

# The Messenger

## NOVEMBER 2022



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### November Mission Project to support Cass County Food Bank

For November, the mission project for the Elmwood and Murdock churches is to support the Cass County Food Bank in Elmwood. The Food Bank has asked for donations of paper products and care items to distribute with holiday meals to those in need. Church members can help support our mission project by providing these items in November:

Toilet Paper	Crest Toothpaste
Paper Towels	Dawn Dish Soap
Kleenex	Hand Soap or Bar Soap
Clorox Wipes	Toilet Bowl Cleaner

In addition, we are collecting cash donations to be used to cover utilities at the Cass County Food Bank location so they can continue to serve those in our community who are in need. Please consider bringing in a donation of the items listed above or making a cash donation to support the Cass County Food Bank in November. Please contact Linda Blunt or Karey Koehn with questions about this mission project.

### Planning ahead – December Mission Project

The mission project for December will be to provide holiday gift bags for the elderly and shut-ins in our community and affiliated with our churches. Now, we are asking church members to recommend recipients for these holiday gift bags. If you know of someone who would appreciate a holiday gift bag, please share their name with Pastor Michelle or send it to [kareykoehn@gmail.com](mailto:kareykoehn@gmail.com). Once we have a list of recipients and know how many gift bags we will be preparing, then we will begin collecting these items:

Warm Throw Blankets	Large Print Puzzle Books
Adult Coloring Books	Colored Pencils
Sugar Free Candy	Fuzzy Socks

Thank you for your assistance in making the holidays a little nicer for some very important people!



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, November 19, 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 Rescue Raffle

November 5, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Drawing on Elmwood Rescue's Facebook page

(See page 4 for more details)

### Veterans Pancakes and More!

Sunday, November 13, 2022

7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Elmwood Fire Hall, Free Will Offering

### Living Nativity at 3B Homestead

Starting November 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> and

Weekends in December

(See page 6 for more details)

## UWIF CORNER

The Elmwood UWIF will meet on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Carolyn Oehlerking's. We will have a special lesson given by Mary Mueller.

Murdock UWIF will meet on Wednesday, November 2, 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. You can give the labels to any UWIF member or there is a box on the bookcase in the entry way of the church. Thank you for the donations.

Faith is seeing light with your heart  
When all your eyes see is the darkness.



### November Birthdays-Elmwood



Harvey Vogt – November 1  
Marilyn Reed – November 3  
Nancy Vogt – November 4  
Megan Tiedeman – November 4  
Brooklynn Romero – Nov. 4  
Ronnie Schwartzman – Nov. 6

Onalee Schwartzman – Nov. 7  
Tegan Stephens – November 11  
Susan Ernst – November 12  
Jayden Kollars – November 13  
Pam Bornemeier – November 15  
Mariann Fleischman – Nov. 16

Lindsey Hansen – November 16  
Susan Rorie – November 20  
Tammy Brummer – November 20  
Dave Spohr – November 22  
Doug Frahm – November 28  
Lou Allgayer – November 28  
Carmen Stephens – November 30



### November Birthdays-Murdock



Diane Mills – November 2  
Marlene Rikli – November 8  
Ben Murdoch – November 16  
Dakota Glasshoff – November 17  
Marlene Stutheit – November 18

Barb Livers – November 23  
Earl Chesnut – November 23  
Tiffany Glasshoff – November 24  
Cindy Schmitt – November 27  
Liz Murdoch – November 28

## PASTOR'S PEN



Happy November!

I love this time of year. As you might know, I really do not like the hot weather of summer. So when we get to November, the last of the summer days are usually far behind us. The chill of fall mornings is here and the excitement of the approaching winter hangs in the atmosphere. I always feel like there is great anticipation for what is next this time of year. I can't explain why this is the time of year I feel the thrill of newness. It really doesn't make sense as the frost has appeared and either killed or put all of our plants to rest for the winter. Maybe it is the briskness of the cool air, or the desire of the blanket of snow that I so desperately wait for to cover the ground. I love Spring, don't get me wrong; I thoroughly enjoy when the flowers begin to bloom but every Fall I am reminded that this is really my favorite time of year.

Perhaps my strong feelings come from the joy of the harvest. I know this year hasn't been what we had hoped for in the fields, with the lack of rain and the severe storms we experienced in the Spring and Summer but still there is joy in the harvest. Joy in a completed job, thankfulness for what we have been given even if we have a desire for more. Maybe that is it; harvest is a time where we can be thankful for what we have but yet still plan and desire what is to come next. How can we make it better next year, what do we plant, when do we plant? There is anticipation in those plans. As nature prepares for a rest, the workers continue to plan and prepare for when the time comes to wake it up and bring it back to life.

Living in a farming community I am always reminded of how the work is never done. It is as true out in the fields as it is in the church. Our work is not done. We cannot rest on the laurels of what we know or what we thought we knew to get us through to the next stage. We must continue to look for new opportunities, new ways of doing things and new ways to connect to those around us. When people are not coming to the church for worship, how do we bring worship to them? When people aren't looking to be preached at, can we find a way to share the word of God by walking alongside them? Is there a way to show our neighbors the love of Christ, even when we disagree with them politically?

Jesus said in the Gospel of Luke, "These were his instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." There are always things that we don't have control over but there are also things we can plan for. How are we going to continue to do God's work in this time and the next? The only path to success, I see, is with the guidance of Jesus at the helm. May we remember who is in charge and ask Him for the instructions of what to do next.

Until Next Time,  
Pastor Michelle



### DON'T FORGET!

Choir practice starts at 7:00 p.m. on  
Wednesdays  
Bell practice starts at 6:45 p.m. on  
Thursdays

Both at Elmwood St. Paul UMC





## UMYF NEWS

(UMYF is for all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.)



Our normal Wednesday night Bible Study will be at Murdock on November 16th at 5:30 p.m. Our monthly fun event will be Sunday, November 6th at 4:00 p.m. We will meet at St. Paul to make waffles and play some games. Come join in the fun.

Confirmation is now being offered the second week of each month at two different times: 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 13th at Elmwood and/or 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9th at Murdock.

# ELMWOOD RESCUE RAFFLE

## WHEN

**November 5th, 2022 at 3PM**

Drawing will be held on Elmwood Rescue's Facebook Page Live!

### 1<sup>ST</sup> Place

36" Blackstone Grill with Accessories

### 2<sup>ND</sup> Place

Concealed Carry Class,

5 Range Passes @ 88 Tactical & \$25 Scheels Gift Card

### 3<sup>RD</sup> Place

Concealed Carry Class,

5 Range Passes @ 88 Tactical & \$25 Scheels Gift Card

### 4<sup>TH</sup> Place

Tailgate Gift Basket and \$50 Scheels Gift Card

### 5<sup>TH</sup> Place

Boutique Décor Basket, \$25 Starbucks Gift Card and \$10 Target Gift Card



**WWW.ELMWOODRESCUE.ORG**



## TICKETS

1 Ticket—\$5

5 Tickets—\$20

Purchase From Any  
Elmwood Rescue Member

OR Scan the QR Codes  
Below!

## 1 TICKET



## 5 TICKETS





# Veterans Day 2022

## ***PANCAKES and MORE!!***

### Sunday, November 13

7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Elmwood Fire Hall



Free-will donation  
Take-out available



All proceeds will benefit  
American Legion Post 247 programs  
including the  
Elmwood G.A.R. Hall Veterans Museum

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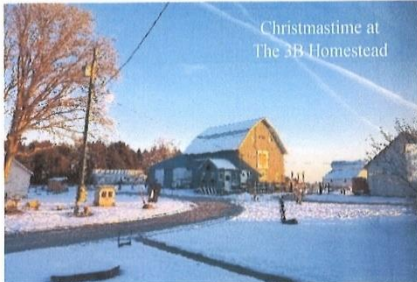
For information:  
(402) 540-1662

ELMWOOD G.A.R. HALL VETERANS' MUSEUM

*"Preserving and honoring memories  
of our veterans, one story at a time."*

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# The Living Nativity 2022



Looking for a fun, inspirational and family-friendly tradition for you, your family, and your friends at Christmastime? You're invited to

The 3B Homestead  
for the 7th annual event of  
**The Living Nativity**

**The Living Nativity** is not a nativity "scene", but a unique and untraditional presentation of the words from Luke 2. Real stable animals: donkeys, Jacob sheep, goats, cattle, rabbits, poultry, a horse, and more help tell the real meaning of Christmas.

An *in-the-barn* experience is held every weekend between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Guests walk through the barn and experience the animals close up as they hear The Story.

**November 26, 27 December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 ... 2:00 to 5:00 pm.**

A *drive-through-the-homestead* experience is held on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Guests stay in their car and listen to a podcast while they drive through the homestead to view the animals.

**December 24, 25 ... 2:00 to 5:00 pm.**

Arrangements for *weekday private tours* for homeschools, preschools, assisted living facilities, and other groups can be made by contacting Mark and Sondra Buell. Contact information is below.

Plan about one hour for the event. While you are there, enjoy cocoa, music and the Stable Store where you'll find t-shirts, cookies, books and gifts.

**The Living Nativity** is held in rural Murdock, NE in a grand 1888 barn located on Highway 1 between Murdock and Elmwood at 7603 298<sup>th</sup> Street. It is a 35 to 40 minute drive from both Lincoln and Omaha. It is a free community outreach of the 3B Homestead, LLC. Donations are accepted to help defray expenses.

Mark and Sondra Buell

The 3B Homestead LLC | 7603 298<sup>th</sup> Street, Murdock, NE 68407

Located on Highway 1 between Murdock and Elmwood, Nebraska

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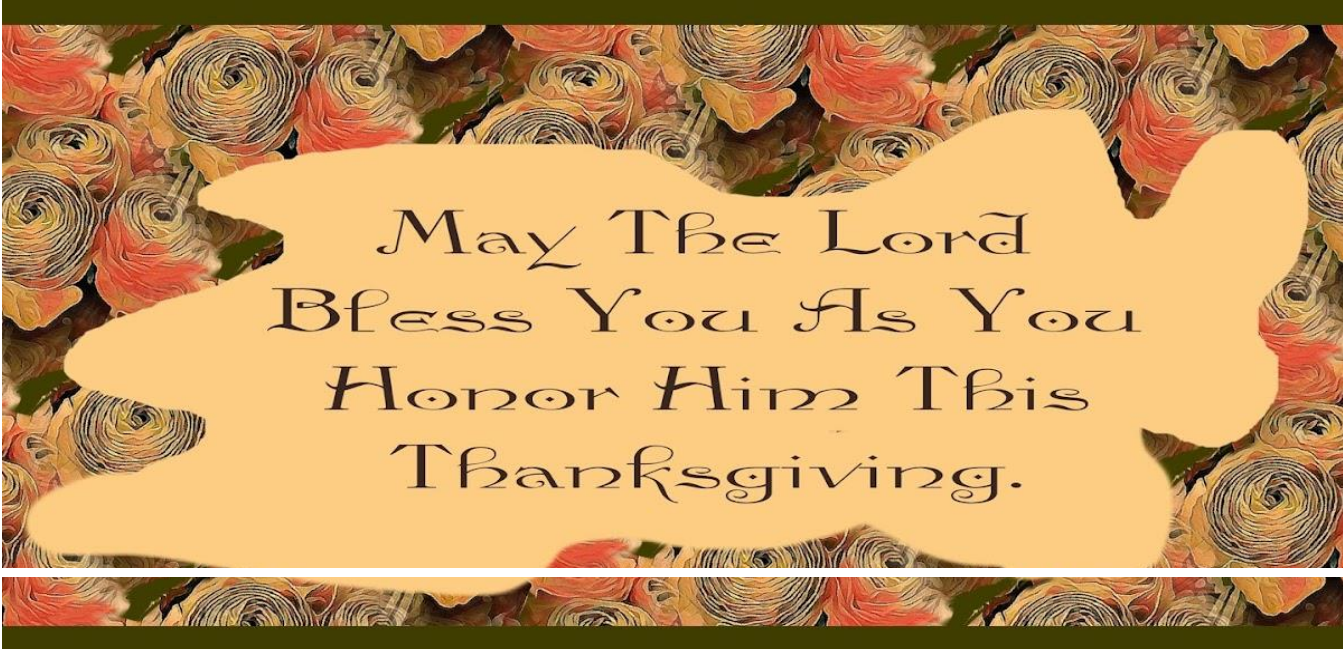
# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:30pm UWIF – M 7:00pm Choir Practice - E	3 6:45pm Bell Practice - E	4	5
6 9:00am Worship Service – M 9:30am Sunday School – E 10:35am Worship Service – E 4-6pm UMYF	7 1:30pm UWIF - E	8	9 5:30pm Confirmation – M 7:00pm Choir Practice - E	10 6:45pm Bell Practice - E	11 Veterans Day	12
13 7am-12:30pm Veterans Breakfast – E 9:00am Worship Service – M 9:30am Sunday School – E 10:35am Worship Service – E 12:00pm Confirmation - E	14	15	16 1:30pm Sew 'N Sews – M 5:30pm Youth Bible Study – M 7:00pm Choir Practice - E	17 6:45pm Bell Practice - E	18	19 9-11am Food Pantry Distribution
20 9:00am Worship Service – M 9:30am Sunday School – E 10:35am Worship Service – E 11:30am All Committees meeting - E	21	22	23 7:00pm Choir Practice - E	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26 All Day Holiday Extravaganza
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**Address Service Requested**



*May The Lord  
Bless You As You  
Honor Him This  
Thanksgiving.*

**Thursday, November 24, 2022**