

The Messenger

MAY 2021



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In coordination with St Paul Methodist Church, United Methodist Health Fund, Hutchinson, Kansas, and Bits & Pieces five bicycles are available to check out (just like a library book) and ride around town, to the park, or on the trail.

To check out a bike, you must sign a waiver. General bike share program rules-must show a driver's license at check out

12-17 can rent bikes with a parent at check out.

- The bike is due back by the next Bits and Pieces business day.
- The condition of the bike is checked at check out and when it is checked back in when you check out a bike you are responsible for the bike. Any damage will result in a fee. Failure to return the bike by the due date will result in the suspension of your ability to check out bikes.
- No holds/reservations on bikes will be allowed.
- We do not provide helmets. You can bring your own helmet to use while riding the bike.
- Have fun!!!!

SON-SHINE CHILD CARE CENTER



With Earth Day being on April 22nd, we have been talking about the Earth that God gave us and all the wonderful things on the Earth. The toddlers have also been thinking of spring, and all the fun that is to be had in the warm weather. We are looking forward to doing some gardening this spring. The kids love getting their hands in the dirt and seeing the things they plant grow.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, May 15, 2021, 9:00–11:00 a.m.
New Location: Old Village Town Hall Building
113 West E Street, Elmwood

Elmwood Community Center

The Center is open for noon meals 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 weekdays.

On Memorial Day the Center will offer a luncheon after the Memorial Day service at the cemetery, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., free will offering

UMW CORNER

Elmwood UMW will not be meeting in May 2021.

**Murdock UMW will meet at the church on
Wednesday, May 7, 2021 at 5:45 p.m.**

ACTIVITIES ON SATURDAY, MAY 1ST

Farmer's Market, Elmwood Park, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

E/M Cheer Squad's Plant Sale at Elmwood Fire Hall, 9am to 3pm

Plant Exchange at Aldrich House, 10 a.m. to 12:00p.m.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT ELMWOOD CEMETERY

10:00 A.M., MAY 31, 2021

Guest Speaker: Mike Reimers, Past Dept. Commander
Dept. of NE American Legion

Lunch at the Elmwood Community Center: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



May Birthdays-Elmwood



Tara Zeorian – May 4
Aaron Tummons – May 4
Addelyn Vogt – May 4
Janet Medcalf – May 7
Jacob Blunt – May 9
Nate Kollars – May 9
Madelyn & Brayden Hoffman – May 10

Tod Jones – May 11
Susan Russell – May 11
Marcus Kennedy – May 12
Tyler Jones – May 13
Emma Leone – May 14
Dr. James McReynolds – May 19
Mick Bornemeier – May 21

Laurel McReynolds – May 22
Max Wynegar – May 23
Otto Vogt – May 23
Brady Bornemeier – May 25
Nathan Brettmann – May 26
Lori Spohr – May 26
Vicki Fleischman – May 27
Carae Oehlerking – May 31



May Birthdays-Murdock



Lorene Stock – May 1
Easton & Emmett Chesnut – May 2
Gene Backemeyer – May 4
Tom Burnham – May 4
Ruth Rikli – May 4
Morgan Mills – May 9

Evon Lowery – May 11
Benjamin Stock – May 15
Dorothy Stock – May 20
Bo Backemeyer – May 21
Tony Snyder – May 22
Jessica Butler – May 25
Anna Bornemeier – May 27

PASTOR'S PEN



Happy May!

The end of the school year is upon us, as crazy as that might seem. When the kids were going to school in the fall, I would have not predicted that we would have gotten this far. I didn't foresee there being a vaccine, or that over 50% of the adult population in the United States would have received at least one half of that vaccine or that the kids would still be in-person school. Time is an interesting concept. Last year at this time, the days were going by so slowly. We were not meeting in person; we were not sure when we would be able to meet in person; we were not sure what was going to happen day to day. I suppose that last one is still true. Although we can make plans and set it all out in what we hope to have happen, we know that life continues to be unpredictable. Although most of the time we don't like to view it that way, as unpredictable, we like to have plans. We like to think that we know that the vacation we have planned in two months will happen, or that we will be able to see our loved ones next week or that we will indeed be having sirloin steak and fresh asparagus for dinner.

But then again we know that life is unpredictable. We know that our best laid plans can be canceled in an instant. We know that those that we believe will live forever, will in fact not. We know that time is not a tangible item but rather something that is flexible and moves unpredictably.

I have been thinking about Jesus' life and what it must have been like. I wonder how Jesus perceived time. Knowing that his days were numbered, did it change how he treated each day or was he like I am and forgot to treat every day like it is a true gift? They say when people receive the message that they are dying that it causes them to want to take advantage of their time left, but yet how often do we not take advantage of our time? How often do we put off calling our loved ones or spending time with our friends or reading to our children because we feel there is not enough time? As his life came to a close, I think Jesus felt that urgency. The Gospels say that he was trying to teach his disciples everything he could because he knew his time was near. I think that the disciples taught in the same way; they didn't know how much time they had. The church grew in those early days because there was an urgency; the days were going by quickly and the message was so important.

The message is no less important today than it was 2000 years ago. We should be proclaiming the Gospel message with the same urgency, the same excitement, with the same hope that the first disciples did. A message that was made for all people. A message that once it is heard Peter says in Acts chapter 10: "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."

Are we helping others receive the Holy Spirit with the time we have here? Are we doing it with urgency? Are we taking advantage of the time we have here because we know that even when it feels like it is passing slowly by, we know that in truth it will be gone before we know it and it is our job to be using it to the fullest. How are you taking advantage of the time we have here? Are you proclaiming the Gospel in the way you live and with those you interact with? God gifted us with this time, let us go forth and enjoy it.

Until Next Time,
Pastor Michelle

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Today I will share my faith when God opens the door.

Our loving actions can be God's presence to others.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Elmwood Cemetery

**Monday, May 31, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

Guest Speaker:

Mike Reimers

Past Department Commander
Department of Nebraska
American Legion



9:30 – Traditional march from G.A.R. Hall
11:00 – 1:00 – Lunch at Elmwood Community
Center (take out/deliver 994-2145)
11:00 – 1:00 – Elmwood Cultural Arts & Learning
Center open for tours

As we remember the veterans laid to rest in our beautiful cemetery, remember it was devotion that led them to sacrifice their lives for the country that we all love. As we honor the very best qualities we all share as Americans-- qualities that remain timeless and have united us through the challenges of this past year--we look forward to seeing you at the cenotaph for Memorial Day 2021.

**For God and Country,
American Legion Post 247
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 247
Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 247**



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May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8am-12pm Farmers Market and Two other plant sales
2 9:00am Worship Service – M 9:30am Sunday School – E 10:35am Worship Service - E	3	4	5 5:45pm UMW - M	6	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	10	11 7:00pm Church Council – M	12	13	14	15 9-11am Food Pantry Distribution
16 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	17	18 7:00pm Church Council - E	19	20	21	22
23 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	31 <i>Memorial Day Service, 10:00am Elmwood Cemetery 11:00am Luncheon</i>					

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