



# THE MESSENGER—October 2025

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Dear Church family,

What a season we're in! Our journey through the Minor Prophets has been rich, stretching, and surprisingly joyful. These short books have been calling us to deeper trust, justice, humility, and hope. Hosea gave an example of a love that won't let go—God's covenant faithfulness pursues us even when we wander. Joel teaches us that we should expect the outpouring of the Holy Spirit no matter who we are or where we are in our lives. Amos, held up God's plumb line of justice and righteousness, reminding us that God calls us all. Obadiah confronted pride and indifference, inviting us to stand with the vulnerable and trust God's justice and grace.

This month, we will be looking at Jonah who will challenge us to embrace God's mercy for "them" as much as for "us," and to trade running away for joining God's mission. Zephaniah will help us to hear the wake up call and the song of joy that God sings over a restored people. Nahum will wrestle with God's justice in the face of violence and oppression, and what it means to anchor our peace in God. Finally Habakkuk will guide us to faithful courage, teaching us to say, "Yet I will rejoice," even while we watch and wait. Each week we're discovering that these ancient voices are astonishingly current, speaking into our homes, our community, and our world with a hopeful word for right now.

Wednesday afternoons have been fun! We have snack, sing, watch a video then go through our lesson and do a craft. We try to bring the Bible to life for the students who come. Our students are learning how to practice kindness to all in big and small ways. Thank you to our parents, volunteers, and snack-bringers—you're helping our kids experience church as a joyful, safe place to grow.

Confirmation begins with us asking the big question: Why? Why are we doing this? Why is confirmation important? Why church? What do we believe and how do we live our lives in such a way that shows others our faith and beliefs? We'll explore Scripture, the story of the Church, spiritual practices, and what it looks like to follow Jesus with our heads, hearts, and hands.

Youth group is continuing with the foundation that has been built in previous years, strengthening the community of belonging and purpose. This year Bible exploration, service projects, real-life faith conversations, and plenty of laughter. We're looking for God at work in our schools, friendships, and online lives—and how to respond with grace and courage.

As I begin to pray and plan sermons for the coming year, I want your voice. What questions are you carrying? What Scriptures are you hungry to hear taught? Which topics would bless your family, your neighbors, or your small group? Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey in the bulletins during the month of October. Your input will help to shape a preaching calendar that will help to meet people where they are and points us all to Jesus.

God is using this season to form us—like clay in the potter's hands—into a people of steadfast love, courageous hope, and everyday holiness. I'm grateful to be on the journey with you. See you in worship!

Rev. Kayla Mangrich

# October 2025

Sun

Mon

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			1  3:30pm-5pm Wednesday School	2	3	4
5 10:00am Worship 17th Sunday after Pentecost 11:15am Confirmation	6 7pm Girl Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	7	8 9:30am United Women in Faith 3:30pm-5pm Wednesday School 6pm Finance Mtg 6:30pm Youth Group	9	10 2:30pm Homecoming parade	11
12 10:00am Worship 18th Sunday after Pentecost 11:15am Confirmation 2pm at Bladen UMC "Victorian Christmas"	13 8am-4pm WIC	14	15 3:30pm-5pm Wednesday School 6pm SPRC Meeting with meal	16	17	18 1:00pm Minden Bandfest
19 10:00am Worship 19th Sunday after Pentecost 11:15am Confirmation 3pm Girl Scouts	20 7pm Girl Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	21	22 3:30pm-5pm Wednesday School 6:30pm Youth Group	23	24	25
26 10:00am Worship 20th Sunday after Pentecost 11:15am Confirmation	27	28	29 3:30pm-5pm Wednesday School	30	31 	

## October Anniversaries

5—Todd & Kelli Suchsland—29 years

30—Dave & Allyson Jameson—44 years



# OCTOBER

## October Birthdays

2—Brodie Kring

4—Janice Garrett

5—Dylan Janda

5—Kaleigh Melroy

5—Drew Rome

9—Knox Smidt

11—Karli Havens

12—Mark Klabunde

13—Malcom Dornhoff

17—Susan Fries

17—Zach Froid

17—Addison Klabunde

19—Louise Carlson

20—Jennifer Bauer

20—George Sinsel

20—Josie Graham

26—Natalie Janda

28—Al Lux

29—Hayzlee Kring

29—Judy Hansen

30—Ed Sorensen

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## **Life in Our Church Family...**

Take a moment and say a prayer for Family & Friends of Rod Duffey, Brenda Oltean, Alyssa Kahle, and Kyle Wilcox.

Please call the office when you know of any illness, hospitalization, new babies, marriages, joyous or sad news among your friends or family members.

If you or your family has a prayer request and you would like to put on the Prayer Chain call Jeanette Wilkinson at 402-756-0772.

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**Charge Conference November 16, 2025, at 3:00pm  
First United Methodist Church in Kearney.**

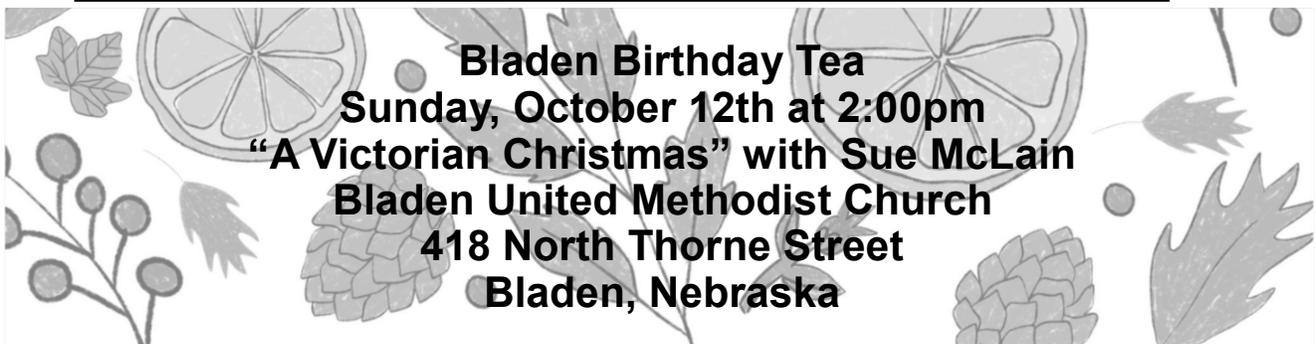
### September 2025 Financial Report...

General Giving in September	\$9,690.70
General Fund Giving to Date	\$128,453.10
General Expenses in September	\$16,791.74
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$151,919.66

(This report does not include the final days in September)



**October 8 & 22  
at 6:30pm**



## Bulletin Board

(more info on these items on bulletin board in west hallway)

- >Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course  
Friday, October 24, 2025 6pm-8pm & Saturday, October 25, 2025 9am-5pm
- >Inaugural American Methodist Pilgrimage takes off Oct. 12, 2025.
- >Trip to Sager Brown UMCOR Depot January 31 to February 7, 2026.
- >District Newsletter
- >Bladen Birthday Tea, October 12, 2025.

Please Call (308) 832-1995 if you can fill one of the open dates or email [managerumcminden@msn.com](mailto:managerumcminden@msn.com).

**Scripture Readers:**

- October 5: ?
- October 12: ?
- October 19: Marilyn Rasmussen
- October 26: ?

**Greeters/Ushers:**

- October 5: ?
- October 12: ?
- October 19: ?
- October 26: ?

**Refreshment Hosts:**

- October 5: ?
- October 12: ?
- October 19: ?
- October 26: ?

**October 5:**

Communion Steward: Dave & Jane Craig  
 Servers: ? \_\_\_\_\_, ? \_\_\_\_\_ ?\_\_\_\_\_ and  
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**Simplified Board Structure:**

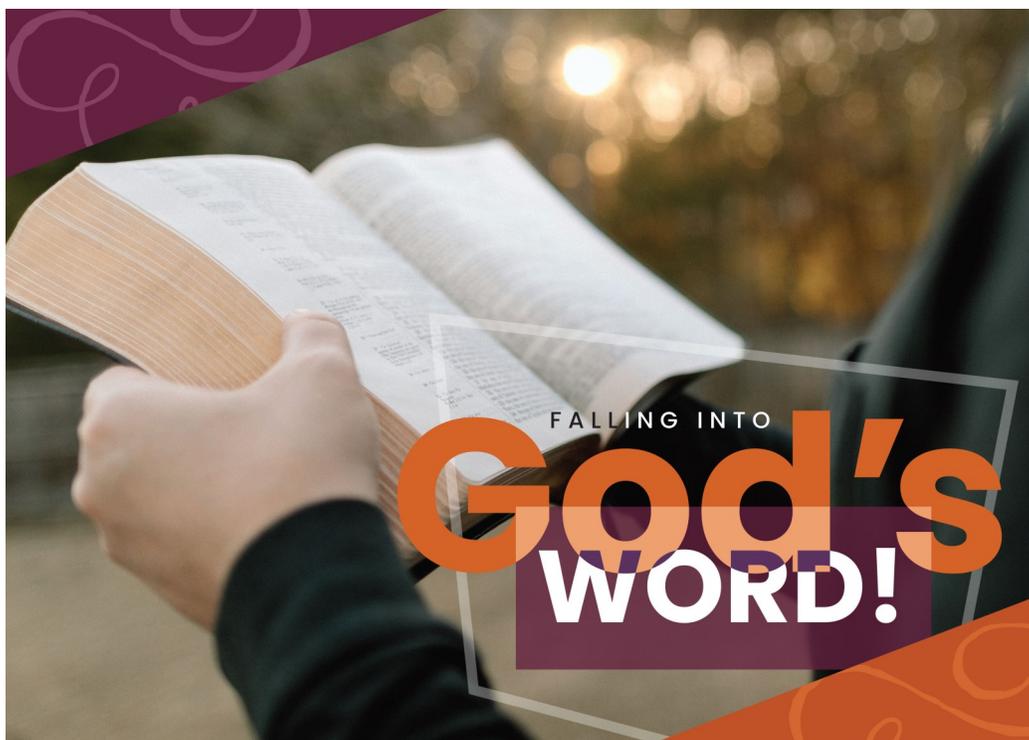
A resource for churches to transition from a committee-based to a simplified board structure for congregational governance, as a tool to be nimbler and more efficient in maximizing the church's witness. The simplified board structure focuses on God's mission and vision for the church, as each member of the leadership board is fully accountable and responsible as a member of the Administrative Council, Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, and the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Enter the process of intentional discernment, assigned coaching, district superintendent approval and charge conference vote for this resource. [www.greatplainsumc.org/simplified-board-structure](http://www.greatplainsumc.org/simplified-board-structure)



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**Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.**  
**Confirmation 11:15am every Sunday**  
**Wednesday School 3:30pm-5:00pm**  
**Youth Group 6:30pm Oct. 8 & 22**



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