

August 2023



First United Methodist Church

# Revelation

## **Pastor Peddling's:**

*"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone." ~ 2 Corinthians 5:17*

So, as some of you may know, I was in Colorado this past week for my sister and brother-in-law's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration, so I spent a couple days near Grand Lake, Colo., camping before going to Colorado Springs for continuing education.

I've been going to Grand Lake since I was a child. It was one of my parents' favorite travel destinations growing up. Grand Lake's changed considerably since those days, but going there is always renewing for me without exception. I'm sure that's why my parents loved it so much.

One of the things we almost always did when we'd go to Grand Lake was to hike the Monarch Lake trail. We never went all the way to Monarch Lake, although many hikers carry backpacks there and stay overnight. Mostly, what my folks and I would do was hike about two miles one way appreciating the scenery, the aroma of the pine trees, and picking wild raspberries. Some of my fondest childhood memories are from those hikes.

When I went to Grand Lake and hiked the trail this time, however, it was literally the first time I've ever hiked it by myself. Whenever I'd go there before, I was always with someone else. Just before I got to the parking lot for the trails, I listened to the contemporary Christian song "Hold On" by Katie Nichole.

Just before I parked, I realized this was the first time I'd ever hiked this trail alone and that rattled me. It was almost as though all the changes that have been happening in my life suddenly came into sharp focus. As I walked, there was one point my sunglasses covered the tears behind them from other hikers.

As I finished the 4-mile hike, I'd met my step count for the day, and I'd met my exercise minutes for the week (probably from breathing so hard from the altitude). As the hike was about three-quarters complete, I prayed a prayer that has become what I call my goal, mission, vision prayer because it literally came perfectly out of the blue and I distinctly felt like I was hearing God speaking to me in it as if God was breathing it into existence with a small, still voice scripture characterizes as God's voice.

As I finished my prayer, my feeling of being alone lifted. God was there just like He always is. This time on this treasured trail, God had invited me there to be renewed. And this time, I realized that there was only one set of footprints on that heavily traveled trail, and those footprints were God's. God carried me that entire time.

The next morning, I received a text from a very dear, sweet friend of mine the following morning of a meme using the above passage from 2 Corinthians. It was as though God wanted to remind me through that text that just as God is renewing me, God is in the business of renewing all of us in and through Christ, just as the Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians.

Sometimes we need to remember that whether we're in our special place of family memories or that place we identify as home. Through Christ, God is in the business of changing our lives; all that God asks of us is our cooperation.

So, until next month ... just keep pedaling.



## Enhanced Online Giving

Additional options have been enabled for online giving through our web site. You can access [Online Giving](#) or scan the QR code with your phone.



Through online giving, you have the option to give with a credit card or to setup direct deposit from your checking account. These gifts can be setup for a one-time gift or as a recurring gift. There is even an option to increase your gift to cover the cost of credit card processing fees!

**We encourage you to create an account using the e-mail address you receive e-mails on from the church so your giving is associated with your account in the ChurchTrac membership system and will appear on your annual giving statement.** By creating an account, you will also have access to all of the giving options mentioned above. If you do not want to create an account, there is an option to give as a guest.

## Safety Team

A safety team has been formed to review and develop our policies related to security and emergency situations. Watch for more information from this team in the coming months. Members of the team include: David Edwards, Marcy Johnson, Amanda Morgan, Lyle Pounds, Loren Swenson, Monte Wentz, Nancy Wentz, and Pastor Mark Crist. If you would like to join this team, please contact the church office.

## Meals on Wheels

The Senior Center is looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels. To volunteer, contact the Senior Center at 243-1872. Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal and human contact for the homebound.



## Commodities Food Distribution

**Commodities was held Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 16 Volunteers came out to help unload, box up and assist with loading cars for our community in need. We assisted 59 singles, 17 couples and 26 families, for a total of 102 households with 219 total people served. Thank you for giving of your time helping those in need!!! If you know of a family in need, the income guidelines are shown below.**

Household Size	Total Income				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
1	\$18,954	\$1,580	\$790	\$729	\$365
2	\$25,636	\$2,137	\$1,069	\$986	\$493
3	\$32,318	\$2,694	\$1,347	\$1,243	\$622
4	\$39,000	\$3,250	\$1,625	\$1,500	\$750
For each additional, add:	+\$6,682	+\$557	+\$279	+\$257	+\$129

## Cloud County Resource Center Needs

The Food Bank is open and accepting donations of cash or food items for distribution on **Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**. The Food Bank can be utilized once each month; an appointment must be made 24 hours in advance to pick up food at the Food Bank.



**Thanks for helping us to collect School Supplies for the CCRC in July!** The VBS participants brought 180 items and the congregation contributed 91 items for a total of 271 items! The items collected included: 19 Packs of Markers, 27 Packs of Crayons, 40 Packs of Colored Pencils, 43 Packs of Pencils, 14 Packs of Pencils, 6 Pack of Erasers, 6 Pairs of Scissors, 66 Glue Sticks & Bottles of Glue, 35 Packs of Loose Leaf Paper & Notebooks, 25 Notebooks, 12 3-Ring Binders, and 3 Backpacks.

### Volunteers are needed to help pack school bags on the following days/time:

July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 – 7:00 pm

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00 – 7:00 pm

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

The CCRC is holding monthly **Writing Workshops** for anyone who wants to discuss ideas, brainstorming, editing, collaborations, and getting published. The group meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the CCRC.

If you need more information about activities or would like to volunteer at the CCRC, please contact Tonya Merrill at 785-243-1065 or [ccrc@nckcn.com](mailto:ccrc@nckcn.com).

### Little Free Pantry



Thanks for your continued support of the Little Free Pantry. Please place your donations directly in the pantry, but please be mindful during the summer months to not leave perishable items or canned items in the pantry on particularly hot days. You may also leave food donations in the food box in the entry of the church for future use.

If you prefer, you can also make a monetary donation to help purchase food for the pantry. Thanks to Pam Campbell and Lisa Valcoure for helping to place food from our store in the pantry daily!

### Missions and Outreach

Thanks for your generous donations of \$141.57 in July for the CCRC!

Missions Buckets will be passed on August 20<sup>th</sup> for Chelsey Horkman's Mission Work in Senegal. Chelsey works at an English center for college students. At the end of each English class, she does a Bible study with her students, many of whom have never before read anything from the Bible. Chelsey also trains Senegalese and other African Christians to share the Good News about Jesus with children through Bible clubs.



## Cruise-in Ice Cream Social

Please join us for the Ice Cream Social! We also need donations of Ice Cream and Desserts and people to help serve at the event. Sign-up lists are posted on the main bulletin board!

# Cruise-In Ice Cream Social

## Wednesday, August 23rd, 5-7 pm

**Drive your classic car, golf cart, bike, scooter, or other unique ride and join us for some refreshing sweet treats!**

*Parking in the lower lot at 740 W 11th St*



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## Change the World Update

Do you remember the Butterfly Garden project Mary Thoman and Pam Campbell led at the City Park on Change the World Sunday? Check out how great it looks now!



## Christian Education News

FUMC hosted the Vacation Bible School "Hero Hotline" in July along with Concordia Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church. This has been a great partnership with these churches for the past several years. Each evening started with a witty skit with the Professor, Pastor Mark, and the puppet Super Chuck. During the bible story time, we went back to biblical times with stories from the Old and New Testament with several volunteer actors portraying Moses, the midwives, Puah and Shiphrah, Miriam, Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, Jesus, his disciples and several others. Who knew we had such talent in our churches! We also had crafts, snacks, outdoor games and this year we added a science experiment to each night. Each of these activities related to the evening's message.

Day one's message was : Heroes are called to ...Help Others!

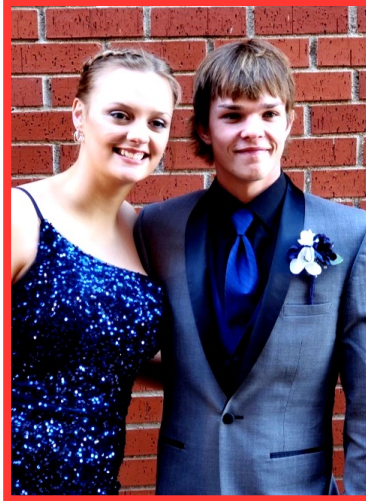
The bible story found us back in time to when Moses was born, thanks to the Wonder Women Shiphrah and Puah, the midwives, who were portrayed by Christy Hasch and Nevaeh Valcoure and Miriam, Moses' sister, portrayed by Amanda Morgan. Of course you cannot have heroes without a villain, who was the evil Pharaoh portrayed by Pastor Jim from the Lutheran Church. 'Bubbling Up' was the science experiment which involved using all the "right ingredients" to make things work.

Each evening we had up to 30 volunteers among the three churches and between 22 and 30 children. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make these three days a success!



## Youth Mission Trip

Youth leader, Jason Johnson, will be taking a group of our youth to Loveland, Colorado for a week long mission trip. They will leave Sunday, July 30th and will return on Friday, August 4th. The youth embarking on this adventure are Nevaeh Valcoure, Zak Allen, Carly Brown, Peyton Johnson and Gentry Thomas. Please pray that they will have a safe, rewarding, and God inspired week. We will have the opportunity to hear about their experience shortly after they return.



## Upcoming September Activities

\*Church on the Plaza- September 10th. Worship at Broadway Plaza followed by fun activities for all ages.

\*Table Talk- Christian Education programs for Preschool through High School students. Begins Wednesday September 13th with dinner provided at 6 pm. Programs start at 6:30.





**BLESSING OF  
THE BACKPACKS**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023  
DURING WORSHIP SERVICE



*All We need is:*  
A Cup of   
A Few   
And a   
Full of Jesus!

**LADIES COFFEE  
JITTERS  
9:00AM.  
AUGUST 19, 2023  
ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH  
ARE WELCOME!**



The main entrance & the basement entrance will be locked at 10:40 on Sunday Mornings. Please use the Main entrance from the upper parking lot.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Safety Committee

# SAVE THE DATE! FALL FEST

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

WE WILL HAVE A FOOD  
BOOTH AT FALL FEST  
AGAIN THIS YEAR!

ALL HELP IS WELCOME!

WATCH FOR  
MORE INFORMATION!



3~TIM PELTIER  
5~MARTHA THOMAS  
6~ALBERTA NEEL  
7~LIZ STEINLE  
9~DEBBIE KROHN  
9~AMANDA MORGAN  
9~KYLE PALMQUIST  
9~DREW ERKENBRACK  
11~CASSIDY BROWN  
12~HAYLEE TERRILL  
12~JASON JOHNSON  
15~GARRETT LAWRENCE  
17~DARIN PEARSON  
17~JILL HALSTEAD  
18~KATRIA KINDSCHER  
21~WILLIE LAWRENCE  
22~PHIL GILILAND  
22~JORDAN TERRILL  
22~ETHAN FIELDS  
25~MARCIA POUNDS  
27~DEREK HOLMES  
29~JEREMY MILDVELDT  
30~KASEY PEARSON

Happy  
Birthday



August



# AUGUST 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>National Night Out!</b>	2 5:00 Sitting With Jesus	3	4	5
6 9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship	7	8	9 5:00 Sitting With Jesus	10	11	12 9:00 Ladies Coffee @ Jitters
13 9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship 11:30 Missions Meeting	14 5:30pm FUMC Council	15	16 <i>First Day of School</i> 5:00 Sitting With Jesus	17	18	19
20 9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship	21 5:30 M&M's (Missions & Ministry)	22	23 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:00-7:00 Cruise-in Ice Cream Social 	24	25	26
27 9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship	28	29	30 5:00 Sitting With Jesus	31		



# Sunday Morning Volunteers

August	6	13	20	27
Worship Leader		Loren Swenson		Christy Hasch
Sound	Jason Johnson	Monte Wentz		
Media	Janice Swenson	Nancy Wentz		
Greeters	Jim and Ann Lanoue			
Nursery Helpers				
Children's Moment				
Scripture Reader				
Ushers	Lyle Pounds	Lyle Pounds	Lyle Pounds	Lyle Pounds
Acolytes				
Coffee Bar	Marsha Wentz	Marsha Wentz	Marsha Wentz	
Alter Flowers	Darlene Pearson	Monte & Nancy Wentz		

Sunday Morning Volunteers Please gather for prayer with

Pastor Mark in the Chapel at 10:20am.

Please Contact the Church Office If you can help with any of the Volunteer Opportunities!



# Concordia First United Methodist Church

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**Sunday Services:**

Crusaders: 9:30am

Searchers: 9:30am

Worship: 10:30am

**Wednesday Night Services:**

Sittin' with Jesus 5:00pm