Dear Beloved Minden United Methodist Church family,

As we bid farewell to 2023, I want to express my deepest gratitude to everyone for your tireless efforts, unwavering dedication, and the power of collective prayer that has defined our journey together. We have great expectations for God's presence with us in 2024, as the birth of Jesus Christ brings us hope, peace, joy, and love in this world.

After careful consideration and much prayer, I am thrilled to unveil our church vision for the year 2024: "All things work together for good." The vision is grounded in the profound words of Romans 8:28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Those who have been saved through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ are called children of God and are required to live according to His purpose. However, we cannot accomplish these things on our own. God has instructed us to collaborate and work together to accomplish goodness.

It has already been six years since I began serving Minden Methodist Church. The most significant aspect I have felt in this ministry is the importance of collaborating with one another to carry out the work of God. It is not merely about cooperation, but about all of us coming together as one body to move forward towards the growth and mission of the church.

Soon, I plan to share our thoughts on implementing the vision of the church for renewal, change, and genuine unity. I invite everyone to participate in this change so that the church can become a vibrant organism, alive and able to serve one another. Please join me in prayer for the success of these plans and for the church to experience a renewed sense of vitality as we move forward together.

I look forward to sharing this transformative journey with each and every one of you. Together, let us embrace the promise of January 2024, trusting that all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord.

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Peter Choi

2024 Church vision: All things work together for good. (Romans 8:28)

# January 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus New Year's Day Girl Scouts 7pm	<b>2</b> Girl Scouts 7pm	3	<b>4</b> 9:30am Prayer Time	5	6 Epiphany of the Lord
7 10:00am Worship Baptism of the Lord Epiphany Sunday 11:00am Adult Sunday School	8	<b>9</b> Cub Scouts 7pm	10 9:30am UMW 3:30pm Kid's Church School 4:30pm SPRC Mtg 6pm Finance Mtg 6:30pm Youth Group	11 9:30am Prayer Time	<b>12</b> Mobile Food Pantry	13
14 10:00am Worship Second Sunday after the Ephphany 11:00am Adult Sunday School	<b>15</b> Girl Scouts 7pm	<b>16</b> Girl Scouts 7pm	17 3:30pm Kid's Church School	<b>18</b> 9:30am Prayer Time	19	20
21 10:00am Worship Third Sunday after the Epiphany 11:00am Adult Sunday School	<b>22</b> WIC	23 Cub Scouts 7pm	24 3:30pm Kid's Church School 6:30pm Youth Group	<b>25</b> 9:30am Prayer Time	26	27
28 10:00am Worship Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 11:00am Adult Sunday School	29	30	31 3:30pm Kid's Church School			

Scripture Readers: January 7: ? January 14: ? January 21: ? January 28: ?

#### **Refreshment Hosts:**

January 7: ? January 14: ? January 21: ? January 28: ? Please Call (308) 832-1995 if you can fill one of the open dates or email managerumcminden@msn.com.

Greeters/Ushers:

January 7:

January 14: ?

January 21: ?

January 28: ?

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January 7: Communion Steward: ?

Servers: Lori Conyers, ? , ?

## Life in Our Church Family...

Take a moment and say a prayer for: Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson, Merlin Beahm, Kent Verbeck, and Jan Hofferber (Kathi's mother) also for Dorleene (Hava) Bausch who lives near Tiberias, Israel.

Please call the office when you know of any illness, hospitalization, new babies, marriages, joyous or sad news among your friends or family members.

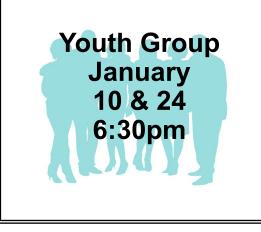
If you or your family has a prayer request and you would like to put on the Prayer Chain call Jeanette Wilkinson at 402-756-0772.

#### December Financial Report...

General Giving in December\$20,528General Fund Giving to Date\$170,774General Expenses in December\$16,015General Fund Expenses to Date\$208,953(This report does not include the final days in December)



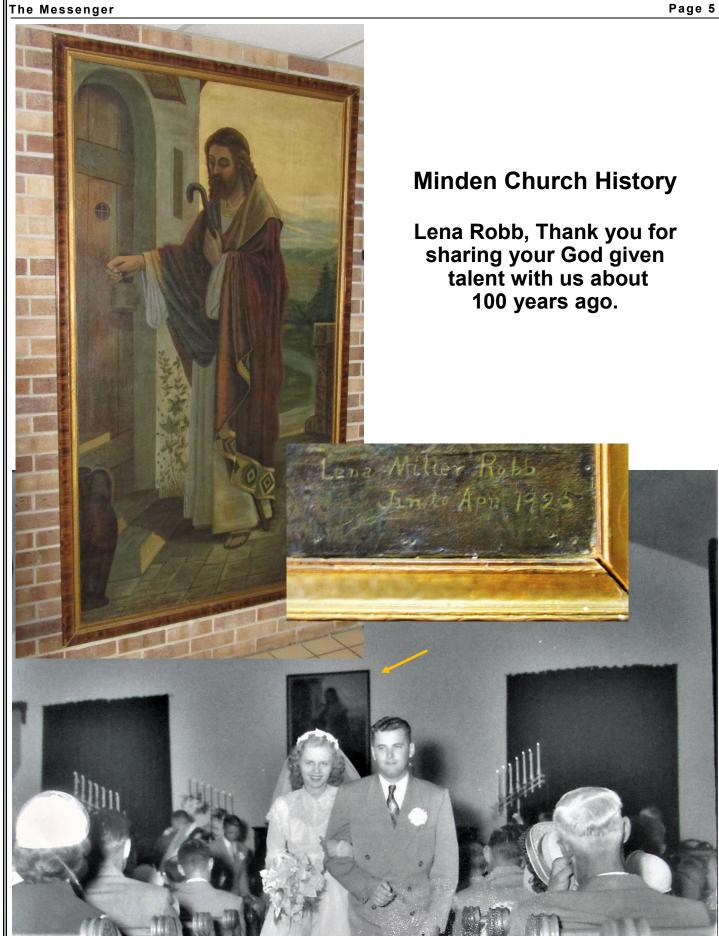
<u>Anniversaries</u> 7—Mike & Jodi Boudreau—35 years 8—Pastor Peter Choi & Lena Kim—13 years



Happy Birthday
Steven Fries
Dick McBride
Rita Smith
Steven Favinger
Edna Carlson
Fent Verbeck
Loneta Nolan
Nikki Dornhoff
Pastor Peter Choi
I8—Kin Snavely
J9—Jack Hultquist
J9—Alison Lovin
20—Jim Madsen
21—Zach Klabunde
24—Makenna Dornhoff
25—Ian Sinsel
29—Dudley Scharff

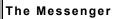
children by volunteering to bring after school snacks or a meal. Sign up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary.





#### The Messenger







United Methodist Church 340 N. Newell Ave Minden, NE 68959



Kid's Church School every Wednesday 3:30pm

### Happy New Year 2024!!



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