



# Mindekirken COMMUNICATOR

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## Fall Rømmegrøt Luncheon

**Saturday, September 28 at 12:00 PM**  
\$17 (\$7 ages 7-12, free ages 6 & under)



Includes rømmegrøt, simple open-faced sandwiches, cookies, and coffee/tea

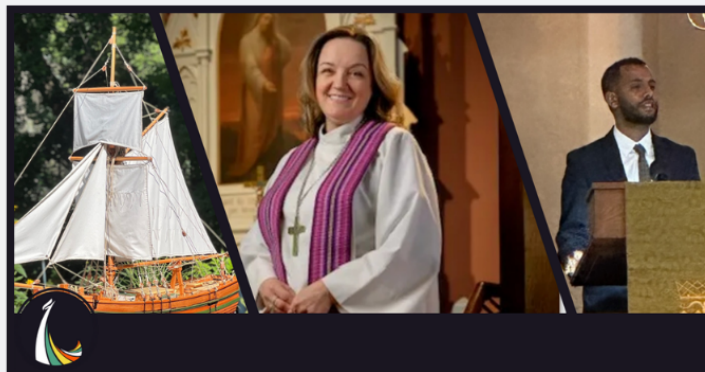
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No internet? Call the office (612) 874-0716 and press 8 for the reservation line



## Leif Eriksson International Festival

**LEIF 2024 | Oct. 5-20**



See the full lineup of events on pages 8-9, and scan the QR code for full info & tickets



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# PASTOR'S HILSEN



## THE COLORS OF AUTUMN

Some say that the fall, or the autumn is a sad season. Because as the word fall indicates, everything falls to

the ground, the leaves are dying, and all the beautiful flowers are gone during that season.

But to me fall is one of the most beautiful times of the year. Just consider all the colors that turns up before the leaves are falling. It is just breathtaking!

Fall is also harvesting time. Where all the farmers are taking care of all their crop, to the benefit for all of us. And at the very end of the fall we celebrate by having Thanksgiving, probably the biggest event through the whole year for many of us.

The Bible talks about harvesting time too. So many of the texts in the new Testament talks about the end time. And in a way we can say that is the spiritual autumn of the world. There will be a time when God is doing his harvest, and then the question will be, what color do you then have on your gown? The Bible says that when you surrender to Christ, your sins will be white as snow, even if they were red as scarlet. So the true color of God's harvest time is white, the color we get when Jesus has washed all our sins away.

I think that both our current fall, and our spiritual fall are wonderful times. You just have to get ready for both of them.

- Pastor Gunnar



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:1gunnarkristiansen@gmail.com). All requests will remain confidential.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS



Annelise and Henry together with Michi visiting from Germany. During Michi's time here we had a nice party where we also discussed how is it to grow up where you live. Another topic was, what are your core values. A very interesting dialogue followed.

- Gunnar

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

The September Mission of the Month is Lutheran Disaster Response ([www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response](http://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response)) Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Give online to Mindekirken Mission of the Month or designate it on your offering. Your generosity is appreciated!

- Wendi S.





## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Of course the Birthday song and dance would be performed, as done every Sunday during kirkekaffe.



Nancy Olson making Norway's President of Parliament feel «right at home» during his visit in July! Nancy is our «Ambassador», always making our guests feel welcome!



As part of our July Olsok events, Shirley Evenstad gave a tour around the church of Addie Pittlekow's rosemaling.

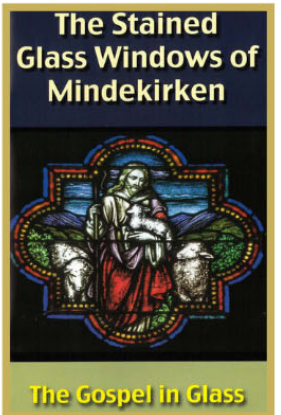
Shirley shares the story of May Breivik's artistic work on this donated bowl, on display at Mindekirken

Bill Wangenstein just told Shirley he was Congregation President when Addie was commissioned to «rosemal»



The Bicentennial hymnal is complete and being printed now. Congratulations and THANK YOU to Gracia Grindal

Our supply was about to run out, so a shipment just arrived of Gracia Grindal's Stained Glass Windows booklet. Copies are available for \$10 in the church office, and make a great last minute gift.



Every Sunday Solveig and Danny Urban (above) bring the bulletin to «shut-in» good friend who happens to be member of Mindekirken.



New members will be introduced to the congregation on Sunday, October 27.

Looking forward to seeing you during the month of September as our Fall activities begin.

Best regards,  
Kirsti Grodahl  
Mindekirken Congregation President



# TRUSTEES REPORT

I want to thank all of the people who helped clear the Fellowship Hall and then set back up the tables and chairs so that the floors could have a deep clean and wax. In addition to the Fellowship Hall, the restrooms were deep cleaned and coated.

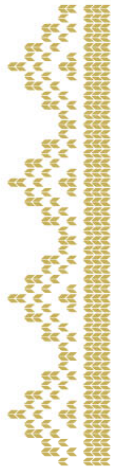
By the time you read this, the flashing on the roof that got loose in a storm should be repaired. We are still working with the insurance company and the roofing company, for repairing the roof from hail damage last year.

We are reviewing the estimates provided to upgrade the audio in the Fellowship Hall and sanctuary.

We are also working on getting an estimate for the hanging of the ship that Hans Sandom has been working on. We needed to have an engineer review the equipment being brought in to ensure that the load bearing of the lift would not put any stress on the floor.

Technical support companies for managed IT services were reviewed, and a proposal will be brought before council this fall.

We are still looking for another volunteer for the recording of services on Sunday.



## MINDEKIRKEN FOUNDATION

The Mindekirken Foundation Board met August 7, 2024. The financials and market outlook were presented by John Steinke, GS Investments and Adrian Wear, Foundation Treasurer. As of end of 2nd quarter - June 30, 2024 the foundation had a value of \$1,743,656.

The total grant allocation for 2024 was approved at \$51,758. So far this year, the board has received and approved the following grant requests:

Two mini thermostat controls for sanctuary	\$1,000
Chain link security fence for condensers	\$2,800
Mini-split Heat/AC for area near kitchen	\$3,500

Thanks to generosity of our donors, the grants allow the church to do special projects and maintain the church. Please consider a donation to Mindekirken Foundation in honor of a birthday or anniversary!



### Mindekirken's Salmer

In 2024, Mindekirken is connecting with hymns like never before. We are learning, listening, singing ... and nominating hymns to become one of Mindekirken's Favorite Hymns. If you would like to nominate a hymn, please contact Erik Pratt at [hymns@mindekirken.org](mailto:hymns@mindekirken.org). To listen to all of our currently-nominated hymns, please use this QR code to access our YouTube playlist "Mindekirken's Favorite Hymns - 2024 Nominations".



< You can listen to all of our nominated hymns on our dedicated YouTube playlist. Please use this QR code to access "Mindekirken's Favorite Hymns - 2024 Nominations".



< You can also listen to all of the hymns in the Norsk Salmebok with this QR code



# BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

October 6, at the beginning of the LEIF programs, the Bicentennial committee will be unveiling the church ship carved by Hans Sandom. It is stunningly beautiful copy of the Restauration, the ship which sailed with 52 passengers from Stavanger on July 4, 1825, with the first organized group of Norwegians immigrating to the USA. Among them were a group of Quakers seeking religious freedom in the new world, but also Norwegian Lutherans, one of whom was a Norwegian lay preacher. The boat arrived in New York on October 9, 1825.

The ship will be unveiled on Sunday, October 6, at a service in which the story of the ship and the meaning of church ships will be explained and celebrated. Mindekirken is especially blessed to have had two master wood carvers in its midst. Hans Sandom inherited the tools of Leif Melgaard who carved the altar and other wood furniture in the front of the church. Hans Sandom has spent the past months studying what the original ship looked like and preparing a replica. He has been fastidious in his craft, even including in the ship details below deck which cannot really be seen, but add to its charm.

Church ships, common in the north, are not there just because Scandinavians lived by the ocean; the church is thought of as a ship sailing with its passengers through the stormy seas of life. Jesus stilled the storm while he and the disciples were in the boat together. We call the place where we sit in the church, the nave, because it is like a ship.

We will learn more about the ship and the tradition at the service and also at Tuesday Open House on October 8. As we celebrate, we will also introduce the new collection of Nordic hymns in translation which the Bicentennial Committee authorized as well. There are some repeats from the previous book and a goodly number of new translations from old and new hymns in the treasury of Nordic hymnody.

Come and enjoy our kick off of the Bicentennial year beginning in 2025.



## THE SHIP BUILDER



Hans Sandom is our ship builder. He came from Norway in the 1960s, and he first learnt wood carving from the famous wood carver Melgaard, who was the one who did the altar in Mindekirken.

Hans told me that at first Melgaard told him that he had to work hard to achieve the necessary skills. Which Hans did, when you look at the artifacts he has carved, you just have to admire his work.

Leslee Hoyum came to me a little more than a year ago and asked if we should not have a church ship in our sanctuary. I immediately agreed. And then I talked to Hans, who took upon himself to do the building. And you will be stunned when you will see what a wonderful ship he has created.

I asked him how many hours he would spend on this project. At least 500 he answered. And I actually think he has spent considerably more than that.

It is of course especially nice to have our little replica of Restaurationen in our church, the original Restaurationen brought the first group of Norwegian immigrants to America in 1825. After all we are Mindekirken, built as a memorial for the first Norwegian immigrants.

- Gunnar



# BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study group will begin its study of the Book of Acts on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 6:45 pm. All are invited to attend. We meet twice a month via Zoom, the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We would love to have more gather around God's Word with us—we study, pray, laugh and talk about the lessons we have been reading. The Book of Acts is a fascinating study of the beginning of the Christian church, led by Saint Peter and Saint Paul. We have now come to Acts 13, Paul's missionary journeys. Please call the church office or Gracia Grindal to get the link for the study. We enjoy our times together and usually have a gathering in person, usually a potluck, after Christmas and at the end of the year.



# STORTINGSPRESIDENT VISIT

On July 7, Stortingspresident Masud Gharakhani joined us for worship at Mindekirken followed by a special kirkekaffe and Fireside Chat at Norway House. Many thanks to all of our volunteers who helped on such an important day!





# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

We will have cake at kirkekaffe on Sunday, September 22 to honor our September 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.

9/1 Peter Zimmerman  
9/7 Mark Lappegard  
9/9 Marilyn Sorensen  
9/10 Sonja Henrikssen  
9/10 Jack Baehman  
9/13 Mark Kellaher  
9/17 Christopher Hoffer  
9/21 Mary Skomsoyvog

9/21 Sandy Deach  
9/22 Nicholas Thorson  
9/25 Ingrid Forsberg  
9/26 Kim Berg  
9/27 Kathy Sandom  
9/26 Rikke Dierssen-Morice  
9/27 Dennis Omseth



# MINDEKIRKEN CHOIR

Mindekirken Choir will be returning on Sunday, September 8. For choir members (and those that would like to become choir members) our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 5 at 7 pm in the sanctuary.



**Thank you to Bill Wangensteen,** who planted and maintains the beautiful roses on the west side of Mindekirken!

He fertilizes and dead heads these blooms- a true labor of love!





# Leif Eriksson International Festival

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Visit [LEIFmn.org](http://LEIFmn.org) for full event info & tickets



## Mads Tolling 2024 Artist in Residence

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 has performed with Chick Corea, Ramsey Lewis, Kenny Barron, Paquito D'Rivera, Leo Kottke and Sergio & Odair Assad. Mads is a current member of Bob Weir's Wolf Bros & Wolf Pack Band.

With his groups, Mads has performed over a thousand concerts around the world, including at The Hollywood Bowl, Library of Congress and at the Bay Area's Paramount and Herbst Theatres. As a featured Yamaha Artist, Mads leads clinics and masterclasses in the US and internationally.



## Musical Smörgåsbord

Saturday October 5 at 1 pm  
Norway House - \$15

An eclectic afternoon of music, ranging from Norwegian folk songs to opera arias. Sopranos Maggie Burr and Ariel Wilberg will be joined by pianist Jordan Buchholtz and the Mindekirken Band.



## Icelandic Sounds

Sunday October 6 at 1:30 pm  
Mindekirken - \$15

Kristín Jónína Taylor and Jim Reilly will present a varied program of Icelandic piano and vocal music. Piano solos by Páll Ísólfsson, Þorkell Sigurbjörnsson and Mist Thorkeldsdóttir. Songs by the Icelandic-Canadian composer S. K. Hall, and traditional favorite Icelandic art songs. This program is co-sponsored by the Minneapolis-St. Paul Alumni Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, a professional music fraternity.



## Poetry Café

Saturday October 12 at 1 pm  
Norway House - \$10

Friends of poet Roseann Lloyd will read her works. Featuring music by Cheryl Paschke (LEIF 2023 Artist in Residence), nyckelharpa and Joe Alfano, mandolin/guitar.



## Ski for Light 50th Anniversary Gala

Saturday October 12 at 5 pm  
Norway House - \$100

Come celebrate Ski for Light's first 50 years, a program that has taught cross country skiing to thousands of visually- and mobility-impaired persons. Join the festivities for a delicious meal, friendship, music and a multi-media presentation highlighting Ski for Light's history and accomplishments with speakers from around the country and Norway. Reservations required. For information, call Leslee Lane Hoyum at 612.239.0447.





## Mads Tolling Concert

Sunday October 13 at 1 pm  
Mindekirken - \$20

Concert with Danish violinist Mads Tolling, two time Grammy award winner and 2024 LEIF Artist in Residence.

## Jam Session with Mads Tolling

Sunday October 13 at 3 pm  
Norway House - \$10 suggested donation

Mads Tolling and Twin Cities musicians Phil Aaron, piano; Tom Lewis, bass; Doug Rohde, variety of instruments; and Arufino Ochoada, drums. Reception to follow.

## Oromo Event

Tuesday October 15 at 4 pm  
Norway House - \$5, 18 & under free

details tbd



## Dwight in Denmark: Saving Tunes from Extinction

Saturday October 19 at 7 pm  
Danish American Center - \$10

A 30 minute film about an easy-to-ignore old man from rural Iowa who is a culture hero. Presented by director Cris Anderson.



## Sunday Worship at Mindekirken

### October 6 at 11 am

Opening service of the LEIF Festival with presentation of the church ship carved by Hans Sandom.

### October 13 at 11 am

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, directed by Guna Kalmīte-Skujiņa. Guest Pastor Ilze Larsen.

### October 20 at 11 am

Closing service of the LEIF Festival, with guest Pastor Asefa Malka and musicians from Our Redeemer Oromo Evangelical Church.



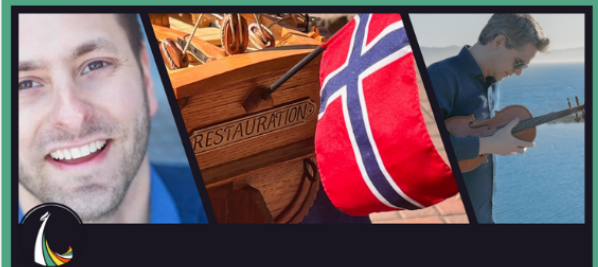
## Tuesday Open House

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

10:30 a.m.	Doors open
11-11:30	Lunch served
11:45	Announcements & Brief Devotion
12-1	Program

- October 8 -  
Norwegian Ballads  
performed by singer Justin Spenner  
with presentation of new church ship

- October 15 -  
Becoming a World-Class Musician  
presented by violinist Mads Tolling



Visit [LEIFmn.org](http://LEIFmn.org) for full event info & tickets

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL FALL KICKOFF

## Back-to-School Fall Kickoff

Sunday, September 8, 2024  
12:00 PM 3:00 PM  
Norway House

The most koselig of seasons is here and many of us are heading back to school. Believing that learning should be a fun lifelong experience, Norway House is partnering with Mindekirken's Norwegian Language and Culture Program to showcase many of the learning opportunities and other programs available at Norway Block all throughout the year.

No RSVP necessary, just stop by anytime 12:00PM – 3:00PM and learn about crafts, cooking, Barnehage, and other classes available through Norway House, as well as language and culture classes available through MNLCP. Meet some of the instructors, peruse or pick up materials, and mingle with fellow curiosity-driven people.

Our Kaffebar will be open as well, to stop in for coffee or a treat.

Norway House members get discounts at our Kaffebar along with most of our classes, so make sure to join before you grab a bite and sign up!

Tours of Norway House will also be available, where you can learn how to host your next event with us!



Mindekirken  
Norwegian Language & Culture Program

*Join us on a language adventure!*

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](http://www.mnlcp.org) - **Velkommen til oss!**





# 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.*

## WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

In case of a snow event, please check [www.mindekirken.org](http://www.mindekirken.org) or call the office for any updates before coming.

***There will be no TOH on September 3***



## September 10

### Grace Notes Trio

Get ready for some reminders of the fun of the “days gone by” with the GraceNotes Trio. We are delighted to return to the Norsk good vibes of Mindekirken with our songs of the 40’s-60’s. From George Gershwin to Burt Bacharach, from Irving Berlin to the girl groups of the 60’s, you are going to dance down memory lane (yes, some of you got up and danced last time), and learn the stories behind some of the classic American songs.

The GraceNotes have been laughing and singing together for 25 years. During that time we have learned 160 songs, performed over 1,000 shows, aged only minimally (ha!) and burned through approximately 39 feather boas. Those babies shed!

## September 17

### Muus vs. Muus

**Presenter: Kari Lie Dorer**



Kari Lie Dorer, Professor in the Norwegian Department at St. Olaf College will discuss findings from her recent publication, *Muus vs. Muus: The Scandal That Shook Norwegian-America*. Centered on the tumultuous and very public marital scandal of Bernt Julius and Oline Muus, it closely examines religious communities, gender dynamics, and structures of power in the Norwegian-American immigrant community. It seeks to find an answer to how Norwegians wrestled with new landscapes, new traditions and systems, and new expectations in America.

A visual presentation highlighting a number of the original newspaper articles from the 1880s regarding the case may be available for viewing before or during lunch. These newspaper articles are sharp, divisive, and reveal a fury of intense reactions to the church and legal proceedings.

## September 24

**Tracing your roots: "Uffda, when your different family tree lines become a circle."**

**Presenter: Janet Martin**



Janet Letnes Martin is always special when she speaks. Janet grew up in Hillsboro, North Dakota and currently lives in Stillwater, Minnesota. She has written in cooperation with others eighteen books about growing up as a Lutheran and things related. Her humor is evident in any one of her books and her presentations are entertaining as well. This time there will be a new twist as she will be presenting something about her family history. She has written three books about family history with a fourth one in progress. Janet believes in the healing gift of laughter.

**There will be a special kirkekaffe after the 11 am church service on September 8 to celebrate the 90th birthday of Marilyn Sorensen (Tuesday Open House Coordinator). All are welcome! *No presents please, just your presence***





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>8</p> <p>9am - English Service 10am - Mindelirken Tour 11am - Norwegian Service 12pm - @ NH: Back-to-School Fall 12pm - Special Kirkekaffe: Marilyn</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:15pm - MNLCP Class</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11am - Tuesday Open House 6:15pm - MNLCP Class 6:30pm - Executive Council Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10am - Staff Meeting - Zoom 9pm - Trustees meeting 7pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>10am - Norskeklubben 11am - Bilingual Family Service 12:15pm - Daughters of Norway Tour</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:15pm - MNLCP Class</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>

SEPTEMBER



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# HAPPENINGS AT MINDEKIRKEN



Erik, Annelise, and Lynndelle Pratt did the lefsa baking for Olsok on Sunday, July 28. It was very popular with our visitors that day. Thanks so much!



The floors in Fellowship Hall, kitchen, & bathrooms got a professional scrub & wax. Thanks to all the volunteers who jumped in to move furniture; mange tusen takk alle sammen!

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

# minnesota BOYCHOIR

**Mindekirken Home Groups** - keep an eye out for more information on our next Home Group event this fall!

## MINDEKIRKEN WEEKLY



Want more Mindekirken? Scan the QR code or contact the office to sign up for our weekly emails and stay up to date!

Sign up can also be found on the front page of our website: "Mindekirken Email Signup"

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Interested in volunteering during a Sunday worship service? Please visit [tinyurl.com/mindekirkensunday](http://tinyurl.com/mindekirkensunday) or scan the QR code on the right to sign up for a slot.



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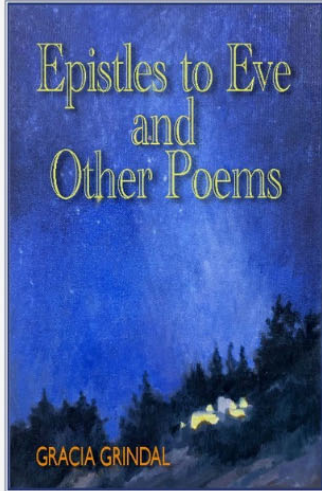
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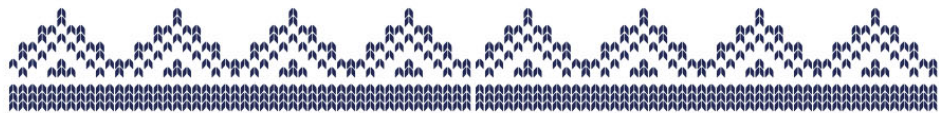
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## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### - September 1 -

*Guest Pastor Jorunn Raddum*  
9 am English Service with Communion  
11 am Norwegian Service with Communion

### - September 8 -

*Guest Pastor Jorunn Raddum*  
9 am English Service  
11 am Norwegian Service

### - September 15 -

*Guest Pastor Jorunn Raddum*  
9 am English Service with Communion  
11 am Norwegian Service with Communion

### - September 22 -

*Guest Pastor Jorunn Raddum*  
9 am English Service  
11 am Norwegian Service

### - September 29 -

11 am Bilingual Family Service with Confirmation

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## SUNDAYS AT 10

### - September 1 -

**Sunday Forum:** (Sunday Forums are provided on the first Sunday of each month.)

### - September 8 -

**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. (Tours are provided on the second Sunday of each month.)

### - September 15 -

**Introduction to Gudstjeneste in 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, so past participants will continue to find this 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](http://mnlcp.org)

### - September 22 -

**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.

### - September 29 -

**Norskeklubben:** A free Norwegian class for children ages 5-12.