

Journeys

Church Family

When you are young, you hear people saying Church Family, but you don't understand what that means.

I have grown up in this church since day one, and I'm not saying how many years that is! I was baptized, attended Sunday School and youth group, was married, and raised our children in this church. Jeff was raised Lutheran, and when we started to have kids, we talked about where we wanted to raise our kids. He wanted to continue with our church because of the way people treat each other. It was a few years ago that I really understood the true meaning of Church Family. I started helping with Loaves and Fish, and that is when I began to look back at my younger years, realizing who made an impact in my life in a Christian way.

Start with Rev Doran, who married us on a Nebraska game day. I'm glad they made it down to Gollaher in time. Rev Wheat, Lonnie, Jay, Nancy, Onamae, Del, Matt, Geoffrey, Anny, Kelly. I know there are many more that have walked amongst our church.

Then to the volunteers in my youth. The Gleasons that showed and helped us understand the bible as 3rd graders, I still have my. Jan C, Miller's, Grant and Pam H, Connie S, etc..

As we get older, we come across many people who have affected us in how they act. Deb B, Carol G, Marge T, McDermott's, Susan & Rob, Watkin's, Grave's, Freeman's, White's, Horkey's, Sebrina, Loraine, Vicky S. I know I am going to miss someone, I do apologize. I know my Church Family is amazing.

The main person in my life who really showed me how to walk as a Christian was my grandmother, Anne Allen. She was an angel who guided her grandkids; she was involved and showed us how Christians should be and act.

I can't leave my parents out, who ensured we were present and involved.

I want to leave you with the question: what is a church family to you? I have an amazing one, and hopefully, the kids we have worked with in youth and Sunday school will someday see the same thing.

Thank you to each of you for being the best United Methodist Church!



- Tanya (Ballard) Roscoe

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Order Of Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

† THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sing to our God a new song,

P: for God has done wondrous things.

L: The Holy One's might is not found in destruction,

P: but in steadfast love and constant faithfulness.

L: These gifts are not for us alone,

P: they are for one and all.

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

P: Break forth into songs of praise.

L: Let all creation praise the Lord.

† OPENING HYMN

#2236 "Gather us in"

OPENING PRAYER

(UNISON)

God of Love, let your Holy Spirit come upon us—into our hearts, into our minds, and into our souls. Let your presence speak within us—in the languages we speak, in the ways we live and have our being. For we long to hear you, Gracious One, and to understand. We pray that you would abide in us, that we may abide in you, this day and all days. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

#432 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:9-17 (NIV)

SERMON "Love each other as I have loved you" by Pastor Anny Kapundu

CALL TO PRAYER #2128 (Vs. 1) "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Joys & Concerns One: "For this we pray..."
All: "Lord hear our prayers"

LORD'S PRAYER

#895

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(UNISON)

O God, you are bigger than the world, bigger than our fears, bigger even than our folly. We are grateful for the immensity of your love, even when it sometimes scares us. When the immensity of your love frightens us, we long to return to you in hope. When we want to make you smaller—small enough that we can hold you—help us see beyond our narrow vision. Remind us again, O God, that you will always find and hold us, for your heart is big enough to hold the whole world, including us. Teach us once more that we will always grow when we love others as we love you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The God of mercy speaks every language. When we open our ears, we hear and receive God's grace. Whenever we are afraid or overwhelmed, we have only to remember these truths. God's love is the greatest power of all. God's mercy is there for every one of us. God's grace is present every moment of our lives. Amen.

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY

#94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(UNISON)

O God, our hearts sing with thanksgiving for the many gifts and graces you bring to our lives. We give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithful Spirit. Receive this offering and the gift of our whole selves, that we might give as we have received and love as we have been loved. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (#618, #617, #620)

CLOSING HYMN

#384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

† - Please stand as you are able to



6TH SATURDAY OF EASTER 6 PM TRADITIONAL SERVICE MAY 4TH, 2024

SENIOR PASTOR: Rev. Kelly Karges (402) 239-9507
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SATURDAY WORSHIP IN GOLLAHER CHAPEL
Traditional: 6 p.m.
SUNDAY WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY
TOGETHER WORSHIP: 9:30 a.m.

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Announcements

Graduation Sunday

Join us as we recognize seniors at 9:30am worship who are graduating this school year. Seniors get a breakfast provided by the United Methodist Men at 8:30am.

Popcorn & Bingo

We will meet in Miller Hall after worship on Sunday, May 19, for food, fun, and prizes! This is an intergenerational GIFT event.

Annual Conference

We are looking for another person to attend Annual Conference in Kearney, NE, June 6-9. If you could attend, talk to Rev. Kelly. All expenses are covered.

More Announcements inside

Volunteers For Service

Greeter	Usher	Reader	Organist	Communion
Linda Clark & Pam Balderston	Becky Owings	Lynne Coates	Kim Wilsey	Margie Balderston

