# Writing the Gospels of Mark...

During the season of Lent, we will be writing the Gospel of Mark from the Bible into a special book at our Church. It will be a meaningful time to remember Jesus Christ and His ministry. We are asking the members of the congregation to sign up for a day and then come to the church on that day and write down one or two chapters from this Gospel. You will start where the person before you left off. We will continue until we have completed the Gospel of Mark.

### Youth Meeting...

The first meeting of the Youth will be today following the Worship Service. All youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend.

#### Easter Cantata...

The Easter Cantata will be held during the time of the Worship Service on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The cantata will also be presented at Bethany Home at 1:30 pm on that day.

#### Vacation Bible School...

Our VBS will be held on July 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 in the evenings. The theme is the Apostle Paul's missionary trip. Helpers are needed for this ministry of our church. It is an opportunity for evangelism and Christian growth for our young people. There will story time, games, crafts, snack time, and lots of fun learning. No experience necessary! Please contact, Dan, Ginger or Pastor Peter.

# Holy Week Schedule...

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday: Easter Cantata during
Worship Time and 1:30 pm Easter Cantata at Bethany Home
Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 pm Good Friday Service.
Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>: 9:45 am we celebrate the
Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

#### Lenten Lunches...

This year all Lenten lunches will be held the St. John's Catholic Church. Lenten Lunches will be held on Wednesday, through April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am. The cost of the meal is \$5.00 with all proceeds going to fund programs of the Minden Interchurch Ministries.

# Toy Drive...

The Church's nursery is in need of some new toys for the children. If you have good quality toys you would like to donate to the Nursery please bring them to the Church office.

#### Church Doors...

If you need to get in the Church after the doors have been locked for the evening, call Pastor Peter (201-888-8430) and he will let you in.

# Time of Prayer With Pastor Peter...

Pastor Peter will be praying for the congregation in the Sanctuary 9:00~10:00 am every Wednesday and 9:00~10:00 am every Friday. You can bring any prayer request to Joan Fries or Pastor Peter.

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

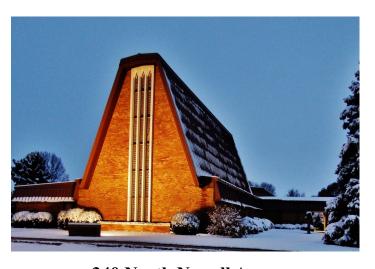
#### Pastoral Visits...

Pastor Peter will visit anyone on request. If pastoral care is needed around you, just contact Pastor Peter via e-mail or phone: 201-888-8430 or <a href="mailto:peterchoiminden@gmail.com">peterchoiminden@gmail.com</a>

"For I am the Lord, who heals you." (Exodus 15:26)

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2019 Vision: The Lord will renew and strengthen us like eagles.



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This Week's Calendar	
Today, April 7	9:00 AM Sunday School
	9:30 AM Prayer Time in Prayer Room
	9:45 AM Worship Service
	Adult SS after Worship Service
	Youth Meeting After Worship Service
	4:30 PM Cub Scouts
Monday, April 8	6:00 PM Girl Scouts
	7:00 PM Boy Scouts
Tuesday, April 9	7:00 PM Finance Meeting
	7:00 PM Girl Scouts
Wednesday, April 1	10 9:00 AM UMW General Meeting
	11:45 AM Lenten Lunch
	6:00 PM Choir Practice
	7:00 PM Bell Choir
Sunday, April 14	9:00 AM Sunday School
	9:30 AM Prayer Time in Prayer Room
	9:45 AM Worship Service & Cantata
	Adult SS after Worship Service

**Prayer List...** Phyllis Finkner, Elger Grams, Bill Johnson Please call the office when you know of someone in the hospital. Thank you!

# Information from last week...

# Please have this week's birthday people in your prayer. Johnathon Cunningham Valerie Kauk

CLAVINOVA/ORGAN: Glen Haselbarth, Marlys Farm, Dan Frizane PROJECTION: Tony Ratka, Larry Snavely, Alaina Suchsland GREETERS AND USHERS: Merlin & Lynette Beahm Bob & Cindy Peterson

REFRESHMENT HOSTS: The Heath Family

There is a fully equipped Nursery for children through Kindergarten in the Southeast wing. A changing table is located in the Nursery. **Quiet Bags** for young children are available in the lobby. **Restrooms** are located in both the East and West hallways.

**The Upper Room** Devotional Booklets for Mar./April are in the lobby.

# Scripture...

#### Isaiah 43:16-21 NIV

This is what the LORD says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

#### Philippians 3:4b-14 (NIV)

Though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

## Order of Worship April 7, 2019

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Gathering Music "I Will Follow"
"Our God"

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Prayer

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Greetings of Peace

Joys and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

**Children's Time** 

**Pastor Peter Choi** 

Scripture Marilyn Rasmussen Isaiah 43:16-21 and Philippians 3:4b-14

Message Pastor Peter Choi
"Press On Toward A High Calling"

Giving Our Gifts
Offertory

\*Doxology "All Things Come of Thee" UMH #588

\*Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

**Special Music** "Revelation Song"

\*Closing Song "Forever"

\*Benediction