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The monthly newsletter for Edina Morningside Church

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The July Messenger/Friday Update: June 29, 2018

Through the Lens of Faith, by Pastor Oby

What's happening in the world and the church, as it relates to God's purpose for Edina Morningside Church: "Sharing the joy of Christ's love by welcoming and serving".



Daylight
Center & School

One week from today, our Edina Morningside trip departs for our mission partner [Daylight Center and School](#) in the north-western part of Kenya, on the edge of the Sahara Desert near the city of Kapenguria. We'll be following on the heels of a visit by Linden Hills United Church of Christ--you can see some photos of their current visit on the [Daylight Facebook page](#). The Edina Morningside trip will be just over two weeks, from July 6th to July 21st, and we're planning to share regular updates along the way. (Check out the [Edina Morningside Community Church Facebook page](#) for those--bookmark the site now or pin it to your Facebook shortcuts.)

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Our primary mission on this trip is three-fold: to build relationships, to learn from Daylight what would be most helpful from our church, and to be ambassadors of Christ's love, sharing our joy in the church. We are convinced that since humanity is made in the image of God, we learn more about God by growing in relationship with others who bear God's face halfway around the world. Please stay tuned over the next few weeks, and join us in worship on Sunday for a special send-off blessing!

Sunday Worship Service - July 1, 2018

Before Worship

- Rehearsal of service parts
- Fill out prayer request slips

This Week's Leaders

- **Leading Worship:** Rev. Oby Ballinger
- **Minister of Music and Liturgical Arts:** Rev. Elaine B. Kirkland
- **Song Leader:** Lisa Lally
- **Worship Reader:** Pam DeLaittre
- **Nursery Attendant:** Ella Williams
- **Ushers:** Cathy Baldwin and Brad Gangnon

During Worship

- Baptism of Graham Matthew Peterson
 - Children's Table in the Sanctuary
 - Communion by Intinction
 - Blessing the Daylight Travelers
 - Nursery Care available
 - July loose coin offering for the [Islamic Resource Group](#)
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In Our Prayers

We especially hold these members and friends in our prayers:

Time and Talent Offering - July 1, 2018

Please [contact the church office](#) if you would like to share your time or talent in one of the ways listed below. Thank you!

- I'd like to learn more about a possible role coordinating church efforts in the areas of Generous Hospitality, Spiritual Life, or Faithful Service. Approximate time commitment: monthly email and/or phone contacts, and a monthly meeting (currently on the third Thursday evening of each month).
- I'm interested in finding out more about the church's Financial Secretary role (pledge tracking, weekly or monthly data entry, and periodic publication of letters for the congregation).
- I/we might be interested in helping the church partner with the Morningside Athletic Club to host a "Turkey Trot" morning run this Thanksgiving, November 22nd.

Faith Formation

Janet Anderson, Director of Faith Formation, is away on writing leave for June and July. She sends along the following greeting:



This is Santiago eager to climb the five (?) flights of steps outside the Lora Hotel in Stillwater--to a spectacular view of the St. Croix, the lift bridge and the old Commander Mill. It was Santi's first hotel stay. He got luxurious treats and lots of love from the staff -- and he ate his first ice cream at Nelson's. This week we are on vacation, but I'm taking a wonderful online writing class from the writer Hannah Tinti. See you in August!

Janet

This Week at EMC

Church Office Hours:

Monday only this week

10am - 3pm

Pastor Oby will be away for vacation and the service trip to Daylight School from July 3rd through the 21st. For pastoral care emergencies in this time, please contact Rev. Molly Cox on her cell: 952-564-7847.

Wednesday, July 4

- 5:30pm The Hand of AA (fellowship hall)

Friday, July 6

- Daylight Service Trip Leaves for Kenya

Sunday, July 8

- No Sunday Worship

Monday, July 9

- 11:15am Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, July 10

- 7:30am Divine Design Task Force Meeting
- 10am Bible Study (Edina Highland Villa Apartments, 5250 Villa Way)

Wednesday, July 11

- 6:15pm Desert & Drinks on the Patio
- 6:45pm Worship

July Worship Preview

Next Sunday, July 8th, there will not be a morning worship service. Instead, Sunday morning worship will move to Wednesday evenings for the next 4 weeks.

This Sunday's worship completes our Psalm series "God is Holding Your Life" with a call to praise God in every season, using verses from Psalm 136. We'll welcome baby Graham Matthew Peterson (child of Matt and Kirsten) into the Christian church through baptism! We also celebrate holy communion at the altar, and bless travelers

through baptism! We also celebrate Holy Communion at the altar, and bless travelers who will leave for Daylight School in Kenya.

On **Wednesday, July 11th** plan to gather on the church patio at 6:15pm for fellowship, beverages and dessert before worship starts at 6:45. Rev. Frank Bennett will be leading the service on this first Wednesday worship, considering the appearance of God to Abram and Sarai in a meal (Genesis 18:1-8).

On **Wednesday, July 18th** we will gather at Weber Park (instead of the church patio) for dessert and beverages at 6:15, followed by a **FREE OUTDOOR PUPPET SHOW** by Open Eye Figure Theatre starting at 7pm. Come for the show and treats. (We'll pass a hat to support the performers.) Bring a blanket or chair if the weather's nice, and we'll be in the Warming House in case of rain.



On **Wednesday, July 25th** we welcome home Pastor Oby and others from the trip to Daylight Center in Kenya! Join us on the outdoor patio with drinks and sweets at 6:15pm, then worship at 6:45pm, featuring table graces, tales from Daylight and the story of Elijah being saved by a poor but generous widow (1 Kings 17:8-16).

We finish our mid-week evening services on **Wednesday, August 1st** with Holy Communion around the patio tables. As the passage from Acts 2:42-47 describes the spiritual and communal sharing of the early church, we consider what such experiences of "table time" call us to search for in 21st-century community.

These informal worship and social gatherings are perfect for community members; please bring guests!

July Birthdays





July 3 Laurie Cory
July 9 Mary Herbst
July 10 Lianne Beyerl
July 12 Barb Dibble
July 13 Conrad Phelan
July 15 Chloe Gratzek &
Maimie Jamieson
July 16 Carol Downey
July 17 Don Patrick
July 22 Harry Jamieson
July 24 Janet Anderson
July 25 Zach Engelke
July 28 Ella Williams
July 31 Aiden Kreun &
Caitlin Rogers

Morningside Theatre Company Presents Shrek the Musical JR



The **2018** edition of **Morningside Theatre Company** camp is quickly coming to an end. The last opportunities to see **Shrek the Musical JR** will be **tonight at 7pm** and **tomorrow, June 30th, at 10am**. For all of the shows doors will open 30 minutes prior to curtain. All tickets are \$5 - general admission.

Fellowship hall has been filled with ogres, donkeys and princesses (oops! almost forgot dragons!) every morning for the past 3 weeks. These students of the theatre have been working hard and having fun - come see what they have accomplished.

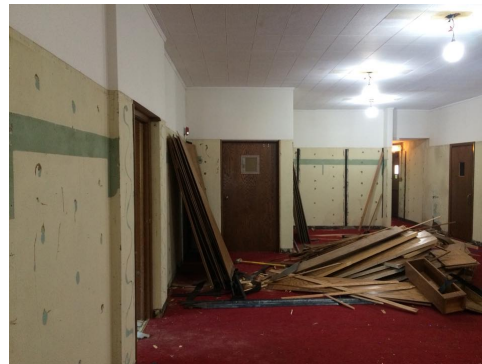
New this week **MTC Kids Camp** has brought it's own group of talented youngsters to the building. Giraffe's are learning to dance and love for the theatre is starting to grow.



For more pictures of camp fun and last weekend's production of Seussical kids go to the Morningside Theatre Company [facebook page](#).

Construction Is Here.....

The wait is over! Construction has begun--or at least demolition has!



As work continues outside for the fire suppression system, it has also started inside with demolition taking place in the library and narthex for the asbestos removal.



By Thursday, the bathroom wall was knocked out, and this filtration unit was set up. Asbestos in the carpet and ceiling glue was slated for removal today!

From the Archives.....

While cleaning up in the Library after demolition started I found this cardboard poster, another treasure for the church archives, behind the Womens Fellowship storage cabinet .

Let me know if you remember the year it was made for Mothers Day .

[Doug Fuerst](#)



Daylight News!



There is an amazing Kenyan board of directors that oversees the school, development work, staffing, and long term vision for Daylight Center and School. This months newsletter introduces us to Bosco Loris, one of the longest serving board members. He lives near the village school of Daylight Alale. [Read Bosco's amazing story.](#)

Their bags are almost packed - the EMC group heads to Kenya on July 6th and will be returning on the 21st. Worship this Sunday will include a blessing of our travelers: Barb and Charlie Green, Lisa Lally, Elaine Kirkland, Laura Simonson, Oby Ballinger, Javen Swanson, Ash and David Bull, Lori Ballinger, trip leader Allison Raney, and her daughter Maia Bowman.

Please continue to keep the people of Kenya, the staff and children at Daylight, and the dedicated people who support Daylight in your prayers. Thank you!

July Calendar



Want to know what is happening at EMC next month?
Check out the [July calendar](#)

Discontinuing Vanco Electronic Payments

We are moving our recurring electronic donation service exclusively to Breeze! For a long time we have used the service Vanco, but Breeze is our donation-tracking database, and moving all of our donations to Breeze will reduce the time and effort to track donations. If you have used Vanco or are currently set up to make monthly payments, the **last recurring donation from Vanco will occur July 13th** (the 15th is a Sunday). If you don't have a Breeze account currently, we will establish one for you and provide instructions for how to set up your new recurring donation. If you have any questions please reach Mark Lorenzen at treasurer@emcucc.org. Thank you for your generosity!

Summer Bible Study Sessions

Due to construction in the church, we're leaving the building this summer! See below for our host's address, as well as the text we're focusing on each week.



Tuesdays at 10am, hosted by Gary Lundgren at
Edina Highland Villa Apartments
5250 Villa Way, Edina

June 26th—Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

July 3rd—No Bible Study

July 10th—Genesis 18:1-8

July 17th—Luke 14:7-15

July 24th—I Kings 17:8-16

July 31st—Acts 2:42-47 & Luke 6:39-42

August 7th—Luke 6:37-38

August 14th—Matthew 5:38-39

August 21st—Luke 6:27-28, 31-33, 35-36

[Email Laurie Eckberg for more information.](#)

Member and Community Happenings

5th Annual Pride night at Minnesota United FC

***TONIGHT* Friday, June 29th at 7pm**

TCF Bank Stadium 420 SE 23rd Ave Minneapolis, MN 55455

Tickets start at \$25.00

Join the LGBTQ+ community in a celebration of inclusiveness and soccer as Minnesota United FC hosts their 5th annual pride night on June 29th. Along with discounted tickets, there will be a clear MNUFC Pride fanny pack tied to each ticket purchased. [Get Your Tickets Today!](#)

Garage Sale Fundraiser

July 12-14

1 Homedale Road, Hopkins MN 55343 (Cathy Baldwin's home)

St. Louis Park High School students are working to create a student coffee shop by September 2018. (Thom Miller is also helping this effort get organized through the SLP City Council.) There will be a fundraiser garage sale at Cathy's house in July. If you are looking for a place to donate unwanted "stuff", these young people can make use of it! SLP Nest is a charitable organization - so feel free to donate, or come shop! [Contact Cathy](#) for more information.

Hope for Recovery Workshop

Saturday, July 21, 9am - 3pm

Calvary Lutheran Church, 7520 Golden Valley Road

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will hold a free, interactive workshop that provides families and individuals with information on mental illnesses, practical coping strategies, and hope for recovery. For information or to register call 651-645-2948 or go to namihelps.org.

5th Annual Cool Planet Frisbee Festival

Sunday, July 22, 1-5pm

Weber Park, 42nd and Grimes Ave, Edina

This is a fun event for all ages and abilities. Come learn skills and games with the Frisbee to last a lifetime. If you are interested in volunteering either ahead of time or the day of the festival please contact [Paul Thompson](#).

Do you have events or news to share? [Please email us](#) the information by Wednesday for inclusion in the next Friday Update.



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