

This Week's Sunday Service

February 26, 2012
Worship Time - 10:30 a.m.



LAST SUNDAY

Last Sunday, Minto officially celebrated Milestone 100. It was on February 19, 1912 that a meeting of the supporters of Minto Avenue Presbyterian church was held for the purpose of organizing a congregation. A Board of Managers was appointed and not long after a minister was called and with 21 members and 55 adherents the ministry of Minto took its first steps.

Thank you to Mr. Gerry Carline for his time, research and presentation of many of the highlights of Minto's history that he shared through word and photos. A special thanks Gerry for providing the display of models of the rural churches which closed and whose members made their way to Minto. And thank you to the Minto Youth Group for holding their burger and wedgie fries Brunch following the service.

THIS SUNDAY

Church Year: First Sunday in Lent - Celebration of Holy Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scriptures: Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

Sermon: "Are You Afraid Of Your Shadow?"

UPCOMING EVENTS



Wed Feb 22	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Minto Hugs - Upper C.E. Stage
	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Kindred Sisters - Lounge
	12:15 p.m.	Armchair Travel - Art Museum
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service - St. Andrews United
Sun Feb 26	9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Thirty Minute Bible Study - Lounge
Mon Feb 27	9:15 a.m.	Mom's Morning Out - Lower C. E.
	7:00 p.m.	Where Are You On Your Journey of Faith? - Lounge
Tue Feb 28	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	U.C. W. Meeting - Upper C.E.
Wed Feb 29	9:00 a.m.	Minto Hugs - Upper C.E. Stage
	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Kindred Sisters - Lounge
	1:30 p.m.	Armchair Travel - Lounge

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER TONIGHT AT 5:30

Pancakes, Toppings, Sausage, Coffee!
The Men's Club is pleased to sponsor this event as

FAITH MATTERS

Have you ever asked? Why does it feel like I'm wandering in a desert? Why I am going through these dry, dusty, difficult times in my life?

Let's look at some scriptures:

Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 8:2-3)

Is it true? Do we just happen to stumble into these desert times or does God lead us 'all the way in the desert'? Is it God who brings us into places of hardship, isolation, struggling, failure, peril, and need? During such times, our goal is often just to survive each day. Our situation may seem like pointless wandering, but maybe God has a goal in mind.

The nation of Israel suffered and persevered for 40 years in the wilderness, often walking in large circles. But after the desert had accomplished its purpose, the Lord used miraculous power to lead them into Canaan and to conquer the Promised Land. The Lord did something similar with David, who spent many years in the desert, often in fear for his life.

David stayed in the desert strongholds and in the hills of the Desert of Ziph. Day after day Saul searched for him, but God did not give David into his hands. While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life. And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God. (1 Samuel 23:14-16)

It was during David's time in the desert that he learned to rely on God and His strength; and from that foundational time in the desert, the Lord established David's kingdom.

Like David, Elijah fled into the desert in fear for

we prepare for the Season of Lent.
Bring your family! The price is right!
Free will offering designated to help with the
Carpet Fund!!

MINTO SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!!! A HEADS UP FOR OUR MINTO GR. 7 TO 12!!!

We are going to the Pioneers Lodge this coming Sunday to host a Sunday morning service for the residents there; where we will be sharing music, prayers, faith stories, and hugs!

We will depart from our Minto Church at about 10:00 am and return around 11:30.

*We plan to just walk over there,
so make sure you have a warm coat!*

OUR YOUTH ARE TOTALLY GRATEFUL!!!!... TO THEIR MINTO CHURCH FAMILY, FOR HELPING THEM RAISE CLOSE TO \$1000.00!!!!

By Attending Their BURGER & FRIES Brunch Last Sunday!
The Youth now have enough money to cover a huge chunk of the costs for attending the Dallas Valley Family Ranch in April!

...PLUS a little extra money for upgrading the Youth Booth!
Thanks Minto Family! ☺

And Thanks Minto Youth –
you did a GREAT JOB on Sunday!

SPEAKING OF YOUTH....
There is NO Youth Nite this Friday.
...we will resume again next week

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

We are designating April 15th as our 100th Anniversary Brunch and Fashion Show. In order to prepare for that event, the committee is looking for clothes, dresses and costumes that represent the past 10 decades of clothing.

Dig out your flapper dresses, your haute couture fashions, cloche hats, leisure suits, metallic lame gowns, bonnets and tuxedos! And then call one of our committee members to let them know what you have found in the back of your closet!

Maureen/Neil Colmin 693-5985
Susan Rader 691-5565
Linda MacLaren 694-1209
Vivian Wilson 692-6853

his life. But God met him there and strengthened him so he could get across the desert to the mountain of God. There he had an intimate and powerful encounter with God; and God gave Elijah confidence in His ultimate control over people and events.

John the Baptist was often seen as a type of Elijah, and he spent a long time in the desert. But again, the desert was the place where John grew strong in spirit.

And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel. (Luke 1:80)

Jesus' public ministry also started right after He'd spent 40 days in the desert; a time of testing, temptation, loneliness and hunger. But He came out victorious and 'in the power of the Spirit'.

The Lord's purpose in leading us into the desert is to humble us and persuade us to rely on God and His word, so that we might find strength and power in Him. After we have been humbled by our circumstances, it is important that we respond with faith. We learn to embrace our desert experiences and mine rich spiritual insights, strengths and guidance from those times.

Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. (John 6:31,35)

Lent is an opportune season to spend some time in prayer and thank God that there is a purpose for your desert experiences. Pray that as you are humbled, you would learn to rely on God and trust in God's word, that you might find strength in God.

In Christ's Love,
Rev. John

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Feb 26	➤ First Sunday in Lent ➤ Communion
Mar 4	➤ Second Sunday in Lent

Keith McKenzie 693-6968

Marie King 692-6972

Let's journey down memory lane in style and high fashion!

HEY MOMS & GRANDMOMS...!!!
THERE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU
MONDAY MORNINGS... ☺

IT'S CALLED MOM'S MORNING OUT!!!

- ✓ Wonderful Childcare with Heather Smith!
- ✓ An Awesome DVD Study with Rob Bell!
 - ✓ Snacks for the Wee Ones!
 - ✓ Coffee & Tea for The Grown-Ups!
- ✓ Blossoming Friendships & Support for Struggles!
 - ✓ Caring Hosts with Andrea Darychuk & Lisa Rajczakowski

Next meeting at 9:15 a.m. on Feb 27th

HEY YOUNG COWPOKES.....!!!
MINTO YOUTH ARE GOING AGAIN TO THE
DALLAS VALLEY RANCH!!!

APRIL 20th & 21st

(Friday evening & all day Saturday)

THE YOUTH WILL ENJOY

- Sleeping in Cabins
- Hiking & Hay Rides
- Real Good Grub
- Camp Fires
- Horseback Riding
- And MORE

TOTAL COST WILL BE ONLY: \$15.00

The Dallas Valley Ranch is located 20 minutes North West of Regina.

See the website: www.dallasvalley.com

If **ANY YOUTH** are interested in joining us let Gary know. If you can help or have any questions, please call Gary (693-6148)

Long time members of Minto will remember Percy and Betty Paulette who were very active and committed members of Minto Church. Percy died in 1991 and we recently learned that Betty passed away last week at the age of 99. God's blessings Betty and safe journey home.

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Minto United Church is seeking an enthusiastic

Mar 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Third Sunday in Lent ➤ Installation of Church Board ➤ Baptism ➤ Coffee Hour ➤ Food Bank
Mar 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fourth Sunday in Lent ➤ Brunch – Men’s Club
Mar 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fifth Sunday in Lent
Apr 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Palm/Passion Sunday
Apr 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 7 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service – Minto ➤ 10:30 a.m. – Celebration of the Resurrection ➤ Communion Sunday

THIRTY MINUTE BIBLE STUDY
WITH REV. JOHN

The Bible has been referred to as the “The Book that is a Library!” It’s true, the Bible is made up of 66 books filled with history, wisdom, songs, poems, theology, biography, and prophecy.

Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:00 in the Lounge, as we explore, learn and discuss God’s Word.

This week’s theme: “Waiting For The Wind”

If you do not wish to receive this weekly news letter phone Minto United Church @ 693-6148 or e-mail mintounited@sasktel.net

Music Director in a part time position who is able to incorporate traditional and contemporary music selections for our weekly services and choir practices.

The Music Director must be able to read music. Proficiency with a musical instrument is preferred.

Salary will be commensurate to skills and experience. For more information please go to: www.mintounited.ca

This position could work well as a job share!

**Please send application to:
1036 – 7th Avenue NW, Moose Jaw S6H 4C4
Email: mintounited@sasktel.net**

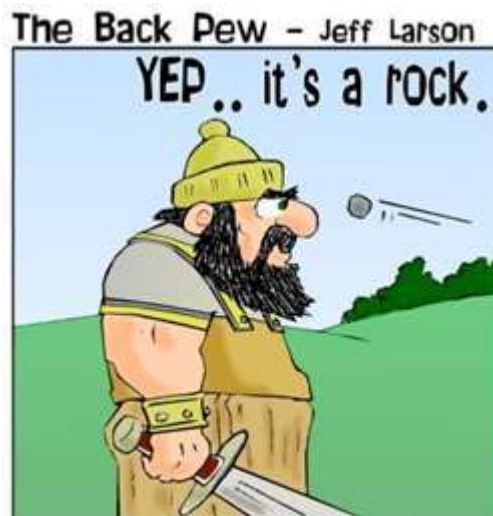
**Where Are You
On Your Journey of Faith?**

Our purpose is to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ and to personally experience the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit. We encourage each other on our journey of faith as we gather in fellowship.

Mondays, 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Facilitators:

**Carol Carley, Karen Larrivee
& Verna Kocski**



Goliath was always known for his keen eye for detail.