

# THE MESSENGER

## May 2025

***A Publication of The United Methodist Church  
340 N Newell Ave, Minden, NE 68959***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Easter Sunday was truly a beautiful and meaningful time. While some couldn't attend because they were visiting family, it was also a special chance to see faces we've missed. I love the tradition of entire families coming together to worship and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

The weather has become much warmer, and even the rain has been a welcome gift. New buds have appeared on the trees, the grass has turned green again, and most wonderfully, farmers have begun preparing and planting the fields. The land is coming alive—and I pray that, in the same way, this month of May will be a season of joy, renewal, and growth for all of us and for our church community.

May is full of special moments. On Sunday, May 11, during our worship service, we will be recognizing and blessing our high school graduates: Aiden Sinsel, Addison Klabunde, Avery Froid, Kara Suchsland, Jerzee Smidt, and Maliyah Melroy. This is such a meaningful time—not only because of their achievements but also because I've had the joy of watching many of them grow up in our church. As they prepare to graduate and step into the next chapter of life, it's a proud and emotional moment for all of us.

May 11, is also Mother's Day. A Mother's love—whether from those who are still with us or those who have passed on—is often said to be as high as the sky. It's that deep love that shapes how we care for our own children and look out for our neighbors. And truly, it's a kind of love that can never be repaid.

Our family will be traveling to South Korea for two weeks starting May 19. We'll have a long lay-over in Japan—about 16 hours—so we're planning to spend part of that time exploring and enjoying some sightseeing before continuing on to Korea.

On April 28, I had a chance to meet with Rev. Kayla Mangrich, along with some of our church leaders. We had a deep and meaningful conversation. I left that meeting filled with hope and confidence in our church's future. Pastor Kayla brings great passion and experience to her ministry, and I truly believe God will continue to strengthen our church through her leadership.

As I reflect on the past seven years of ministry here, I feel deeply grateful. This has been our first pastoral appointment in the cross-cultural ministry, and while we've faced challenges and limitations, we've also experienced so much grace. Thank you for your love, support, and being patient with our family. Your kindness and encouragement will stay in our hearts forever and will continue to bless us in our future ministry.

With love and gratitude in Christ,

Pastor Peter Choi



# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 National Day of Prayer 9:30am Prayer Time	2	3
4 10:00am Worship 3rd Sunday of Easter 11:00am Adult Sunday School	5 7pm Girl Scouts	6	7 3:30-5pm Wednesday School	8 9:30am Prayer Time	9	10
11 10:00am Worship 4th Sunday of Easter Graduation Sunday Mother's Day 11:00am Adult Sunday School	12 8am-4pm WIC	13	14 9:30am United Women in Faith 3:30-5pm Wednesday School 6:30 Youth Group	15 9:30am Prayer Time	16	17 2pm Minden High School Graduation 
18 10:00am Worship 5th Sunday of Easter 11:00am Adult Sunday School	19 7pm Boy Scouts	20 Last Day of School	21	22 9:30am Prayer Time	23	24
25 10:00am Worship 6th Sunday of Easter 11:00am Adult Sunday School	26  Memorial Day	27	28	29 9:30am Prayer Time	30	31
<div>Vacation Bible School at St. Paul Lutheran Church from 9:00am to Noon, Tuesday-Friday Epic Australian Adventure. Register at <a href="https://vbsmate.com/events/mindenvbs/30371">vbsmate.com/events/mindenvbs/30371</a></div>						



### April 2025 Financial Report...

General Giving in April \$16,066

General Fund Giving to Date \$67,374

General Expenses in April \$16,991

General Fund Expenses to Date \$71,491

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

## Life in Our Church Family...

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

All that need God's comfort.

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:

May 4: Leanna Warner

May 11: Jodi Boudreau

May 18: ?

May 25: Larry Evans

### Greeters/Ushers:

May 4: ?

May 11: ?

May 18: ?

May 25: Larry & Nancy Evans

### Refreshment Hosts:

May 4: The Graham's

May 11: Jason Smidt Family

May 18: ?

May 25: Larry & Nancy Evans

### May 4:

Communion Steward: Shirley Fellers

Servers: ? \_\_\_\_\_, ? \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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Please Call (308) 832-1995 if you can fill one of the open dates or email [managerumcminden@msn.com](mailto:managerumcminden@msn.com).



## **May Birthdays**

4—Delaine Maxon  
 4—Tony Ratka  
 5—Gracie Fries  
 5—Jaime Sinsel  
 6—Scott Maxon  
 11—Ray Havens  
 12—Donlyn Space  
 13—Sam Tunnell  
 14—Gabriella Froid  
 17—Carolyn Olsen  
 19—Dave Craig  
 21—Mike Froid  
 23—Jessica Tunnell  
 24—Gage Fries  
 24—Doug Hammer  
 25—Jacey Smidt  
 26—Braxton Janda

## **May Anniversaries**

21—Mark & Melissa Klabunde—20 years  
 29—Mike & Maryjo Froid—26 years  
 29—Larry & Kim Snaveley—26 years  
 30—Clark & Jennifer Bauer—33 years

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## **Summer Community Happenings**

May 1 & 2 Minden All-School Play at 7:30pm

May 3 from 7-11am Minden Volunteer Fire Department  
Pancake Feed and fire truck rides.

May 5-9 Kearney County Clean-up from 8am to 4:30pm  
(or until dumpsters are full) no tires, yard waste or hazardous waste.

May 5 at 6:00pm Minden High School Evening with the Arts

May 5 at 7:00pm Minden High School Band and Choir Concerts

May 12 at 6:00pm—Minden Middle School Band and Choir Concerts

May 17 at 2:00pm—Minden High School Graduation

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May 24th at 1:00 pm Minden Public Pool Opens

May 27-30 Vacation Bible School  
at St. Paul Lutheran Church from 9:00am-Noon

June 6-8 Community Wide Garage Sales

June 7 Minden Dawg Days from 3-7pm

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**Mission Team is selling Roses for Mother's Day. If you would like to order roses (\$6 each) please stop in the office or order next Sunday, May 6th before or after worship.**

## **Vacation Bible School**

May 27-30, 2025

9:00am—Noon

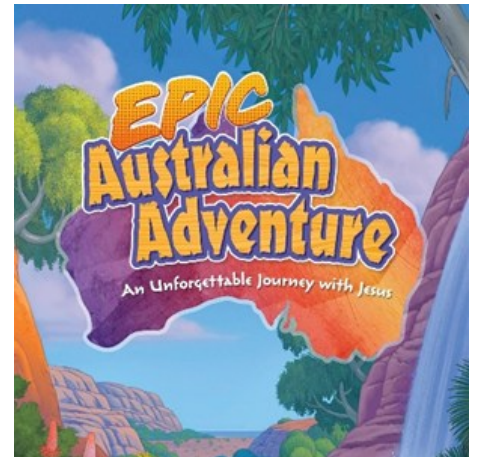
St. Paul Lutheran Church

206 N Colorado Ave

Questions call Becky Rehtus (308) 830-0164

Please go online and register at

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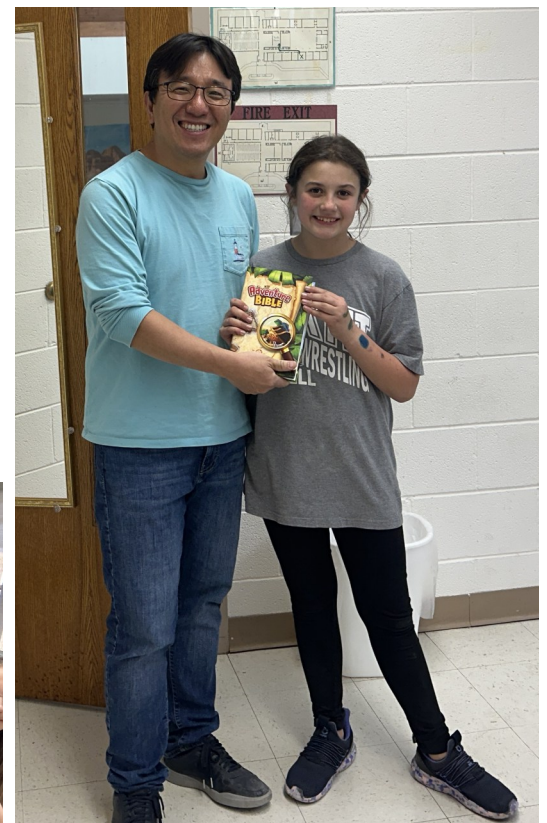
**Youth Group  
May 14 at 6:30pm**











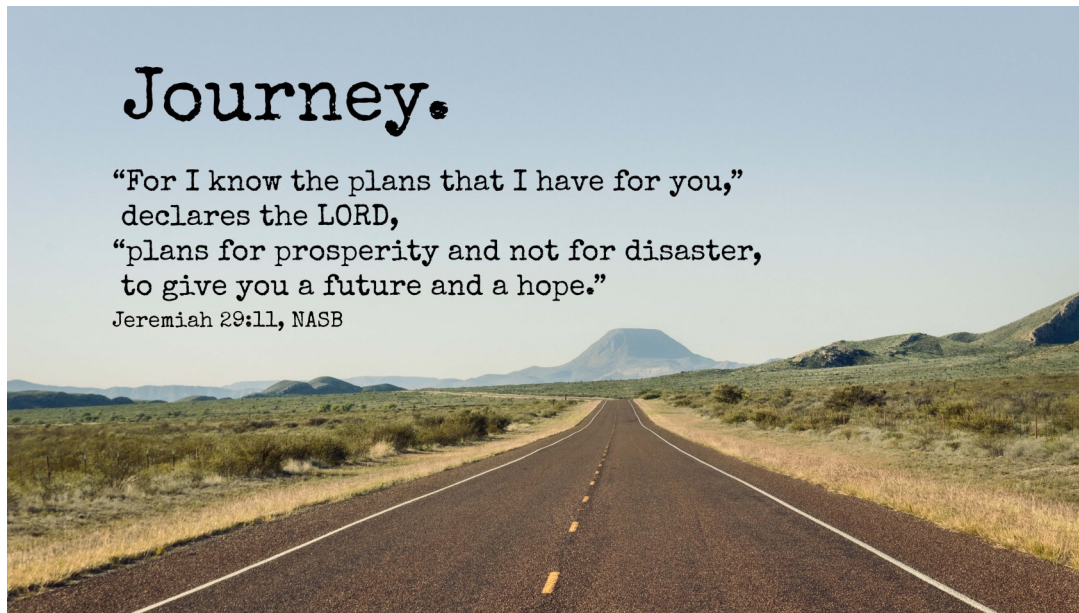


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## Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Kid's Church School  
May 7 & 14, 3:30pm-5:00pm



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