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Dear Minden UMC,

May the pouring grace and peace of our Lord Jesus enrich your lives throughout the Lenten season.

As the weather warms up, observing people exercising around the church and children playing and running nearby, I feel spring has truly arrived. Of course, it's too early to make definitive conclusions given Nebraska's frequently changing weather, but still, seeing the buds sprouting on the trees warms my heart.

I believe one of the reasons our lives are valuable is change. Without change in our lives, the world would seem no fun. While our physical bodies may weaken with age, our knowledge and hearts can become stronger and more mature, adding value to our lives.

During our last youth meeting, I asked Larry and Nancy Evans how their lives have changed as they have gotten older. They shared that they had strong desires for success and reaching higher goals while they were younger. However, as they aged, they came to realize the importance of family. They also expressed a desire to dedicate more time to communicating with God, even amidst life's busyness.

As Lent passes, I've had time to reflect on my life. Since God called me to ministry, I've had a sincere desire to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. However, I realize that I am still a sinner and that there are times when I prioritize my own desires over God's will. I reflect on whether I have truly lived a life that pleases God.

I encourage each of you to reflect on the suffering and death that Jesus endured on the cross and consider what it means to you personally. Why did the Son of God, Jesus, choose to die even though He didn't have to? I hope you will engage in deep contemplation on this matter. Furthermore, as you journey through this time of reflection, I encourage you to contemplate the significance of Easter, which falls on March 31st.

Surely, deep within your hearts, you will feel a gentle stirring, realizing how much Jesus loves you. Above all else, God loves each and every one of you. The greatest evidence of this is the death on the cross, where Jesus willingly sacrificed Himself for you. May Lent be a time overflowing with the love of Jesus.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Peter Choi



March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World Day of Prayer	2
3 10:00am Worship 3rd Sunday in Lent 11:00am Adult Sunday School 3pm Cub Scouts	4 7pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Boy Scouts	5 10:00am Group Study 7pm Girl Scouts	6 Lenten Lunch at Westminster United Presbyterian Church 3:30pm Kid's Church School 6:30pm Youth Group	7 9:30am Prayer Time	8	9
10 10:00am Worship 4th Sunday in Lent 11:00am Adult Sunday School Day Light Savings Time Begins	11	12 10:00am Group Study	13 9:30am UMW Lenten Lunch at Westminster United Presbyterian Church 3:30pm Kid's Church School	14 9:30am Prayer Time	15	16 6:05pm Faith & Family Storm Hockey Game @ Kearney
17  St. Patrick's Day 10:00am Worship 5th Sunday in Lent 11:00am Adult Sunday School	18 8-4 WIC 7pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Boy Scouts	19 10:00am Group Study 7pm Girl Scouts	20 Lenten Lunch at Westminster United Presbyterian Church 3:30pm Kid's Church School 6:30pm Youth Group	21 9:30am Prayer Time	22 Mobile Food Pantry	23
24  10:00am Worship Palm Sunday 11:00am Adult Sunday School	25 Holy Week 7:15pm Boy Scouts	26 Holy Week 10:00am Group Study 7pm Cub Scouts	27 Holy Week Lenten Lunch at Westminster United Presbyterian Church 3:30pm Kid's Church School	28 Holy Thursday 9:30am Prayer Time	29 Good Friday 7pm Service 10am Boy Scout Church Clean up	30 Holy Saturday
31 10:00am Worship Easter Day 11:00am Adult Sunday School						

Scripture Readers:

March 3 : Lori Conyers
March 10: Marilyn Rasmussen
March 17: ?
March 24: Larry Evans
March 31: Josie Graham

Greeters/Ushers:

March 3 : Glenda Blauch
March 10: Marilyn Rasmussen
March 17: ?
March 24: Larry & Nancy Evans
March 31: ?

Refreshment Hosts:

March 3 : ?
March 10: Jason & Corey Smidt
March 17: ?
March 24: Larry & Nancy Evans
March 31: The Graham's Family

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

March 3: Communion Steward: ?

Servers: Lori Conyers, ? , ? , ? .

Life in Our Church Family...

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

Dan & Ginger Frizane, Marjorie Hultquist,
 Larry Anderson, Merlin Beahm,
 and Jan Hofferber (Kathi's mother).

Luke White & Justiss Hinkle had a baby boy, Greyson Eldas, on February 7th. He weighed 8lbs, 3 ozs. Congratulation!!

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.



February Financial Report...

General Giving in January	\$10,238
General Fund Giving to Date	\$23,273
General Expenses in January	\$11,912
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$24,719
(This report does not include the final days in February)	



**\$7 Lenten Lunches will by at
 Westminster United Presbyterian Church
 Wednesdays at 11:45am.**

Happy Birthday

- 1—Sirena Havens
- 2—Shirley Fellers
- 3—Tom Taylor
- 4—Joe Hultquist
- 5—Janell Shelton
- 6—Larry Evans
- 6—Vivian Bunger
- 6—Payden Havens
- 8—Jane Craig
- 9—Roxanne Sorensen
- 11—Roma Anderson
- 12—Isabelle Martin
- 19—Ginger Frizane
- 20—Sandy Johnson
- 20—Russ Olsen
- 20—Amy Kring
- 22—Laci Loseke
- 23—Lisa Maulsby
- 24—Dr. John Finkner
- 28—Dave Olsen
- 31—Gene Lundeen



Happy Anniversary

- 2—Merlin & Lynette Beahm—49 years
- 13—Jason & Corey Smidt—20 years
- 20—Russ & Carolyn Olsen—10 years
- 24—Ray & Karli Havens—17 years
- 28—Lonnie & Marsha Granger—37 years

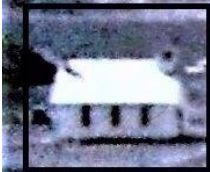


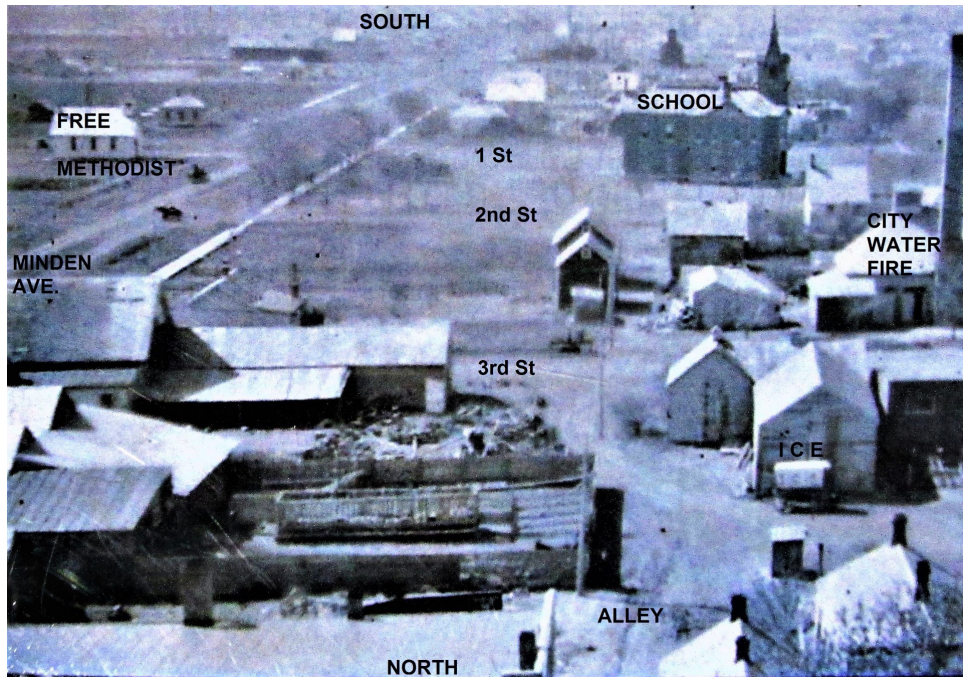
We would like to send out a big Thank You to all who have helped provide us meals. With busy schedules, you help make it possible for us to get together.

Thank You,
The Methodist Youth Group

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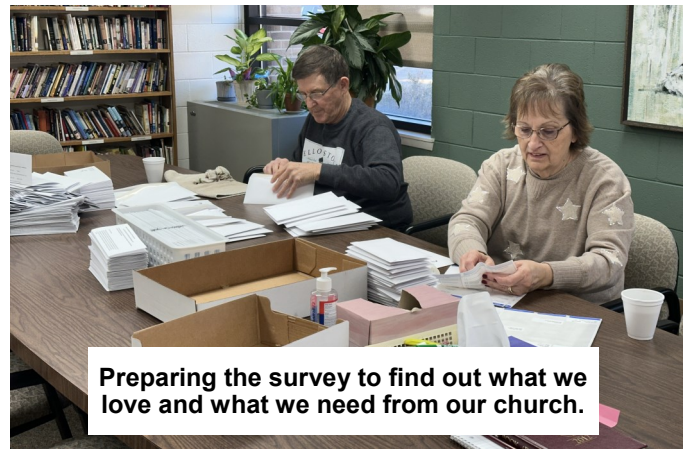


Is this photo only Minden history or part of our church history? This ca 1907 Free Methodist Church was located at approximately 110 N. Minden Ave. The church did have a bell and was around for three or more years. This photo was taken looking south from the top of the new courthouse. This church may be part of our church history because a M. E. (Methodist) Church member who was a child when the large 1903 brick church was built told me (ca 1972) there were church members who were quite dissatisfied when the 1903 church was built. The question is was this Free Methodist Church an expression of their dissatisfaction? As you look at the complete photo you may notice one building that still exists today mostly as was and it is made of lumber. Also if you orient yourself properly you will see to the right of the standpipe the United Presbyterian Church in its original form.





We are blessed to have young people in our church learning about God.



Preparing the survey to find out what we love and what we need from our church.





Welcome Erin to our Church Family



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

Sunday Worship 10am



**Kid's Church School
every Wednesday
3:30pm**

**Good Friday Service 7:00pm, March 29
Easter Service 10:00am, March 31**



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