

The Messenger



April 2022



Need to update how to communicate with you. The church needs to please update your address, phone number, and emails. Please send your info to Jaime at the church office. Also a clipboard will be sent around during church for this as well.

Greetings Minden UMC,

Rain was coming down after a long drought. The strong wind was sweeping remained corn straws over the ground. Windows are opened more frequently with warm weather. Sandhill cranes are passing through Nebraskan. Spring has come into us finally. I love April! I can ride a bicycle with my kids. I love to see farmers prepare and cultivate land for farming. I love going outside and talking with people.

Above all, I love April because of Easter! It marks the Resurrection of Jesus three days after his death by crucifixion. It is the joyful end to the Lenten season of fasting and repentance. I want to see more church family on Easter Sunday. I love to sing "Because He Lives" altogether with very loud voices. As Jesus is indeed alive, I hope this Easter is the first day that we return to our normalcy fully. I encourage you to open your door, drive your car, and come into the church.

The United Methodist Church is a congregational church, which means the church's leadership comes from church members, not a pastor. Even the pastor has no authority to vote except on the nomination committee. You are the people who lead this church. You are the people who have responsibilities to make this church renewal.

I saw some good signs in March. Ad Council and Hospitality members start to talk about the church's ministry. I saw their desire to build our church stronger. Moreover, Nadine Fahrlander comes and helps the children's ministry.

It is time to make more noise with young families and children. It is time to listen to the baby crying! It is time to dream of our future in the guidance of Christ. It is time to love and care for each other. It is time to be united under the Lordship of Jesus. It is time to serve the people of the community with compassion. It is time to pray for the peace of Ukraine. It is time to pray together for those who are in challenging situations.

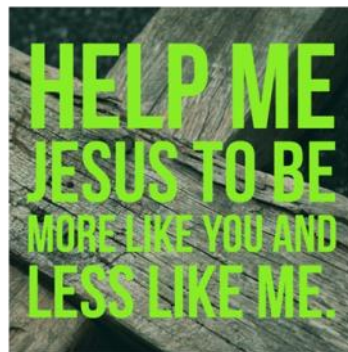
Do not hide! Do not look away from God's calling. God is waiting on the street until you return. Read Acts 2:17, "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams." It is time to see the resurrection of Jesus through our lives. Then let's go and tell this good news to all people.

Pastor Peter Choi

More Like Jesus, Less Like Me by Joyce Will

Throughout our lifetimes, we have many role models. Those role models may be a favored school teacher or professor, a special relative or maybe a neighbor or friend. We each have our own role models and we often try our very best to emulate them to the nth degree. But we tend to fail, sometimes terribly fail. However, the best and ultimate role model is our Lord and Savior, Jesus; for He is perfect and the only one that we should look to for our role model. One example of

what we should have to be more like Jesus would be His compassion. Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus showed His love for others time and time again. He blessed and served the poor, those that had various ailments and illnesses, and those that were anxious, worried and tormented. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 says: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." The deep empathy He has for others is an excellent example of how we can be more like Jesus. Another example of what we should have to be more like Jesus would be His being a loving servant. Despite Him being



our King and with that we should expect royal treatment to Him, He often lowered Himself to serve and show love to others. He ministered to all kinds of people from the rich to the very poor, to the people with all kinds of illnesses and even to those that didn't much like Him . But more so, He gave us His life so that we can be saved. Mark 10:45 says: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Another example of what we should have to be more like Jesus would be His forgiving heart. How many times don't we read in the Bible when people just did not like Him, they did not trust Him. But what did He do? He forgave them time and time again, just as He forgives us time and time again when we so often mess up in life. It's hard to forgive someone that has wronged us, but Jesus leads us by His perfect example. Colossians 3:13 says: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Other examples of what we should have to be more like Jesus would be gentleness, patience and self-control. Jesus was always so kindhearted and gentle especially when He was with children but He could also be gently stern when He needed to get His point across. His patience must have been tried many times, especially when He was with people that doubted Him and His teachings. When we find ourselves in trouble, isn't Jesus patient with us? And while we think of Jesus as perfect, He was tempted like we often are and because of that, He understands our often lack of self-control. But that doesn't give us the green light to lose that self-control. He shows us time and again in scripture who we are to have that positive characteristic. Being like Jesus is not easy, for we have human hearts that often direct our actions to be far different than what Jesus desires everyone of us to be. Galatians 5:24 says: "Those who belong to Christ have nailed their natural evil desires to His cross, and crucified them there." My friends, our sins were paid for when He died upon the cross that Good Friday many, many years ago. But the thing is that throughout the entire Bible, we are led to learn how to be better people, to be kind and caring and so much more. He only wants us to be more like Himself and less like what we want. My friends, desire in your hearts to be more like Jesus and less like you and me. **JW♥**



Palm Sunday—Worship at 9:45 a.m.
Maundy Thursday—Service at 7 p.m.
Good Friday —Service at Noon
 (followed by a light lunch)
Easter Sunday—Worship at 9:45 a.m.

Newsletter Change

We are asking you to please pick up your newsletter at the Church. Our goal will be to have them by the entrance the Friday before the 1st of each month. We will still be mailing them to members if they would like them mailed. It is posted every month on our website, mindenumc.org.



NO Adult Sunday School
following worship During April 2022

Kids Church School is every Wednesday 3:30 p.m—5:00 p.m.



April 10th during Sunday worship the 3rd and 4th Grade Students will receive a Bible from the Church and the Children will sing a song.



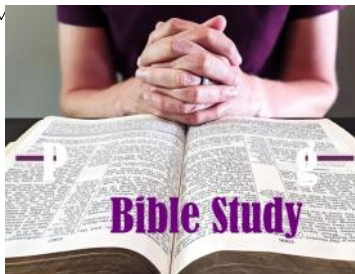
Life in Our Church Families...

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

Dolly Grams Family and Friends, Dan Frizane, Orville Scharff, Jan Larsen, Kurt Muller, Gary Smidt, Merlin Beahm, Jan Hofferber (Kathi Schutz's mother).

Please call the office when you know of any illness, hospitalization, new babies, marriages, joyous or sad news among your friends or family members. If you or your family has a prayer request and you would like to put on the Prayer Chain call Joan Fries at 402-756-0257.

**Bible Study
"Threading the Bible"
with Pastor Peter Choi
Every Tuesday
at 10:00am and 5:00pm**



**Prayer
Shawl
Ministry**

Calling all people who knit, crochet, or can sew pieces of fabric together. If there is enough interest, we would like to start a Prayer Shawl Ministry for our church family. A prayer shawl is made by someone in our church then the shawls are brought together to be blessed and prayed over during a church service and then be distributed to people who need to feel a "hug", who need to feel prayers and comfort when the shawl is placed around their shoulders. The recipient may be one who is enduring cancer treatment, one who is having major surgery, someone who has lost a loved one, someone who needs to feel that they are not alone, that they are loved, prayed for and thought of by their church family. Questions and interest can be directed to Joyce Will.



We will be keeping the church locked when no one is here. If you would like a key fob to be able to enter the church when it is locked please contact the office. During the cold winter months please come and use the church to walk and get some exercise.



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

APRIL 2022

HB Happy Birthday
HA Happy Anniversary

**3 9:45 am Worship
5th Sunday in Lent**

HB Joan Fries

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10am Bible Study
5pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Girl Scouts

**10 9:45 am Worship
Kids Sing, Cantata, 3rd/4th
Graders will receive bibles
Passion/Palm Sunday**

11 Holy Week

12 Holy Week
10am Bible Study
5pm Bible Study
7pm Cub Scouts

HA Rhodell & Joyce
Jameson—69 years

**17 9:45 am Worship
Easter**

HB Libby Williams



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HB Lyra Johnson

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10am Bible Study
5pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Girl Scouts

**24 9:45 am Worship
2nd Sunday of Easter**

HB Norma Rasmussen

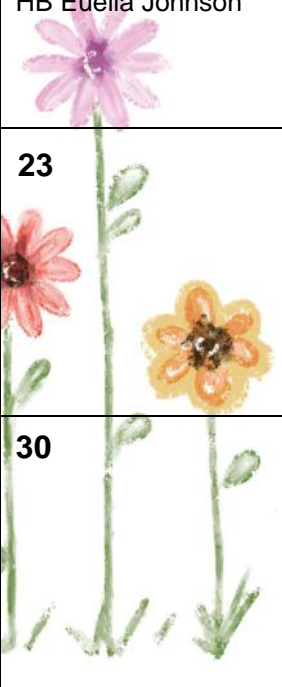
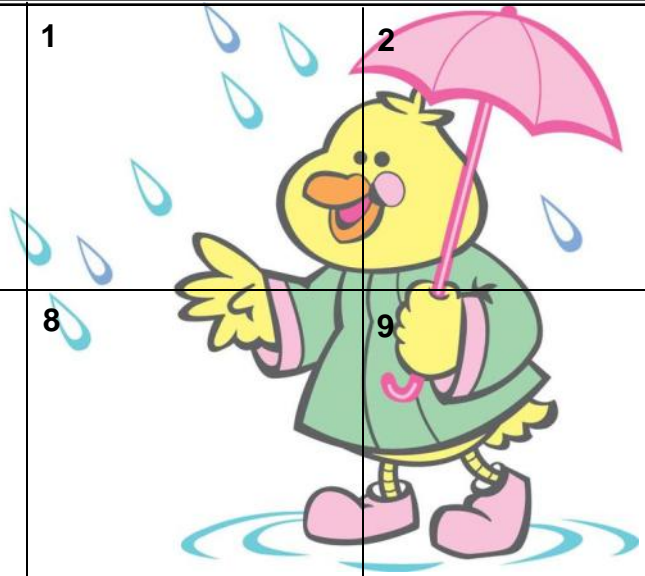
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HB Joyce Bender
HB Riley Ratka

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10am Bible Study
5pm Bible Study
7pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 3:30pm After School Sunday School 6:00pm Youth Group	7 6:30pm Choir Practice	8	9
13 Holy Week 9:30am UMW 3:30pm After School Sun- day School 5:00pm Praise Team Practice 7:00pm Finance Mtg HB Val Kauk	14 Holy Thursday Service at 7pm	15 Good Friday Service at Noon followed by light lunch. HB Phyllis Burnham HB Bailee Fries	16 Holy Week HB Euella Johnson
20 3:30pm After School Sunday School HB Jeanette Wilkinson	21	22	23
27 3:30pm After School Sunday School Ad Council Mtg 7pm	28	29 HA Doug & Shirley Fellers—22 years HB Marjorie Hultquist	30







March Financial Report...

General Giving in February	\$10,624
General Fund Giving to Date	\$41,454
General Expenses in February	\$3,688
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$49,590

(This report does not include the final days in March.)

Scripture Readers for April & May:

April 3:	Ginger Frizane
April 10:	Emma Grube
April 17:	Melissa Klabunde
April 24:	Jane Craig
May 1:	Lena Choi
May 8:	Julie Ratka
May 15:	Jodi Boudreau
May 22:	
May 29:	

Refreshment Hosts for April & May:

April 3:	McBrides
April 10:	Heath Family
April 17:	Klabunde Family
April 24:	Julie Ratka
May 1:	Doug & Diana Hammer
May 8:	Sandy Johnson
May 15:	Jodi Boudreau
May 22:	
May 29:	

Greeters/Ushers for April & May:

April 3:	Sheryl Heath
April 10:	Heath Family
April 17:	Klabunde Family
April 24:	Dave & Jane Craig
May 1:	Dawn & Paul Moyer
May 8:	
May 15:	
May 22:	
May 29:	

Please Call (308) 832-1995 if you can fill one of the open dates or email managerumcminden@msn.com.

April 17th



9:45 a.m.

"Heritage Goodie Coffee"

On the first Sunday of each month beginning in June we would like you to sign up provide foods to share with the church after the service. Instead of the regular coffee/cookies, we would like you to prepare and serve some foods that are from your heritage background. It may be something from Germany, Sweden, Italy, France, Mexico, Korea, Ireland, Greece, Denmark, etc. - wherever your heritage is from. Ethnic foods are fun to make and fun to serve to others. The possibilities are endless with what you can decide to serve along with either coffee or maybe there is a certain kind of tea/coffee/non-alcoholic drink that your heritage enjoys that you would be able to share with others, too. Make it fun. Make it a way to learn about each other. If you want to make small signs about your foods you serve, you can sure do that too. Let's celebrate the countries our families are from and share that with our church family.

Mother's Day and Father's Day morning coffee



before church service. Please come at any time from 9 until church begins for coffee/tea/juice and some yummy goodness to celebrate Mothers on May 8 and Fathers on June 19.

This will be hosted by the hospitality team members.

Everyone is welcome!

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Sunday Worship 9:45am

AddressService Requested

2022 Vision:

**Expand Our Boundaries
Through the Word of God.**

**“Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path”
(Psalm 119:105)**



Church Information:

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Pastor Peter Choi: 201-888-8430

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appointment or email
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308-830-2867**

**managerumcminden@msn.com
Monday–Friday 8am-Noon**

**Joan Fries, Prayer Chain:
402-756-0257**