



## ***From the Pastor's Desk:***

### **Believe in Miracles But Trust in Jesus**

"Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:30-31).

As Scripture says, the seven miracles that the apostle highlighted in the book of John were intended as signs. They carried a message-proof that Jesus was who He said, the Son of God. These "miracles with a message" from 2,000 years ago hold great relevance for you today. They serve as signposts pointing to Jesus, showing He was and is God's answer to your deepest need. Jesus is the answer to your disappointments, doubts, disabilities, desires, despair, darkness, and death.

This sermon series looks at these seven key miracles, its overriding message is that God performs miracles-then and now-for one reason. "Believe the miracles, but trust in God. Their purpose is to deepen our trust in Jesus, not in the miracles themselves." The series will begin on August 8.

### **Sermon Series**

Aug. 01	No More Half- Stepping	John 15:1-8 & Romans 12:1-2
Aug. 08	Water into Wine	John 2:1-11
Aug. 15	A Nobleman's Son Healed	John 4:43-54
Aug. 22	Healing the Impotent Man	John 5:1-15
Aug. 29	Feeding the 5,000	John 6:1-15
Sept. 05	Walks on Water	John 6:16-24

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### **Sunday Worship Times:**

Sunday School at 9:30am

Worship at 10:45am

TV Ministry—Eagle Cable channel 2  
at

10:45am and 12:45pm

TV Ministry email:

[Video.umcew@eaglecom.net](mailto:Video.umcew@eaglecom.net)

### **Church office:**

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Facebook: [uumcellsworth](https://www.facebook.com/uumcellsworth)

### **Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday through Friday

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

(Other times available by appointment)





## Kids of the Kingdom/Kids with a Mission:

"Jesus called the children to Him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.' "

Luke 18:16



Kids of the Kingdom/Kids with a Mission begins its 42<sup>nd</sup> year on Wednesday, September 15. Because many of you have answered the call, this non-denominational after-school program has continued to reach children K-4 in our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Healthy snacks, music, crafts, Bible Stories, and recreation complete each 90 minute session, meeting weekly through April. **If you are interested in being a vital adult volunteer, please prayerfully plan to attend the informational meeting on Wednesday, August 25 at 3:00 p.m. in the Methodist Church basement**, or contact Alice Robson (531-1432) , Gina McGowan (531-1537), or either church offices: Methodist (472-3870) or Presbyterian (472-5777). Once again, we will follow guidelines of the Ellsworth County Health Department and USD #327 as we continue to deal with Covid 19.



## Blessing of the Backpacks—Aug. 15

Please bring your school backpacks to worship on Aug. 15 for the Blessing of the Backpacks ceremony.

## College Students:

Please send your updated college address to Pat Allen, Stacey Gustin or the office: [first.umcew@eaglecom.net](mailto:first.umcew@eaglecom.net), call 785-472-3870 or put information in the offering plate.

## Sunday—August 8

Moment for Missions—College Student Mailings



## More News

**\*\*The Ellsworth Methodist Women** met on July 21 to discuss upcoming events with nine women in attendance. The following decisions were made:

The annual dining out the first Thursday in August and the annual soup supper will be postponed until next year.

The group did decide to invite all women of the church to attend a salad supper on Thursday, August 12, 2021 starting at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall (basement). Please bring a salad and the recipe as plates, drinks, etc. will be provided.

**\*\*The new District Superintendent** will be visiting the Ellsworth church on Tuesday, Aug. 10 from 2:30 pm—3:40 pm in the church office. Everyone is invited to attend.

**\*\*Nancy Stonebraker** will be leading a **Women's Bible Study** from Sept. 2—Oct. 14 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall (basement). Please contact Nancy for more information.



## Weekly Activities:

### Sundays:

9:30 am—Adult Sunday School  
10:45 am—Worship in sanctuary  
8:00 pm—AA/Al-Anon Meeting (North Building)

### Tuesdays:

1:00 pm—Grief Support Group (Arts Council)  
8:00 pm—AA/Al-Anon Meeting (North Building)

### Thursdays:

8:00 pm—AA/Al-Anon Meeting (North Building)

## August Calendar:

Sun, Aug. 1—Holy Communion

7:00 pm—Trustee Meeting

Aug. 2—6 —Pastor out of Office

Sun, Aug. 8—Moment for Missions (College Mailings)

Mon, Aug. 9

6:30 pm—Finance/Stewardship Meeting

Tues, Aug. 10

10:30 am—Missions/Evangelism Meeting (Pines)

2:30 pm—District Superintendent Visit

6:30 pm—Leadership Meeting

Wed, Aug. 11

8:30 am—Ministerial Alliance Meeting (Zoom)

Thurs, Aug. 12

6:30 pm—EMW Salad Supper (Fellowship Hall)

Sun, Aug. 15—Back to School Sunday

8:00 am—United Methodist Men Breakfast

6:00 pm—4-H Ash Creek Meeting

Tues, Aug. 17

2:00 pm—USDA Commodities Distribution

6:30 pm—Worship Team Meeting

Aug. 20-21—Ellsworth Cowtown Days

Mon, Aug. 23

6:30 pm—SPPR Meeting

Wed, Aug. 25

3:00 pm—KoK/KwM Volunteer Meeting

Thurs, Aug. 26

6:30 pm—Education Meeting

## Recent Prayer Requests:

Hadley West

## Continued Prayers for:

Ken Robson, Vernon McCaulley's family, Daniel Marston, Aaron Marston, Ron Lowry, Diane Glaser, Carol Tanton, Tom Maze, Cindy Ochoa, Rita Brinkley, Dayna Robson, Sylvia McNeal, Graduates, Rose Doubrava, Donna Davis, Johnny Miller, Roger Samuelson, Neva Chastain, Cindy Blanchard, Jim Schulz, Betty Carter, Penny Swift-Kelly, Alan Falk, Rhonda Hoffhines-Blair, Steve Noren, Judy Gebhardt, Bonnie Stinchcomb, Judy Toman, Karen Kerr

Shut-Ins ~ Nursing Home Residents ~ Youth ~  
Mosaic Clients ~ Our Nation's Leaders ~  
Unemployed ~ Unspoken Requests ~  
Families who have lost loved ones or who are  
not able to see family members during this  
difficult time

\*\*Continued prayers will be listed for 3  
months. Please contact the church office to  
continue on the list.\*\*

## Aug. 80+ & Shut-In Birthdays

### 9th—Mason May

418 Bradley, Ellsworth, 67439

### 13th—Shirley Kempke

300 Bickerdyke Dr  
Prairie West, Rm 107, EW

***A reminder that the Ministerial Alliance is the go-to place for those in the community needing utility bill assistance. For more information please contact Pastor Exie Barber at 785-531-0067.***



## **Bulletin Mission Outreach**

Good Sam

Shut-Ins

**Postponed until further notice**

(\* Deliver Our Daily Bread)

(Bulletin Delivery contact: Deb Furgason 472-8956)

## **Ushers**

Jeff Janssen, Head Usher

Trisha Janssen

Steve Allen

(Usher contact:  
church office 472-3870)

## **Young Disciples**

1—Pastor Dennis

8—Heather West

15—Pastor Dennis

22—Rosemary Whitley

29—Roberta Waymaster

(Young Disciples contact:  
Nancy Stonebraker 472-4208)

## **Communion**

Karen Shriner, Daran Frevert,

Roger McCaulley

## **Altar Flowers**

The Honor & Glory

Fellowship is in charge of

Altar Flowers.

## **Task Force Co-Chairs**

Ann Ridinger (531-1379)

Pat Allen (472-3741)

## **Task Force List**

Carol Tanton, Paula Bainter, Stacey Gustin,  
Nancy Stonebraker, Karen Shriner, Betty Carter,  
Georgina Bates, Trisha Janssen, Heather Barta

## **Liturgist**

1—Karen Shriner

8—Kline Kelly

15—Betty Carter

22—Lesa Houston

29—Ridinger Family

(Liturgist contact:  
church office 472-3870)

## **Nursery**

1—Nancy Stonebraker

8—Pat Allen

15—Linda Davis

22—Nancy Stonebraker

29—Pat Allen

(Guardian Angel contact:  
Deb Furgason 472-8956)

## **Websites**

**Hutchinson District Office:**

[www.hutchinsondistrictumc.org](http://www.hutchinsondistrictumc.org)

**Great Plains Conference Office:**

[www.greatplainsumc.org](http://www.greatplainsumc.org)

**United Methodist Website:**

[www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

**General Board of Disciples:**

[www.umcdiscipleship.org](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org)

“As each has  
received a  
gift, use it to  
serve one  
another, as  
good  
stewards of  
God’s varied  
grace.”

**1 Peter  
4: 10**