



Dear Minden UMC,

Finally, it seems like the long winter has passed, and spring has come. The new shoots are almost all up, and farmers seem to be ready to start farming. In Nebraska, the feeling of spring and autumn is short, May is a really good time to enjoy warm weather. I plan to re-start walking around the church with Lena and two children in the evening.

May is a month filled with significant events. On May 5th, during our worship service, we will be honoring and blessing our high school graduates. This is a momentous occasion as we celebrate the achievements of Braxton Janda, Marah Dornhoff, Gracie Fries, Jessie Tunnell, and Neele Janssen. It's particularly meaningful as four of these students have journeyed with us through confirmation classes, marking a significant milestone in their faith.

Also, on May 12th, it's Mother's Day. The love of the mothers who have cared for and raised us is said to be as high as the sky. There are still those who are alive and those who have passed away. I think it's because of their love that we have the heart to take care of our children and look after our neighbors. And the love is so immense that it seems we can never repay it.

Furthermore, on May 19th, we celebrate Pentecost. After Jesus resurrected and ascended into heaven, as he promised, the Holy Spirit descended into our lives. This marks the beginning of the early church and is a crucial time when our lives turn towards God. Pentecost is symbolized by the color red, representing the fire of the Holy Spirit, and it's the one time in the liturgical year when we express this significance.

Our family is planning to visit South Korea for two weeks. We will leave May 21, we'll see our parents, siblings, nieces and nephews, and friends and then return home. We're grateful to the SPRC members who make it possible for us to go, and we'll make wonderful memories, recharge our energy, and return.

We are having a sermon series on wrestling with doubt. In April, we explored topics like the existence of God and the truth of the Bible. In May, we will discuss unanswered prayers and the suffering of innocent people. I believe these are commonly asked questions among



Christians. Through this time, I pray that you will find answers for yourselves and that your faith will deepen even further.

Finally, the church is the body of Christ and a community of people who believe in Jesus as our Savior. Each one of you is called to lead the church in Jesus' name. Therefore, I hope we can once again gather our strength as a church and commit to its growth. On April 28th, under the leadership of the SPRC committee, we envision the future of our church collectively. Through this gathering, I hope we can dream together for the future and become a joyful and overflowing church.

Yours in Christ
Pastor Peter Choi

**2024
Church vision:
All things
work together
for good.**

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:30pm Kid's Church School	2 9:30am Prayer Time	3 City Wide Clean Up	4 City Wide Clean Up Dawg Days on the Square 3-7pm
5 10:00am Worship 6th Sunday of Easter Graduation Sunday 11:00am Adult Sunday School	6 7pm Girl Scouts	7 7pm Girl Scouts	8 9:30am United Women in Faith (UMW) 3:30pm Kid's Church School	9 9:30am Prayer Time	10 Mobile Food Pantry	11 Minden High School Graduation
12 10:00am Worship 7th Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday Mother's Day 11:00am Adult Sunday School	13 8am-4pm WIC 7:15pm Boy Scouts	14 7am-9pm Elections	15 3:30pm Kid's Church School VBS planning meeting 7pm	16 9:30am Prayer Time	17	18
19 10:00am Worship Day of Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School	20 7pm Girl Scouts	21 7pm Girl Scouts	22	23 9:30am Prayer Time	24	25
26 10:00am Worship Trinity Sunday 11:00am Adult Sunday School	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30 9:30am Prayer Time	31	

Scripture Readers:

May 5 : Julie Ratka
May 12: Tristan Havens
May 19: Kent Verbeck
May 26: ?

Greeters/Ushers:

May 5 : Ratka's
May 12: ?
May 19: ?
May 26: ?

Refreshment Hosts:

May 5 : Ratka's
May 12: Wilkinson's
May 19: ?
May 26: ?

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

May 5: Communion Steward: ?

Servers: Dawn Moyer, ? ,? &
 ? .

Life in Our Church Family...

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

Doug Fellers, Dan & Ginger Frizane, Joe & Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson, Merlin Beahm, Peggy Rasmussen and Jan Hofferber (Kathi'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 Jeanette Wilkinson at 402-756-0772.

April Financial Report...

General Giving in April	\$20,375
General Fund Giving to Date	\$57,793
General Expenses in April	\$9,043
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$64,614

(This report does not include the final days in April)



Attention: Mark your calendars, June 9th, Worship Service will be streamed live in the sanctuary at 9:30am.

You may also attend the worship service in Kearney at the Crown Plaza at this time.

Happy Birthday

- 4—Tony Ratka
- 4—Delaine Maxon
- 5—Jaime Sinsel
- 5—Gracie Fries
- 6—Scott Maxon
- 11—Ray Havens
- 12—Donlyn Space
- 13—Sam Tunnell
- 14—Gabi Froid
- 17—Carolyn Olsen
- 19—Dave Craig
- 21—Mike Froid
- 23—Jessica Tunnell
- 24—Gage Fries
- 24—Doug Hammer
- 25—Jacey Smidt
- 26—Braxton Janda
- 28—Steve Younkin



Happy Anniversary

- 21—Mark & Melissa Klabunde—19 years
- 26—Larry & Sheila Anderson—52 years
- 29—Larry & Kim Snavely—25 years
- 29—Mike & Maryjo Froid—25 years
- 30—Clark & Jennifer Bauer—32 years

**Looking for a few things for Vacation Bible School
June 23-27, 2024**

Theme: “Camp Firelight”

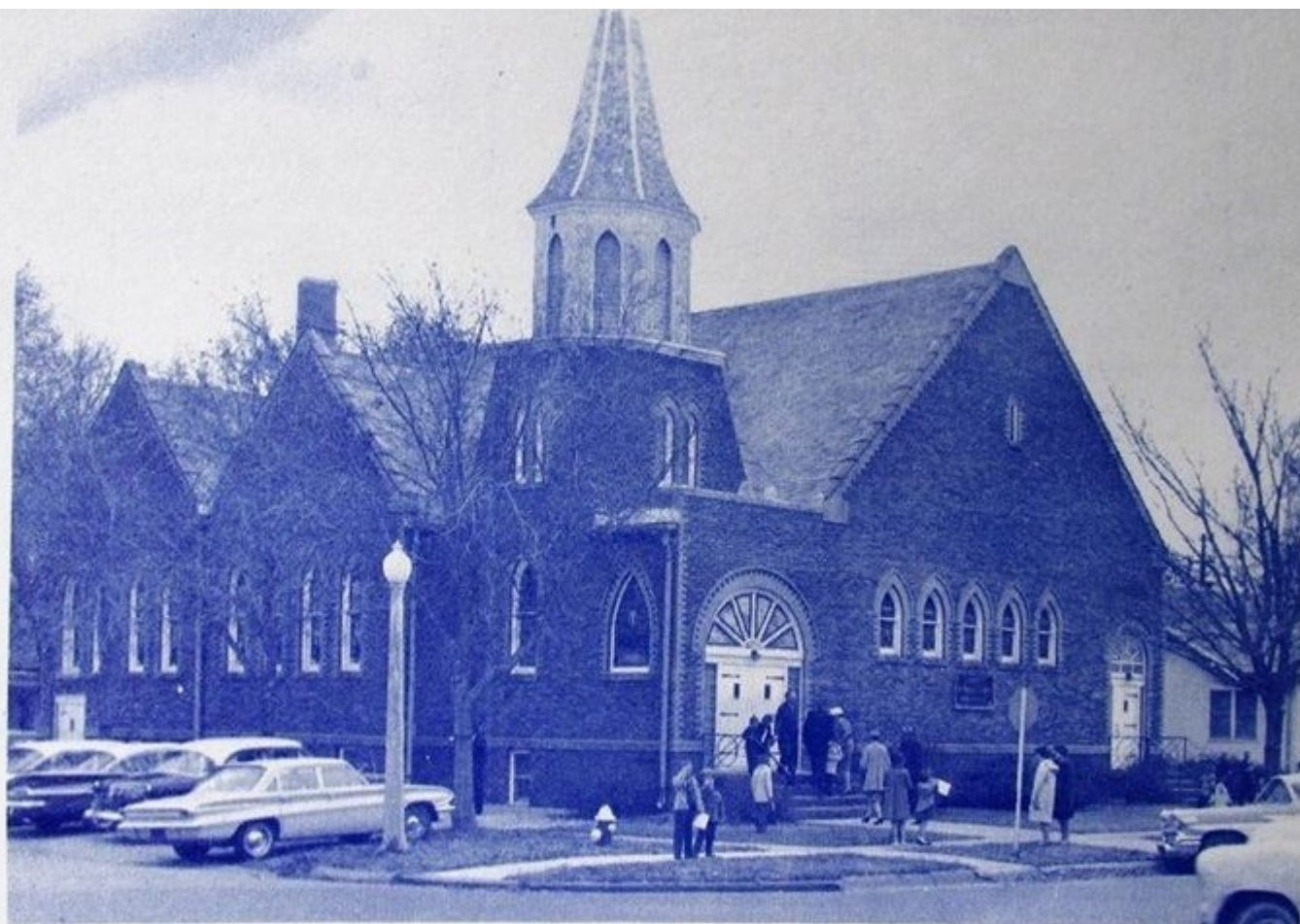
← ***Medium-Large artificial Trees
(these will be returned to you)**



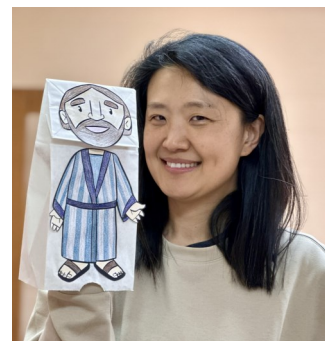
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***Camping decorations**



In the past in various churches people were assigned pews. I don't believe that occurred in Minden. I do know for a few decades an unwritten rule at the Methodist Church was that you did not park where the little white Pontiac Tempest is parked in the photo. That was known as Carey Boisen's parking space. My whole life that was her space plus before the white Tempest she had a white ca 1946 Pontiac Streamliner that also parked there every Sunday. She purchased those autos from Fleming and Robb the Pontiac dealers in Minden. The Robb family was quite active in the Methodist Church as we know from the church lobby painting donated in 1925 by Lena Robb. Two of Lena's children who were active in the Minden Methodist Church during their whole lifetime were Harold Robb the Pontiac dealer and Gladys Musgrave. Harold was 95 when he died in 1993 and I believe was the last living WWI Kearney County veteran.



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

Sunday Worship 10am



**Kid's Church School
every Wednesday
3:30pm til May 15.**



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