

Announcements

Welcome all Guests

Our Vision for 2020 is "Extend Hospitality to Strangers".
"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice Hospitality." Romans 12:13
"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." Roman 15:7.

Confirmation Today at 3:00pm

Ash Wednesday

Service will be Wednesday, February 26, 7:00pm.

Lenten Season

During the Season of Lent we will transcribe the books of Luke and John. Through this practice, you may refocus on remembering Jesus' life, ministry, death and resurrection. Please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the west hallway.

Reception

Following the Service on March 1 the Hospitality Team will host a reception in Honor of Pastor Peter Choi earning his Master of Arts degree.

Kid's Night Out

March 4, 5:30 pm Meal followed by games, singing, Bible Lesson and video.

Choir Practice

Practice for our Easter Cantata is Wednesdays at 6pm. Come enjoy this opportunity to sing of the passion and resurrection of our Lord! All are welcome!

Pastoral Visits

Pastor Peter will visit anyone on request. If pastoral care is needed around you please contact Pastor Peter—201-888-8430 or peterchoiminden@gmail.com.

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

This Week's Calendar...

Today, February 23	9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Prayer in Prayer Room 9:45am Worship Service Adult Sunday School after Worship 3:00pm Confirmation 4:00pm Hospitality Team Meeting
Wednesday, Feb 26	11:45 \$5 Lenten Lunch @ Bethany Lutheran 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday, March 1	9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Prayer in Prayer Room 9:45am Worship Service Graduation Reception following Service Adult Sunday School after Worship 1:00pm Confirmation

Prayer List...

Maxine Grams
Mike Boudreau's Mother

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

Information from last week...

Worship Service Attendance.....	83
Sunday's Worship Offering	\$2,653.00

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

Larry Tatum	Merlin Beahm	Clark Bauer
Ed Rowse	Jim Jynn	

Clavinova/Piano/Organ: Glen Haselbarth, Marlys Farm,
Dan Frizane, Lena Choi
Projection: Tony Ratka, Larry Snavely, Alaina Suchsland
Greeters and Ushers: Keven & Kathi Schutz
Refreshment Hosts: Dan & Ginger Frizane
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 March/April are in the lobby.

Minden United Methodist Church

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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

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" UMH#540. Imagine injuring your eyesight by reading long hours by candlelight! That limited Timothy Dwight's ability to read for no more than 15 minutes as an adult. He was a chaplain in the U.S. army during the Revolutionary War, and was also a Congregational Minister. Later, as president of Yale University, he was much beloved by his students and was a prolific hymn writer. This fine hymn was written in 1801 and is a personal prayer of thanksgiving to God for his universal church, the "abode of the Lord." The text was inspired by Psalm 137:5,6: "If I forget thee O Jerusalem let my right hand lose its movement.....if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy."

The hymn goes on to the strength of the church ("her walls before thee stand"), and the author's love and concern for his church ("my tears shall fall, my prayers ascend"), The last stanza reminds us of the eternal life of the Church: its glories on earth and in the eternal future, the "brighter bliss of heaven."

"O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair" UMH#258. Pastor has told us about the story of the Transfiguration of our Lord. This is how He will appear when he returns to earth some day to establish His kingdom in the Millennium. Quite a different entrance than the stable at Bethlehem! The hymn is basically a reflection on this dramatic story. The story appears as we heard it, and the hymn concludes with a call for our joyful praise for this revelation of Jesus' kingship. The text is quite old (1495) and is translated from the original Latin.

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty" UMH#176 and "He Is Lord" UMH#177. These two short choruses remind us of the great God we have seen in Jesus Christ, transfigured before our eyes in all His glory. May we likewise be transfigured from darkness into light in our walk in the world this coming week. May others see that we too have been transfigured by the life changing power of the Holy Spirit of God living within us. May others see Christ in us!

Scriptures...

Psalm 99

The LORD reigns,
let the nations tremble;
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.
Great is the LORD in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.
Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.
The King is mighty, he loves justice—you have established equity;
in Jacob you have done what is just and right.
Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool;
he is holy.
Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel was among those who called on his name;
they called on the LORD and he answered them.
He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;
they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.
LORD our God, you answered them;
you were to Israel a forgiving God,
though you punished their misdeeds.
Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy.

Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

<p style="text-align: center;">Order of Worship February 23, 2020 Transfiguration Sunday</p>

Bringing in the Light of Christ	The Acolytes
Welcome and Announcements	
*Opening Hymn	UMH 540
"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"	
*Call to Worship	
*Opening Prayer	
*Silent Prayer of Confession	
*Greetings of Peace	
Joys and Concerns	
Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer	
Children's Time	
Scriptures	Psalm 99 KayLyn McBride
	Matthew 17: 1-9
Message	"Jesus' Transfiguration offers hope for transformation! Pastor Choi
Hymn	"O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair" UMH 258
Giving Our Gifts	
*Doxology	UMH 94
*Offertory Prayer	
*Closing Hymn	
"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"	
	UMH 176
"He Is Lord"	
	UMH 177
*Benediction	