

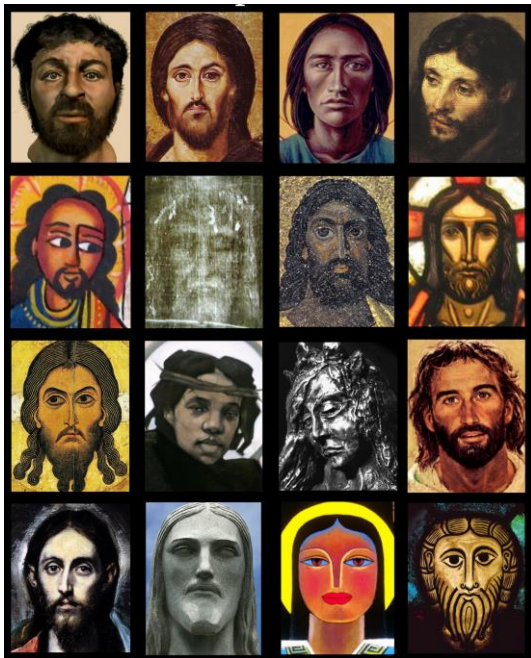
MINNEOLA'S STORY

March, 2019

*“...so let this be/a season for wandering,
for trusting the breaking,/for tracing the rupture
that will return you.*

*to the One who waits,/who watches,/who works within
the rending/to make your heart/whole.*

- Excerpt from “Rend Your Heart” by Jan Richardson



Meeting Christ Face-to-Face

On Wednesday March 6th we will gather as a church for soup and worship. We will come to the railing of our sanctuary, kneel and receive ashes upon our foreheads reminding us that we are dust, and to dust we shall return.

And so will begin another Lenten journey:

Lent, a time of reflection, repentance and renewal.

Lent, a time of waiting, anticipating and hoping.

Lent, a time to meet Christ face-to-face.

This year our Lenten journey will revolve around Christ; around meeting him, face-to-face in our worship, our scripture, our lives and in the face of the other. On Sunday mornings our worship services will engage the Gospel

stories in a way that helps us become players in the stories themselves. Taking time to imagine us in them; seeing, talking, reacting to Jesus. Our Wednesday evening study will take those same scriptures and call us to each other. To honestly embody our belief that Jesus Christ is found in the face of the other. We will face each other and begin to more deeply know those who we kneel beside at Christ's table.

Our Lenten journey soon begins and through these 40 days, no matter how you chose to participate in the life of Minneola, I pray you set some time aside and reconnect with Jesus Christ, letting his life, his love and his will wash over you reshaping you as a potter shapes clay.

Peace on your journey.

- Pr. Hannah

March Meetings

Stewardship Board: March 3rd @ 11:30 am

Property Board: March 13th @ 6:30 pm

Planning Council: March 13th @ 7:30 pm

Youth Board: March 31st @ 9:00 am

Financial Status

January 15th – February 14th

Income: \$ 8,547.00

Expense: \$ 9,385.46

Deficit: -\$838.46

(as of February 14, 2018)



If you would like to receive a more detailed report on a monthly basis by either mail or email, please contact the office by phone or at kileen@minneolalutheranchurch.com.

Financial Secretary Report

January 15th – February 14th

Operating Income \$ 8,547

Average need to make budget \$ 2,470

Actual average per week \$ 2,137

Building/Siding Fund Income = \$ 815

Fuel Fund = \$ 485

Thanks to all who continue to give as they are able to support our ministry. Thank you for all your financial support of God's ministry through Minneola.

March Council Update

- Thank you to those who attended the Annual Meeting! The 2019 budget was approved and only an increase of \$70 weekly will be needed to meet the budget! Keep your eyes open for Commitment Cards.
- There are still some Member Information sheets that need updating in the church office. If you have not yet stopped in and filled one out please do so. Reminders will be sent out via email in the next coming weeks.

Annual Report

If you would like a report mailed to you call the church at 507-824-2685 or email

kileen@minneolalutheranchurch.com



Lent and Soup

A special offering on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday will help support five selected area mission programs. Offerings will be divided equally to support the Zumbrota Food Shelf, Kenyon Food Shelf, Habitat for Humanity, Good Earth Village and Cannon River Good Neighbor Project.

Be sure to bring some veggies or other donations for our Stone Soup Supper before Wednesday March 6th.

- **Wednesday March 6th**
 - 6:00 pm Stone Soup Supper
 - 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
 - For 5 weeks beginning Wednesday March 13th our evening schedule 6:00 pm Soup Supper
 - 6:45 pm Lenten Study
 - 7:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer
- **Thursday April 18th:** Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm
- **Sunday April 21st: Easter Sunday**
 - 8:00 am Easter Breakfast
 - 9:30 am Easter Worship

For our Lenten study in 2019 we will be taking time to get to know each other better and the many hearts of ministry God has planted, cultivated and is blooming in our community. It will be a time to share, to deepen our relationship to God and to each other. Join each week, or whenever your schedule allows.

Hope to see you as we intentionally take some time with God this Lent.

- Pr. Hannah



Memorials Blessing Minneola

You will see some new items at Minneola in the coming months and it is due to the generous and loving gifts given in memory of members of Minneola. This past year two new worship items were requisitioned: a set of red paraments given in honor of Orella Hanson and an earthenware communion paten and matching chalices using undesignated funds. These items graced our sanctuary and community for the first time on Sunday March 3rd for our Bold Women Celebration.

Other undesignated dollars were used to purchase blinds for the east facing windows in the conference room and new computers for both Pastor and Kileen.

These funds, given in memory of the faithful, will continue to bless the ministry God does through Minneola in their own unique ways. We are so grateful for these gifts and are honored to use them in such a manner.

-Minneola Council

Habitat for Humanity Happenings

The 2018 build season brought out 358 Volunteers who donated 5,085 hours to help house two families. In 2019 we are planning on housing three more families in affordable durable, energy efficient Habitat homes. We started rehab work on an existing home in early February and introduced the partner family that has been approved and chosen this site as their new home. Two more projects will be undertaken in the coming build season. Stay tuned!

because you believed

You are invited to our 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Brunch.

Saturday, March 9 | 10:30 am

United Lutheran Church
628 West 5th Street, Red Wing, MN

Please join us for brunch, celebrations, greeting old friends and a chance to share with other volunteers.

RSVP: 651-327-2195 gchfh02@gmail.com



Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Easter Flowers

If anyone would like to order a plant for Minneola's Easter Garden, please let the office know and send a check by Sunday, March 17th. Checks can be made out to Minneola Lutheran.

Lily 6+ Blooms \$17.00
Lily 12+ Blooms \$34.00
Mum \$18.00
Azalea \$26.00
Tulip \$15.00
Hydrangea \$29.00



You are welcome to take your plant home after worship on Easter Sunday. Also, if you would like your plant to be in memory of someone or in honor of someone or something, please include that with your order.

Happy Anniversary

Dan and Sue Scheffler 3/3
Ricki and Charlie Sibley 3/11
Dick and Marlys Loken 3/28
Chuck and Janice Vangsness 3/31



Happy Birthday

Lonnie Skordahl 3/1
Tara Sprik 3/1
Sully Bremer 3/2
Jordan Schliep 3/2
Stephanie Husbyn 3/4
Peder Husbyn 3/6
Luke Peterson 3/6
Carmen Petersburg 3/8
Joy Post 3/11
Elizabeth Tews 3/18
Jennifer Kylo 3/19
Jeremy Banks 3/20
Lynette Nerison 3/20
Dan Scheffler 3/20
Ron Kylo 3/21
Jared Nerison 3/22
Carmen Nerison 3/28
Cheryl Kylo 3/29
Mariana McDonald 3/30



THE
FORTY
DAYS
of LENT

RETURN
to the
LORD
YOUR
GOD

March, 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 am Ol' School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Stewardship Board	4	5	6 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Stone Soup Supper 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	7	8	9
10 9:30 am Ol' School 10:30 am Worship w/communion 11:30 am Adult Ministry 2:00 pm Cannon River Conference Annual Meeting	11	12	13 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:45 pm Lenten Study 7:30 pm Holden Worship Planning Council after worship	14	15	16
17 9:30 am Cross+Gen Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Adult Choir to sing 	18	19	20 9:00 am Quilting 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:45 pm Lenten Study 7:30 pm Holden Worship	21	22	23
24 9:00 am Youth Board 10:00 am Cross+Gen Worship Prep 10:30 am Worship w/communion	25 6:00 pm Pastoral Board	26	27 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:45 pm Lenten Study 7:30 pm Holden Worship	28	29	30
31 10:30 am Worship	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Upcoming Events: April 14th Cross+Gen Holy Week Event April 18th Holy Week Worship April 21st Easter</p> </div>					
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