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## Growing in Faith

By Rev. Natalie Faust

We had an exciting last couple months with new members and baptisms!

On April 18th, Kali Janzen was baptized! She is the daughter of Nolan Janzen and Tierney Casper, who joined our church last summer! I've never done a baptism of such a young baby who slept through their entire baptism, but she did and it was the most adorable precious moment.

On April 25th, six students were confirmed in their faith before the congregation. 8th graders were Dylan Edwards and Kayden Sheely. 7th graders were Chloe Drake, Jordan Duncan, Cooper Ehlers, and Cooper Sheely. On May 23rd, Caiden Smullins, an 8th grader was also confirmed.

All were presented with a cross necklace, a personalized Wesley Study Bible and a handknit stole made by Sylvia Imhoff. We are thrilled to have them be members of our church and look forward to continue watching them on their faith journey.

On May 23rd, we baptized two cousins, Miles Ritter and Grayson Smith. Miles is the son of Eric Ritter and Michelle Streit and Grayson is the son of Denny and Lori Smith. We look forward to watching them grow into strong young men of God in the future!

We are grateful for all who attend our church and help keep our church alive and thriving! Without these young people, especially, we wouldn't be able to go on. We pray for their future and that they continue to have a strong relationship with Christ!



## NEW MEMBERS

On May 2nd, Kim Baker transferred her membership from First Baptist Church in Hasting, NE in our 8:15 service! We love having Kim as a part of our church and look forward to watching her get more involved.



# THE HERALD

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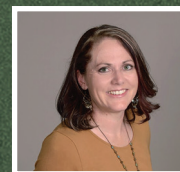
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# Natalie's Notes

I'm currently sitting on my beautiful front porch, listening to the birds singing after a brief cool rain shower. I'm grateful when I get these moments of rest. We don't take enough time to rest in the creation that God has blessed us with. I often talk about this, so if you haven't heard it, make sure you're reading: God showed us the perfect example that it's okay to take rest. It's biblical folks!

Genesis 2:1-3 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. 2And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. 3So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

I just had the opportunity to take a week of vacation. In the midst of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the thought of

traveling, especially out of the country had me a bit nervous, but I have to tell you, taking a few days to lay, and relax and not think about ministry (though who are we really kidding, I did that anyway) was something that was one of the greatest gifts of the last year. I know that when some of us work the jobs we work that it's hard to take time off. But we just have to. We have to plan for it. I had a District Superintendent once who named his bicycle "Visitation," so that he would put on his calendar for his secretary when someone called that he was out on "Visitation," so parishioners wouldn't get mad that he was taking some time for self care.

If you know me at all, you've heard my oxygen mask analogy, and if not, here you need to and you need to live it out: When you're on an airplane, and the cabin loses pressure, oxygen masks drop from the ceiling of the plane. It is vital that you put on your mask before taking time to help those around you. It is not selfish. If you don't put it on you first, and you pass out, then you won't

be around to help your kids or family that are with you. This goes for everyday life. If you don't take Sabbath, rest, you will become burnt out, tired, stressed, irritable, etc. No one needs you that way. They need you at your best.

If the God of all creation, the most powerful being to ever exist, needed a day of rest, how much more do we? And if we don't, are we saying that we are more powerful than God? Take time to consider that question. Here's permission: take a day off this week. Take an hour each day. Take a week every few months. Take care of you, because we need you!

Blessings,  
Pastor Natalie



# Events

*Make a Note*

- June 10 (Thur):  
Worship (Kingswood Court)..... 4:00p.m.
- June 11 (Fri):  
Volunteer at the Crest Theater ..... 6:30p.m.
- June 11-12 (Fri-Sat):  
Womens Bible Study Retreat (Camp Horizon) .....ETD TBA
- June 13 (Sun):  
Worship (Good Sam) .....2:00 p.m.
- June 15-16 (Tues-Wed):  
Youth Camp (Camp Horizon)..... ETD TBA
- June 16 (Wed):  
United Methodist Women..... 7:00p.m.

## Weekly Groups

- Mondays-Thursdays  
Devotions and Coffee LIVE on Church Facebook Page ..... 7:00 a.m.
- Mondays  
Womens Bible Study via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/93828672777>) ..... 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays  
Stich and Chat .....9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Girls Bible Study (not meeting on the 12th) ..... 7:00 p.m.

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To our church family,

I would like to thank everyone who is helping me through this difficult time with your prayers, cards and positive thoughts. Each day I feel so blessed to have all of you friends or acquaintances in my life. The power of prayer is awesome, and I know God is with me every day. Thank you all again.

May God's blessings surround you,  
Sue Rose



## Sound Tech Assistants

- June**
- 6 Jeff Guilkey
- 13 Marsha Ray
- 20 Sandy Borden
- 27 Angela Garver
- July**
- 4 Marsha Ray
- 11 Sandy Borden
- 18 Angela Garver
- 25 Beverly Beavers
- August**
- 1 Marsha Ray
- 8 Jeff Guilkey
- 15 Beverly Beavers
- 22 Sandy Borden
- 29 Angela

## Happy Birthday

- 4: Uriel Santos
- 5: Connie Hayes, Cora Flores
- 6: Charlotte Coffey
- 7: Nancy Miller
- 9: Ty Betka, Wayne Reed
- 13: Gene Bruening
- 18: Neil Bouray, Rikki Ehlers
- 19: Jack Clark
- 21: Braxton Webber, Sue Rose
- 22: Katelyn Brown, Mikynzie Hansen, Steve Henderson
- 24: Kenny Corman
- 25: Jordan Brown
- 27: Eldon Thompson

## Anniversaries

- 6: Gale & Nancy Mikkelsen
- 7: Kenny & Judy Corman
- 12: Frank & Sandy Borden