# HMC The Witness

MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER
FROM THE
HOLDREGE
METHODIST
CHURCH



#### **Welcome July & Our New Beginning**

On May 31 st at the special zoom call meeting that was held prior to the June Annual Conference, our church, along with 154 other churches in the Great Plains Conference, was approved to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church denomination. The UMC is using the month of June to finalize the legal paperwork. We have accomplished all the requirements to disaffiliate. We should have received the final deed to our church building, probably before this newsletter goes out. As of July 1, our church is officially the Holdrege Methodist Church with Global Methodist connection! Nebraska is currently part of the provisional Upper Midwest Conference that consists of 6 states. (Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana - As the conference and other conferences are forming, there is a little movement is which conference serves which states) Jake Schadel, who is also the pastor at the Valentine Methodist Church, serves as our District Superintendent for Nebraska.

Moving forward, the SPRC Committee is exploring new pastor options. They have extended an invitation to a potential candidate to provide the sermons at both the 8:30 and 10:00 AM services on July 9 th . THEY WANT YOUR INPUT! Most likely it will be a short survey on the Connection Cards to return after service or possible it could be an online survey (the details are being worked out) This is the first time that we have had this much say in choosing our next pastor!

In addition, the Education Committee is exploring options for what the youth activities will look like in the fall and what the youth in our church would like.

Finally, in closing, as we continue to move forward in this transition. I would ask that you continue to pray for our church, for the leadership and committees as we continue to look for a pastor and look at the needs our congregation that the decisions are all God's will, that will glorify Him, so we can make disciples of Jesus Christ. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Tracie Ludeke
Administrative Council Chair – as of July 1

# Food Pantry Donations Needed

\*Personal Hygiene Items

- Soap, Deodorants
- Toothbrush/toothpaste



Prayers for all Military
Members and their Families





Sundays in May	7	14	21	28
8:30 Worship	25	29	26	0
10:00 Worship	43	70	41	51
10:00 Online	46	31	27	50

#### July 17, 2023

Committee Meetings 6:30 pm Ad Council Meeting 7:30 pm



# GREAT JOB!

#### Thank you!

To all that helped and those that came to support the Church at the BBQ

#### **COMMITTEE NEWS**

#### **Membership Care**

Providing Communion and cookies at the Nursing Homes. Enjoying fellowship with the shut ins.

#### **Finance**

Thank you!! To everyone that attended Swedish Days. We had a successful BBQ! The event raised \$4,000 for the Church. We will have a Back to School Picnic on August 9th.

#### **Trustees**

Trustees will be maintaining the parsonage. Bids have been received on the repairs for the pipe organ.

#### **Memorial**

Memorial has helped with some updates at the church that were needed. (New sign by the south door, new laptop for the Sound Booth and supplies that were needed for the youth groups)

#### **Worship**

Worship has updated some banners for the Sanctuary. They have been lining up our guest speakers for Sunday services.

#### **Mission Outreach**

We will be participating in a School Supplies Project with Spirit of Grace Church. More info to come.

#### **Education**

Vacation Bible School is July 31-August 4. Volunteers are needed. Children's Church will resume in the Fall.

#### **SPRC**

SPRC is searching for a new Minister. A candidate will be coming July 9th to visit and be our guest speaker.

#### **Disaster Response**

Updating the Church's Safety Measures in case of an emergency.

# JOIN US FOR SUDDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 am Praise Cafe'/10:00 am in the Sanctuary

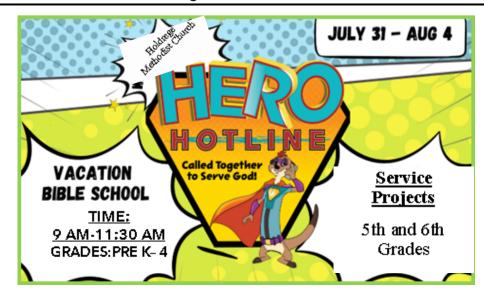


Pictured: Justin, Michaela and their 4 daughters: Peyton-9, Jacqueline-8, Elizabeth-6 and Harper-2

#### Pastor Applicant Biography

Pastor Justin Dietel, has been the lead Pastor of Thief Falls United Methodist Church for the past two years. He was born and raised in Fosston MN, and has lived in the Fargo area for five years. Justin, his wife and four daughters moved back to the Fosston area six years ago while he worked on his call to ministry. Justin and his wife will be coming to visit HMC on July 9th. He will be preaching both of the services.

Let's give them a warm welcome!



### **Swedish Day 2023 Photos**









8-Sandra Raddatz
11-Brooklyn Wiese
12-Margaret Hodge
Nathan Weaver
13-David Shapland
Brian Brinkman

16-Randy Nelson Tori Jones

17-Alex Gange-Beachler

24-Wendy Wagner Marsha Steinbrink

25-Raygen Schmalz

27-Scott Vosburg

28-Connie Nelson

29-Kendall Moseley
Scott Dahlin
Matt Schmalz
Marilyn Burkholder

## **July 2023**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:00 am ONE SERVICE Worship Speaker- Kathy Wilkins	Closed Holiday	Independence Day  4TH OF  WHATH OF  ***********************************	1:00 pm Afternoon @ the Movies			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:30 am Praise Cafe' 10:00 am Worship Speaker- Justin Dietel	2:00 pm Communion HMH	7:30 am Men's Breakfast @Cozy Cafe' 1:30 pm Happy Hookers 1:30 pm Communion-CH 6:30 pm Quilters	1:00 pm Afternoon @ the Movies		Dalin/Wiser Wedding Rehersal	Dalin/Wiser Wedding
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:30 am Praise Cafe' 10:00 am Worship Speaker- Jean Clayton Baptism		7:30 am Men's Breakfast @Cozy Cafe' 1:30 pm Happy Hookers	1:00 pm Afternoon @ the Movies			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:30 am Praise Cafe' 10:00 am Worship Speaker- Joe Marvin		7:30 am Men's Breakfast @Cozy Cafe' 1:30 pm Happy Hookers	@ the Movies			
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#### July 2023 8:30 am Praise Café

#### **Service Greeters:**

7/2-ONE SERVICE 7/9- Rademaker's 7/16- Cathy & Bob Woolley 7/23- Marylin Burkholder

7/30- Shirley Messersmith

#### Cafe' Coffee Hour:

7/2- ONE SERVICE 7/9- Thompson's 7/16- Thompson's 7/23- Cathy & Bob Woolley

7/30- Joann & Sandy

#### **Ushers Schedule**

7/2 Team 1

7/9 Team 2

7/16 Team 3

7/23 Team 4

7/30 Team 5

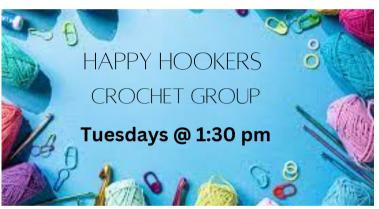
Check your pews for New Pens!

to Helen Wells for the purchase of New Church Labeled Pens









# **Quilters Guild**

**Second Tuesday** of the Month





#### **Become a Volunteer Driver**

You hold the keys ... to helping our community!

#### We need to update the Transportation List

Drivers Needed to provide rides to member's medical appointments. Please call the Church Office to add your name to the list. 308-995-8691.



#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday- Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Friday 9:00 am- 12:00 pm Office Phone # 308-995-8691 humcholdrege@gmail.com



#### **Holdrege Methodist Church**

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldy.