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Miraculous Catch: A Fisherman's Story

Some of us love to fish and others not so much, but most of us have told or listened to an extraordinary fishing story. Maybe it is the story of the fish that got away. Maybe a miracle story. You know the one. How an actual 5-inch fish miraculously turned into a footlong fish as the story progresses on and on and on.

Through the next few months we are going to hear from Scripture a "A Fisherman's Story." We are going to focus on the story of the disciple Peter. An ordinary, hard-working, passionate fisherman who was introduced to the extraordinary man Jesus. We will journey with Peter as he encounters Jesus and the power of transformation that comes from spending time with Jesus. We will see Peter's flaws, but also his faithfulness. We want to get to know Peter, but not

just to know his story. My prayer is when we hear Peter's story, we will deeply encounter Jesus. Also, as we hear this one fisherman's story, may we discover our own story as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

The summer is always busy: increased work, vacations, ball games and the list could on, but I invite you to stay connected this summer. I will be sharing about our sermon series on Facebook and in emails. So, if you are out of town on a Sunday and can't make it to worship, stay up-to-date and connected. Summer is a time of greater expenses as we ramp-up for Vacation Bible School, so I continue to ask for your generosity to the mission of Wood River United Methodist Church where we CONNECT with God and each other to IMPACT the community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let's go fishing together this summer in God's Word and discover the Miraculous Catch.

Summer Blessings, Pastor Trudy

Congratulations to our 2019 Graduating Seniors

Nathan Burnett

Hope Cronk

Elisabeth Duval

Grant Gannon

Jocelyn Rauert

Dustin Reeder

Annika Reitz

Layce Sickler

Evan Waddington

Parish Nurse - Mary Bilslend

Several different topics have come to my attention over the past few days and weeks so here goes: Measles are seeing a reoccurrence in the United States and as close as Iowa. There has even been reports of a death from complications of measles. Please be sure you and your children have been vaccinated for these. Research shows that the chance of having a bad reaction to the vaccine is very, very rare and not worth the chance of skipping the vaccination. Be sure and check to see you and your children are current on your shots.

Summer vacation: It is about here. Are you ready? Do your children know the rules? As adults, be prepared for children in the streets and balls bouncing into the streets with children close behind. Be on the lookout for all and keep everyone safe. Have a great summer. Be sure and keep the sunscreen handy and the insect repellent. Also, don't forget to treat the pets for ticks and fleas.

We have also seen much extraordinary weather recently. Tornado season is upon us. Are you prepared? Does your family know what to do if a tornado comes? Form a plan. At home, go to an interior room without windows or basement if you have one. Get away from windows. Go to center of house. Stay away from corners as they attract debris. Get under heavy pieces of sturdy furniture

such as a workbench, pool table or heavy table or desk and hold to it. Use your arms to protect head and neck. If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter. If a neighbor has a basement, see if you can shelter there if needed. At work or school, go to an inner hallway or basement. Avoid areas with long span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways or shopping malls. Get under a sturdy piece of furniture as mentioned before and hang on protecting head with arms and hands. If outdoors, if possible, get inside a building. If shelter is not available, lie in a ditch or low lying area or crouch near a strong building. Look out for flood waters which may also fill a low area. If in a vehicle, do not try and outrun the tornado. Tornadoes can change directions quickly and can lift up a car or truck and toss it around. Instead, get out of the vehicle and take shelter in a nearby building or lie in a ditch or low lying area away from the vehicle if not time to seek shelter. Again, be aware of flooding.

With warmer days ahead, be sure to drink adequate water. If you will be outside, be sure to take water with you. Often, we are out longer than we plan so it doesn't hurt to keep water with you.

Knowing how to swim is recommended for all. Lessons will be starting soon. Be sure that your children are getting lessons. Not only for safety but also for the fun.

Have a safe, healthy summer and enjoy. Hope to see you at Church and Bible School.

New To Our Family

Brian and Julie Hayes have a new grand baby born to their daughter Jessica & Brandon Seim from Elkhorn. Houston Knox Seim born April 2, 2019 at 6:48 pm, 7 lbs 11 oz 19" long. He's very well loved by his siblings Maddox who is 9, Berkeley who is 5 1/2 & Lincoln who will be 2 May 4th. Berkeley is being a very good helper with holding Houston all the time!! He is also loved by his grand parents Brian & Julie Hayes & Dan & Chelley Seim of Grand Island.



May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 Bible Study <i>Mark Miller</i>	2 1:30 Rachel Circle 7:00 Alda Solutions Group <i>Samantha Beilby</i>	3 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting	4 <i>Elnora Weinrich Dale Smidt Gary Camp</i>
5 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship	6 8:30-12:00 Pastor Trudy in Office 7:00 WR Burger Bunch Bible Study @ Klingers 7:30 Ruth Circle	7 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle <i>Roberta Slack Haley Redding</i>	8 9:00-12:00 Office Open 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Alda Leadership Team Meeting	9 7:00 Alda Solutions Group <i>Dianne Thompson Marc Howe</i>	10 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting <i>Steve & Darlene Wheeler Maylin Ammon Betty Gall Jaren Wood</i>	11 <i>Tony Ammon</i>
12 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship	13 8:30-12:00 Pastor Trudy in Office	14 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle	15 9:30 Bible Study <i>Macy Heise Garret Reeder</i>	16 9:00 WR Sewing Circle 7:00 Alda Solutions Group <i>Caleb Paulk Brett & Deb Baxter</i>	17 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting <i>Kennedy Tiarks Kiley Codner</i>	18 <i>Dawn Brandt</i>
19 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship <i>Lacey Smith Bryce Sidders</i>	20 8:30-12:00 Pastor Trudy in Office	21 12:00 Alda Meet & Eat 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle <i>Jan Carter</i>	22 9:30 Bible Study <i>Ron & Esther Rickert</i>	23 1:30 UMW 7:00 Alda Solutions Group <i>Shae Wood Tom & Koanne Babel</i> Pastor Trudy Vacation	24 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting <i>Dale Whitefoot</i>	25 <i>Lance Ellison Bailey Baxter</i>
26 9:30 WR Worship 5:00 Alda Dinner Church <i>Ivan & Mary Bilsland</i>	27 8:30-12:00 Pastor Trudy in Office	28 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle <i>Tim Camp Julie Hayes Knox Arnett</i>	29 9:30 Bible Study <i>Brady Summers</i>	30 7:00 Alda Solutions Group <i>Greg Burnett Keith Desel</i>	31 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting	

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Bailey Codner Jayden Oster</i>
2 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship	3 8:30-12:00 Pastor Trudy in Office 7:30 Ruth Circle <i>Phil Watts</i>	4 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle <i>Bob Derr Howard & Sue Jackson Esther Rosacker</i>	5 9:30 Bible Study <i>Larry Krause Rylee Codner</i>	6 1:30 Rachel Circle 7:00 Alda Solutions Group <i>Brian Hayes Judy Mead Peggy Hock</i>	7 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting	8 <i>Rozella Sidders Don Miller Julie Ogden</i>
9 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship	10 8:30-12:00 Pastor Trudy in Office <i>Corbin Franssen</i>	11 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle <i>Brian & Julie Hayes Jeremy & Dawn Brandt</i>	12 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 WR Trustees Meeting <i>Bob & Marcia Almquist Jason Barker</i>	13 7:00 Alda Solutions Group Pastor Trudy to Network Leader Retreat ←————→	14 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting <i>Mike & Barb Meguire</i>	15 <i>Brianna Sidders</i>
16 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship <i>Adam & Stacy Hayes Bill & Peg Heise Catherine Miller Jerry Lothrop</i>	17 8:30-12:00 Pastor Trudy in Office <i>Kayden Smith</i>	18 12:00 Alda Meet & Eat 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle <i>Camden Thompson</i>	19 9:30 Bible Study <i>Ben Sidders</i>	20 9:00 WR Sewing Circle 7:00 Alda Solutions Group <i>Ken & Jo Saner Makayla Ellison Carson Thompson</i>	21 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting <i>Rob McIntosh Sarah Frear Sidney Frear Alec & Isaac Ogden</i>	22 <i>Melanie Frear</i>
23 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship <i>Kyle Allan</i>	24 8:30-12:00 Pastor Trudy in Office <i>Julie Thompson</i>	25 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle <i>Betty Thompson Lacie Frear</i>	26 9:30 Bible Study <i>Cara & Torrey Odenbach Jack McCoun Lainey Paulk</i>	27 1:30 UMW 7:00 Alda Solutions Group <i>Jodi Rauert Steve & Sara Arnett</i>	28 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting <i>Payton Thompson</i>	29 <i>Bev Voss</i>
30 9:30 WR Worship/ UMW Sunday 5:00 Alda Dinner Church <i>Ron & Jodi Rauert</i>						

Salad Supper -

Linda Thompson

We would like to say thanks to all our hostesses and their guests that attended the Salad Supper! This year we had 29 tables decorated. The salads were yummy and some asked for recipes but that's another committee!

Esther did a great job with the youth serving drinks and also lining up young ladies to show their prom gowns. Sonja is always super talking to the girls and introducing them as they model.

Mary B. welcomed everyone and Pastor Trudy gave the invocation and the blessing when we dismissed. Our entertainment "The Upstairs Basement Ladies" were enjoyed by all that could hear them! We apologize for the microphone problems.

The monies from the Salad Supper go to our church budget!! It really takes our whole church family to do this !!

Again "Thank You " to everyone that helped in some way with it being a success! Ladies, put your thinking caps on; next year's theme is : "God's Gifts".

Office Hours Changing

Please note the church office has new hours. The office will be open Mon, Tues, and Wed - 7:30-1:30.

I hereby command you:
Be strong and courageous;
do not be afraid or discouraged,
for the Lord your God
is with you wherever you go."

Ruth Group -

Rena Graham

Ruth Group of UMW met Monday, April 1, with six members in attendance. President Susie Powell conducted the meeting. A report was given on the March 30 District Meeting. Our unit received the 7 Star Award. The Fall District Meeting will be held at Trinity in Grand Island. The District Team is needing people to fill the following offices: Co Vice-President; Secretary; two openings on the Nominations Committee. Marian Hensley presented the Prayer Calendar and shared scripture from Revelation 19:1-8. The April mission focus is Kenya. April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. Prayer concerns were lifted and Susie offered prayer for those names. Following the business portion of the meeting, Susie presented the lesson titled, 'Seven Spiritual Spring- Cleaning Steps'. Marian served as hostess for evening.

Rachel Circle -

Bonnie Schurer

Rachel Circle met April 4, 2019 for it's first meeting of the new year. Sylvia McTavish called the meeting to order with eight members and three guests present. We were happy to have Sylvia's daughter Christine Rindone from Lincoln visit us, also Marvin and Jane Rickert. Marvin entertained us with his guitar as he played and sang several songs. He also gave each of us a wooden cross that he had made. Thank you. Catherine Miller took roll call. We answered by reading a food for thought. Different things were read that pertained to Easter. Prayer concerns were given, followed with a prayer by Mary Ann Apfel. Marilyn Webster gave the treasurer's report. Sylvia accompanied us on the piano when we sang "He Lives". She also read the closing for our meeting and served lunch.

UMW SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 30, the UMW will be in charge of worship, so all UMW women - get to thinking about ideas for the program. We'll need a sermon, a story relating to UMW, maybe a skit! Bring your ideas to the UMW meeting on May 23rd. We are going to need someone to read scripture, lead songs, lead prayer time and etc.



VBS

Let's hear you ROAR at our Vacation Bible School!

We'll kick things off with a pool party on July 14

VBS will run July 15th - 18th

Kids ages PreK-5th grade are welcome

We'll need many volunteers to make this a successful event—please mark your calendars!

Salad Supper Models

Always a highlight of the salad supper, several young ladies modeled their formal dresses. From front row, left to right, working back they are: Jocelyn Rauert, Cydnee Huxtable, Lizzie Duval, Annika Reitz, Ericka Moffett, Dusty Butler, Johnna Willoughby, Hannah Paulk, Kiernan Paulk, Jenna Rauert, Maggie Brandt, Baylie Codner.

