

Seward United Methodist Church News Stream July 11th

“Spending the 4th of July in Seward”

Wow!! 4th of July in Seward exceeds the hype! What a lovely day and it is WONDERFUL the way so many people show up and make the day such a great hometown experience. I was honored to preach for the community worship service. The firing of the anvil was as loud as described.

Thank you, thank you to the members of this congregation who showed up bright and early to volunteer -- members of Mission, Outreach, and Witness Team served free donuts, juice, and coffee (thank you, Zabka-Purdue Funeral Home for letting us serve from your driveway). There were also members of the praise team, and sound crew who hauled in equipment and got set up at the Band Shell for the early morning worship. And of course, throughout the day, Seward United Methodists were volunteering in a variety of ways all across town, all day long -- thank you! I look forward to next year's celebration.

Grace, peace, Mary Kay

Weekly Activities and Meetings

- July 11th - Blood Pressure checks after each service
- July 13th - Gather & Grow - 6:15pm - 7:30pm
- July 15th - Yoga Class - 9:00am - 10:00am - Parlor & UMYF Room
- July 15th - FoodNet - 5:00pm
- July 18th - Administrative Council Meeting - 12:00pm - 1:30pm - Fellowship Hall
- July 19th - CWNF - Faith Community Nurses - 5:30pm - 7:30pm - Parlor

UMW Guest Night



The Dorchester UMW will present "Back to the Beach" featuring Sue McLain - Yesterday's Lady on Wednesday July 21st at 6:30pm. Wear what you usually wear at the beach!

To make a reservation contact Maxine Moore at (402) 641-0667 by July 13th

2021 Fresh Fruit Sales – Utica Lions Club



The Utica Area Lions are again selling Colorado peaches and pears. They are \$40.00 for a 20 pound box of peaches and \$30 for a 20 pound box of pears. You may order half boxes. Please contact a Utica Lions member or one of the following:

- Sandi – 402-534-4791
- Ardee – 402-534-2281

Orders will be taken until July 23. If you get an answering machine, be sure to leave your name and phone number. They will notify us when to pick-up orders at Seward United Methodist Church (around September 1st).

Fellowship Volunteers Needed

Coffee fellowship volunteers are needed. You may sign up to host coffee hour on the clip board near the front door of the church or you may call Terri in the church office (402-643-4156) and she will get you signed up.

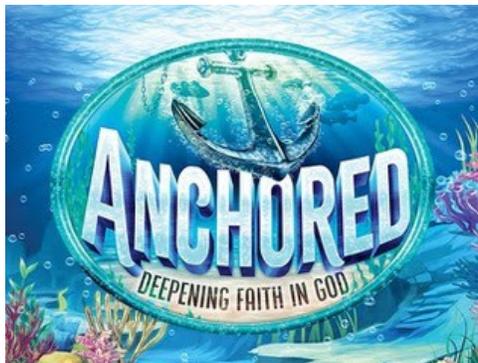
Bright Beginnings Celebrates July 4th



BBCDC Bike Parade
and
Niko the Comfort Dog



Vacation Bible School Will be the Week of July 26-30th



We are so excited to be planning and preparing for Vacation Bible School this summer! This year, we have an underwater theme, encouraging all who participate to deepen their faith in God. Our main Bible point this year: God is faithful. "Give thanks to God, for God is good! God's faithful love endures forever." (1 Chronicles 16:34). The curriculum is prepared for all ages, preschool - pre-teen.

VBS is hosted in coordination with Seward United Methodist Church, Faith Lutheran Church, and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and will take place the week of July 26-30, 2021 in the evenings. A meal will be provided for all children/families that choose to participate before each night's activities begin. Children will experience God's faithful love through Music & More, Deep Bible Adventures, Sea Crafts, Anchors Away Play, and Coral Reef Closings.

As we continue to prepare, we are in need of volunteers! There are numerous ways in which volunteers make VBS a success. We need shoppers, decorators, meal prep chefs, station leaders, and crew leaders. If you are available, willing to help, and have a heart for children, please contact Wess Robotham to volunteer or [register online!](#)

Calling all Middle & High School Youth!

This year, the Great Plains Conference is hosting a re-imagined [ONEevent](#), September 3rd - 5th, 2021. Youth will participate across Nebraska and Kansas at the five Great Plains camps. The event includes worship, workshops, and activities unique to camp - such as campfire worship.



Youth from churches across the conference will come together to participate in these activities, share the love of God through service to local communities, and grow deeper in their faith.

If you or a youth you know is interested in participating in this meaningful experience, please contact the church office or Wess Robotham. Early bird registration deadline is July 1 - so we hope to hear from you soon!