
*“...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



The Moses Project

As many of you already know, I am self-imposed “life-long learner.” I love reading, writing and thinking about all sorts of subjects and as I have turned the corner at four years alongside Minneola, I realized I am ready for some more pointed and intentional learning around ministry and particularly rural ministry.

So earlier this year I applied for an all-expense paid continuing education opportunity out of Grand View University in Des Moines, IA called the Moses Project and I was accepted for their first 10-month cohort. The Moses Project

particularly targets pastors in their first 4-10 years of ministry who are working in rural setting with the intent to provide a framework for working pastors to hone their theological, pastoral and leadership intentions in their rural context.

Over the course of the ten months I will meet with my cohort three times, once in August 2019, January and May of 2020. All my other learning will accommodate my regular, everyday schedule. Each month has its own focus and as I look through the topics that range from “Rediscovering your Call” to “Economics” I have to say I am excited. I am excited to take time to explore and more intentionally articulate who I am as pastor and participant to this my community, Minneola Lutheran Church.



Peace on your journey!
Pr. Hannah

May Meetings

Stewardship Board: May 5th @ 11:30 am

Planning Council: May 8th @ 7:30 pm

Congregational Meeting: May 19th at 11:30

Youth Board: May 26th @ 9:00 am

Financial Status

March 15th – April 14th

Income: \$ 13,687.62

Expense: \$ 10,008.82

Surplus: \$ 3,678.80

(as of April 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

March 15th – April 14th

Operating Income \$ 13,493.00

Average need to make budget \$ 2,470

Actual average per week \$ 2,699.99

Building/Siding Fund Income = \$ 390.00

Lent Offering = \$ 270

Feed My Starving Children = \$ 17.67

The difference in Treasurer and Financial Secretary numbers is due to an Ag Partners dividend of \$194.62.

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.

Total Lenten Offering = \$ 782

Ash Wednesday \$352

Maundy Thursday (4/18) \$160

Marked for Lent \$270

April Council Update

✚ Siding/Building Fund is now over \$60,000!! Thank you for all your continued giving. Work is scheduled to begin the middle of May.

✚ There will be an additional Scrip Card opportunity in April. Scrip Card proceeds will continue to go to the Synod Leadership Initiative project.

✚ The Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for May 19th following worship.

SE Minnesota Conference

Between now and the Synod Assembly, the Synod will host three different discernment conversations:

- **Monday, May 13** from 6:30PM-8:30PM at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waseca
- **Tuesday, May 14** from 6:30PM-8:30PM at United Redeemer Lutheran Church in Zumbrota
- **Thursday, May 16** from 6:30PM-8:30PM at Zion Lutheran Church in Stewartville.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in these conversations as we discern who will guide Southeast Minnesota for the next six years.

Sunday, May 5: Open House!!!

Meet the Good Earth 2019 staff, sample tasty camp food, see the cabins and trails, and experience some of the fun on our beautiful grounds. Open house is from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Good Earth Village, 25303 Old Town Drive, Spring Valley MN. All summer information is at www.goodearthvillage.org/openhouse. First 50 kids get a free Good Earth Village lunch tote!!!

Congregational Meeting

The next Minneola Lutheran Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday May 19th after worship.

Also, during the May 19th worship, Mark and Kim Aarsvold and Chery Kylo will be sharing their experiences of their AMMPARO and Border Servant Corps trip to New Mexico and Texas in January

Habitat for Humanity Happenings

We are pleased to tell you that we are building 3 homes this year! What a blessing it is to be able to help families grow in strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter. Two of our homes are located in Red Wing. These are rehab homes, that means they are pre-existing, and we are

gutting them to create a safe and energy efficient home. One home will be a new construction. We are not sure where that will be yet, but I will keep you up to date with the news.

We are ready to take volunteers that would like to help with our 21st Street home. Our other home is on Pioneer Street. We will be working on that one very soon. If you would like to help again this year, we have a Sign-Up Genius link on our website gchabitat.org. We have Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings right now and of course, Bob is our construction manager in the evenings. If you are interested in helping during the day, we have a crew of our faithful "go to guys" working on Mondays only.

Thank you for your ever-faithful support. You are the heart and soul to our success. Because of your time that you give to Habitat, families are forever changed! Please consider signing up to volunteer and if you can't at this time would you consider praying for us in our mission to bring people together to build homes, hope and community?

God bless.

Jodi Beach Volunteer Coordinator

Article from the InterReligious Institute

We stand in solidarity with the people of Sri Lanka in the wake of the devastating terrorist attacks on Easter Sunday. We offer our heartfelt condolences to the families of all those whose lives were taken and our healing prayers for those recovering from injuries.

We are appalled at yet another attack targeting people during worship, a time of particular spiritual and physical vulnerability. No person, of any faith, should be fearful in their place of worship. We stand against such violence with our work to promote the light of interreligious cooperation instead of the deep darkness of interreligious hatred and violence.

We are reminded of the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the descending spiral of violence:

"The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence, you may murder the liar, but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth. Through violence, you may murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate. So it goes. Returning violence for violence multiplies violence,

adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: Only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: Only love can do that."

Lunch and Learn

Good Earth Village is offering new programs this year called "Lunch and Learn." This is a time for our ministry partner community to gather and share fellowship and explore various topics.

Bird Stories and Strategies

Monday, May 13th

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Log Lodge, Good Earth Village

Community Meal

The Wanamingo Community Meal will be held **Sunday, May 12th** from 11:30 to 1:00, at the Community Center.

Happy Anniversary

Leonel Leon and Pr. Hannah 5/27



Happy Birthday

Jesse Lohmann 5/1

Kelly Stensland 5/2

Briella Hanson 5/3

David Ramstad 5/7

Julie Robinson 5/7

Hannah O'Neill 5/10

David Boraas 5/13

Jennifer Nerison 5/16

Kolton Edstrom 5/17

David Skordahl 5/20

Gabriella Banks 5/23

Kimberly Kylo 5/23

Rick Thronson 5/23

Darin Olson 5/24

Sven Otterness 5/24

Cece Olson 5/25

Michael McDonald 5/26

William Sibley 5/27

Brady Husbyn 5/29

Kyle Nerison 5/31



Notable Quote

"The best portion of a good person's life is their little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and love."

W. Wordsworth

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 pm Confirmation at Lands	2	3	4
5 9:30 am Last day of Sunday School 10:30 am Worship First Communion Confirmation – Adult Choir to sing 11:30 am Stewardship 2:00 pm Good Earth Village Open House	6	7	8 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study 6:00 pm Confirmation at Lands 6:30 pm Property Board 7:30 pm Congregational Council	9	10	11
12 10:30 am Worship w/communion	13	14	15 6:00 pm Confirmation at Lands 8:00 pm Bible Study at Cheryl Kylo’s.	16	17 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Pr. Hannah</div>	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Pr. Hannah on vacation from the 17th through the 24th						
10:30 am Worship Graduation Recognition 11:30 am Congregational Meeting			9:00 am Quilting			
26 8:00 am Youth Board 9:30 am Worship w/communion	27	28	29	30	31	
Upcoming Events:						

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