Journeys

Many years ago Tom Graves and I took several Senior High youth down to Wichita on a work trip. The work was coordinated by the Mennonite Church and we stayed in their facility. One of the first things their director said to us was, "You can always count on the Methodist church to be the first to show up when there is a disaster." Fast forward to the summer of 2019. Remember putting together Flood Buckets to help our conference with disaster relief? (The picture above is of the buckets our church donated along with buckets collected from other churches that were then sent off.). Fast forward again to this summer. Several from our church went to Omaha to help with clean up after the tornadoes. And, now today the Great Plains Conference is requesting our assistance in providing financial support to people harmed by disasters in Kansas and Nebraska. The conference's Disaster Response Fund has been depleted because of the rampant tornadoes, hailstorms, floods and even fires across the two states in the past few months. Rev. Hollie Tapley, conference Disaster Response coordinator, said that in a typical year, the conference receives about 50 requests for such funds. Through August of this year, the number of requests has exceeded 150. Trinity has always been known for stepping forward when the need arises. Thus, the Mission Committee is inviting you to make a donation to the conference disaster response fund. Donations can be made anytime between now and Thursday, September 5th. If you make a check out be sure to mark it "disaster relief funds". If you donate cash you can use a giving envelope and mark it "disaster relief funds". You can drop your donation in the collection plate this Sunday or next Sunday or bring it by the church office. Remember the office will be closed Monday, September 2 for Labor Day. As always, THANKS to all for spreading God's love through your generosity and kindness. Want to write an article?



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Order Of Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **†** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
- † CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God has given us this day for praise!

- P: Praise be to God for this most generous gift!
- L: God has given his Son to us so that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.
- P: Let the words of God's own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives! L: Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!
- P: Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God's healing and restoring love. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN

#454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPENING PRAYER

(UNISON)

Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY

#94

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(UNISON) Eternal God, as we bring forth our offerings today, we are reminded of your enduring presence among us. With hearts full of gratitude, we offer these gifts as a symbol of our commitment to live lives of worship, not just within these walls but in every moment of our existence. May our actions, our words, and our very lives be a testament to your glory, shining forth your love and grace to all we encounter. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER #2128 (Vs. 1) "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Joys & Concerns One: "For this we pray..."

All: "Lord hear our prayers"

LORD'S PRAYER

#895

HYMN OF PREPARATION

#402 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 7:1-8 (NIV)

SERMON "Clean Heart with Clean Hands" By Pastor Anny Kapundu

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (1 Kings 8, Ephesians 6) (UNISON) God of mercy, you know us so well. We like to think that we can hide from You, but we are just kidding ourselves. You have offered to us new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice; but we have far too often turned our back on opportunities for service and witness to your transformational love. Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to your words of hope. Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy in all who serve you; that you will guide our steps and our lives. Give us courage to truly be your witnesses in this world. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 84)

Even if you have transgressed and done what you know to be wrong, remember that God will heal and forgive you; sending you on your way to become a person of peace, hope, love and justice. Be at peace. God is with you. AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN

#369 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"

- **†** BENEDICTION
- † PRELUDE

+ - Please stand as you are able to



15th Saturday After Pentecost 6 PM TRADITIONAL SERVICE AUGUST 31ST, 2024

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SATURDAY WORSHIP IN GOLLAHER CHAPEL

Traditional: 6 p.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY

TOGETHER WORSHIP: 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME * CONNECT * DISCOVER

Announcements

CELEBRATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 WORSHIP 9:30 PARTY 10:30

WEAR SHINY &

SPARKLY CLOTHES

SHINE HIS LIGHT AT OUR

Fence Fundraiser

We have received a grant from the Nebraska Methodist Foundation to pay for part of a new playground fence. Please consider purchasing a fence panel for \$100, in memory or honor of someone special. You can contribute any amount through the church. Please contact Christina with any questions. Deadline to donate is September 15th.

More Announcements inside

Volunteers For Service

Greeters	Usher	Reader	Organist
Steve Purdie & Pam Balderston	Becky Owings	Lynne Coates	Kim Wilsey

Announcements



Way Seekers GIFT Group

Way Seekers will begin meeting again on Sept. 29 during the GIFT hour between worship services in Room C.

This fall we will be discussing the book, Context, by Josh Scott. It looks at verses that we know by heart but may not know the people, places and times that give them meaning. Scott delves into these well-known Scripture verses, exploring their true meanings by examining them in their original context. Through this process, he unveils fresh and enlightening interpretations that are often missed when these Scriptures are taken out of context.

If you would like to join us for this six-week study, text Bette Pore at 308-383-7299 or send an email to randbpore@gmail.com so enough books can be ordered. They will be available in the church office by mid-September. GIFT groups will be meeting from 9:15 to 9:50 a.m. on Sundays.



Announcements



Food Distribution:

September 14th, 2024, at College Park 3180 W Highway 34. Enter Tech Boulevard. Distribution is at 9:30 am until Food is gone. It is best to arrive between 9 am and 11 am. Do not arrive before 7:30 am. This institution is an equal opportunity

Miss Today's Sermon? Here are some options:

- Call (308) 210-2183 Most Popular!
- Visit our YouTube channel
- Visit our Facebook page
- Visit our website
- Pick up a printed copy from the office patients to the church.

Hospital Visits & Prayer Chain

If you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like to be visited or put on the prayer chain for prayer, please get in touch with the office. Due to HIPAA security rules, Regional Medical Center cannot release the names of patients to the church.



Joseph F. Liess, 87, August 24th





Calendar

September 2nd – 8th 2024

	OFFICE CLOSED - Labor Day	2 M O N
10 – 11am	Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place	3 T
1 – 2:30pm	Mathetes Study Group, Youth Room	U
7 – 8pm	Transition Team, The Gathering Place	E
6:45 – 8pm	Kid's Zone, Zone Room Downstairs	4
	Youth Zone, Youth Room	W E D
	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	5
7 – 8am	Bible Study, Tommy's Restaurant	T H
11 – 12pm	Lectio Divina, Zoom	U
1 – 2pm	Mission Committee, Youth Room	
1 – 4pm	Prayer Shawl Group, The Gathering Place or Parlor	
2 – 3pm	Coloring at the Chocolate Bar	
1 – 2pm	Bulletin Folding, Parlor	6 F R I
8 – 11am	All Church Cleanup	7 S
5 – 6pm	Scripture Discussion, Parlor	A
6 – 7pm	Worship, Gollaher Chapel	1
7 – 7:30pm	Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place	
9:30 – 10:30am	Summer Worship, Sanctuary, Nursery	8
10:30 – 11:30am	Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place	S U
	Growing In Faith Together (GIFT)	N
	Sharing Our Life Stories, Youth Room	