

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you;  
and I will remove from your body the heart of stone  
and give you a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:26



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## SUMMER IN COMMUNITY



Each spring as we enter into our summer calendar the question comes up, “Pastor, why do we worship with other churches in the summer?” You see, for the last three summers I try to schedule one service a month where we leave the comfort of our building and join our Lutheran neighbors and siblings in Christ to worship amidst God’s creation.

I do it, because it is so easy for a church...for a pastor to get entrenched. It is so easy to forget that we are part of something bigger and more universal than our neighbors and friends who attend Sunday morning worship with us. Our worshipping away from our place and with our siblings in Christ is one of the ways I invite myself and Minneola to remember that the body of Christ stretches beyond our familiar. This practice invites us to be present to the worship of our loving God in unfamiliar ways, with unfamiliar people and in unfamiliar settings. This new way invites us to experience God and the Word God has for us within the wider community.

Yes, this invitation has effects. Historically, we have less attendance and a lower offering on these Sunday’s, but what we gain is the incarnational, psychological and spiritual reminder that our faith, our church life, our connection to Christ’s body is so much wider and deeper than those who are present in Minneola’s pews on Sunday morning. And I believe this invitation affects those who attend these services as well as those who are unable to join. As a community, as Minneola, we are modeling a new way to be church. A way that moves beyond the comforts we find in a specific building or a specific expression of worship and faith. We are modeling a life in Christ lived out *in community*. So while there are effects, I believe they bring us closer to God, closer to trusting God and closer to a fuller expression of who God calls Minneola to be in this world.

The summer months at Minneola find us being present to each other, to our siblings in Christ and to God in new and different ways. During these months we are the church who joins in showing God’s hospitality and love, not only by welcoming in, but also by going out and being present with others where they are.

- Pr. Hannah

## June Meetings

**Pancake Breakfast Meeting:** June 2 @ 10:30

**Pastoral Board:** June 5 at 6:00 pm at Janelle O'Brien's

**Planning Council:** June 12 @ 7:30 pm

## Financial Status

April 15<sup>th</sup> – May 14<sup>th</sup>

Income: \$ 10,709

Expense: \$ 12,069.86

**Deficit: \$ 1,360.86**

(as of May 14, 2019)



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](mailto:kileen@minneolalutheranchurch.com).

## Financial Secretary Report

April 15<sup>th</sup> – May 14<sup>th</sup>

Operating Income \$ 10,709

Average need to make budget \$ 2,470

Actual average per week \$ 2,677

Building/Siding Fund Income = \$ 75

Lent Offering = \$ 180

Feed My Starving Children = \$ 113

Memorial Fund \$ 50

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.

## May Council Update

✚ Adult Ministry is doing another book read and study this summer. The book is called "Hearts on Fire". If you are interested contact Cheryl Kylo.

✚ Siding/Building Fund is currently at \$62,250.79. Siding will begin hopefully in June once the ground has firmed up a little. Once started it should take about a month to complete. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

## Congregational Meeting

Minneola Lutheran Church had its Spring Congregational Meeting on May 19, 2019.

Recap of new items discussed:

- For the Pancake breakfast on July 4<sup>th</sup>, we have the Community Center

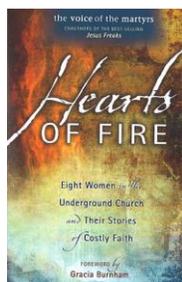
scheduled as backup in case of bad weather.

- \$40,000 down payment was made to Wood Doc to purchase all siding and wood needed for siding project. Remainder not due until work is complete. Start date anticipation of June.
- Offering of \$1,000 each given by Minneola to Campus Ministry and Good Earth Village via Synod Assembly.
- Notes from External Ministry Meetings
  1. **Cannon River Conference**- Les and Cheryl Kylo attended. The Bishop Election was the main topic of discussion. Project Good Neighbor will be needing 2 new board members.
  2. **Good Earth Village** - Ron and Karen Kylo attended after several weather reschedules. Good Earth will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and will host an event called "Goodstock" August 16-18. Full time staff was recognized at the conference as well. A copy of their annual report will be in the Narthex for anyone interested in viewing it.
  3. **Kenyon Sunset Homes**- Roger Fredrickson attended. He stated that they continue to need volunteers. If you are interested, contact them directly at Kenyon Sunset Homes.
  4. **Habitat for Humanity** - Lowell Salo wanted to remind anyone who has not yet done so to sign the board that is in the Narthex. This board will be placed in one of the three homes that Habitat will be working on over the summer.

## Summer Book Club

Minneola's Book Club will meet once in June, July and August. We will meet in Cheryl Kylo's garage as we did last year. If you cannot make all three, come when you can.

We will be reading *Hearts of Fire* by Gracia Burnham. It is a book about



eight women in the underground church and their stories of costly faith.

You can obtain a free copy of the book at [https://etools.ncol.com/a/hof/bg\\_vomhof\\_cbd-hof-email-2\\_468.html](https://etools.ncol.com/a/hof/bg_vomhof_cbd-hof-email-2_468.html)

## **Good Earth Village**

Good Earth Village is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer. A 3-day celebration, known as "GoodStock," will be held at the camp outside of Spring Valley, MN on Friday, August 16 - Sunday, August 18. Music headliners include Six Mile Grove, Tim Hildebrandt and the Level Best Band, and others. There will be games, art, farmers market, children's area with theater, lots of music, and outdoor worship. You can get further details as they appear on the website ([goodearthvillage.com](http://goodearthvillage.com)) or on the Good Earth Village Facebook page. Everyone is invited to celebrate this beautiful campus and ministry.



Minneola families! As you plan for your summer don't forget about Good Earth Village. Minneola will be offering any of our students a \$100 scholarship if they attend a camp event.

Want to know more? Check them out here <http://goodearthvillage.org/summer>

## **We Need Your Help**



The Adult Ministry Board would like your help. We have decided to change the cleaning schedule to twice per month, except for Holy Days. Even if you do not attend worship regularly but are a member, we would appreciate your help in this way. The weeks of cleaning would be before the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Please email or call Cheryl Kylo ([ckyllo@frontiernet.net](mailto:ckyllo@frontiernet.net) or 507-251-1966) if you are willing to help. We could then schedule the cleaning for the year at one time. We will also have a calendar in the entry of church for the year ahead so you could volunteer if you are at worship.

Thanks in advance!  
Cheryl Kylo

## **Well Worth It 2019**

Pr. Hannah will be one of many women helping lead a two-day women's retreat at the end of this June. A women's book

retreat countering myths about sexuality, spirituality, and societal expectations. Hosted by GSC.

Sparked by two new books: *Shameless*, by Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, & *Pure*, by Linda Kay Klein, join us as we examine the healthy — and unhealthy — messages women receive from society and the church about sexuality and worth. We'll uncover how to claim God's grace amidst our own stories and dream about how to pass that grace on to the next generation.

Event dates/times are June 29<sup>th</sup> 8am-5pm & June 30<sup>th</sup> 8am-noon. Cost to attend is \$55 and includes light breakfasts and Saturday lunch. Event location is the Centerstone Plaza Hotel, Rochester. Registration is limited to 40 participants. See website and registration for more details.

<http://goodshepherdchurch.net/well-worth-it-retreat> Contact Pr. Hannah with any questions.

## **Organ Recitals**

Trinity Lutheran Church will be hosting Downtown Organ Recitals this summer on Tuesdays at 12:15 pm. Performing artists in June are Kraig Windschitl on June 4<sup>th</sup> and Karl Robson on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Location is 222 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW in Rochester.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert and Hymn Sing**

Hear the 50-voice Minnesota All-State Lutheran Choir perform a variety of music from classical choral works to folk songs and spirituals. Also, audience members will be joined in the pews by our singers for a rousing hymn sing! 7:00 pm Saturday, June 22, Zumbro Lutheran Church, 624 Third Avenue SW in Rochester, MN.

## **Thank You**

Dear Minneola Church Family,  
We have chosen Minneola Church as the recipient of our father's memorial money. Your church has meant a lot to use for many years because of family baptisms, confirmations and weddings held there (as

well as funerals). We are happy to provide this support for you to use in any way you choose to further spread the love of Jesus. With love and prayers, Dennis Ulstad's family.

## ***ELCA World Hunger 2018 Financial Highlights***

### **Revenue - \$23,574,492**

- 43% Individuals and Others  
\$10,094,477
- 40% Synods and Congregations  
\$9,436,695
- 14% Bequests and Miscellaneous  
\$3,378,020
- 3% Endowment and ELCA Donor Advised Funds  
\$665,300

### **Expenditures - \$23,392,198**

- 71% International Program  
\$16,518,997
- 21% Domestic Program  
\$5,039,617
- 8% General Administration and Fundraising  
\$1,833,584

## ***Lutheran Disaster Response***

### **Revenue - \$11,556,179**

- 46% Individuals and Others  
\$5,280,843
- 37% Synods and Congregations  
\$4,253,758
- 17% Grants  
\$2,021,578

### **Expenditures - \$12,856,840**

- 70% United States  
\$8,925,788
- 28% International  
\$3,649,560
- 2% Communication and Administration  
\$281,492

## ***A 60-day Journey Toward Justice***

Twenty-five years ago, the ELCA adopted the social message "Community Violence," calling for advocacy and an end to the cycle of violence. This message is still all too relevant, with frequent occurrences of gun violence in this country. This new 60-day resource invites the church to journey

together through daily observances that call us to face the painful truth of gun violence and work for its prevention as people of God who strive for justice and peace in all the world. It also includes a summary of church statements and teachings related to gun violence. The 60 days of prayer, scripture, stories and church teaching begins June 16. For more information go to [elca.org/60days](http://elca.org/60days)

### ***Happy Anniversary***

- Darin and Cece Olson 6/4
- Greg and Paula Blakstad 6/7
- Marcia and Rick Clemens 6/9
- Kyle and Kelly Prall 6/14
- Blake and Jennifer Hanson 6/21



### ***Happy Birthday***

- Christopher Tews 6/2
- Kaleb Stensland 6/3
- Mary Veiseth 6/4
- Eric Arndt 6/5
- Richard Loken 6/8
- Anthony Henden 6/9
- Brenda Nerison 6/13
- Kevin O'Banion 6/16
- Kaion Norris 6/17
- Anne O'Banion 6/17
- David Petersburg 6/19
- Sean Blakstad 6/23
- Darin Hokanson 6/24
- Myles Thompson 6/24
- McKenzie Shoemaker 6/26
- Michael Edstrom 6/28
- Michael Fredrickson 6/30
- Kimberly Walstad 6/30



### ***Notable Quote***

This month's quote is from the May 2019 issue of *Ministry*.

*"We can treat persons according to our feelings or according to Jesus' model. Our choice to reach out, or not, has eternal consequences. Inasmuch as we do it to the least of God's children, we do it to Him."*



# June, 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
					Synod Assembly Meeting	
<b>2</b> 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Pancake Breakfast Planning Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Pastoral Board Meeting at Janelle O'Brien's	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Honor Sunday</b> 9:30 am Worship w/communion – light lunch following worship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:30 pm Congregational Council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 9:30 am Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 am Quilting 7:30 pm Bible Study at Cheryl Kylo's	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Pr. Hannah Silent retreat through June 28th						
<b>23</b> 9:00 am Park Worship at Lands	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Good Earth Village Women's Day
Pr. Hannah Silent retreat through June 28th						Women's
<b>30</b> 9:30 Worship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Book Retreat</div>			<b>Upcoming Events:</b> July 4 <sup>th</sup> : Pancake Breakfast @ Wanamingo Park Pavilion July 7 <sup>th</sup> : Joint Worship @ Riverside Park			

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