

Special Feature

SO HOW DID WE END LAST YEAR?

By Rachele Ellis, Governing Board, Finance



We ended our church's fiscal year on June 30. At the end of every fiscal year, we look back and see how the prior year has been. As each of us knows well, we are in the middle of some tough economic times. This was reflected in our giving. It was under budget by about \$55,000 and down from last year by \$16,000. While it's great that giving was only down a little from last year, our expenses continue to rise due to inflation and other factors out of our control. We really want to see giving going up year over year. Having lower giving this past year led to the Governing Board adopting a budget for our current year that has significant cuts in pastoral staff.

Our expenses were also down from budget by about \$52,000. So overall, we came out about even since both giving and expenses were down almost the same amount. About half of the savings were due to not having an additional pastor for the last half of the year. The remaining savings came from not spending our entire budget in areas like Evangelism (\$8,000), Utilities (\$5,000), Other Salaries (\$5,000) and other miscellaneous savings.

Since we were under budget in these areas, we were able to fund \$18,000 of the \$24,000 reserve goal the Governing Board set for this year. Some of you may wonder

why we need reserves. About four years ago our church was in the position where we only had about \$1,000 in the bank. This was a scary place to be. The Governing Board voted that we need to build up a reserve of \$100,000 so that we are hopefully never in a position where we can't pay what we owe to vendors and on our dedicated accounts. Currently we have \$42,000 set aside. We are getting there!

On another positive note, our building fund, which is outside of our budget, has had a significant turnaround. At the beginning of the year, we still owed \$25,000 to our building fund. We celebrated paying our loan off at our November church dinner. Not only has this freed up our cash flow tremendously, but people have also kept contributing to this fund. We already have just over \$30,000 set aside for our next building project.

All in all we have been very blessed this year. As we move forward to next year, let's make a habit out of giving consistently and trusting God to take care of us. As the Bible says, "Test me in this...and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." We can claim that promise as we continue to step out in faithfulness and thanksgiving.

Sabbath, August 7, 2010
Pastor Doug English

Sabbath, August 14, 2010
Pastor Doug English

Sabbath, August 21, 2010
Dr. Gerald Coy
Teacher Dedication Sabbath

CALENDAR—Minnetonka Seventh-day Adventist Church

SABBATH WORSHIP SERVICE OPTIONS

- 9:15 a.m. **Morning Psalm** - with organ/instrumental music and hymns
10:15 a.m. **Bible Study Groups** (See Below)
11:30 a.m. **Gates of Praise** —with children's story, and a variety of contemporary music

Today, July 31:

- 8:41 p.m. Sabbath rest ends
- Sunday, August 1:**
 - Boundary Waters Canoe Trip (Aug. 1-6)
 - 8:00 a.m. MCA Work Bee
 - 1:30-5:00 p.m. Church Work Bee
- Tuesday, August 3:**
 - 10:00 a.m. J.U.L.I.E.T.S (Ladies Prayer Group)

Friday, August 6:

- 8:33 p.m. Sabbath rest begins
- For MCA Info, please see MCA Bulletin Board Section*

Future Dates:

- August 8: 6:30 p.m. CHIP Alumni Meet
- August 9-13: Young Adults Boundary Waters Canoe Trip Contact Pastor Benji
- August 27-28: **Women's Ministry Training** at The Edge, Brooklyn Park, MN
- September 7: Financial Peace University Begins for 13 weeks
- September 12: Alpha Begins for 10 weeks
- September 14: Life Line Screening See bulletin board in hallway for more info

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS BEGIN AT 10:15 A.M. TODAY

Please feel free to join the class of your choice.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES:

(located in the church)

- *Cradle Roll:** Infants -3 years
- *Pre-Kindergarten:** Ages 3 - 5 years
- *Kindergarten:** Age 5 or K - 1st grade
- *Primary:** Grades 2 - 4
- *Juniors:** Grades 5 - 6

YOUTH CLASS: (located in the school)

***The Filling** is our Jr. High/High School class that meets for breakfast & songs, then splits into classes. Home Economics classroom.

ADULT CLASSES

- *Church Office:** Provided especially for those who find it challenging to walk to the school.
- *School 3rd/4th Grade Classroom:** Young Adult Sabbath School
- *School 5th/6th Grade Classroom:** Women's

Group studying Gospel of Luke. Co-leaders Rita Dedeker, Karen Gilbertson, & Karen Peterson.

***School 7th/8th Grade Classroom:** Sabbath School Quarterly. Co-leaders John Nicholson & Ackim Haamankuli.

***School Conference Room:** Study/discussion of Parables of Christ. Co-leaders Ken Dedeker & Bob Dahl.

***School Art Classroom:** Team of teachers teach from the Adult SS Quarterly.

***School Science Classroom:** Study/discussion of Sabbath School Quarterly. Leader: Ruth Haamankuli

***Fellowship Center:** Book of Acts—Contemporary views on the Bible. Leaders: Jack Dougan, Ivan Chavez

Rooms For Parents with Little Ones—(During Worship Services Only)

Associate Pastor's Office—Nursing Mothers
Cradle Roll Room—Quiet Training Room

Requests for Prayer:

1. Pray daily for MCA's teachers and students, and for it's long-term ministry to youth in the Twin Cities.
2. Loved ones doing military service.
3. Couples who are working at getting back together.
4. Anonymous requests for private issues.
5. Those unemployed seeking opportunities for work.

Sermons on CD and Website—If you would like a copy of a sermon that was preached at Minnetonka, please write the date or title on the back of the "Welcome" card, the quantity and your contact information. Drop the card in the offering plate or give it to a pastor. Please make a donation toward our media ministry of \$3 /CD. You can also listen to past sermons on our website.

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July 31, 2010

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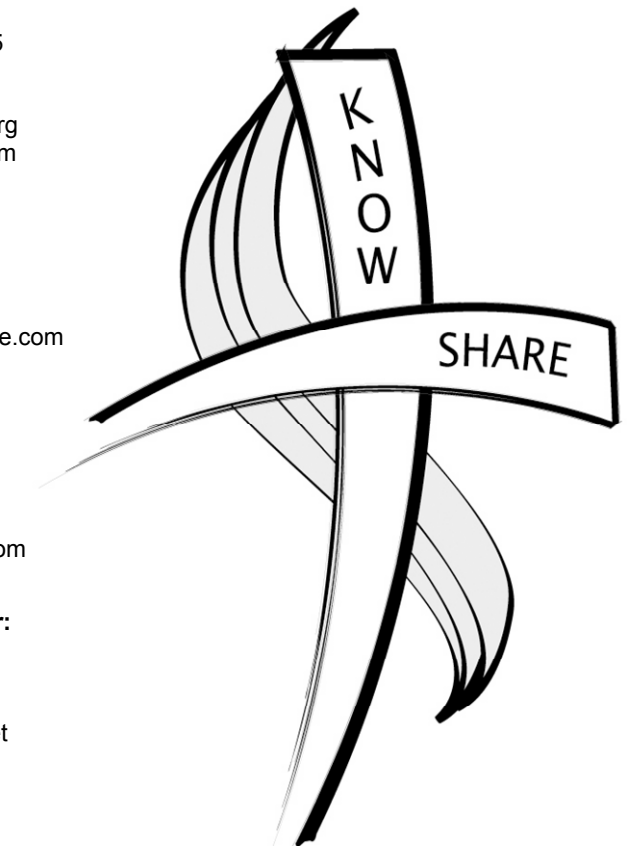
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Minnetonka Seventh-day Adventist Church is to passionately KNOW God as our personal friend and intentionally SHARE God as caring disciples.

VISION STATEMENT

Our response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ compels us to become a growing Adventist congregation. We will impact our community through God-directed worship, selfless service, and a culture of active participation by every member.

Morning Psalm

a sacred meeting

July 31, 2010 9:15 A.M.

Prelude

Call to Worship Congregation
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Hymn #695
 Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Doug English

Worship in Music Rachelle Ellis
 I know Whom I Have Believes Hymn #511
 Trust and Obey Hymn #590
 Great Is Thy Faithfulness Hymn #100

Scripture—Malachi 3:6-8 NLT
 "I am the Lord, and I do not change. That is why you descendants of Jacob are not already destroyed. Ever since the days of your ancestors, you have scorned my decrees and failed to obey them. Now return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "But you ask, 'How can we return when we have never gone away?' "Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! "But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' "You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me.

Bible Message Pastor Doug English
The Winning Team

Hymn of Response Congregation
 I'd Rather Have Jesus Hymn #327

Responding to God's Generosity Bob Dahl

Offertory

Benediction Pastor Doug English

Postlude

Worship Coordinator: Pastor Benji
 Lay Pastor: Bob Dahl
 Deacon-in-charge: Isaiah Nyamburi
 Greeters: Charlene Paulson, Ed Wines

Organ: Alice Simonsen
 Sound: Nathan Berglund

Gates of Praise

July 31, 2010 11:30 A.M.

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving...His courts with praise..." Psalm 100:4

Call to Worship

Worship through Music Praise Team and Congregation
Songs of Worship

Garden of Prayer Pastor Doug English
 There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
 And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord;
 There are sweet expressions on each face,
 And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
 Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
 Stay right here with us Filling us with Your love,
 And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise,
 Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
 When we shall leave this place.

Children's Story Stephanie Ferguson

Responding to God's Generosity Marilyn Carlson

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Bible Message Pastor Doug English
The Winning Team

Blessing on the Congregation Pastor Doug English

Circle Greeting Congregation

Postlude

Leading us in worship:
 Lay Pastor: Marilyn Carlson
 Praise Team Coordinator: Pastor Benji Ferguson
 Piano: Carol Crosby
 Deacon-in-charge: Joshua Onserio
 Computers/AV/Music: Kevin Mayer

Greeters: Carmen Burgess, Carol Crosby, Carol Lyons

Bulletin Board



• **Tonight, Sabbath, July 31, at 6 p.m.**, at Minnetonka Church (Center Shalom) will be a Summer Concert: Celebrating Russian Art. The program includes a variety of Russian music from classical to folk, and poetry and dance from accomplished artists in each genre. Please see the flyer on the church bulletin board for more information.

• **Sun., Aug. 1: 1:30-5:00 p.m.** Volunteers needed for Church Work Bee. Questions—Inside help, Dotty Nielson, 612-998-6063
 Outside help, Ken Dedeker, 952-937-7528


• **August 9-13—Young Adults Boundary Waters Canoe Trip**
 Contact Pastor Benji for registration forms or www.knowgodmore.com

• **Aug. 21 & 28, 10:20 a.m.:** Free preview of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at Minnetonka Church. Classes begin **Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Sept. 7th**, at the Minnetonka church for 13 weeks. Flyers/registration forms available in Literature rack in church hallway.

• **August 27-28** the Minnesota Conference is sponsoring a **Women's Leadership Training** event at The Edge Christian Worship Center, 4707 Edinbrook Terrace, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443. The training will provide Level 1 Certification (there are three levels) and will take place Fri., Aug. 27, 6:45 p.m.– 9:15 p.m., and Sabbath, Aug. 28, 8:30 a.m.– 9:00 p.m. The classes held will prepare you to help with leading out in Women's Ministries at your church and anywhere that leadership expertise is required. Classes are taught by qualified individuals from the Conference and several churches, as well as Nancy Buxton, Women's Ministries Director for the Mid America Union. The cost is \$15 for materials and plan to bring food for Sabbath Fellowship Dinner (drink and dessert provided). A light meal will be provided for Sabbath evening. Please see the handouts on the welcome desk for further information, or call Lynette Hubin at 763-424-8923.

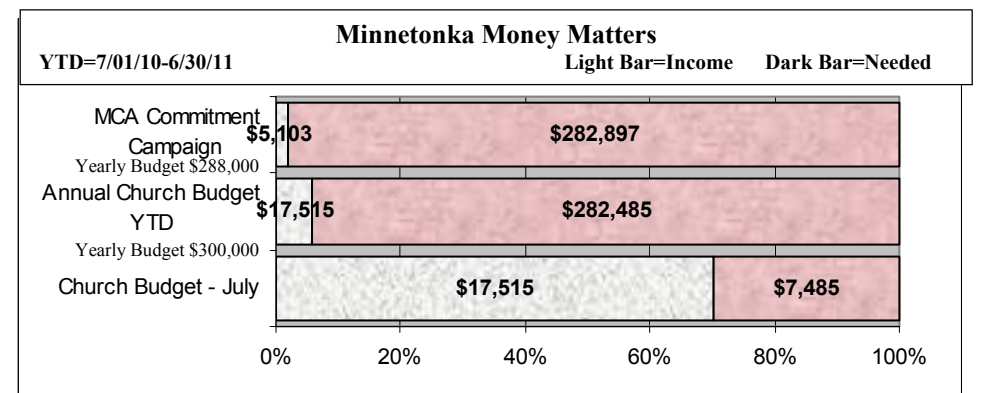
• **Sunday, Sept. 12, 6:00 p.m.:** Alpha begins for ten weeks here at Minnetonka Church. Flyers/registration forms available in Literature rack in church hallway.

• **Tues., Sept. 14th.** Life Line Screening at Minnetonka Church. Call 1-888-653-6441, or visit www.lifelinescreening.com, for more information and to pre-register.

• **Intercongregation Communities Association (ICA):** www.icafoodshelf.org
 Please bring peanut butter, jam, macaroni/cheese, soup, canned food, grocery bags, etc. to Minnetonka church for ICA. Questions—Les Morrison at (612) 521-9969.

• **Memorial Service** for Rosella Olson, who passed away July 11 in California, will be held August 7, 5:00 p.m., at Good Shepherd Presbyterian (the old Minnetonka church). Reception following at Elmer Martinson's home, 2799 Pheasant Road, Excelsior, MN.

• **Condolence** to Gayle and David Land and family. Gayle's father, Raymond Vreeland, passed away last week. His funeral was this past Thursday, July 29th, in Camillus, New York.



Tithe does not pay for operating our church ministries and is separate from Church Budget.
 Today's Offering: Maplewood Academy— Next Week: Church Budget
 All unmarked offering goes for local church budget.
Your tithe and offerings can be given online at www.knowgodmore.com.



Minnetonka Christian Academy



• **Sunday, August 1, 8:00 a.m.:** Volunteers needed for Work Bee at MCA

• **Sunday, August 15, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.:** **MCA registration** for the upcoming school year will be held on this date and will be a terrific time to meet all of the teachers and find out more about what this new year will bring.

• **August 25:** First day of school