

MINNEOLA'S STORY

August, 2019

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.*



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!



The 4th of July breakfast was another great success! A huge thank you to all who participated, volunteered or came to enjoy the morning. With the uncertain weather we were experiencing this year, the location was moved to the community center. Over 200 were served and we raised almost \$1300 after expenses for various mission projects! Thanks again for your continued support of Minneola.



August Meetings

Adult Ministry: August 4th @ 8:00 am
Cong. Council: August 20th @ 7:30 pm
Youth Board: August 25th after worship

Financial Status

June 15th – July 14th

Income: \$ 10,170
Expense: \$ 11,285.74

Deficit: \$ 1,115.74
(as of July 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.



Financial Secretary Report

June 15th – July 14th

Operating Income \$ 10,170
Average needed to make budget \$ 2,470
Actual average per week \$ 2,034

Building/Siding Fund Income = \$ 50
Pancake Breakfast \$ 1869

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.

July Council Update

The Council did not meet in July. The next meeting will be on Tuesday August 20th.

Park Worship

Our final worship in the park this summer will be **August 18th @ 9:00 am** with Land's Lutheran Church. Join us in showing

God's hospitality and love, by going out and being present with others.

Mark Your Calendars!

We have several important dates coming up in September:

Wednesday September 4th: Pastoral Board
6:00 pm Choir at 7:30 pm

Sunday September 8th: God's Work Our Hands

September 14th: Installation of Rev. Regina Hassanally as Bishop

September 15th: Sunday School Opener

September 22nd: Barn Worship

Note

GoodStock

Good Earth Village is celebrating 50 years of ministry with three days of faith, fun, and music. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, August 16th

6:30 – 7:30 pm - Opener – Tim Hildebrandt and the Level Best Band

8:00 – 10:00 pm - Headliner – Six Mile Grove

10:00 – 11:00 pm - Bonfire & Fellowship

Saturday, August 17th

11:00 am - Children's Area Open

3:00 – 7:00 pm - Art/Farmers Market/GEV Store

3:00 – 4:00 pm - Children's Area performer - Dennis Warner

5:00 pm Children's Area Closes

5:00–6:15 pm - Music – Peter Mayer

6:30–7:45 pm - Music – Moors & McCumber

8:00–10:00 pm - Headliner – Rachel Kurtz Band

10:00–11:00 pm - Bonfire & Fellowship

Sunday, August 18th

9:00 – 10:00 am - Outdoor Worship Service

In Appreciation



We thank our Lord Jesus for the promise of life everlasting with Him in heaven and for the hope and promise that our dearly loved Tim is now with Him. We are so thankful to

Pastor Hannah for her prayers, words of comfort for our family and blessings for Tim, to Kileen for helping with cards of thanks, to the dear ladies of WELCA who served us lunch and to those who brought us meals to our home, to all who came to help celebrate Tim's life at Minneola and at Brewster's in Cannon Falls, to those who sent cards and memorials, to all who have shared words of sympathy and their memories of Tim. It blessed our hearts to hear what Tim had meant to so many and how his smile and love of life made a difference to so many others. It lifted our sadness away and we feel peace and joy knowing that Jesus has welcomed him Home and we will see him again in heaven. During a time like this we realize how much our family, friends and relatives really mean to us. Your words of sympathy will always be remembered.

Love, peace and joy in Christ,
Larry and Janelle Fox

Choir is Returning!

Choir will be resuming Wednesday, Sept. 4th at 7:30 pm and will meet the 1st

Wednesday of each month. All are welcome!!





Night Out for Pizza

Who doesn't want to eat out on a lovely night, enjoy great pizza AND listen to one of our family play his music? The Local Hooligans (Lee Sjolander's band) are going to be at Berne, August 21st and we think it'd be great to support him by coming out in force!

If you've never been to Berne Pizza, bring a lawn chair, come hungry and order some delicious pizza. They have sodas and water or you can bring your own beverages and snacks as well. Time is from 5:00-8:00 pm at 23148 Co. Hwy. 24, West Concord, MN 55985. I think it'd be great for our Minneola Family to enjoy a night out together, so I hope to see you there!

Berne Wood-Fired Pizza is a fundraiser for the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Berne, MN. All profits go to support the church and chosen charities.

Band line-up, directions, and menus available at www.bernepizza.org

- Cheryl Kylo

Siding Project Underway!

As of the writing of this article (7/24) Wood Doc. Incorporated has already been working for ten days on the new siding for our building. After many years and conversations the time has come and the siding is going up! It has been wonderful to have this crew beautifying our building and ensuring it will be around for at least another 150 years.

If you haven't had a chance to give to our Building Fund for the siding project, now's the time! We are around \$7,500 shy of the original \$70,000 goal. You can give by designating your gift to the Building Fund. God is good and we are grateful to everyone who has given to make this improvement possible.

- Pr. Hannah

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is building 3 homes this year. Two of the homes are located in Red Wing. These are rehab homes that means they are pre-existing, and they are gutting them to create a safe and energy efficient home. One home is a new construction located in Cannon Falls.

If you would like to help again this year, there is a Sign-Up Genius link at gchabitat.org.



Ministry Without Limits

by Aaron Fuller in Living Lutheran

A congregation I once served opened their building monthly for a Narcotics Anonymous group. The relationship was conflict-free until a parishioner discovered a pill on the fellowship hall floor and called the police. An analysis determined it wasn't an illegal substance, but the congregation harbored concerns. "What if a young child had picked it up and it was an illegal drug?"

The congregation council met to determine a course of action. While members acknowledged their long-standing relationship with the group as part of their ministry, the risk of illegal drugs was too great. The council voted to discontinue the relationship. I abstained from voting, but I struggled with the decision.

July's lectionary texts include the classic story of the good Samaritan. A traditional interpretation of the story invites us to consider which character we should identify with as Christians. But the more relevant question is the one I still ask myself when I consider the decision my former council made years ago: "What is the level of commitment God calls us to make in our ministry?"

In his timeless book *Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?* Martin Luther King Jr. wrote: "From time immemorial men have lived by the principle that self-preservation is the first law of life.' But this is a false assumption. I would say that other-preservation is the first law of life."

When we make our commitments to ministry, I wonder if we are more concerned about self-preservation or "other-preservation." The stories of the good Samaritan and the civil rights movement share the same, clear message: ministry is always about other-preservation, and we should spare no expense in how far we go to extend God's love and grace to those who need it.

Nevertheless, we live in a time when self-preservation is the law that rules not just our society, but also our congregations. A scarcity of resources and the need for boundaries are justifications we use to limit our ministry to others. Yet if we incline our ears, we know many are lying on the side of the road of life, crying out in anguish.

Other-preservation is about sparing no expense to raise another back to life. Like the Samaritan, we risk our reputations, stretch our resources,

give time we don't have, and perhaps even risk our sense of comfort or security to do what is right. We do this because Christ wants us to share in the restoration, liberation and salvation of those whose pain so often goes ignored. Perhaps Christ also leads us here for the sake of our own salvation as well-salvation from our fear, prejudice and complacency.

The summer vacation months are often downtimes in the life and ministry of ELCA congregations. Yet we would do well to reflect on the good Samaritan this month and ask ourselves how committed we are to God's work of other-preservation.

"Yet if we incline our ears, we know many are lying on the side of the road of life, crying out in anguish"

Unbinding with Grace

God of all consolation and compassion, your Son comforts the grieving your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon me, that I may face despair and death with the hope of resurrection and faith in the One who unbound Lazarus from the grave. Amen.

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What are the things that hold you bound? What makes you feel sad, anxious, powerless or trapped? Can you breathe into these questions and discern with God and community what is weighing you down? For me there are seasons. Seasons when I feel freed to be in the world, loving, acting and speaking in God's glory and to God's name. And then there are seasons where I feel like Lazarus, bound, tied up and tied down in a tomb of the world (and probably my) making. (Luke 11:1-44).

Some times that bound-ness is tighter than other times, but if I'm honest, there is always something that is holding me back, keeping me from acting because of fear. Throughout the month of August, I invite and encourage you to consider what is weighing you down? What keeps you from participating more fully in the life and work of God in this world? Maybe it's a stressed relationship, a fear about the future, an open wound. That which ties us down and



keeps us from God comes in many forms. We are always in need of confession, forgiveness and the power of Christ to unbind us in love, mercy and grace as he did so long ago with his dear friend Lazarus. On Sunday August 25th join us for a service of unbinding with grace. And throughout your days, take time to discern that which weights you down and then release it as best you can with this prayer:

Lord, you are a God who makes all things new. Strengthen me; unbind me from the messages that try to control me. Walk with me; help me to live whole and to care for your gifts of body, mind and spirit. Amen. (Portico Benefit Services)

- Pr. Hannah

Happy Anniversary

Michael and Wendy Lohmann 8/2
Kevin and Anne O'Banion 8/8
Luke and Leann Peterson 8/18
Roger and Carol Fredrickson 8/20
Todd and Kimberly Kylo 8/20
Lowell and Pat Salo 8/21
Brandon and Amy Husbyn 8/24
Ted and Mindy Hartgers 8/31



Happy Birthday

Leonel Leon 8/2
Janelle Fox 8/4
Wilma Satren 8/4
Jackie Schott 8/4
Lexi Blakstad 8/5
Chuck Fredrickson 8/7
Jeffrey Nerison 8/7
Masyn Hanson 8/8
Brandon Husbyn 8/8
Bjorn Otterness 8/8
Waylon Sibley 8/8
Karen McGovern 8/11
Anita Otterness 8/11
Carol Fredrickson 8/12
McKinlee Arndt 8/15
Jennifer Hanson 8/17
Vanessa Hartfield 8/19
Corinne Morseth 8/20
Boon Sorensen 8/21
Brandon Kylo 8/22
Patsy Nesteby 8/25
Brittany Arndt 8/26
Wendy Lohmann 8/26
Isaiah Thompson 8/29
Darla Vieths 8/31



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 8:00 am Adult Ministry 9:30 am Worship w/communion	5 Week of Churchwide Assembly	6	7 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	8	9	10
Pr. Hannah out of office – contact Pr. David Krinke at 507-732-5482 for pastoral care						
11 9:30 am Worship	12	13	14	15	16	17
Pr. Hannah out of office			Pr. Hannah at Moses Project		GoodStock 16 th -18 th	
18 9:00 am Park Worship at Lands 2:00-4:00 pm Bishop Delzer's Retirement Reception at Our Savior's in Faribault	19 <i>Articles for Newsletter due</i>	20 6:00 pm Book Club at Cheryl Kyllo's 7:30 pm Congregational Council	21 9:00 am Quilting Minneola night out at Berne Pizza!!!	22	23	24
25 9:30 am Worship w/communion 10:30 am Youth Board	26	27	28	29	30	31
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