is just like that right? The old saying is "In like a lion, out like a lamb." Just proving that even March doesn't know what March is supposed to do. Should it be fierce or should it be calm, cool and collected.

But March is great; it is the time when new leaves appear on trees, spring flowers begin to spring up and we are reminded that the cold, dead looking Earth is not really dead. That there is life beneath the unknown. The grass will once again turn green and if we are lucky, the weeds may stay at bay. The birds return to their favorite trees to lay eggs and grace us with their early morning songs. The days get longer as we "Spring forward" two weeks into the month. And we continue to prepare our hearts for the love and miracle that Jesus is about to perform.

Easter is one of my favorite times of the year. Of course I love spring, and I love the start a new things and the older I get, the more I think about the true meaning of Easter, the more I am fascinated with what actually happened.

Have you ever really taken the time to think about Easter? The events leading up to that morning in themselves are pretty incredible. This man, Jesus was able to bring a group of people together that would not have otherwise associated with each other, fishermen, tax collectors, physicians, prostitutes. He then teaches about a revolution, not a violent one but a revolution of the heart. A new way of thinking and living. That is all great. But then he is arrested, he is killed for who he is. Then once everyone thinks the whole movement is dead and they are hiding for fear of their own persecution, Jesus rises from the dead to show his followers and the world that the revolution is not dead. That it is still alive, that there is merit in his words and actions and that not even death can defeat the love of our Father.

I think about Mary at the empty tomb, expecting to find a body and yet finding it empty with just a couple of angels hanging out at the feet and the head. She then encounters the risen Lord and the Gospel of John says "Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her. I wonder if we would have the same reaction? Would we share the news or would we keep it hidden for fear that people would say we are crazy? May you be like Mary and spread the good news this month that there is life underneath what we thought was dead. That our Lord has continued to live on and that love defeated death.

Until Next Time,
Pastor Michelle



CHOIR SINGERS AND BELL RINGERS NEEDED

Bell practice starts at 6:30 p.m.
on Wednesdays
(except the first Wed. of month)
Choir practice starts at 7:30 p.m.
on Wednesdays
Both at Elmwood St. Paul UMC

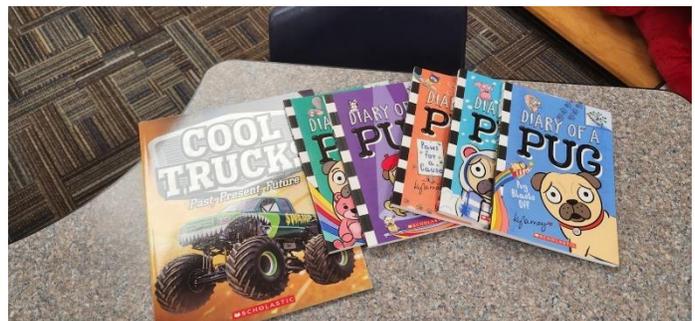


READING HELPS THE MIND AND HEART GROW!

A Big Thank You goes out to all of the United Methodist supporters! We are so grateful for all of the donations that have helped to put books in the hands of our students. Each month we are able to hand out a FREE book for our students to take home. The smiles on their faces and the kind words from parents make it all worthwhile. Thank you for helping their little minds to grow and our hearts to be filled with joy! You are an AMAZING part of our team!

~Cathy Stewart

~Carae Oehlerking



Alzheimer's Disease Game-Changing Research



Where are we today in the research for conquering the devastating Alzheimer's disease?

Breakthrough research!

What does the future hold?



Dr. Howard Gendelman, M.D.

Dr. Gendelman is the Margaret R. Larson Professor of Internal Medicine & Infectious Diseases; Professor and Chairman, Dept of Pharmacology & Experimental Neuroscience; Director for Neurodegenerative Disorders and a world-known researcher at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Dr. Gendelman will provide his insight into their research breakthroughs in treating and preventing Alzheimer's Disease.

Public is invited – no charge

**OEHLERKING
FARM RESEARCH
PARTNERSHIP
2023**



**Sunday March 24
1:30 PM**

Elmwood Cultural Arts and Learning Center

221 S 4th, Elmwood, NE

(elmwoodculturalarts@gmail.com)

There will be an opportunity for questions at the end of his talk.





You are invited to the 4th annual
Celebrate Easter 2024
 at the 3B Homestead, LLC, Murdock, NE



Enter the grand 1888 barn and experience a very untraditional yet fun and refreshing educational presentation from the stable animals of the homestead.

<p><u>Public Events</u> <u>are open</u> anytime from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Two days only: March 17th and 23rd Gates close at 6:30</p>		<p><u>Private Events</u> <u>must be</u> prescheduled. March 18th-22nd Call or text to reserve a date and time;. Group sizes: 15-40</p>
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With awe and gladness, experience The Easter Story through the animals, hands-on involvement in the barn, and outside homestead experiences. Activities include stories from the book of John, and help tell the real reason for celebrating Easter.

Call or text 402-867-1802 for questions or to make reservations for a private event.

Visit the website for additional information.

Whether attending an event or not, drive out to the 3B Homestead during Easter to see the **Field of Crosses**. Everyone is invited to bring a cross in memory of a loved one or friend who has passed away. Visit the website www.3B Homestead.com for specific details about the crosses.

All Easter events are an outreach of the 3B Homestead, LLC and are free to the community. Donations are accepted to help defray expenses.

Mark and Sondra Buell | 7603 298th Street, Murdock, NE | 402-867-1802

Email: 3B Homestead@gmail.com | Venmo: [@ThreeB-Homestead](https://venmo.com/ThreeB-Homestead) | Facebook: 3B Homestead

**An Invitation to
 “A Field of Crosses”**

Now is the time to celebrate Easter! In addition to the 2024 *Celebrate Easter* events hosted by The 3B Homestead, Buells are offering an opportunity for all neighbors, friends, and guests to **bring a cross** in remembrance of a loved one, or friend who has passed away. The crosses will be “planted” in the corn field south of the Buell’s home.



The crosses can be home-made or purchased, decorated or plain. Names and stories connected to the cross are optional.

Crosses can be brought to the 3B Homestead anytime from now until Easter. People can “plant” their own cross in **The Field of Crosses**, or leave their cross in the box near the field’s entrance for the Buells to “plant.”

Crosses will remain in the field until after Easter. Guests who want their cross back should attach a weather-proof label with their phone number. Buells will call to arrange for a pick-up time.

Everyone is invited to drive by and view **The Field of Crosses** during the season of Easter.

Why do we do this? When we’ve lost someone, we hurt. The crosses invite us to bring our hurts to Jesus and because of the cross, Jesus gives HOPE, forgiveness and eternal life to all who believe! Now that’s a reason to Celebrate Easter!



For *Celebrate Easter* public and private event dates and times, visit www.3BHomestead.com

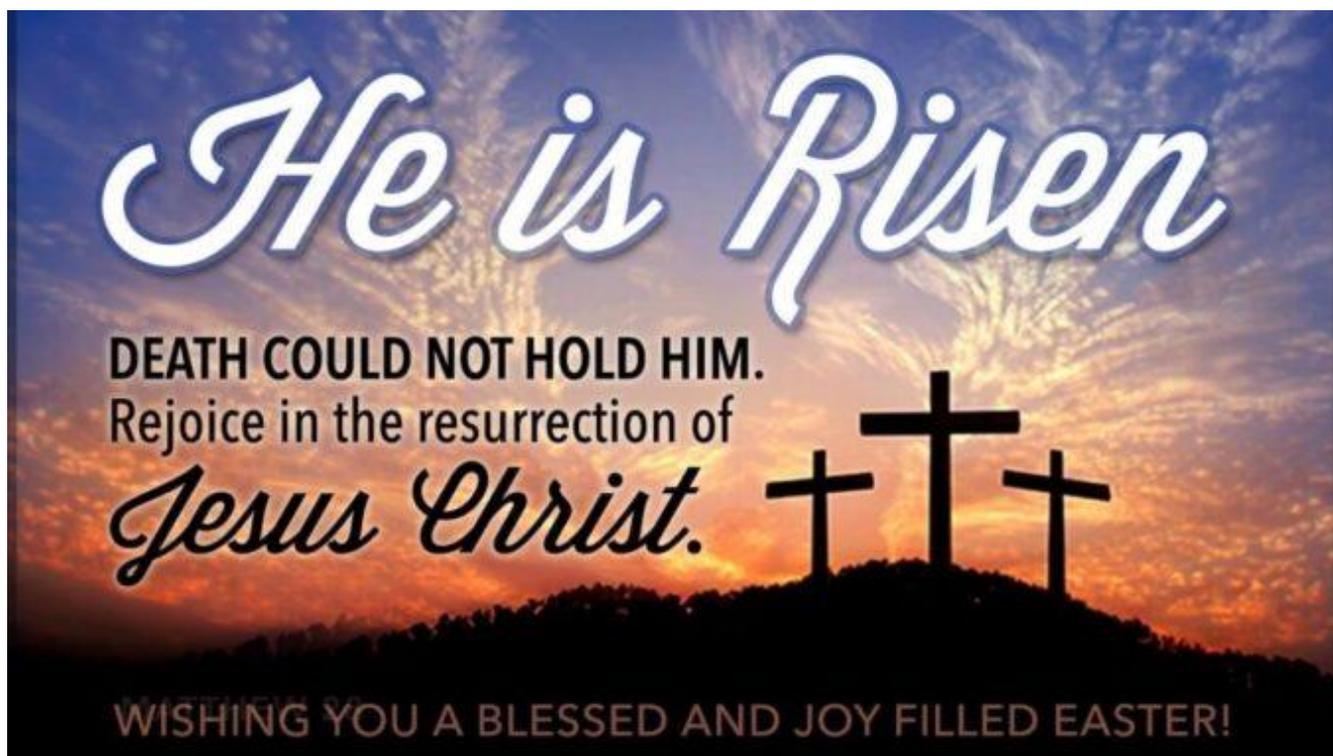
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March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service – E 1:00pm UMYF - E	4 11:30am UWF – E 6:30pm Lenten Study - E	5	6 5:30pm UWF – M 7:30pm Choir Practice	7	8	9
10 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service – E UMCOR Sunday	11 6:30pm Lenten Study – E 7:30pm Church Council - M	12	13 6:30pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	14	15	16 9-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution
17 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service – E	18 6:30pm Lenten Study – E 7:30pm Church Council - E	19	20 1:30pm Sew 'N Sews – M 5:30pm Youth Bible Study - M 6:30pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	21	22	23
24 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service – E	25 6:30pm Lenten Study – E	26	27 6:30pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	28 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service – Christian Church	29 7:00pm Good Friday Service - M	30
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Sunday, March 31, 2024