

**United Methodist Church  
340 N Newell Ave  
Minden, Nebraska  
Epiphany Sunday  
10:00 a.m.  
January 5, 2025**



**Prelude**

**Video**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

1. In February 2025, Pastor Peter will begin a new sermon series titled **Living the Questions: A Journey through Faith and Life**. As Christians, we often wrestle with balancing our faith and the realities of daily life. This four-week series will explore questions that many of us wonder about but find difficult to answer. For more details, please check the church newsletter, where you'll find a list of potential topics for this series. If there's a particular topic that interests you, please feel free to contact the church.
2. United Women in Faith will meet this Wed., January 8, at 9:30am.
3. Finance meeting 6:00pm on Wednesday.
4. Youth Group will meet this Wednesday at 6:30pm.
5. We encourage you to consider volunteering as a scripture reader, greeter, communion server, or refreshment host. If you feel called to serve our church and ministry, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.
6. Refreshments will be served in Room 300 following worship.
7. Last week we received offerings of \$2,519.

**Call to worship!**

**L:** Come, let us gather in God's presence, the One who promises to renew and cleanse our hearts.

**P: We come with expectancy, longing for God's transformation.**

**L:** In this new year, let us open ourselves to His renewing power, trusting that He is at work in our lives.

**P: We lift our voices in praise for God's faithfulness and love.**

**L:** Let us worship the Lord, the One who is making all things new.

**P: We come to worship and be transformed!**

**Opening Prayer**

Lord, we open our hearts to You, seeking Your renewal and guidance. Transform us by Your Spirit, that we may reflect Your love and grace in this new year. Fill us with hope and joy, and lead us in Your ways. We trust in Your promise to make us new, and we offer our lives to You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Lena Choi**

**Happy Birthday to**

Steven Favinger  
Kent Verbeck  
Loneta Nolan  
Nikki Dornhoff

**Happy Anniversary to**

Mike & Jodi  
Boudreau—36 years  
Peter & Lena  
Choi—14 years

**Prayer List**

Nadine Fahrlander  
Marion Johnson  
Lee Mills  
Joe Hultquist  
Larry Anderson

**January 5-11, 2025**

**Sunday**

**Monday**

7pm Girl Scouts  
7pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

9:30am UMW  
3:30 Wednesday  
School  
6:30pm Youth Group

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

Vision statement for 2025:  
**"A Life Centered  
on Worship"**  
inspired by **Romans 12:1**

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

**Opening Songs** “You Are My All in All” & “10,000 Reasons”

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children’s Time**

**Scripture Reading**

**Leanna Warner**

**Ezekiel 36: 24-28 (NIV)**

“For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**“Gathered, Cleansed, Renewed”**

**Pastor Peter Choi**

**Joys & Concerns**

**Moment of Stillness and Renewal**

**Hymn “Be Still, My Soul” UMH#534**

**Unison Prayer:** Gracious and loving God, we come before You with humble hearts, seeking Your renewing presence. Cleanse us from all that hinders our relationship with You. Transform us by the power of Your grace and renew our hearts with a deep sense of hope and joy. We surrender our lives into Your hands, trusting in Your ability to restore and make all things new. Guide us in the way of Your love and truth, that we may live each day as a testimony of Your grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

**Doxology**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**UMH#94**

**Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God, we bring these gifts as an act of our trust and gratitude. Use them to bring hope and renewal to others and guide us to live generously for Your glory. Bless these offerings and our lives, that they may reflect Your love in the year ahead. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

**Holy Communion**

**Special Music “The Gift of Love”**

**Closing Song**

**“Because He Lives”**

**Sending Forth**

Go now into this new year with renewed hearts and steadfast faith. Trust in God’s promise to make all things new, and let His Spirit guide your steps. May your lives reflect His love, your words bring His hope, and your actions reveal His grace. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

**Postlude**

**Lena Choi**