



Dear Minden UMC,

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

It truly feels like summer has arrived in full force. With temperatures nearing 100 degrees, it's unbearable without air conditioning, both at church and at home. Thanks to modern advancements, we can enjoy the comfort of air conditioning almost anywhere. However, it's hard to imagine how people managed to live when air conditioning was either unavailable or scarcely used.

I heard that a hailstorm hit the Minden area in early June, causing damage to the farms. Fortunately, most of the damage is covered by insurance. Still, it must be heartbreaking to see the crops you've nurtured with such care fail to grow and wither away. Please keep us informed if there are any neighbors suffering from the aftermath of natural disasters in the future. Our conference has a disaster response team, and we are committed to finding ways to share in their struggles and offer support.

Our Vacation Bible School has successfully concluded, thanks to your prayers and support. We are deeply grateful to everyone who led and participated in making the Vacation Bible School a grace-filled and enjoyable experience. In the church lobby, you will find photos of the leaders, volunteers, and students who contributed to the success of this event. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to those who provided meals. Your efforts in preparing food to match the camp concept were greatly appreciated, and every meal was eagerly anticipated.

During this Vacation Bible School, we truly felt that "we can do all things through God." From planning and decorating to leading the program, we witnessed the leadership and execution skills of our church. We were also delighted to see new children participating this year. Additionally, it reinforced the importance of personal invitations in our outreach efforts, emphasizing that the most effective promotion often comes through inviting those closest to us.

I believe that church should be personally enjoyable. While it remains a community of faith following Jesus, the approach should be engaging and fun. By "fun," I mean that it should have strong, compelling elements that draw people in and make them want to be part of it.

The times are changing rapidly. While traditional methods are important as a safe foundation, relying solely on them can limit our progress into the future. It's crucial to understand what interests young people and sometimes embrace flexibility in moving forward together. This balance between tradition and innovation is essential for growth and relevance.

It is not too late. We can do all things through God. We can be united in Jesus. Although we may sow seeds in tears, we are confident that we will reap a harvest of joy.

Blessing and peace, Your Pastor Peter Choi

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 9:30am Prayer Time 	5	6
7 10:00am Worship 7th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School	8 8am-4pm WIC	9	10 9:30am United Women in Faith (UMW) 6:00pm Finance Mtg	11 9:30am Prayer Time	12	13
14 10:00am Worship 8th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School	15	16	17	18 9:30am Prayer Time	19	20
21 10:00am Worship 9th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School	22	23	24	25 9:30am Prayer Time	26	27
28 10:00am Worship 10th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School	29	30	31			

Scripture Readers:

- July 7: KayLyn McBride
- July 14: ?
- July 21: ?
- July 28: ?

Refreshment Hosts:

- July 7: ?
- July 14: ?
- July 21: ?
- July 28: ?

Greeters/Ushers:

- July 7: ?
- July 14: ?
- July 21: ?
- July 28: ?

Please Call (308) 832-1995 if you can fill one of the open dates or email

July: Communion Steward: ?
Servers: ? , ? ,? & ?

**United Methodist Women
Annual Rummage Sale**

Please bring clean and gently used items to donate in a box, sack, or bag to room 103. No TVs, computers, baby cribs or car seats! If you have furniture, please contact Jodi Boudreau at 830-0336 to arrange a time to deliver to the church.

Sale Dates

- August 11 - Set up after church
Help needed!!
- August 12 – Set up & pricing
- August 13 – Sale 9am-7pm
- August 14 – Sale 9am – 7pm
- August 15 – Sale 9am-1pm
(\$3 Sack Sale)

Life in Our Church Family...

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

Val Kauk, 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.

June Financial Report...

General Giving in June	\$10,250
General Fund Giving to Date	\$81,393
General Expenses in June	\$15,852
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$103,083
(This report does not include the final days in June)	

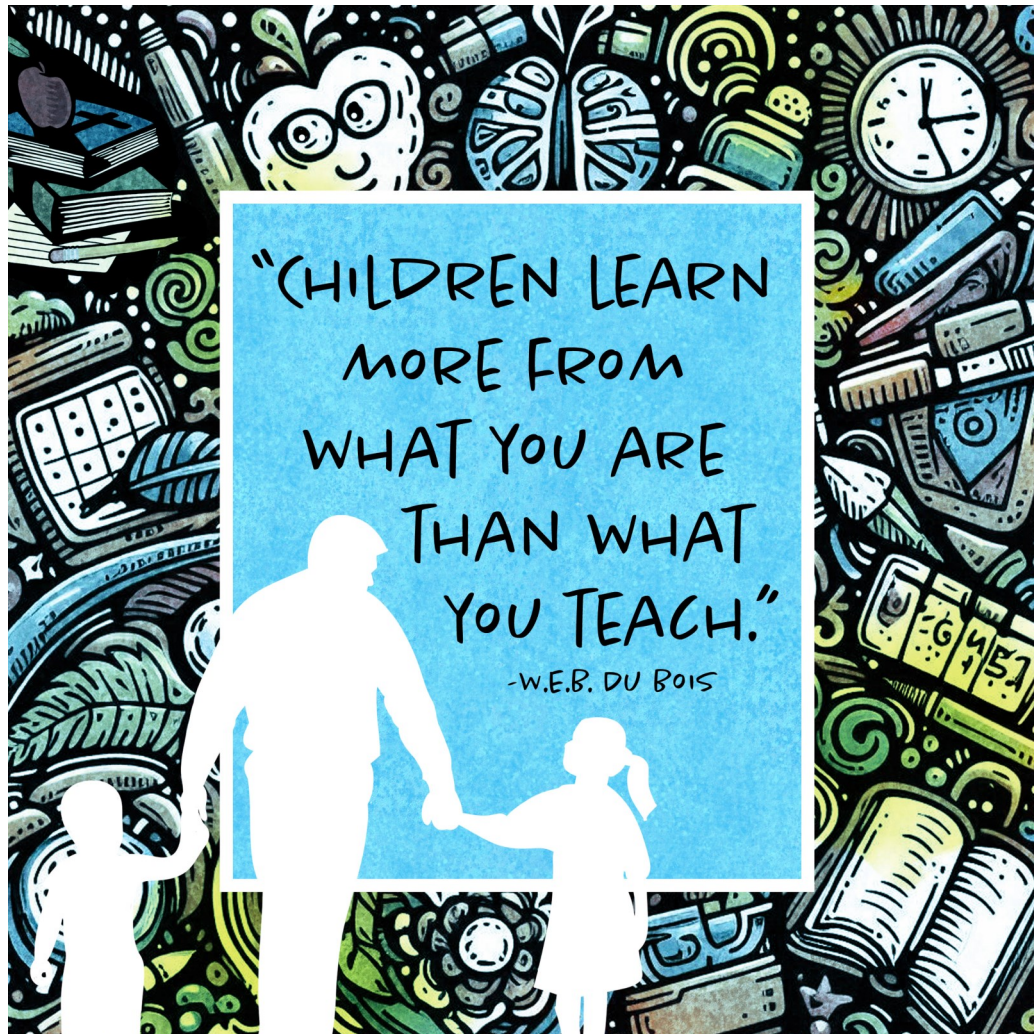


Happy Anniversary

- 14—Scott & Delaine Maxon—22 years
- 23—Ed & Lonna Rowse—30 years
- 24—Rod & Linda Duffey—26 years
- 25—Kurt & Jennifer Muller—37 years
- 26—Joe & Marjorie Hultquist—60 years
- 28—Gary & Deb Smidt—50 years

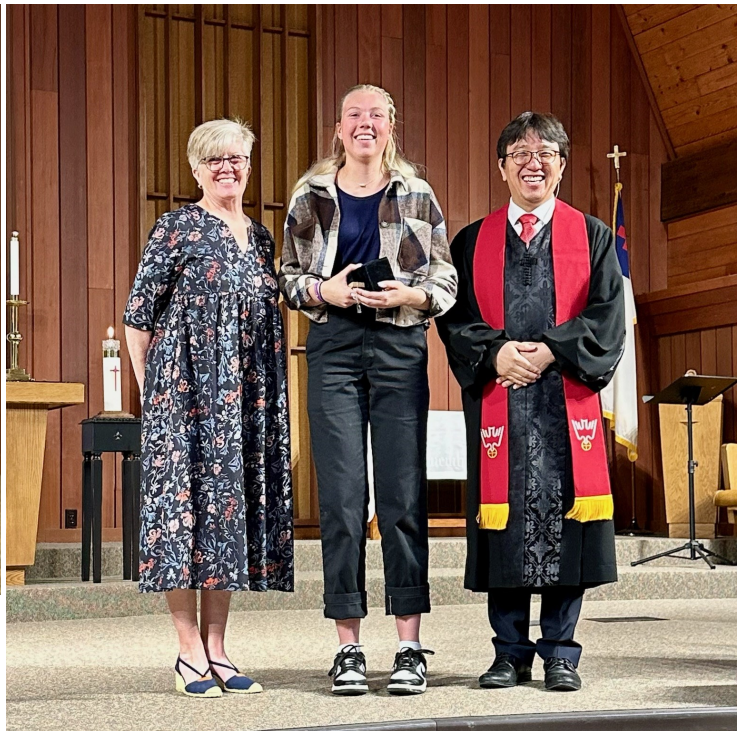
Happy Birthday

- 1—Dawn Moyer
- 4—Virginia Madsen
- 6—Aubree Kring
- 9—Randy Nolan
- 10—Aiden Sinsel
- 11—Nadine Fahrlander
- 13—Hailey Choi
- 13—Elta Kern
- 14—Anna Sinsel
- 16—Bobbie Heitman
- 17—Doug Fellers
- 20—Leslie Lambert
- 22—Susan Tunnell
- 23—Alaina Suchsland
- 28—Leah Boudreau
- 28—Julie Ratka



Vacation Bible School 2024







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340 N. Newell Ave
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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.



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Jeanette Wilkinson. Prayer Chain—402-756-0772