

Mindekirken COMMUNICATOR

A Monthly Newsletter of the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church - ELCA



SAVE THE DATE

Make sure these events are on your calendar for November-December!

Mindekirken Lutefisk Dinner

November 23 12:30, 2:30, & 4:30 pm Tickets available Oct 1

Cookie Dugnad

November 30 - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Bake Sale

December 7 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Norwegian Service with Santa Lucia Pageant

December 8 - 11:00 am

Nordic Choirs Julekonsert

December 15 - 2:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24 - 4:00 pm

Juletrefest

December 28 - 2:00 pm



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PASTOR'S HILSEN



GO WITH GOD.

In older times people in Norway always said adjø when they wanted to say goodbye. Sadly almost nobody uses that

phrase anymore, nowadays Norwegians just say Ha det (bye bye).

Why sadly? Because adjø is a Norwegian version of the French Adieu, Go with God. And I feel that is a much better way of leaving each other, almost like we say; I leave you in God's hands.

I have a feeling that most people do not bring God into their daily routines anymore. Whatever my grandma Lydianna was planning, she always added in Norwegian, Hvis Gud villf God allows. It was like an organist said in a staff meeting in Norway: In this staff we always end our meetings by praying; God, bless our plans.

What if we instead started our meetings by praying; God, show us your plans with us.

Erik Bye was a Norwegian poet and singer who once wrote a song about God (Vår Herres klinkekuler) that resembled God with a little boy who played with all the planets, like they were small marbles. And one night getting home he could not find the little blue one, planet Earth. And Erik Bye wonders if Vår Herre, God, is still looking for us.

Let us hope he is. And let us hope he will make us realize that unless we bring him into our daily life, our plans might be in vain.

Dear God, find us. And help us find you.

- Gunnar

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HYMN BLOG BY GRACIA GRINDAL

Gracia Grindal's **Hymnfortheday.com**, a blog on hymns and the text for the coming Sunday, has a brief devotional and lots of information of favorite hymns, many from the Nordic countries. Go to the site and scroll down to the bottom of the page and you will find out how to sign up to receive the blog every week. You can search for information on your favorite hymns on the site as well.

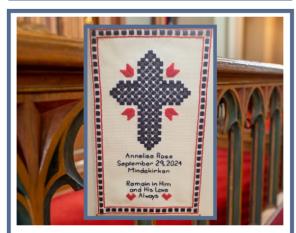
Need Pastoral Care?

The Mindekirken pastoral care team wants to care for you and your family as you walk through life's celebrations and challenges.

Please contact Pastor Gunnar Kristiansen at 1gunnarkristiansen@gmail.com or call 651-955-5359, or the church office at 612-874-0716 if you are hospitalized, having surgery, or are in need of pastoral support.

Have a Prayer Request?

Prayer requests can be emailed to: 1gunnarkristiansen@gmail.com.
All requests will remain confidential.



Our 2024 confirmands received beautiful Hardanger embroidery to commemorate the day.

Ellen Place from Golden Valley was awarded a blue ribbon for her beautiful piece of hardanger in this year's Minnesota State Fair.

Thank you, Ellen, for sharing your talents!

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Marie Sandvik Center is the Mission of the Month for October. Marie Sandvik emigrated from Marifjøra, Norway and worked her way through the American educational system, overcoming barriers to earn a PhD. She felt called to serve the impoverished people living on Minneapolis' skid row, Hennepin and Washington Avenue area, so she founded a revival mission there in 1940. A form of her mission still exists today, over 80 years later, on Franklin Ave, just a short walk from Mindekirken. The MSC provides ministry and basic-need supplies to adults and children.



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Fall activities are now in full swing. The month of October promises several interesting programs! Summer has come to a close and we can now savor special FALL moments at Mindekirken and at Norway House.

On September 8th we celebrated Marilyn Sorensen's 90th birthday. Her party was organized by good

friend Rebecca Jorgensen Sundquist. Marilyn has done so much for Mindekirken, including Managing Tuesday Open House for over 20 years now, a nice party for her was well deserved.

Cousin Terje Hansen, from Trondheim, spent 4 years working at Ingebretsens Meat market from 1963-67, where he introduced the "Middagspolse", still being made and sold at the famous meat counter at the Lake Street. Terje had a special knack for building food "Smokers", having built one at Ingebretsen that is still being used today. Whenever he is in town visiting a stop at Ingebretsen's is a MUST. It is quickly apparent he would love to be behind the counter, especially at Christmas time helping happy customers. During his 3-day visit mid-Sept '24 we managed to take in a few experiences. To this day he loves running into Julie Ingebretsen; this time was perfect as she happened to have stopped in at her Norway House store.







Former Mindekirken Pastor, Kristin Sundt's daughter, Erika, visited Mindekirken in September; Erika was really enjoying the time as much as we enjoyed having her. The family spent 9 years at Mindekirken. VELKOMMEN TILBAKE Erika!!!



A special visit from Tom Lasserud (son of Bjørn and AnneLise); his guest was relative from Hawaii who donated a few books and photos to kirken. For decades, Bjørn (1929-2020) was our "hipp hipp hurra" man during 17de Mai celebrations. He would stand outside at top of Main stairway, waving two Norwegian flags while yelling at the top of his voice "hipp hipp hipp Hurra" as parade was getting started. Growing up in Oslo (Kampen) during WW2, the day always held special significance to Bjørn. Some may have noticed the painting of him by Kari Fosse. Tom shared he remembers his entire childhood coming to Mindekirken with his siblings and parents. All three were confirmed at Mindekirken. Biørn was a legend in cross country skiing and a skilled house painter, having learned the trade in Norway; some of us called him a "magician". Clients included General Consuls' and Vice Consuls' homes in Minneapolis area. Tom followed in dad's footsteps and is now retired having turned the business over to son, Erik. This young man remembers leaning the trade from grandpa and his father, Tom. Tom and cousin enjoyed a tour and stop at "Also Ingebretsen", to purchase the coveted "FIRKLØVER" chocolate. Tom and family hope to visit Gingerbread Wonderland with first grandchild, now 2 years old.



Newest members of Mindekirken will be introduced last Sunday in October. Please join us to welcome them.



Best regards, Kirsti Grødahl, President Mindekirken Congregation

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TRUSTEES REPORT

It does not seem possible that fall has arrived. Fall starts our busy season, with many programs that you will read about elsewhere in this issue. This means that Synneva Bratland (right), who we first introduced you to in our June Communicator issue as the new part-time volunteer/program coordinator is busy working with the program chairs to ensure that we have volunteers for all events. She will be working at the church on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please welcome her when you see her.

Maggie, our office administrator, started her new hours beginning in September. She will be working Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 until 2:00, and Sunday 8:30-1:30.

Terry, our facility coordinator, will be working Monday, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, but may adjust periodically to accommodate vendors/contractors schedules.



The ship Restauration replica that Hans Sandom has been working is being installed the end of September. The trustees meet after the deadline for this newsletter, so we will have more updates on projects in the November Communicator.

If you are interested in becoming a trustee, or filling the open position of church treasurer contact Kris Grodahl or me.

- Submitted by Nancy Olson, Trustee Chair



BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Bicentennial committee is happy to announce that **Sunday October 6 at the 11 o'clock service**, the church ship (kirkeskip), a model of Restaurationen, will be presented to the congregation. This ship carried the first organized group of Norwegian immigrants, and sailed on from Stavanger to New York in the summer of 1825. Hans Sandom, our own gifted and famous wood carver, has done a beautiful job recreating the ship which will hang in Mindekirken. Church ships are fairly common in the north—brought their by sailors who saw them in the Mediterranean lands they visited. While the natural affinity of those in the north for the sea makes such ships a natural part of the church furnishings, they are more than cultural artifacts. They are an image of the Christian life

—they are usually hung at the entry to the nave of the church, facing toward the altar, symbolizing the journey of the Christian through the tumults of life. Jesus is the pilot, the mast is a cross, the anchor, Christ Jesus, the sails ready to go forward on the breath of the Holy Spirit. The main part of the church is called nave, meaning navy—ship. If you were to turn it upside down, the nave would resemble a ship. The people in it are like the family of Noah saved in the ark in the way baptism saves us, 1 Peter 3:20-21 and 2 Peter 2:5.

During the service, we are hoping to present the new Bicentennial hymnal with one song especially to hang the ship, "Ein båt I stormen duva/A boat out in a tempest" by Elias Blix. This will mark a prequel to the beginning of the Bicentennial Year which will involve events—concerts, lectures, worship services, gatherings—all to remember the pioneers to whom Mindekirken was dedicated.

This service is the opening of the Leif Eriksson International Festival - Join us for concerts, poetry, and more at this year's LEIF! Event info & tickets at LEIFmn.org or scan QR code



BICENTENNIAL EVENTS 2025



Classica Chamber Players Sunday May 25

June Tuesday Open House Summer Seminar

Oda Voltervik Concert

Sunday July 20

Olsok

Saturday July 26 & Sunday July 27

Tidløs Concert

Sunday September 21

Rømmegrøt Luncheon

Saturday September 27

Sølvguttene and Minnesota Boychoir

Sunday October 5

Royal Visit



Vocal Art Concert Sunday October 19

Bicentennial Opening Worship Service

Sunday January 5

Special Guest Bishop Emeritus Mark Hanson. Services featuring hymns from Gracia Grindal's new hymnal, as well as Mindekirken Choir performing pieces by Dawn Sonntag

Easter Sunday

Sunday April 20

Rømmegrøt Luncheon & Hauge Lecture

Saturday April 26

This year's Hans Nielsen Hauge Lecture will be presented by Trygve Riise Gundersen after the Rømmegrøt Luncheon.

Syttende Mai Festival Service

Sunday May 18

11 am Service, Picnic & Parade to Follow

Special worship service to celebrate Syttende mai, featuring choral music by Dawn Sonntag. Combined choirs will perform Grieg's Landkjenning.

Treasure Chest Sale Saturday November 1

All Saints Sunday

Sunday November 2

Mindekirken Lutefisk Dinner

Saturday November 22

Santa Lucia Pageant

December

Bake Sale

December

Nordic Choirs Julekonsert

December

Juletrefest

December

Mindekirken Foundation Julebord

January 2026



IN REMEMBRANCE



MAUREEN AUSTINSON

November 26, 1935 - February 11, 2024

She is remembered for sending cards on birthdays and other meaningful occasions, giving gifts and treats, and supporting youth in all the kinds of fundraisers for school, troops and clubs. Maureen also supported many other groups including the Landmark Center, the Sons of Norway, and Mindekirken-The Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church in Minneapolis.



KARINA ALLEN

June 1, 1925-May 28, 2024

She was married on August 8, 1945, to Alden W. Allen (associate member) in Minneapolis, MN. Karina enjoyed spending time with family and friends, gardening, sewing, needlework, especially knitting and crocheting and made the most beautiful afghans.

HOME GROUPS

Hilsen Mindekirken Hjemmegrupper for October 2024!

If you have an interest in taking part in the Mindekirken Community, you already belong to a Mindekirken home group in your neck of the woods of the metro and suburban areas of the Twin Cities!

The feedback was so positive about our Mindekirken home groups this past year! It is already time to make the plans for the fall time to meet. Please contact your home group leader directly to answer questions and receive logistics for a gathering in October. If you already attended a home group, you will be contacted by your home group leader. The individual leaders are coordinating the logistics, dates, and times for the home groups. The home groups are divided into quadrants of the Twin Cities using Highway 94 East and West intersecting with Highway 35W to inform you of your location.

For those living in:

NW quadrant, please email Ellen Zimmerman at zimm451@msn.com
NE quadrant, please email Laurie Agrimson at agrihowell@gmail.com
SW quadrant, please email Inger Stenseth at ingerkstenseth@gmail.com
SE quadrant, please email Maggie Burr at office@mindekirken.org

All are welcome! Most groups preferred to continue a potluck styled dinner where the main meal and beverages will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert. There also are groups that meet at a venue such as a coffee shop in your area. Please call Maggie at the Mindekirken office if you are unable to email group leader or have more questions at 612-874-0716. Tusen takk!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

We will have cake at kirkekaffe on Sunday, October 27 to honor our October birthdays. Mailing birthday cards is encouraged! If you have a birthday that's not listed, please notify the office so we can acknowledge your birthday.

10/1 Angela Gaare	10/9 Ethel Plasek
10/2 Rebecca Sundquist	10/10 Lowell Ludford
10/2 Steve Carleton	10/10 Nicholas Fosse
10/3 Randi Larson	10/12 Shelley Lane
10/3 Erin Miller	10/13 Annika Jacobs Stromme
10/4 Matt Entenza	10/14 Erynne Kringstad
10/5 John Xavier	10/14 Orlyn Kringstad
10/5 Gwen Lee	10/17 Melissa Holm-Johansen
10/5 Kristin Sundt	10/18 Donna Ludford
10/6 Darlene Nordos	10/18 Christina Carleton
10/6 Solveig Urban	10/20 Betty Dahle Kissell

10/20 Adele Davis 10/21 Larry Hovland 10/21 Anita Kerssen 10/22 John Dalland 10/23 Joshua Glenn 10/26 Shani Nestingen







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Language classes meet for 2 hours a week for 10 weeks. We offer three 10-week terms per year.

2024/2025 Term Start Dates:

Fall - September 9th Winter - January 6th Spring - March 24th



Connect with us, learn more about our program and register for classes at www.mnlcp.org - Velkommen til oss!





MATFESTIVALEN

The Marwegian Food Festival

NOV 8 - NOV 23

A COLLABORATION OF:





Friday Nov 8

@NH Lutefiskfestivalen: Modern upscale

Norwegian lutefisk evening

Saturday

@NH Lefse + pultost "Viking cheese" class

Nov 9 @NH Lutefiskfestivalen

Sunday Nov 10

@MK Open Kirkekaffe lunch

Tuesday

Nov 12

@MK TOH speaker Chris Dorff of Olsen Fish Co. @MK Pizzakveld: Family pizza class w/MNLCP

Wednesday @NH BARN Food industry networking reception

Nov 13 @NH Online cooking classes

Thursday Nov 14

@NH Cookie decorating w/Pre-K Barnehage

@MK & NH In-person cooking classes

Saturday Nov 16

@MK Cookbook event w/Lee Dean & Rick Nelson @NH Daughters of Norway krumkake workshop

Saturday **Nov 23**

@MK Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

NorwayHouse.org/Matfestivalen

TUESDAY OPEN HOUSE

Schedule

10:30 a.m. Doors open 11-11:30 Lunch served

11:45 Announcements & Brief Devotion

12-1 Program

Arrive early to find a seat, enjoy coffee, and socialize before lunch starts. A donation of \$10 is requested at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall.



www.mindekirken.org or call the office for any updates before coming.



October 1

Minnesota Boychoir Executive & Artistic Director Mark Johnson



The Minnesota Boychoir, now in its 63rd season, is the oldest continually operating boys choir in the Twin Cities. Their reputation for excellence has brought invitations from local and national music conventions, as well as sporting events and touring Broadway companies. The choir has performed with the Minnesota Orchestra, the Minnesota Opera, the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony, the Prague Philharmonic, and a long list of local and national performers. The Minnesota Boychoir trains young men to be outstanding musicians and strives to help them develop a sense of poise and self-confidence through education and performance.



October 8 Norwegian Ballads Presenter: Justin Spenner

Norwegian Ballads performed by singer Justin Spenner; presentation of church ship carved by Hans Sandom. Presented as part of LEIF, LEIFmn.org



October 15

Becoming a World Class Musician Presenter: Mads Tolling

Mads Tolling is an internationally renowned violinist and composer originally from Copenhagen, Denmark, now living in San Francisco. As a former nine-year member of both bassist Stanley Clarke's band and the celebrated Turtle Island Quartet, Mads won two Grammy Awards, and he was nominated for a third Grammy in 2015. He was the 2016 winner of the DownBeat Critics Poll Rising Star Violin Award. Mads is a

current member of Bob Weir's Wolf Bros & Wolf Pack Band. Presented as part of LEIF, LEIFmn.org



October 22 **Low Brass Magic**

Presenter: Jim Ten Bensel

Program designed to show the value of music and arts for all ages. Group will show how music is put together. Music teaches feeling full intelligence that promotes cooperation, awareness and a model for Christian living. Another words how music is put together to help people feel about life and reason to cooperate with others. It may help create a more peaceful society.



October 29

Leaving Boeverdalen, From Closed Doors to Open Doors Presenter: Arna Rennan

For over three years, Arna Rennan has worked on an exhibit called Seven Summers, based on her experiences while working at the historic hotel Roisheim in Boeverdalen. In addition to her paintings from this area, Arna received a grant from the American Scandinavian Foundation to collect stories and songs as they relate to Immigration, since one half of the population from this small area left for the Midwest. Her presentation for Tuesday's gathering at Mindekirken sheds light on the factors that compounded the urge to immigrate. These reasons go beyond that of poverty. Arna will share what she's learned on the subject with her paintings, photos, anecdotes from interviews and local folk songs that are the "voice of the people".

Oct 2024 (Central Time - Chicago) 19 1pm - LEIF @NH: Musical Smorgasbord 7pm - LEIF @DAC: Cris Anderson 1pm - LEIF @ NH: Poetry Cafe 5pm - NH: Ski for Light Gala 18 25 17 10am - Staff Meeting - Zoom 6pm - Trustees meeting 뒫 7pm - Choir Rehearsal OCTOBER 6:45pm - Bible Study with Gracia Grindal 5pm - Technology Committee meeting -6:45pm - Bible Study with Gracia Grindal Wed 4pm - LEIF @NH: Oromo program 11 am - Tuesday Open House 9:45am - MNLCP: Kvinnekor 6:15pm - MNLCP Class Tue 14 8 Mindekirken - Minneapolis MN, Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church's Calendar 6:15pm - MNLCP Class 6:15pm - MNLCP Class 6:15pm - MNLCP Class 6:15pm - MNLCP Class 59 13 1:30pm - Kristín Jónína Taylor Concert 1pm - LEIFmn: Mads Tolling Concert 3:30pm - LEIF @ NH: Jam Session 10am - Norwegian Pronunciation 11am - Bilingual Family Service 11 am - Norwegian Service with 10 am - Intro to Gudstjeneste in 11 am - Norwegian Service with 11 am - Norwegian Service 10am - Mindekirken Tour 10am - Norskeklubben 10 am - Norskeklubben 10am - Sunday Forum

HAPPENINGS AROUND MINDEKIRKEN

The Bilingual Family Service at 11 am on Sunday, October 27 will feature performances by the Minnesota Boychoir!

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The Pauline Fjelde lodge of the Daughters of Norway cordially invites you to a Silent Auction and Butikk Sale on Sat, Oct 19 at Norway House. The event runs from 10:30-11:30 AM, with check-out from 11:30-12.00. A variety of wonderful Nordic treasures and experiences will be available for bidding or direct purchase. All are welcome to attend. Tusen takk!



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Interested in volunteering but don't know where to start? Please submit the form at mindekirken.org/about-us or contact us:

Volunteer Coordinator, Synneva Bratland: volunteercoord@mindekirken.org Church Office: (612) 874-0716

Interested in volunteering during a Sunday worship service? Please visit :

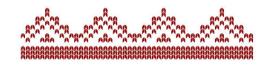
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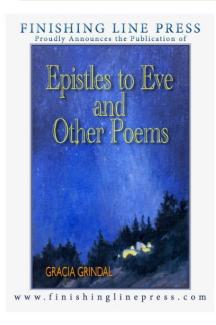
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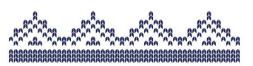
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October 2024

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Return Service Requested

OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- October 6 -

No 9 am Service

11 am Norwegian Service with Communion Opening service of LEIF Festival and presentation of church ship

- October 13 -

No 9 am Service Guest Pastor Ilze Larsen 11 am Norwegian Service

Premiere of a new bilingual liturgy by Jim Reilly. Guest musicians David Fillman, bass-baritone, and the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Minneapolis - St Paul Choir

- October 20 -

No 9 am Service Guest Pastor Asefa Malka

11 am Norwegian Service with Communion Closing service of the LEIF Festival, with musicians from Our Redeemer Oromo Evangelical Church

- October 27 -

11 am Bilingual Family Service Guest Musicians Minnesota Boychoir

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Please also contact the office for any address changes or requests.

Norwegian Pronunciation Practice: Specifically designed to help non-native Norwegian speakers with their pronunciation skills. In this class, you will receive lessons in pronunciation and learn skills that you can immediately apply in the 11am church service. All skill levels are welcome. The class is free. No registration is required.

- October 27 -

Norskeklubben: For more information and registration, visit mnlcp.org

SUNDAYS AT 10

- October 6 -

Sunday Forum: In honor of the unveiling and presentation of the church ship, *Restaurationen*, this day, Gracia Grindal will lead this forum and discuss this beautiful addition to Mindekirken and the special Norwegian tradition of the kirkeskip ("church ship"), which hang from the ceilings of churches throughout Norway.

- October 13 -

Mindekirken Tour for Everyone: Please join us on our monthly scheduled tour of Mindekirken. The tour covers church history, the building and artwork. Visitors, guests and long-time members will all find this enjoyable and informative.

Norskeklubben: Would your children like to learn Norwegian? Norskeklubben is a free Norwegian class for children ages 5-12. For more information and registration, visit mnlcp.org

- October 20 -

Introduction to the Sunday Norwegian Service: Designed to help visitors and members alike better understand and participate in our Norwegian worship services. This class will introduce participants to key Norwegian words, concepts, and music used in the services, as well as delve into the history and changes to worship services over the years. Each class is different. October's class will be led by Erik Pratt and will focus on walking through the service and answer questions from participants.