



Announcements

Confirmation Today at 1:00pm

Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks to all those who helped for our Kid's Night Out last Wednesday. We had 28 children out for this special time. They enjoyed games, singing and a Bible story about the Lenten season. Thanks for your prayers. Dan & Education Team

Lenten Lunches

Every Wednesday during lent there is a lunch at Noon for \$5 at Bethany Lutheran, 437 E 4th Street, Minden. March 11 hosted by Fredricksburg Lutheran, March 18 hosted by United Methodist, March 25 hosted by First Christian, and April 1st hosted by Westminster United Presbyterian. Please attend and enjoy some interchurch fellowship. The money goes to fund programs of the Minden InterChurch Ministries.

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.

Lenten Season

We are transcribing the books of Luke and John during this Lent Season. 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.

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!



This Week's Calendar...

Today, March 8	Daylight Saving Time begins 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Prayer in Prayer Room 9:45am Worship Service Adult Sunday School after Worship 1:00pm Confirmation 4:00pm Hospitality Team Meeting
Wednesday, March 11	9:00am UMW 11:45 \$5 Lenten Lunch @ Bethany Lutheran 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Finance Meeting
Sunday, March 15	9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Prayer in Prayer Room 9:45am Worship Service Adult Sunday School after Worship 1:00pm Confirmation

Prayer List...

<i>Maxine Grams</i>	<i>Larry Tatum's Sister-in-Law</i>
<i>Donna Boudreau</i>	<i>Loneta Nolan's friend Sue</i>
<i>Libby Williams</i>	

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

Information from last week...

Worship Service Attendance.....	93
Sunday's Worship Offering	\$5,652

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

Jane Craig	Roxanne Sorensen	LeRoy Smith
Roma Anderson	Isabelle Martin	

Clavinova/Piano/Organ: Glen Haselbarth, Marlys Farm, Dan Frizane, Lena Choi
 Projection: Tony Ratka, Larry Snavely, Alaina Suchsland
 Greeters and Ushers: Dave and Allison Jameson
 Refreshment Hosts: Gary and Deb Smidt
 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

2020 Vision: Extend Hospitality to Strangers



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Scriptures Cont...

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Scriptures...

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

UMH#158 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" — This hymn, written in 1843, was originally an invitation song for children to sing, inviting Jesus to join in a service of praise to Him. It was soon changed to include all God's children of all ages. Author Henry Bateman was a English minister of the Moravian Church, the group that led the Wesley brothers to know the Lord as their Savior, It concludes with a reminder of the heavenly choir that we will all join in as we worship the Lord around His throne in glory some day. It is addressed to all believers to join in praise.

UMH#452 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" — Author Ray Palmer was a pastor from New England, active in the Congregational Church. Lowell Mason, who wrote the tune, was a very well known music leader in Boston who brought music education into the Boston Public Schools This hymn is addressed to the Lord, the Lamb of Calvary. It is a prayer that asks for God's help in our lives, even at the time (last stanza) or our death. It is very descriptive and vivid in its language of life and its trials.

UMH#513 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"— It is a musical setting of the verse in Ephesians "Put on the whole Armor of God that you will be able to withstand the attacks of the Devil." It is a rather militant text that encourages full participation in the battle for the truth of God's Kingdom and anticipates the final promised victory for His children. Written by the brothers who struggled throughout their lives against the wiles of the devil, John and Charles Wesley, our church founders.

Order of Worship March 8, 2020 2nd Sunday in Lent

Prelude	Glen Haselbarth
Bringing in the Light of Christ	The Acolytes
Welcome and Announcements	
*Opening Hymn	UMH #158 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
*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 121 John 3:1-17 Larry Evans
Message	Pastor Peter Choi "New Birth, New Beginning!"
Hymn	"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" UMH#452
Giving Our Gifts	
*Doxology	UMH 94
*Offertory Prayer	
*Closing Hymn "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"	UMH#513
*Benediction	
Postlude	Glen Haselbarth