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Today immediately following worship please gather up in front of the alter to take a church family photo.

Joyful Walking

Continue walking through December 24th. There is a log sheet to write down how long you walk on the west bulletin board. Joyfully walk through the inside of our church building for the Advent season to wait and prepare for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming. This program will give everyone the opportunity to set aside time to spend with God.

Volunteers Needed

We need Scripture reader and refreshment hosts for next week, December 22, if you can fill either of these please sign up on the west bulletin board.

Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Eve Services will be held at 7:00 pm.

Time of Prayer with Pastor Peter

Pastor Peter will be praying for the congregation in the Sanctuary 9:30~10:30 am every Tuesday and Thursday. 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

Holiday Pastoral Visits

Pastor Peter will visit anyone on request. If pastoral care is needed around you especially during the Holiday Season, please contact Pastor Peter via phone 201-888-8430 or e-mail peterchoiminden@gmail.com.

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

This Week's Calendar...

Today, Dec 15	9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Prayer in Prayer Room 9:45am Worship Service including Children's Christmas Program & Christmas Cantata Adult Sunday School after Worship 1:30 Christmas Cantata at Bethany Home
Monday, Dec 16	8am-4pm WIC Clinic
Tuesday, Dec 17	6:30 Girl Scouts
Sunday, Dec 22	9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Prayer in Prayer Room 9:45am Worship Service Adult Sunday School after Worship 1:30 Christmas Cantata at Bethany Home

Prayer List...

Please call the office when you know of someone in the hospital. Thank you!

Information from last week...

Worship Service Attendance.....	77
Sunday's Worship Offering	\$4,869.56

Please have this week's birthday people in your prayer.

Jennifer Muller	Chad Fries	Jentry Olsen
Gaylen Hansen	Johathan Johnson	Loree Johnson
Jalyn Binder	Phil Fahrlander	Sheryl Heath

Clavinova/Piano/Organ: Lena Choi
Projection: Tony Ratka, Larry Snavely, Alaina Suchsland
Greeters and Ushers: Jack Hultquist
Refreshment Hosts: Marjorie & Joe Hultquist
Church Prayer Chain: Joan Fries

There is a fully equipped Nursery for children in the Southeast wing. A changing table 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 Booklets for Jan/Feb are in the lobby.

Minden United Methodist Church

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



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Matthew 11:2-11

When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

"Come Now To Bethlehem"

by Dale Wood

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Good People All, Rejoice!
Angels We Have Heard on High
He is Born, the Holy Child
O Come, Little Children
Sing We All, Noel!
I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing
Silent Night, Holy Night

Director: Dan Frizane Piano: Lena Choi
Narrators: Ginger Frizane, Emma Grube
Sound: Larry Snavely
Choir Members: Joyce Will, Nancy Evans, Melissa Klabunde, Kim Snavely, Ginger Frizane, Emma Grube, Julie Ratka, Larry Tatum, and Peter Choi

Scriptures...

Isaiah 35: 1-10

The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God.
Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;
say to those with fearful hearts,
"Be strong, do not fear; your God will come,
he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution
he will come to save you."
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.
Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.
The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.
And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness;
it will be for those who walk on that Way.
The unclean will not journey on it;
wicked fools will not go about on it.
No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast;
they will not be found there.
But only the redeemed will walk there,
and those the LORD has rescued will return.
They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Order of Worship December 15, 2019, 3rd Sunday of Advent

Bringing in the Light of Christ The Acolytes

Welcome and Announcements Kim Snavely

*Opening Songs
 "We Will Glorify the King of King's"
 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*Call to Worship
Lightening of the Advent Candle Kring Family
 "Like a Child" verse 1 FWS #2092

*Opening Prayer
*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Greetings of Peace

Joys and Concerns
 Pastoral Prayer - Lord's Prayer

Children's Program

Scripture Isaiah 35: 1-10 Kay Lyn McBride
 Matthew 11: 2-11

Message Pastor Peter Choi
 "Are You the One Who Is to Come?"

Giving Our Gifts
 Special Music "Forever Reign"

*Doxology UMH 94

*Offertory Prayer

Cantata "Come Now to Bethlehem"

*Closing Song "Lord of all Hopefulness"

*Benediction