



GOOD THINGS HAPPEN

Newsletter of Minnehaha United Methodist Church

We seek, we serve, we celebrate.

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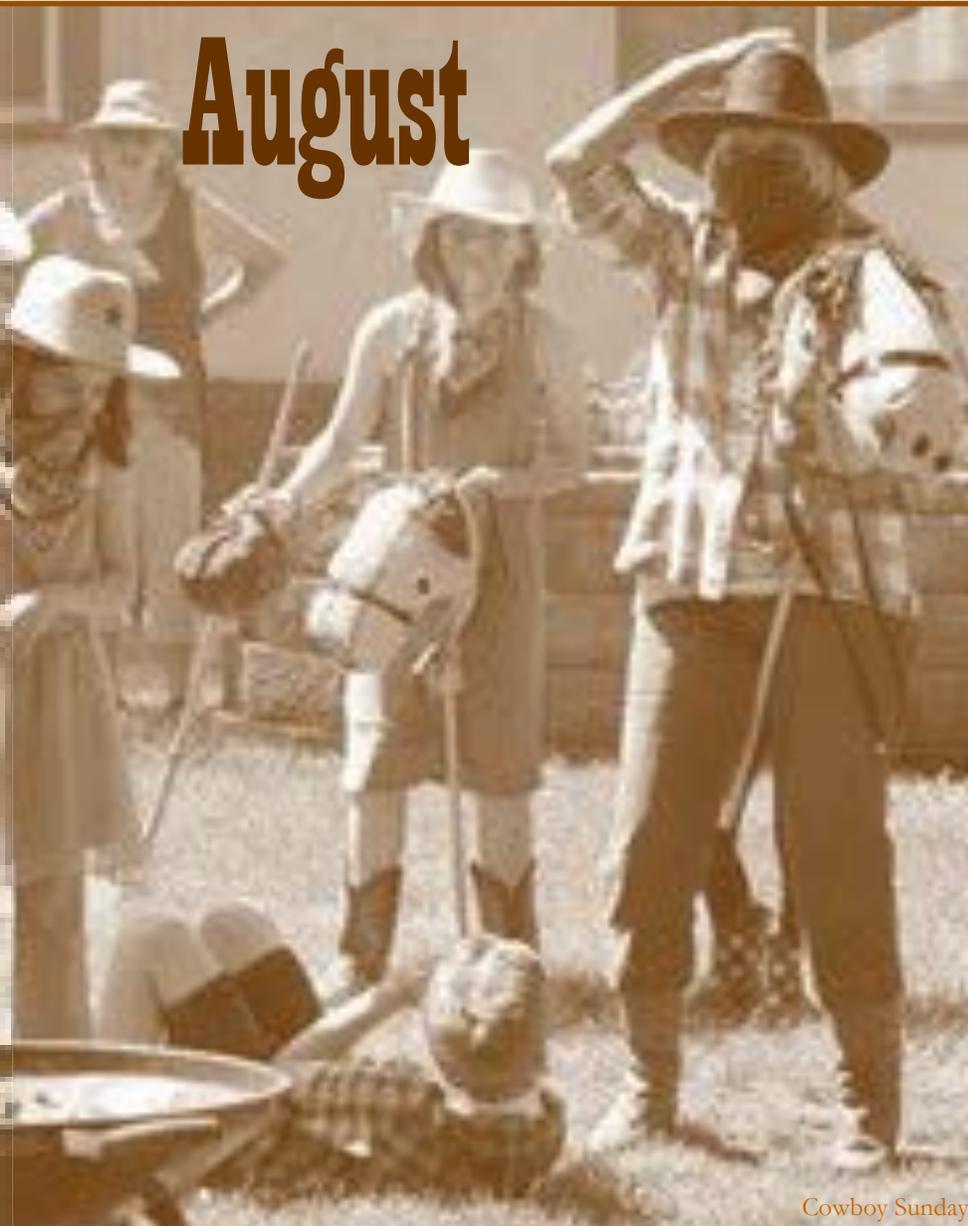


SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 am Worship with organ and choir.

10:30 am Worship with band and vocals.

(Outside, weather permitting)



Cowboy Sunday

About Us:

Minnehaha United Methodist Church is a thriving multi-generational, multicultural Christian community devoted to social justice and personal spiritual growth. The congregation is both mission- and worship-focused. In addition to its worship, education, and social activities, the church supports local mission activities, including a food shelf and a monthly food distribution program. The church also supports a variety of national and international relief, education, and development projects.

A Reconciling Congregation:

Minnehaha United Methodist Church opens our doors to all God's people. We will strive to offer unconditional love and acceptance to all persons, regardless of race, sexual orientation or faith history. We work to eliminate prejudice and discriminatory practices within ourselves and within our community. -adopted 2006

Our Mission:

We seek, we serve, we celebrate, we carry our Christian faith into our community and the world. We provide a caring gathering place to worship God and to grow spiritually. -reconfirmed 2011

Minnehaha Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Notes: The calendar is accurate, to the best of our knowledge, at the time of printing. Dates and details may change at any time. Please visit www.minnehaha.org to view an up-to-date version of the calendar, and please contact Heather before scheduling any meetings or events. If they aren't on the calendar, you are not guaranteed a meeting space.</p>				<p>1 9a Fun & Fit 9:30a BMM Music (BMM) 9:30a Minnehaha Playgroup 2:30p BMM 4:30p BMM</p>	<p>2 10a AI-Anon 10:30a BMM 6:30p Boy Scout Crew 1 6:30p RCA</p>	<p>3 6:30a Joy Catering 8a BMM</p>
<p>4 International Friendship Day Communion 10a Worship at the Falls 7p SAA</p>	<p>5 10a OA 1:30p AI-Anon 3p BMM 6:30p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6 9a Fun & Fit 10:30a Food Shelf 1:30p BMM</p>	<p>7 5:30p Methodicals</p>	<p>8 OFFICE CLOSED 9a Food Shelf Board 9a Fun & Fit 9:30a BMM 9:30a Minnehaha Playgroup 2:30p BMM 4:30p BMM 7p Adult Scout Meeting</p>	<p>9 OFFICE CLOSED 10a AI-Anon 10:30a BMM 6:30p Boy Scout Crew 1 6:30p RCA</p>	<p>10 8a BMM</p>
<p>11 9a Worship with Organ 10:30a Worship with Band 6:30p Togo Church 7p SAA</p>	<p>12 10a OA 1:30p AI-Anon 3p BMM 6:30p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>13 International Left-Handers Day 9a Fun & Fit 10:30a Food Shelf 1:30p BMM 6:30p Church Council</p>	<p>14 5:30p Methodicals 7p Children's Council</p>	<p>15 9a Fun & Fit 9:30a BMM 9:30a Minnehaha Playgroup 2:30p BMM 4:30p BMM</p>	<p>16 Newsletter items due Family Camping Trip 10a AI-Anon 10:30a BMM 6:30p RCA</p>	<p>17 Family Camping Trip 6a Joy Catering 8a BMM</p>
<p>18 Backpacks Family Camping Trip 9a Worship with Organ 10:30a Worship with Band 11a Baptism Reception 7p SAA</p>	<p>19 10a OA 1:30p AI-Anon 3p BMM 6:30p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>20 9a Fun & Fit 10:30a Food Shelf 1:30p BMM 6:30p Toastmasters (Taleweavers)</p>	<p>21 10a Staff Meeting 5:30p Methodicals</p>	<p>22 9a Fun & Fit 9:30a BMM 9:30a Minnehaha Playgroup 2:30p BMM 4:30p BMM 6:30p Trustees & B+G</p>	<p>23 9a Newsletter Collation 10a AI-Anon 10:30a BMM 6:30p Boy Scout Crew 1 6:30p RCA</p>	<p>24 7a MinneHarvest 8a BMM</p>
<p>25 Animal Blessing 9a Worship with Organ 10:30a Worship with Band 6:30p Togo Church 7p SAA</p>	<p>26 10a OA 1:30p AI-Anon 3p BMM 6:30p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>27 9a Fun & Fit 10:30a Food Shelf 1:30p BMM 6:30p SPR</p>	<p>28 5:30p Methodicals</p>	<p>29 9a Fun & Fit 9:30a BMM 9:30a Minnehaha Playgroup 2:30p BMM 4:30p BMM</p>	<p>30 10a AI-Anon 10:30a BMM 6:30p Boy Scout Crew 1 6:30p RCA</p>	<p>31 8a BMM</p>

Worship in August

We start our month with the ecumenical worship service at Minnehaha Falls! We are joining 6 other congregations in worship at the bandsbell at 10:30 a.m. on August 4. And we'll conclude the month with our annual Blessing of the Animals at the 10:30 a.m. service, outside, on August 25. See you in worship!

4th	Worship at the Falls <i>Communion, One Service at 10:30 at the Falls Bandsbell</i>	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Romans 12:2-18
11th	“Where Your Heart Is. . .” <i>Renee Beymer preaching.</i>	Luke 12:32-40
18th	“A Little Encouragement” <i>Backpack blessing, Baptism of Savannah Thayer, daughter of Taylor Wood.</i>	Hebrews 11:29-12:2
25th	“All of Creation” <i>Animal Blessing at 10:30 service.</i>	Luke 13:10-17

Save the Date

Future special events at Minnehaha UMC:
 September 1 – One worship service at 10:00 a.m.
 September 9 – One worship service, outside, 10:00 a.m.
 September 29 – Confirmation Sunday
 October 11 – Taizé begins
 October 26 – Harvest Dinner and Square Dance!
 November 27 – Thanksgiving Eve service
 November 30 – Advent Festival 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Office Closed

Due to coinciding staff vacations, the office will be closed August 8, 9, and 12.

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The deadline for September is

August 16

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SUNDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER

MINNEHAHA RALLY DAY

Join with members of the Minnehaha UMC community as we celebrate the beginning of a new program year and explore how we can cultivate community.

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE OUTSIDE AT 10AM

**MEET & GREET SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
FACE PAINTING, BIKE PARADE, & LAWN GAMES**

ALL-CHURCH LUNCH, COST \$5/PERSON

50th Street will be closed between 36th and 37th Avenues for the morning's festivities, please plan accordingly.
www.minnehaha.org

Minnehaha Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Happy August!

We're at that point of the summer when it seems crucial to enjoy every last moment of summer, and stores are filled with back-to-school supplies reminding us it's time to prepare for autumn.

We've had a full summer with Children and Youth - from Vacation Bible School to an amazing Music & Drama Camp production of "Beasts, Rhymes, Tales & Twit", from thirty people at sleep-away camps through Camp Minnesota, to our youth welcoming youth and leaders from two other churches for Urban Bound: Minneapolis Mission. We've also enjoyed worship outdoors, and potlucks, and are excited for the Minnehaha Family Camping Trip this month.

We are grateful for new ways to connect, new people to welcome into our community, and time to spend with old friends.

We are grateful for this community, and look forward to uncovering new ways to cultivate community here at Minnehaha, & to new avenues to make our Minnehaha community more welcoming and supportive of our larger community.

Enjoy these last month of summer (& know we're hard at work getting ready for the start of the 2019-2020 year!).

Jenia Strom

Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

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You can seek, serve, & celebrate, while
helping other to seek, serve, & celebrate

JOIN THE 2019-2020

Minnehaha Children, Youth, & Family Volunteer Team

**CONTACT JENIA STROM AT
EDUCATION@MINNEHAHA.ORG
OR [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE
SIGN-UP FORM](#)**





Sunday School Open House for Preschoolers & their Families

When: Wednesday, 29th August; 5:30-7pm

Where: Preschool Room (rm. 202) at Minnehaha

Who: All Families with Preschool Age (3 & 4 year olds) Children for the 2019-2020 Program Year

What: A chance to visit the Sunday School space, meet other preschoolers & their families and to learn about Minnehaha's Children's Programs

At Minnehaha, we strive to help children develop curiosity about their faith, and to give them opportunities to seek, serve, and celebrate God's love in an intergenerational and inclusive setting.

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Questions? Contact Jenia Strom, Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries at education@minnehaha.org



WE'VE GOT THE DETAILS:

MINNEHAHA FAMILY CAMPING TRIP

WHEN: AUGUST 16TH-18TH

WHERE: BAKER PARK RESERVE ON LAKE INDEPENDENCE (JUST A 40 MINUTE DRIVE FROM SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS)

COST: \$53.23/FAMILY FOR TWO NIGHTS

RSVP TO BETH MINEHART AT
952.232.7711

Backpack & School Supply Drive

Hard to believe the start of the school year is right around the corner! We will collect backpacks and other supplies until Aug 18 (Backpack Blessing) and they will be handed out at the MinneHarvest on Aug 24. Don't have time to shop? We can put your financial donation to good use. Any questions? See Renee Beymer. Supplies can be dropped off in the office.



Families Moving Forward

Dear friends,

Most of us have spent the night on a friend's couch or even better, in their guest room. It's not always comfortable, but we know we have a home to return to. Families who are experiencing homelessness would be extremely lucky to find a friend who can offer shelter for their whole family. At Lake Nokomis Lutheran, we are the friend who has extra space and is willing to help them out while they look for housing and, in some cases, a job. And we do it well with the help of our friends at St. James Episcopal, Living Table United Church of Christ, and Minnehaha United Methodist! This year we welcome volunteers from Bethel Evangelical who are considering doing Families Moving Forward in their congregation.

We provide seven nights of hot meals, activities for the whole family, and a warm and inviting private room where they can retreat to rest up and replenish their energy for the next day. John Walsh will take family portraits and others will provide fun and relaxing activities. The younger children may take a walk down to the Keewaydin pool to cool off.

We love doing this and only wish we could do it more often. Our volunteers have already filled 41 of the 114 sign up slots and we need your help to provide hospitality through the remaining 73 volunteer opportunities. So if you can help by setting up rooms, working with others to cook a meal, or have some fun with the families, please sign up now to help Lake Nokomis Lutheran and our neighborhood churches put a best foot forward. I think it could actually be one of those life changing experiences! Spend a few hours with us and find out.

You can sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4faeaf2da2f85-families> or give me a call (612-722-1359 or cell 612-751-5214) to learn more about Families Moving Forward. We need volunteers for set up from July 30 through August 1. Join us August 4 through August 10 to provide hospitality. This year we will have to have everything packed up and put away before the end of the day on Sunday, August 10 to allow teachers to get in and set up their rooms, so consider how you can help with that effort.

All new volunteers will read the LNL Safe Place policy and have a background check. Training will be provided for new volunteers.

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10

Your servant,

Ginny Rudloff

No August Communion at Nokomis Square

In August, there will be no communion service at Nokomis Square. We will be back on schedule again in September.

We're looking for Rally Day Musicians:

Vocalists & Instrumentalists

ALL AGES

RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 8TH
REHEARSALS
AUGUST 28TH & SEPTEMBER 4TH
FROM 6PM-6:45

SIGN-UP VIA THE WEBSITE
OR CONTACT
ANDERS.F.NELSON@GMAIL.COM





AUGUST 25

Animal Blessing

Animals play an important role in many of our lives. If you have a special pet, we invite you to bring it to our annual animal blessing service on Sunday, August 25 at the 10:30 service (outside). We'll gather inside if it is raining, but either way, there will be a time in the worship service to have your pet blessed. Whether you have a horse or a hamster, bring them to church. Just make sure it's in a crate or container or on leash of some kind.

If you don't have a pet, but wish you did, come anyway, and bring a stuffed animal if you'd like. If your pet doesn't like crowds, other animals, or can't really get out, bring a picture and we'll bless that. You may also wish to recognize the death of a pet in this way. And, invite your friends to bring their pets as well; we welcome everyone.

Worship and Potluck Picnic at the Falls

On Sunday, August 4 we will be joining with other congregations in our neighborhood for a worship service at Minnehaha Falls Park. The service will be held at the bandshell and will begin at 10:30.

Following the service, we will be gathering for a potluck lunch with our neighbors. The potluck will be progressive style, with each congregation bringing a category of items. Hope Lutheran is providing smoked turkey, others are bringing sides and beverages, and we are in charge of desserts. So bring some desserts to share and we'll join with our neighbors at the shaded picnic area behind the bandshell for continued conversation and laughter. Note that if you need accessible parking, it is available near the pavilion and gives you a level path to the bandshell.

One Service Sundays

We will be having one service on two upcoming Sundays:

September 1 – one service inside at 10:00. Labor Day Weekend.

September 8 – one service outside at 10:00 for our program year kick-off. There will be food for sale, a bike parade, and other fun events following the service.

MinneHarvest

Our free food give-away once a month (on the fourth Saturday of the month) is a source of food relied upon by many, and it happens through volunteers who come each month. Please join us in August 24. You can volunteer anytime between 6:30 and 10:30 a.m. We start setting up at 6:30, unload the trucks starting at 7, serve the food at 9:00, and are usually done cleaning up by 10:30. Join us for all or any portion of that time, and bring a friend! Unless it is raining, we unload and distribute food outside at the front of the church during the summer, and there is generally a lot of great produce!

BACKPACK BLESSING

We are collecting back-to-school items for our MinneHarvest clients, and we want to give those backpacks a blessing in addition to any backpacks and bags of your own at the same time, so bring your back-to-school backpacks, your messenger bags, your purse, whatever you use to carry stuff, and we'll make sure it gets blessed!

August 18

9:00 & 10:30



Join a Small Group this Fall

We are trying a new thing this year! Instead of our two Bible discussion groups on Monday evening and Thursday morning, a variety of people have volunteered to lead groups twice a month throughout the program year. Our goal is to have everyone attend a group. The topics for discussion will be based on the theme from the previous Sunday's service, and the groups will meet at a variety of times and in a variety of locations. Starting in mid-August, we'll invite you to sign up for one of the groups, but here are some of the times, locations, and leaders that we know already:

Phyllis Kromer, facilitator
Her apartment, #201, at Becketwood
1st and 3rd Mondays at 3:30 p.m.

Judy Durfey, facilitator
at the church, Room 210
1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Cec Wilson Holder, facilitator
Party room at Nokomis Square
1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Valerie Mayer, facilitator
her home, 7105 18th Ave. S, Richfield
1st & 3rd Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Joe Schlosser & Kate Stower, facilitators
At the church
TBA, but considering Wednesdays at 6:30,
following the Wed. night suppers.



When weather permits, we gather at local parks for playgroup. Otherwise, we meet at Minnehaha UMC in rooms 202 and 204. If you'd like to join us on any given week, and want to know where to find us: join the "Minnehaha Playgroup" Facebook Page for weekly updates.

Minnehaha Playgroup

For Children 5 and Under & their Caregivers

Thursdays, from 9:30-11:30am

Stop in to play, talk, explore, support, and learn together. Feel free to bring snacks (no peanuts, please) if your child will need them. No RSVP necessary. All are welcome.

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Getting dramatic at Music & Drama Camp

Minnehaha Snapshot: Second Quarter 2019

In the second quarter of the year we filled the church to celebrate Easter; enjoyed scores of great programs for children, youth, adults, and families; and had great intergenerational programs, too. Our congregation continues to give generously. And all of our bills are paid.

417 CELEBRATED EASTER



On April 22, 417 celebrated Easter at Minnehaha. Sixty-seven at the Sunrise Service, 274 at the 9:00 AM service and 76 at the 11:00 AM service. Hallelujah!

100 PERCENT PAID IN FULL



All bills, mortgage and apportionment payments were paid through June 30, 2019. We're going into the summer in a strong financial position. Thank you!

38 KIDS AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



In June, 38 kids ages 3 to 10 years attended our Vacation Bible School. Also, 30 kids were at Music & Drama Camp. Plus 27 youth & adult volunteers!

10 AT WILL & ESTATE PLANNING PARTY



Ten people attended our twice-a-year Will & Estate Planning Party to go over wills and estate plans.

75 PERCENT PAID OFF



So far we've paid off 75% of our 2010 building and remodeling project.

15 GOT TOGETHER FOR LADIES NIGHT OUT



On June 13, fifteen women from the church went to Al Vento's restaurant to unite, socialize and have fun.

9 YOUTH LEARNED CAR MAINTENANCE



On May 8, after the Wednesday night meal, Jason Emrick guided nine of our youth through basic car maintenance.

100s OF PERSONAL CARE ITEMS



During Lent, our congregation brought in 100s of personal care items for our Food Shelf clients. Items included toothpaste, toilet paper, soap, & diapers.

14,167 kWh



During April, May and June, our solar panels generated 14,167 kWh of electricity. That's enough to power an average American house for a year!

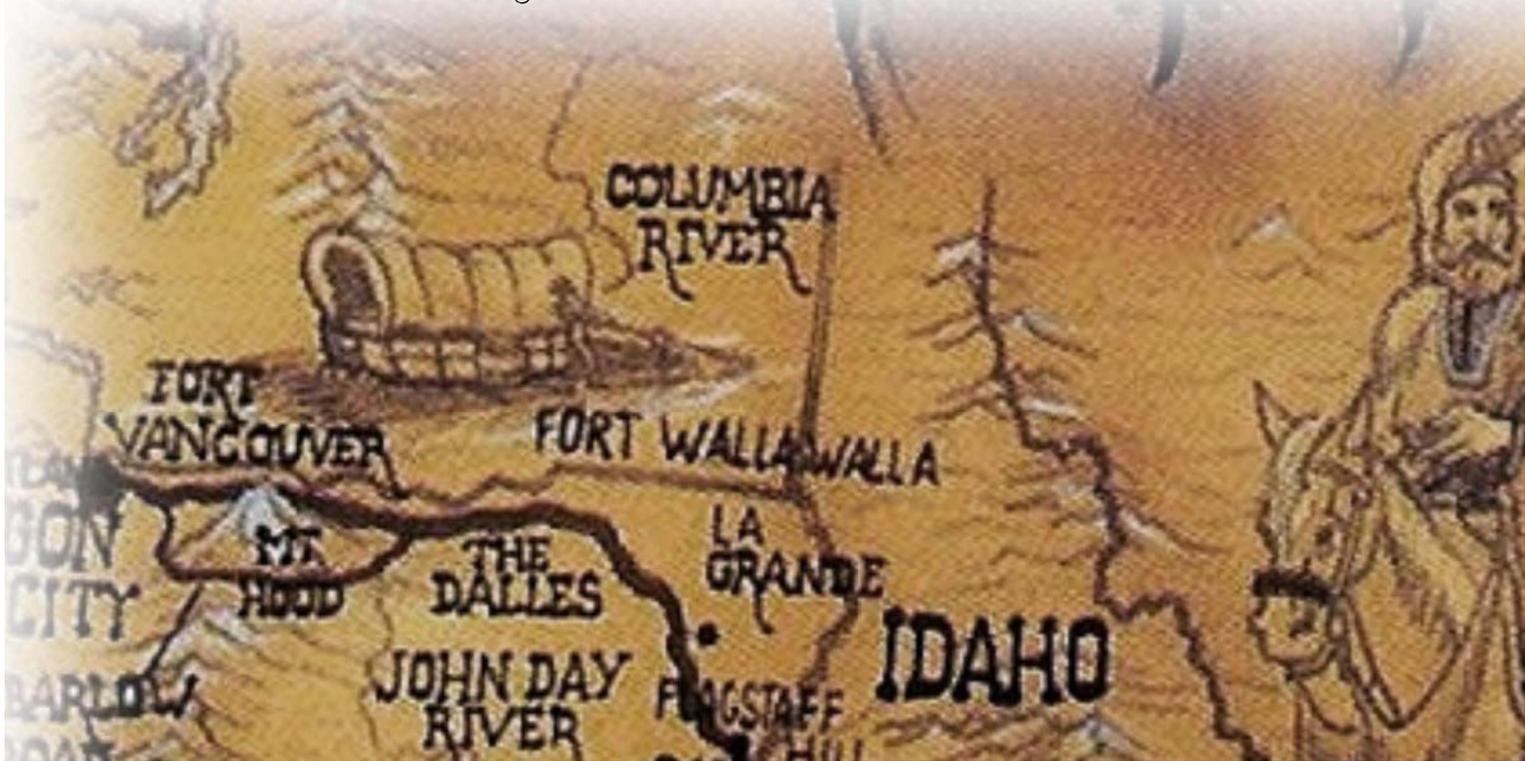
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from the
pastor



Different Routes

I am a creature of habit. Most mornings, I wake up, feed the animals, and then take my dog for an hour long walk. Since I live at the “joint” in Victory Memorial Parkway, I can either go east/west on the parkway or north/south on the parkway with ease. The walkway is wide, there is lots of green space on either side of the path, and in the winter it gets plowed relatively early in the morning. For years I just picked a direction based on which way the wind was coming, or I would just default to the east/west route. Then I read an article about how dogs need constant stimulation (I already knew that) and that varying one’s walking route throughout the week would give the dog new things to sniff each day, which would be good for their brains and would tire them out better. Since the motto in our house was “a tired cattle dog is a good cattle dog,” I began intentionally varying my route. East/west one day, then north/south the next day, but then I had to begin walking on the streets that ran parallel to the parkway, adding more variety. The result was good for my dog, I’m sure, but it was also good for me. I saw more houses, noticed more businesses tucked into residential areas, and generally got to know my neighborhood a little better. I walk past schools now, and for sale signs. I’m glad to say that I hardly see any foreclosures any more. I notice houses that used to have moved lawns that are now neglected, and I wonder about the health of the owners. While my dog is sniffing all the new scents since we passed by last week, I am looking at the new things. That house is a duplex, why did I not notice that before? They got a new paint job – nice color on the trim! Look at all the sidewalk chalk drawings, I wonder if one of their children had a birthday party with a bunch of friends over. It’s good for my sense of being a neighbor, and it’s good for my soul. It’s a reminder that I don’t live in a bubble, a reminder that God is in everything around me, and a reminder that the world is a constantly changing place.

In Joy,
Becky





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10:30AM AT THE
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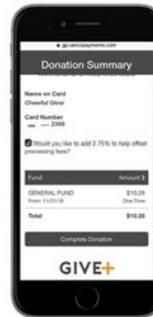
Worship at Minnehaha Falls

Join us for our annual
ecumenical neighborhood
worship service.

Stick around afterwards for a
potluck picnic - Minnehaha
members are responsible for
bringing desserts.



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