

# The Messenger

June 2019

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I fully appreciate that you allowed my family to have a vacation in South Korea for two weeks. Lena, Chloe, Hailey and I spent most of the time with parents and siblings, nieces and nephews. We finally visited the Namsan Tower with siblings, one of my wished places. We ate Korean food with them. We attended the Korean worship service. In addition, Chloe and Hailey studied at the Korean public school for two weeks. So Lena and I had a very special time without kids in the morning. We surely enjoyed this Korean trip. Now, I am fully recharged. Nevertheless, I miss our church and every congregation member in Minden. When Nancy Evans' father, Neal Erickson passed away, I felt very sorry for not being present. When I ate tasty food and visited famous places, I was thinking of our congregation. Lena and I prayed for the worship services at 11:45 P.M. Sunday (Korean Time). Now I am very glad to continue to serve our church and community in Minden after this Korea trip. Lena and I have prepared a little gift for you. Please join the worship service on June 2. Pastor Peter Choi

### The Best, The Perfect Father by Joyce Will

Without a doubt we know that the best, the perfect father each of us has is our Heavenly Father. Scripture tells us that God's ways are "perfect" (Psalm 18:30), that He is a "faithful God who does no wrong," and is "upright and just" (Deuteronomy 32:4). That makes Him the perfect Father to every one of us. But what about our earthly fathers? If you were to describe your dad as the best father, the perfect father, what would he be like? I suppose that is a question that could be changeable depending on your age and maybe even your situation. As a youngster, we would want our fathers to be fun and loving, gentle and good to us, providing for all of our needs. But as we age and change, so does our needs and wants. We will always want our fathers to be just as when we were little, but I think when we grow older we have a tendency to compare fathers of our friends to our dads, or compare TV/movie fathers to our dads and with

*Minden United Methodist Church*  
*Vision: The Lord will renew and*  
*strengthen us like eagles.*

*Isaiah 40:31*

*"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

### Office Hours:

**Pastor Peter:**  
Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
9:30 AM to 5:00 PM  
Pastor Peter will not be in the office on Mondays.

**Jaime Sinsel Office Manager**  
Monday –Friday 8-12:00

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Office Manager  
Prayer Chain

Peter Choi  
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*Worship Time*  
*9:45 AM*

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that we often get a distorted view of what we want or what we see or don't see in our fathers. And then we find the faults that lead us to disappointment and more. Some of us never knew our fathers either due to early deaths or due to circumstances we had nothing to do with. But even so, we still have father figures that we can put into place for the missing ones. If we look in the Bible, we see many examples of fathers, with Adam being the first one that comes to mind in the first book of the Bible in Genesis. He was not only the very first human, the very first man, but also the very first earthly father. Because of that, he had no blueprint of how to be a father, but wait - except he did have. His blueprint was of His Father - God - who created him and gave him life. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus makes more than 150 references to God as a father. Remember what the first words are to the Lord's prayer? My friends, that prayer is found in our Bibles in Matthew 6 and starts out - "Our Father". 1 John 3:1 tells us - "How great is the love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God and so we are." And in 2 Corinthians 6:18 God says, "I will be a Father to you and you will be My sons and daughters." Ultimately we each have an unfailing Father - namely God. He offers up the most powerful example of what it means to be a dad. He truly is a good, good Father to each and every one of us. He is the best! He is perfect! The Bible pours out characteristics of who God our Father is. "God is light" ; "In Him there is no darkness at all"; God "does not change"; He's "full of compassion"; He is "a God of justice"; "He shields all who take refuge in Him". While God is the perfect Father, without a doubt it is at times hard for our earthly father's to walk in the ways He taught. I think all of us crave those feelings of kindness, courage, generosity, truth, compassion, faith, and love that we are freely given by God and wish that our earthly fathers, grandfathers, and father figures in our lives would mirror those exact feelings on us. Whether your dad is a rock star father, missing in action or something in between it is important that you understand that the very best earthly father any of us has is still but a mere shadow of our Heavenly Father. God gives each of us a blueprint for fatherhood, because He is the best, the perfect Father. His patience and kindness never runs out, He's always approachable, He loves unconditionally, He will pick you up when you fail, He abundantly gives to us, He invites us to follow Him, and He prepares an eternal home for each of us. How incredible is that! My friends, use God's blueprint to become a gentle, loving, caring father/father figure to each one of your children and to other children, too. You simply have to put your faith in Him so that you can mirror His example of the best, the perfect Father. Jw♥



Congratulations to our 2019 Graduates Leah Boudreau and Anna Sinsel

Mother's Day  
Roses



Our oldest mother  
Libby Williams and  
youngest mother  
Susan Fries



Selling Roses  
for  
Mother's Day







Youth Sunday



Church Spring Cleanup



Dear Minden United Methodist Church,

I wanted to thank you for allowing me the privilege of being the Office Manager for the last 13 years and 8 months. I learned so much about the Methodist Church and all it takes to keep a church operating, computers, finances, and how to run the boilers. But most of all I learned about the people that make up the congregation of the Minden UMC. I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know most of you and you will always have a special place in Steve and my heart, as will the church.

I would like thank you for the beautiful crystal cross you gave me. I will find a very special place in our new house to display it. It will be a constant reminder of our fond memories of the Minden Church and it's congregation.

I would also like to thank Pastor Peter and Lena for the beautiful music they shared with the congregation on my last Sunday. I know I pushed you into singing but it was so meaningful to me. I have it recorded and will replay it for long time.

Once again sincerely thank you, Aleda Younkin



The Methodist Women's Rummage Sale will be held on July 31<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup>

You may start bringing your items to the Church after **July 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Items should be clean and gently used and placed in a box or a sack or bag. **Leave the items in Room 103. Please do not leave your items in the halls, entry ways or the Fellowship Hall.**

**NO TV'S, COMPUTERS, BABY CRIBS OR CAR SEATS.**

Please do not leave furniture. If you do have furniture please contact Joyce Bender at 830-1053 to find out a time to bring the furniture to the church.




**Break From The Shopping Cart...**

We are taking a break from collecting food in the shopping cart. You can still take your donations directly to the Closet during the summer.

**Summer is here ! Have You Registered for Camp Yet?**

With the summer fast approaching, camp is just around the corner! Plans are well underway for another great summer at Camp Comeca, Camp Fontanelle, and Camp Norwesca – and we want you to be a part of the fun. The programs this summer have something for everyone—outrageous games, creative worship, fun in the pool, new friends, cook-outs, campfires, and conversations that will help you discover what God has done and is doing in your life. Many camps fill early so register today! Camp brochures are available at the church or go online to: [www.umneb.org/register](http://www.umneb.org/register). You can also contact: Comeca at 308-784-2808, Fontanelle at 402-478-4296, or Norwesca at 308-432-3872

# June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 9:30 Prayer Time 9:45 am Worship Adult SS after Worship Youth Group after Worship	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>9</b> 9:30 Prayer Time 9:45 am Worship Adult SS after Worship	10	11 7:00 pm Finance Mtg.	12 9:00 am UMW General Meeting	13	14	15
<b>16 Father's Day</b> 9:30 Prayer Time 9:45 am Worship Adult SS after Worship	17 8:30 am-4:00 pm WIC	18	19	20	21	22
<b>23</b> 9:30 Prayer Time 9:45 am Worship Adult SS after Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>30</b> 9:30 Prayer Time 9:45 am Worship Lunch by UMW after Worship Adult SS after Worship	 If you or your family has a prayer request you would like to put on the Prayer Chain call: Joan Fries at 402-756-0257			<b>Refreshment Hosts for June...</b>		
				June 2 <sup>nd</sup> : James & Jeanette Wilkinson June 9 <sup>th</sup> : June 16 <sup>th</sup> : Joyce Bender June 23 <sup>rd</sup> : June 30 <sup>th</sup> : Larry & Nancy Evans		
<b>May Financial Report...</b>		<b>Life in Our Church Families...</b>			<b>Scripture Readers for June...</b>	
General Giving in May: \$10,543 General Fund Giving to Date: \$74,998 General Expenses in May: \$16,784 General Fund Expenses to Date: \$84,529 This report does not include the final Sunday in May.		<b>Deaths:</b> Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of: Nancy Evans whose father passed away.  <b>Hospital List:</b> Please call the office when you know of any illness or hospitalization among your friends or family members.			June 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jeanette Wilkinson June 9 <sup>th</sup> : Julie Ratka June 16 <sup>th</sup> : June 23 <sup>rd</sup> : June 30 <sup>th</sup> :	



## Members and Friends

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Mary Kay Blanchard | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mark Johnson  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sheila Anderson    | Camryn Melroy                  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Blakeleigh Harsin  | Tristan Havens                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Jessa Binder       | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dan Frizane   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Shawn Heath        | 24 <sup>th</sup> MaryJo Froid  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Allyson Jameson    | Kristi Lammers                 |
| Jayla Olsen                        | Marjorie Madsen                |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Marian Johnson    | Elizabeth Merrill              |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Jackson Froid     | 26 <sup>th</sup> Rita Jones    |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> John Linder       | Mitchell Muller                |
| Jodi Swartz                        | 28 <sup>th</sup> Gordon Amstuz |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Larry Anderson    | 29 <sup>th</sup> Nancy Evans   |
|                                    | Melissa Engel                  |
|                                    | 30 <sup>th</sup> Alan Kahle    |

## Greeters and Ushers for June...

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| June 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Dawn & Paul Moyer                    |
| June 9 <sup>th</sup> : Tony & Julie Ratka                   |
| June 16 <sup>th</sup> : Dave & Allyson Jameson/Joyce Bender |
| June 23 <sup>rd</sup> : Jason & Jaime Sinsel & family       |
| June 30 <sup>th</sup> : Larry & Nancy Evans                 |

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