



BACK TO SCHOOL 2024

Rally Day!

Our kick off to the program year is Sunday, September 8:

- ◆ One worship service at 10:00, outside, with a blended music style.
- ◆ A mortgage burning – we have paid off the lender for our 2010 renovation project!
- ◆ Grilled lunch – the youth will be selling lunch options of hot dogs, burgers, veggie burgers and salads following worship.
- ◆ Magician – Calvin Mattson, who grew up at Minnehaha, is coming back to share his magic act with us
- ◆ Lawn games
- ◆ Fellowship – greet long-time friends, make new acquaintances, hang around to chat, eat, and join in the games following worship.



Worship for Fall

First of all, a reminder that we return to our fall worship schedule on Sept. 15, 2024 with worship indoors at 9:30 with coffee hour following, and Sunday School for all ages from 10:45-11:30.

This fall, our worship will focus on our many blessings. We'll give thanks for them, as well as imagine how we can share those blessings rather than hoard them, resulting in the blessings feeding on each other, growing and spreading to others.

We'll start our program year, however, outside on Sept. 8 at 10:00 and kick off our celebration by burning our mortgage for the 2010 renovation project. Woohoo! See article elsewhere for details. See you in worship.

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Sept. 8 Rally Sunday

◆ 10:00 Outdoor Worship Service
James 2:1-20, 14-17
“Blessed to be a Blessing”

Sept. 15 (Methodicals)

◆ 9:30 Indoors
Confirmation Sunday
Mark 8:34-38
“So That . . .”

Sept. 22 (traditional)

Psalm 1
“Blessings of Wellness”

Sept. 29 (traditional)

Mark 9:38-50
“Blessings of Relationship”

Oct. 6 (Methodicals)

World Communion Sunday
Mark 10:13-16
“Blessings of Time and Place”

Oct. 13 (traditional)

Mark 10:17-31
“Blessings of Truth”

Oct. 20 (Methodicals)

Mark 10:35-45
“Blessings of Gracious Leadership”

Oct. 27 (traditional)

Philippians 4:4-7, 12-13
“Blessings of Money”

MinneHarvest

Our free food give-away once a month is a source of food relied upon by many, and it happens through volunteers who come each month. We gather outside on the 4th Saturday of each month. You can volunteer anytime between 6:30 and 10:30 a.m. We start setting up around 6:30, serve the food starting around 7:00/7:30, and are usually done cleaning up by 10:30. Join us on September 28 and October 26 for all or any portion of that time, dress appropriately for the weather, and bring a friend!

United Women in Faith

Letter from UWF President, Maureen Trepp



United
Women
in Faith

Those lazy days of summer were enjoyed by our United Women in Faith unit but now we're coming into our big sales season.

Supported by funding from our UWF, we did serve about 45 people twice at Simpson Shelter on June 24 and July 30 and will be serving again on Aug. 26. We have gotten the routine down so we

1. Find food at the MinneHarvest
2. Our "chef" chooses a recipe and buys additional food
3. The crew shows up at Simpson around 5:45 and we cook
4. We serve at 7:00 and clean up, getting done around 8:00.



We've got this down and are glad to see the Hobart dishwasher at Simpson repaired. We always welcome new volunteers!

Our fall sales are

1. Sept 12-14, Rummage Sale

We ask folks to sign up to help with set-up, the sale itself (9-6 Thursday, 9-3 Friday and 9-12 Saturday and take-down on Saturday at noon. This is considered an all church event with proceeds going to MUMC general fund and UWF.

2. Our Annual Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 9

This community event features 2 tasty meals with desserts available all day, our Dept. 56 items and other UWF provided baked goods and other things for sale and independent vendors selling a vast variety of items. More vendors are always wanted along with your help serving, selling and sending in baked goods. Proceeds to UWF.

Our UWF unit awarded scholarships to 6 of our graduates and continue to serve at funerals/ wedding when asked. Please let us know how you'd like to help this fall. Our proceeds go to missions that serve women and children, locally and internationally. A new recipient of funds is Watercourse Counseling Center. This organization offers school-based mental health services to students in schools in our Minnehaha community by embedding therapists in the school environment. This much needed resource is in Bancroft, Dowling, Lake Nokomis Keeywadin and Wenonah, and Northrop Schools along with 12 other Minneapolis public schools.

Be all that you can be, do all that you can do and enjoy life! Maureen Trepp

OLD FASHIONED Church Rummage Sale

**Lots of great stuff!
Housewares & Linens.
Toys. Books. Electronics.
And Department 56 Collectibles!**
(But no clothes)



**Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Sept. 12, 13 & 14**

Day	Date	Time
Thursday	September 12	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday	September 13	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday	September 14	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (Bag Sale!)

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FALL

SUNDAY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE - SEPT. 8TH:
TAKE OUTDOOR CLASS PHOTOS & VISIT CLASSROOMS

SEPT. 15TH:
CLASSES BEGIN & MEET FROM 10:45-11:30 AM

PRESCHOOL - ROOM 202

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE - ROOM 206

2ND & 3RD GRADE - ROOM 208

4TH & 5TH GRADE - ROOM 306

MIDDLE SCHOOL - ROOM 302/304

HIGH SCHOOL - ROOM 308

Youth Canoe Trip



**HALLOWEEN
COSTUME
PARADE**

**Saturday, Oct. 26
10 am**
Line-up at 9:45am

We'll parade to Nokomis Square and back collecting treats along the route!



Minnehaha United Methodist Church

Halloween Costume Parade

Come in your Halloween costume and walk in the parade! We'll line up along the sidewalk in front of the church at 9:45 am to parade down to Nokomis Square (collecting treats along the way) and then loop back to church.

*Youth and adults can also join the fun - wear your costume and help hand out candy along the route.



<p>Sunday Sept. 15 4-5:30</p>	<p>Join us to kick-off the new program year & help plan our youth group activities!</p>
<p>MINNEHAHA Youth Group KICK-OFF</p>	
<p>Middle School Youth Group 6th-8th Graders Room 302/304</p>	<p>High School Youth Group 9th-12th Graders Room 308</p>

Adult Sunday Faith Forum

The Sunday morning Faith Forum will address a number of topics this year. Maureen Trepp & Judy Durfey will be leading a book study on “A Land With A People” featuring stories from Jewish and Palestinian voices from Sept. 29 – Oct. 20. Marshall Cook will guide discussions on a number of topics over the rest of the year, ranging from controversies in the Christian church (like, was Mary Magdalene a prostitute?) to history of the church before and after the reformation. Faith Forum is held on Sunday mornings from 10:45-11:30 in Room 310.

Theatre camp





All-Church Service Project

Everyone is invited to serve together by packing Compassion Kits downstairs in Fellowship Hall following the 9:30 am worship service.

Survey Tour of the New Testament

The New Testament contains four different stories of Jesus' life, stories of the beginnings of the spread of Christianity, and lots of letters from various authors to various communities. Led by Pastor Becky, we'll take a survey tour of the New Testament, learning some of the history and context, reading stories and letters, and having conversations about how this has an impact on our understanding of God. Each week you'll be invited to read some portion of the New Testament in preparation (about 2 chapters a day), and then during class we'll discuss what we read and hear some words of wisdom from a scholar. Since you will need those readings in advance of the first week, please indicate your interest and get a workbook from Becky prior to the first class on September 9. We'll offer this study in person only -- the study materials include a video piece each week, and the sound/image delay over zoom can be challenging.

Classes are Monday evenings, 6:30-8:00, September 9 – October 28

Images of the Bible Study

In the fall of 2011, St. John's Press announced the completion of the first hand-written, hand-illustrated edition of the Bible since the printing press. The stunning and complex illustrations in this edition of the Bible has sparked immense interest in the ensuing years. While the original Bible pages can be viewed at St. John's University (Collegeville, MN), various pages are often lent out to art museums around the world. A print version of the volumes is also available, and that's what we will be studying on 8 Tuesday afternoons in September and October. No preparation is necessary, and zoom participation is welcomed. We'll display an image each week and then engage in conversation about the scripture passage being illustrated as well as the techniques used by the artists to add their own commentary to the passage. If you need a zoom link, please let Becky know. Otherwise, we'll see you on:

Tuesday afternoons, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Sept. 10 – October 29, Room 210 (or via zoom).

Minnehaha Fellowship

Join other Minnehaha folks at Arbeiter Brewing on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 3-5. You can bring your own food, and there are a variety of non-alcoholic drinks also available. In addition, Arbeiter welcomes children and dogs. Join us on Sept. 21 and Oct. 19.



Parents' Night Out

Parents' Night Out is a fun-filled evening for your children and an opportunity for parents to either meet up together somewhere to socialize, or simply relax and even take a nap. Cost is \$10/child or \$25 family max. Dinner is provided for the children.



Outdoor Movie Night

The Children's Council is hosting a movie night on the side lawn! Feel free to bring a blanket, sleeping bag, pillow, stuffed animal, etc. to get warm and cosy for this outdoor event. Popcorn provided! (Rain site: Rooms 302/304)

Wednesday Nights at Minnehaha

Wednesday Night Dinner

Each week during the program year, dinner is served in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:15 pm. Suggested cost is \$5/person or \$20/family; children under 5 eat free! Follow “Minnehaha Community” group page on Facebook for each week’s menu.

Wednesday Night Childcare

Supervised play for babies, toddlers, and kids is available in the gym and nursery during the Wednesday night dinners from 6:00-7:15 pm.



Minnehaha Playgroup

Babies and toddlers with their caregivers are invited to stop by each Thursday morning at church for a time of play and community. Playgroup meets upstairs in the nursery and preschool rooms. Follow the "Minnehaha Playgroup" on Facebook for more information.



Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies! It's a big help for our MinneHarvest and Food Shelf families!

Time for Renewal

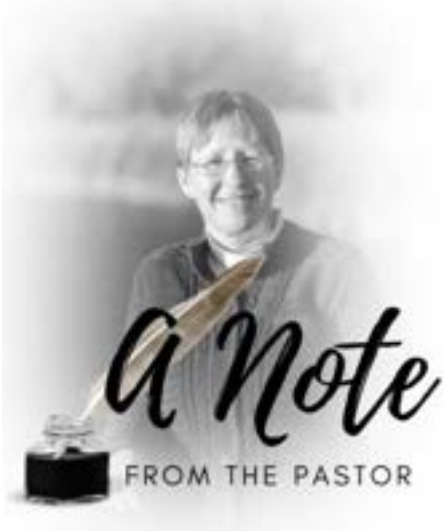
It's easy to get caught up in the daily demands of life. In our busyness, we can lose track of ourselves, and of what God is calling us to be and to do. Take an opportunity to slow down, to rest in silence and music, and to feed your soul. On the third Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. from October through May, we offer a Taize service, a time of sanctuary, a time for prayer, a time for community, and a time for silence. As we sing and pray, our hearts are opened so that we may hear God speaking to us, and our souls are fed so that we may be about God's work in the world. Please join us on for our first service of this program year on October 18 for a time of renewal. The service is also livestreamed, so you can worship through your screen, wherever you are, either in real time or anytime after.



Confirmation Sunday

Join us on Sept. 15 as we celebrate our 10th graders who have completed the confirmation program:

Chris Carlton
Indie Gerster
Harry Kirkpatrick
Raina Palombo
Rylee Schaeffer
Shea Schroeder
Siri Strom



Blessings

We are advised regularly to count our blessings – to focus more on what we give thanks for than on all the things what went wrong. This fall, we will do more than count our blessings. We’ll explore all the ways in which we are blessed, and then focus on how sharing those blessings actually feeds a wheel of blessing, providing fodder for the next good thing as well as providing blessings beyond our own community. It’s a bit like the cycle of rain. Rain falls to the earth, is soaked up by the earth and feeds the plants and animals, falls into lakes and rivers and oceans, and then is evaporated back up into the atmosphere where is once again becomes rain. To stop that flow of water at any point in that cycle prevents it

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fulfilling its life-giving purpose. When we look around, it seems like there are gifts from God tucked into each nook and cranny of our communal life. We want to make sure those

blessings are shared, flowing from one thing to the next, so that we can fulfill our life-giving purpose. As we take a week to explore each of the pieces of the wheel below, I encourage you to look around in your nooks and crannies as well – give air to the gifts you have from God. Share them around, and see how it is that God blesses the whole world!

In Joy,

Becky

