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I know that many of you have had the opportunity to read my resume; but anyone who has ever hired someone or been through the process of a job interview knows that a resume does not tell the story of the person. Let me share who I am and why I am excited to be your pastor. I am a third-generation pastor. My grandfather, Woodrow “Woody” Leypoldt served in the former Nebraska Conference of the Methodist Church from 1938 until his death from cancer in 1969. My father, Chuck Leypoldt, followed in his footsteps and served Nebraska United Methodist churches for a time, but also had experience running a rural bank in southeast Nebraska. The experience he gained from his financial background led him to be the Conference Treasurer of the former Nebraska Conference. His last few years before retirement he worked for Church Mutual as an insurance agent. This company only serves church and church-related property. My father and mother, Chris, live in Lincoln, Nebraska. I have one sister, Anastasia, who recently moved to Oregon. I grew up in parsonages in Nebraska and then for a time was a banker’s son in the tiny town of Douglas, Nebraska. When I was in high school, dad returned to the pastoral ministry, briefly before becoming the Conference Treasurer. It was in high school (Eustis, Nebraska) where I started attending United Methodist youth related events: church camp, Youth Annual Conference, Christmas Conference, Conference Council on Youth Ministries. It was through these activities that I first felt the inkling to go into the professional ministry; but it wasn’t until I attended church camp at Camp Comeca where I felt God really nudging me into the ministry. I attended college in Lincoln, Nebraska at Nebraska Wesleyan University. I loved history and declared a major in that subject. Eventually, I declared a minor in

IT'S GREAT  
TO MEET  
YOU!

07: Keith & Julie Carlson  
20: Russ & Missy Robertson  
20: Dave & Jyl Duffy



03: Jack Timmer  
07: Lindsay Young  
09: Riley Hash  
14: Barbara Aldredge  
14: Bentlee Schwartzmiller  
15: Dave Andersen  
16: Addie Thomson  
18: Jill Graff  
19: Chuck Kestle  
19: Jordan Marsh  
31: Katelyn Crummett Hoffman



06: Cindy Ruffner  
09: Kathy Davis  
10: LaVerne Henrich  
14: Laura Weatherly  
15: Helen Boston  
15: Mary Harsh  
17: Chuck Kestle  
18: Jordan Richards  
19: Nikki DeShazo  
30: Karmen Blanthorn



As you have probably noticed we have new nametags and the nametag board is set up and ready to go. Thank you Heather, Carol and Terri. I could not figure out a plan on how to have both pin name tags and necklace name tags on the board or how to sort them and keep them available alphabetically. Because using name tags is a sign of a friendly church and because it will help Pastor Seth learn everyone's name we wanted to get back into the habit of wearing them. We ended up returning to the pin name tags. That doesn't mean you can't wear your name tag on

a necklace. If you want a necklace nametag ask Heather and she will make you a 2nd name tag that you can put on a necklace and be responsible for bringing to church. Your pin name tag will be on the board ready to use in case you forget the necklace tag. Thank you. -Brad

I apologize in advance of anyone I may have missed when making the new name tags. Please accept my apology and contact the church office, so a new one can be made for you!

Thanks- Heather Marsh



**July Trumpet Call**  
In Loving Memory of Georgia O'Donnell From LaVerne Henrich

The Saturday ads in the Mt. Standard for July are sponsored By Georgia Quilici, Thank you for your support!



On May 22nd, Aldersgate welcomed two fine, young men as full members of the church. Bradley Thaut joined through confirmation of his faith and Isaac Hoffman joined through baptism and confirmation of his faith. I am so proud of them both as they took Confirmation and Beyond seriously, searched their faith and their hearts, and came to the conclusion that they were ready to proclaim their faith and to strive to live their lives as followers of Jesus.

June was a quiet month for the youth program, but we did find some time to cool off and catch up at

Ridge Waters. I am looking for adults who would have time to help me chaperone some fun events for the youth that may include Lewis and Clark Caverns, hiking, biking, movie nights, games, camp outs, etc. Please let me know if you would like to help and what activity you would be interested in helping with. I promise you that you will have a great time with our young people!

The Aldersgate Youth Program is open to ALL youth in 6th-12th grades (Aldersgate-associated or not). If you would like more information on youth meetings and events, have questions or concerns, or would like to be involved in this life-changing ministry, please contact Jill Graff at [butteumcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:butteumcyouth@gmail.com) or 491-1650.





We want to thank Marylin Shovlin for calling for salads and desserts AND to all of you who have brought salads and desserts for the funeral luncheons.

We and the families are so appreciative.

~The Funeral Luncheon Committee



*Memorial Service* Wilma Puich's Memorial service will be July 16th at 11 am.

Arise! Shine! Vacation Bible School is nearly here! Aldersgate will be hosting Discovery on Adventure Island July 18-21 for children pre-K-6th grade. A free family meal will be served at 5:30 each evening for children, their families, and VBS volunteers. The program will



follow from 6:00-8:00. I could still use help with preparing and serving a meal or two. If you'd like to share the love of Christ with our young people, please let me know and I'll find the perfect role for you. Registration forms can be found on the table near the name tags. Otherwise, contact the church office or Jill ([butteumcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:butteumcyouth@gmail.com) or 491-1650) with any questions or to register children.



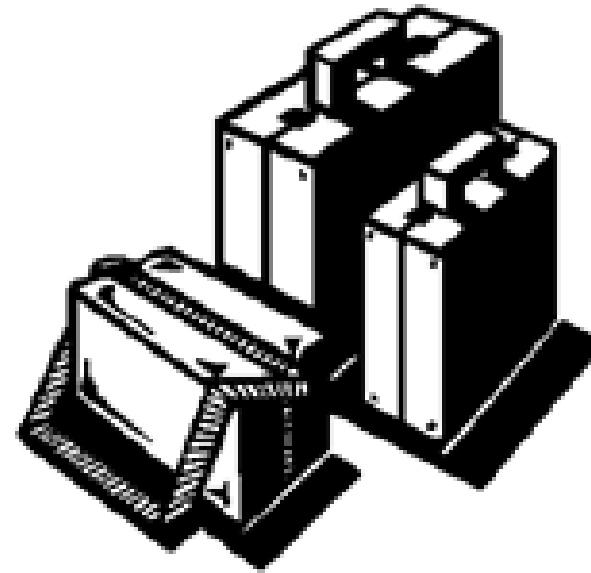
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:00 Adult SS 10:30Worship	4	5	6 7:30 Women's 4th Day 9:30 Sandwich Ministry 6:30 Men's 4th day	7	8 7:00 Men's Group	9
10 9:00 Adult SS 10:30Worship	11	12 7:00 Trustees	13 7:30 Women's 4th Day 6:30 Men's 4th day	14	15 7:00 Men's Group	16 11 AM Wilma Puich Service
17 9:00 Adult SS 10:30Worship	18	19	20 7:30 Women's 4th Day 6:30 Men's 4th day	21 **Trumpet Call Deadline** 7:00 SPRC	22 7:00 Men's Group	23
24 9:00 Adult SS 10:30Worship	25	26 7:00 Finance	27 7:30 Women's 4th Day 7:00 Ad Council	28 10:00 Trumpet Call	29	30



Religion. Nebraska Wesleyan is a United Methodist school, and I was active at First UMC which was directly next to campus. As an intern I worked with the youth program and our college students. It was in college that I met Sarah Bernhardt, a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. We dated all throughout school and were married one week after I graduated from NWU. In 1996, Sarah and I moved to Clatonia, Nebraska where I served two rural churches and drove 3 hours to Kansas City, Missouri to attend seminary. It was in Clatonia where our first daughter, Emma, was born. On May 20, 2000, I graduated from Saint

Paul School of Theology in Kansas City; 15 days later on June 4th, I was ordained a Deacon; and that evening our second daughter, Cora, was born. 12 days later we moved to Aurora, Nebraska, where I began to serve at the associate pastor of a 1000-member congregation, along with a smaller, rural congregation in the town of Bradshaw. We lived in Aurora for five years from 2000 to 2005. Our youngest daughter, Olivia was born in that parsonage, and Sarah started her Master's work in counseling. I worked directly with the youth program and also began to develop the stewardship plan of the congregation in Aurora. In 2005, we moved to the panhandle community of Chadron, Nebraska and fell in love with the west. This was Sarah's second time in western Nebraska, as she spent the first 7 years of her life in Gering, Scottsbluff, and Sidney, Nebraska. In Chadron, our children all began school; Sarah finished a master's degree in community counseling; and I pastored a church that grew in membership, attendance, and in financial giving. Chadron was also a community affected by a forest fire and one night in 2006 we had to be evacuated when a fire raced toward town. As with any family, change happens. In 2011, we decided to go in a different direction. We bought a house in Gering, Nebraska (100 miles from Chadron) and for a year I travelled back-and-forth finishing out my term as their

pastor. In 2012, I took a leave of absence from active ministry and started working on my business degree. I worked in a bank and then moved over to a credit union. I also took on some side jobs such as being a wine steward and delivered newspapers. I sat in the pews for three years and I experienced life as a layperson; but God wasn't done with me, yet. I again, felt the nudging of the Holy Spirit to go back to active ministry and in 2015 I was appointed to the church in our community, Gering. Out of this congregation and community all 3 of my daughters graduated high school. Emma is now finishing out graduate school in



Washington, DC. She is studying International Relations. Cora lives in Lincoln and is doing her schooling completely on-line with Southern New Hampshire University. Her goal is to design artwork for video games. This fall, Olivia, will enroll at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and intends to study pre-Medicine. My wife, Sarah Bernhardt, will be putting our house up on the market as soon as we move Olivia into school and will be joining me in Butte sometime in September or early October. She has been actively saying goodbye to her clientele as a mental health practitioner who specializes in trauma

and with children. Her parents are retired and live in Fort Collins. Sarah and I see our move to Montana as the second half of our married life. Our children are away at school and are doing their own thing. Our parents are starting to decline in health but, for the most part, are in good shape. This is our opportunity to experience the grace of God in a place we have always wanted to live, the mountains of Montana. Ever since we moved to Chadron in 2005, our gaze has been westward and receiving this appointment to Butte, and learning about its history, and experiencing its natural beauty, and getting to know its people is simply another nudging of the Holy Spirit. I so look forward to learning your story in the days and years to come and to be welcomed home to Aldersgate.

~ Seth