



March 2025

THE MESSENGER

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Dear Minden UMC,

May the pouring grace and peace of our Lord Jesus enrich your lives throughout the Lenten season.

With the arrival of March, we are ready to welcome spring. The days grow longer, the air feels lighter, the sun feels warmer, and the world around us awakes with new life. In the same way, our souls are invited into renewal, especially as we enter the sacred season of Lent.

Lent is more than just a time of giving something up; it is a journey of returning to God, a time to pause and reflect on our faith. It is an opportunity to realign our hearts with Christ, to look back on where we have been, and to refocus on where we are going as his disciples. In a world filled with distractions, Lent reminds us to slow down, to be still, and to listen for God's voice.

Throughout Scripture, we see how God uses seasons to shape His people. After the flood, He placed a rainbow in the sky as a sign of His promise. In the wilderness, He provided manna for His people daily, teaching them to trust in Him. In the changing of seasons, we, too, are reminded that God is always at work, renewing and restoring.

Perhaps you have felt weary in recent months, carrying burdens that seem too heavy to bear. Maybe life's routines have made it difficult to sense God's presence. But as spring follows winter, God is bringing renewal into your life. He is always working, even when we do not see it. He is planting seeds of faith, hope, and love in our hearts, preparing us for the season ahead.

As we journey through Lent together, I encourage you to embrace this time with an open heart. Seek moments of quiet reflection, spend time in prayer, and look for ways to serve and love others. Let this be a season where we not only remember Christ's sacrifice but also experience the depth of His love in new ways.

May the warmth of spring and the promise of Easter fill you with hope. May your spirit be renewed, just as the earth is renewed before our eyes. May we walk together, strengthened by faith, as we continue our journey as Christ's disciples.

With love and blessings,

Pastor Peter Choi

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesda	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00am Worship Transfiguration Sunday Presentation of Bibles 11:00am Adult Sunday School	3 7pm Girl Scouts	4	5 3:30-5pm Wednesday School 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	6 9:30am Prayer Time	7 World Day of Prayer	8
9 Daylight Savings time Begins 10:00am Worship 1st Sunday in Lent 11:00am Adult Sunday School	10 8am-4pm WIC	11	12 9:30am United Women in Faith	13 9:30am Prayer Time	14	15
16 10:00am Worship 2nd Sunday in Lent 11:00am Adult Sunday School	17 7pm Girl Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	18	19 3:30-5pm Wednesday School 6:30pm Youth Group	20 9:30am Prayer Time	21	22
23 10:00am Worship 3rd Sunday in Lent 11:00am Adult Sunday School	24	25	26 3:30-5pm Wednesday School	27 9:30am Prayer Time	28	29
30 10:00am Worship 4th Sunday in Lent 11:00am Adult Sunday School	31 7pm Boy Scouts					

February 2025 Financial Report...

General Giving in February \$12,151

General Fund Giving to Date \$23,423

General Expenses in February \$12,416

General Fund Expenses to Date \$30,931

(This report does not include the final days in February)



Life in Our Church Family...

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

Dan & Ginger Frizane and Family and Friends of Larry Anderson.

Jason and Jaime Sinsel became grandparents on February 22nd at 9:45am. Gabe Walmsley and Maliyah Rivera had a baby girl, Orelia Lee, 6lbs and 19 3/4 inches.

Please call the office when you know of any illness, hospitalization, new babies, marriages, joyous or sad news among your friends or family members.

If you or your family has a prayer request and you would like to put on the Prayer Chain call Jeanette Wilkinson at 402-756-0772.

Scripture Readers:

March 2: Kent Verbeck

March 9: Kent Verbeck

March 16: Kent Verbeck

March 23: Marilyn Rasmussen

March 30: Leanna Warner

Greeters/Ushers:

March 2: ?

March 9: ?

March 16: ?

March 23: ?

March 30: ?

Refreshment Hosts:

March 2: ?

March 9: Loseke's

March 16: ?

March 23: ?

March 30: Wilkinson's

March 2:

Communion Steward: Shirley Fellers

Servers: Lori Conyers, Shirley Fellers, ____ and ? ____.

Please Call (308) 832-1995 if you can fill one of the open dates or email managerumcminden@msn.com.

March Anniversaries

2—Merlin & Lynette Beahm—50 years
 9—Ed & Roxanne Sorensen—40 years
 13—Jason & Corey Smidt—21 years
 20—Russ & Carolyn Olsen—11 years
 24—Ray & Karli Havens—18 years
 28—Lonnie & Marsha Granger—38 years

Youth Group
March 19 at 6:30pm

March Birthdays

1—Sirena Havens
 2—Shirley Fellers
 4—Joe Hultquist
 5—Janell Shelton
 6—Vivian Bungler
 6—Larry Evans
 6—Payden Havens
 8—Jane Craig
 9—Roxanne Sorensen
 11—Roma Anderson
 12—Isabelle Martin
 19—Ginger Frizane
 20—Sandy Johnson
 20—Russ Olsen
 20—Amy Kring
 22—Laci Loseke
 23—Lisa Maulsby
 24—John Finkner
 28—David Olsen
 31—Gene Lundeen



Presentation of the Bible Service **March 2, 2025**

Join us for a special worship service on March 2, 2025, as we celebrate the *Presentation of the Bible*. Your presence at this significant event is highly valued and we look forward to sharing this moment with you.

This cherished tradition honors third graders by presenting them with their own Bible, while also including older students who may have missed this opportunity in previous years.

Through this gift, we pray our children will grow in wisdom and faith, building a lifelong foundation rooted in God's Word. This milestone in their faith journey also serves as a reminder of our shared responsibility to nurture and guide the next generation in God's truth and love. Your presence and support are crucial in this journey.







40 Days
of Lent
Devotional

Easter Prayer
and Scripture
Reflections

Journey Through Lent with 40 Devotions

Check out our facebook or youtube page everyday to see a member of our congregation reading the daily devotion. The daily readings will begin on March 5.

There are still days to sign up to read a devotion. A sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. If you feel the Holy Spirit calling you, please write down your name.

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<https://www.youtube.com/@mindenumc>



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Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Kid's Church School every Wednesday
3:30pm-5:00pm



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