

**BULLETIN FOR TRINITY MARBURG, ST JOHN'S MINDEN,  
OUR SAVIOUR LOWOOD.**

**Last Sunday of the Church Year 25th November 2018.**

Closed Communion

The A.E.L.C upholds the historical, biblical and Lutheran practice of closed communion. Therefore we ask that only A.E.L.C members come forward for communion.

Mark 13:24-37.

**Hymns: 430, 336, 338, [293, 282,] 173.**

**Psalm 93.**

P The LORD reigns. He is robed with majesty. The LORD is robed. He has fastened on strength as His belt.

C **Surely the world is firmly established. It will not be moved.**

P Your throne has been established from of old.

C **You are from eternity.**

P The rivers have lifted up, O LORD, the rivers have lifted up their voices.

C **The rivers are lifting up their pounding waves.**

P The LORD in His place on high is mightier than the sounds of many waters,

C **mightier than the breakers of the sea.**

P Your Testimonies are very reliable.

**All: Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, for days without end.**

**Collect:** Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit., one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**A bit of Inspiration from CPH Blog**

Pastor Monte Meyer, the facilitator of parish life for the Minnesota North District, had an ambitious goal:

***To get families in the Minnesota North District to read the Bible together every week.***

He knew this was easier said than done. "Church leaders have tried to introduce Bible reading plans to their congregations without a lot of success," he said. "It just gets tough to wade through all the material, some of which is difficult to understand."

Between hard-to-understand readings and packed-full schedules, Monte knew that families had a hard time actually reading the Bible. "We struggle at times with being in the Word in our homes." Sure, we get our weekly fix in church on Sunday, but after that, faith can fall by the wayside, getting pushed to the back burner because there's math homework that needs to be done and all three kids need to be dropped off and picked up at three different soccer fields at the same time and there's dinner that needs to be eaten but no one seems to like broccoli and . . .

Deep breath. I get it. Monte Meyer gets it.

He knew that a traditional reading plan wasn't going to work. He knew families can be (unnecessarily) intimidated by cracking open the Bible—and doing that *every day*? Ha!

So Monte and some other fine folks at the Minnesota North District came up with the [Bring It Home program](#). Here's the breakdown: Every week for the month of October, families commit to reading five great stories from the Bible. Monte and his team send weekly emails that list the stories, discussion questions, and prayers for each of the five days. To make things even more accessible for members, Monte wanted to provide families with Bible story books that faithfully present the Word of God in an easy-to-understand way.

So the Minnesota North District partnered with Concordia Publishing House and local donors to offer two Bible story books at a discounted price—*The Story Bible* (for families with younger children) and *Know the Bible Now* (for families with older children)—to make Bible reading less intimidating. More affordable. *Easier*.

Turns out, families and congregations were just as excited to get into the Word as Monte was. When the program and special offers were announced, here's the reaction it got, says Monte:

**"It exploded!"**

A total of fifty-nine congregations ordered more than 2,600 copies of the books!

And now, in the month of October, families across northern Minnesota are reading five stories from God's Word each week. They're talking about God. They're praying together.

All because one man inspired his district to read their Bibles at home.

***"Just think of what God will do as we read His Word and pray together!"***

>>Divine Service 25th November [Green] 9am Our Saviour Lowood Psalm 93  
Last Sunday of the Church Year  
Old Testament : Isaiah 51:4-6  
Epistle: Jude 20-25 Hymns:430, 336, 338, 173, 293, 552.  
Gospel: Mark 13:24-37.

>>Divine Service 2nd December [Violet] 9am Trinity Marburg HC  
Readings: Psalm 25:1-10 1st Sunday in Advent  
Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16 Bible Study bring and share.  
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Hymns: 1st 3v's 277 "Baptism" Lst 3 v's 277, Gospel: Matthew 19:28-40.  
[BAPTISM] 2, 150, 10, 284, 508.

>>Divine Service 9th December [Violet] 9am ST JOHNS MINDEN HC  
Readings: Psalm 66:1-12 2nd Sunday in Advent  
Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-7 Hymns: 1st 2 v's 592 "baptism" Lst 2v's 592.  
Epistle: Philippians 1:2-11 344, 511, 518, 623, 921.  
Gospel: Luke 3:1-20. [BAPTISM]

>>Just a reminder to those who have copies of the LSB hymnal to bring them to the Minden Service' to help out with numbers..

>> CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, SUNDAY THE 16th DECEMBER 6.30pm at MINDEN, NO SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.

>> CHRISTMAS EVE HYMNS & CAROLS SERVICE at Lowood at 7pm.

>> Confirmation Class is on every Friday afternoon at MARBURG 4.15pm to start by 4.30 except on School Holidays. NO CONFIRMATION CLASS ON FRIDAYS THE 9th&16th NOVEMBER PASTOR IS ON HOLIDAY.

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