

# THE MESSENGER

## November 2025

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340 N Newell Ave, Minden, NE 68959



Friends,

I want to begin this month's note with a heartfelt thank you. October was Pastor Appreciation Month, and I have felt truly cared for and uplifted by this congregation in ways that go far beyond words. From those who worked so diligently to prepare the parsonage before my arrival, to the many who have offered cookies, notes of encouragement, meat, and even helped hang things on my walls — every gesture has reminded me that I am part of a church family rooted in love and hospitality.

Thank you for checking in, stopping by my office just to visit, offering support, and partnering with me in ministry. You have made this first season together a true joy.

As we move into November, we also enter a season of gratitude and giving. While we will not have a formal Consecration Sunday, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can give throughout the year — of your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Pledge cards are available in the back of the sanctuary and included in this newsletter for you to print, cut out, and return to the church office. Every act of giving, great or small, helps us continue the mission of sharing Christ's love here in Minden and beyond.

A quick note of joy: our next 5th Sunday Funday will take place on Sunday, November 9th (a little early!) so that more of our church family can participate before the Thanksgiving rush. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship, laughter, and food — as only we can do!

And before we know it, we'll be entering the holy season of Advent, beginning the last Sunday of November. I can't wait to journey with you as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ once again.

With gratitude and grace,  
Pastor Kayla

# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p><b>2</b> Daylight Savings Time Ends</p>  <p>10:00am Worship 21st Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday 11:15am Confirmation</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>5pm Boy Scouts 7pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>3:30pm-5pm Wednesday School 6pm Finance Meeting 6:30pm Youth Group</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Sunday Funday and Potluck</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>8am-4pm WIC</p>		<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:30am United Women in Faith 3:30pm-5pm Wed School 6pm Finance Mtg</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 3-5pm Confirmation and Charge Conference in Kearney</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>7pm Girl Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>3:30pm-5pm Wednesday School 6:30pm Youth Group</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship Christ the King/ Reign of Christ Sunday 11:15am Confirmation</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship 1st Sunday of Advent 11:15am Confirmation</p>			

Youth Group November 5 & 19. \* \* \* \* \* Confirmation November 2,

# 2025

Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Prayer Time	7	8 Scouting for Food 
13 Prayer Time	14	15
20 Prayer Time	21	22
27  Let us give thanks!	28	29



## November Birthdays

- 2—Dave Jameson
- 3—Kim Melroy
- 6—Michala Olsen
- 8—Fran Lange
- 8—Jason Sinsel
- 8—Kelli Suchsland
- 9—Linda Duffey
- 9—Lonnie Granger
- 9—Stacy Sinsel
- 9—Todd Suchsland
- 11—Linda Montgomery
- 11—Kim Pearson
- 13—Michelle Scharff
- 13—Zander Sinsel
- 15—Kay Lyn McBride
- 17—Megan Conyers
- 18—Jason Smidt
- 19—Keller Koch
- 20—Jean Scharff
- 24—Sandra Space
- 25—Lynette Beahm
- 25—Laurie Clement
- 27—Marilyn Rasmussen
- 29—Diana Hammer

16, 23 and 30. \* \* \* \* \* Wednesday School November 5, 12, and 19.

## October 2025 Financial Report...

General Giving in October	\$15,670
General Fund Giving to Date	\$144,123
General Expenses in October	\$13,2934
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$165,234

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



## Sunday Funday and Potluck November 9th following Worship

*If you are able please bring a side dish and/or a dessert.  
All are welcome to come eat, fellowship, and play games  
following worship November 9th.*

We are excited to share that our church is looking to adopt the Simplified, Accountable Structure for 2026 or 2027 (formerly known as the Single Board or One Board Model). This new approach streamlines leadership from four separate administrative committees—Trustees, Finance, Staff-Parish Relations, and Church Council—into one unified Leadership Board.

This single Leadership Board will handle all responsibilities previously managed by the four separate groups, enhancing efficiency, clarity, and accountability. This approach falls within the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline and is designed to help us better focus our energy on mission, ministry, and outreach.

For those who wish to dive deeper into understanding this approach, we encourage you to explore the book, *Mission Possible*, which offers helpful guidance on implementing this structure successfully. We look forward to the potential opportunities this structure will provide for the future of the leadership of our church!



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

**Scripture Readers:**

- November 2: ?
- November 9: ?
- November 16: ?
- November 23: ?
- November 30: ?

**Greeters/Ushers:**

- November 2: ?
- November 9: ?
- November 16: ?
- November 23: ?
- November 30: ?

**Refreshment Hosts:**

- November 2: ?
- November 9: Potluck Meal
- November 16: Jason & Corey Smidt
- November 23: ?
- November 30: ?

**November 2:**

Communion Steward: Shirley Fellers  
 Servers: Shirley Fellers, Lori Conyers,  
 ?\_\_\_\_\_ and ?\_\_\_\_\_.



Below is a pledge card for 2026.

Please mail it or bring it to the church. You may also put it in the offering plate on Sunday. This pledge card helps us with budgeting every year.

There are also cards available at the church.



*Minden United Methodist Church*

*2026 Estimate of Giving*

I/We estimate that giving to our congregation will be:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Weekly \$\_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \$\_\_\_\_\_ Annually

*For an annual total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in 2026.*

*(Choose the time increment that is most convenient for you.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for Your Financial Support of our Church's Ministries*

*(This estimate may be revised or cancelled at any time.)*

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**Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.**  
**11:15am Sunday - Confirmation**  
**Wednesday School 3:30pm-5:00pm**  
**November 5 & 19 at 6:30pm Youth Group**

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