



# The Messenger

## SEPTEMBER 2019



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### WORSHIP HELPERS FOR SEPTEMBER

#### ELMWOOD

##### September 1

Greeters: Marcie Miller, Lyn Kopf  
Scripture Reader: Barb Minch  
Worship Refreshments: Barb Minch

##### September 8

Greeters: Joe and Heather Bornemeier Family  
Ushers: Joe and Heather Bornemeier Family  
Acolytes: Layton and Brady Bornemeier  
Worship Refreshments: Jennifer Brettmann

##### September 15

Greeters: Tom and Karen Rase  
Worship Refreshments: Marcie Miller

##### September 22

Greeters: Tyson and Cassie Vogt  
Ushers: Greg and Joyce Vogt,  
Tyson, Cassie and Madden Vogt  
Acolytes: Madden Vogt and Hudson Vogt  
Worship Refreshments: OPEN

##### September 29

Greeters: Marshall and Angela Vogt,  
Josh and Meagann Schweitzer  
Acolytes: Ella Vogt, Elsie Schweitzer

#### MURDOCK

##### September 1

Greeters: Jane Leadabrand  
Ushers: Dave and Angie Friesell  
Scripture Reader: Angie Friesell

##### September 8

Greeters: Tom and Linda Lawrence  
Ushers: Gene & Bette Backemeyer  
Scripture Reader: Sherry Farmer

##### September 15

Greeters: Lucas and Laura Stock  
Ushers: Dave and Angie Friesell  
Scripture Reader: Angie Friesell

##### September 22

Greeters: Linda Glantz  
Ushers: Jeff and Lindsay Backemeyer  
Scripture Reader: Kelli Brewer

##### September 29

Greeters: Charles and Evelyn Schafer  
Ushers: Dave and Angie Friesell  
Scripture Reader: Angie Friesell



St. Paul UMC will be celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday on September 29<sup>th</sup> after worship service. Please bring your favorite dish, your own table service and join in the fellowship. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

## UMYF NEWS

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

The first gathering of UMYF this year will be on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. We will have a short planning meeting and then play some games. Should be a fun afternoon.

# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Bess Streeter Aldrich House

During the month of September, Art glass and candy dishes will be displayed.

## 5K Run and Walk

Sponsored by Elmwood Rescue Squad  
Saturday, September 7, 2019  
Registration at 7:30 a.m.

## Shop at Bits and Pieces

Sunday, September 8, 2019, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

## EMMA Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m.  
Grandpa's Woods

## Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019, 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Elmwood Community Center

## Monday Night Out-Buffer Dinner

Monday, Sept. 23, 2019, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Elmwood Community Center

# UMW CORNER

*Elmwood UMW is planning to attend Full Circle of Fine Friends with Patsy Clairmont, Anita Renfroe and Jan Silvious Friday, September 27, 2019, 7:00 p.m. Westside Church, Omaha*

*Tickets have been purchased so contact Shirley Bornemeier (402-440-3969) or Donna Clements (402-430-2504) for more details.*

## *Next Meeting - Murdock*

*Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019, 5:45 p.m.*

## *Elmwood's Prayer Chain*

*St. Paul UMC is updating the names of people who would like to be on the Prayer Chain. Joys and Concerns will be sent to these individuals via email. If you are interested in being a prayer warrior, please call the church office or send an email request to the church. Thank you*



## September Birthdays-Elmwood



Michael Krass – September 1  
Elsie Schweitzer – September 3  
Caleb Kraeger – September 4  
Layton Bornemeier – Sept. 6  
Genia Leone – September 7  
Bruce Vogt – September 8  
Michael D.L. Vogt – Sept. 8

Kathy Frahm – September 8  
Frank Leone – September 10  
Marvin Stewart – September 11  
Clint Bornemeier – Sept. 14  
Timothy Rorie – September 17  
Coleman Lenz – September 17  
Stella Burrows – September 17

Dan Bornemeier – September 17  
Austin Hawks- September 18  
Breanna Romero – September 19  
Sydney Kunz – September 21  
Kelly Meisinger – September 21  
Jordan Vogt – September 24  
Marthena DeGarmo – September 25  
Gary Vogt – September 29



## September Birthdays-Murdock



Madison Mills – September 2  
Betty Burnham – September 8  
Maximus Meyer – September 11  
Don Mills – September 11  
Ellen Luetchens – September 26

# PASTOR'S PEN



Happy September Everyone!

Awe, September...the beginning of fall. I am excited for fall. It is my favorite season, the cool crisp mornings, the fall sports and the beautiful colors that our trees become.

The fall also ushers in our first thoughts of the next church year. We start asking questions about what we want to accomplish as a church, what programs or classes or things we want to see flourish. Part of why we look forward to next year is because the conference tells us we have to. We have to fill out reports of where we have been and where we plan to go. It is a great time for us as a church to ask ourselves, what are we as individuals willing to do to help take the church to the next level, and what do we want that next level to be?

So, for September in preparation of not just charge conference but also as a way to make sure we hit the ground running in 2020, we will be exploring how to be good stewards to the church. Our sermon series this month is called "The Heart of Stewardship." I looked up the meaning of stewardship because I think it is a word that is often used in the church but not well understood. Oxford says that stewardship is "the job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property." I thought this was a decent description of what I think of when I think stewardship but then I clicked on another link...thank you Google for making my life an endless stream of links to click. Anyway, this link called stewardship a theological belief that humans are responsible for the world and should take care of it. It continued by stating that God created the universe and that believers are responsible for taking care of it.

When we discuss stewardship in the church, I think that is what we are hoping for. That we can encourage people to believe that it is their job to take care of not just themselves and their family, but also the world around them, including the church. We will discuss how to be a steward of God, how giving, and tithing specifically is an expression of thankfulness, giving to God first, reaping what we are sowing and having a God that provides. We sometimes think that stewardship is just about money, and it is so much more. As we explore the true meaning of stewardship this month, I pray that you take the time to examine, as I will, in what ways we can continue to take ownership of the church. Where are we lacking and where is God calling us to be better stewards.

Fall is a great season of change, and I invite you this month to look forward to the areas in which God is calling you for change. Romans 12:1-2 is a great invitation for such reflection. It says "So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature." I look forward to walking through this month of exploring stewardship with you all so that we might find what is God's will for us.

Blessings,  
Pastor Michelle Chesnut

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Murdock's Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Elmwood's Church Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

*Sunday School Starts at St. Paul UMC on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.*

*All families are invited to the worship service that day as we will be recognizing all the children attending Sunday School and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students will be presented a Bible for their use.*

*We are excited to begin a new session of learning God's word with Bible stories, scripture, crafts and songs.*

### ***Choir and Bell Practices***

*Enjoy singing? Come "Join the Choir" night September 4, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. Come have fun and sing. No commitment required. And did I mention refreshments will be served.*

*We would love to have an increased number of people in both choirs. Bell practice is at 6:15 p.m. and Choir is at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday night at Elmwood UMC.*

### **YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT- Elmwood UMC**

**Sunday, September 23, 2019, 5:00 p.m.**

Will begin the night with a potluck supper so please bring your favorite dish and join the fun.

Child care will be provided by the youth of the church.

### MISSION MESSAGE FROM EBENEZER U.M. CHURCH

Our annual summer mission project continues into the summer season with members bringing excess garden produce to place on our Farmer's Market table. Members and guests may select what they would like to take home and leave a donation. At the conclusion, the money will go to the Cass County Food Bank. Thank you to all who participate either or both as a donator and/or as a recipient. You are appreciated!

Both churches are welcome to participate in our September mission project. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law's Children's Justice Clinic accepts donations of new or gently used children's books. The law students provide legal services for children in need and use the books to build rapport with the children they will represent. The clinic offers a small library of children's books and each child may select a book to keep. Thank you for considering donating to support children being served at a difficult time in their lives. We can make a difference!

# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Worship Service-M  10:35am Worship Service-E	2 Labor Day	3 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E	4 9:00am-3:00pm Church Office Hours-M  5:45pm UMW Meeting-M  6:15pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	5 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E	6	7
8 9:00am Worship Service-M  9:30am Sunday School - E 10:35am Worship Service-E	9	10 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E  7:00pm Church Council Meeting-M	11 9:00am-3:00pm Church Office Hours-M  6:15pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	12 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E	13	14
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Monday, September 2, 2019