



# ANCHORED AND PRESSING FORWARD

This past June and July, anyone walking into the Upper School would have heard lively discussion coming from the Olson Family Campus Room.

At different moments, faculty and staff could be found gathered around tables in animated discussions, brainstorming ideas on large sheets of paper, or engaging in whole-group conversations as new ideas took shape.

## FUTURE OF EDUCATION:

They were participating in Minnehaha Academy's Anchored and Pressing Forward Summit. For several days in June and July, the majority of faculty and staff

gathered to read, discuss and collaborate around several key topics shaping the future of education at Minnehaha:

*What is academic rigor? How do we successfully integrate faith and learning? What role does artificial intelligence play in education?*

Minnehaha Academy is centrally focused on providing exceptional academics in a distinctively Christian environment. After a season of challenge, we are following the movement of the Holy Spirit to envision "new things" for our community.

Through focused dialogue, collective learning and the generation of innova-



tive ideas at the Summit, we have built a shared vision that guides future-focused decisions. As the year progressed, these conversations continued during faculty training and meetings. We look forward with trust in our faithful God and hope for our future as we serve students today—guiding them as they grow into whole and holy people.

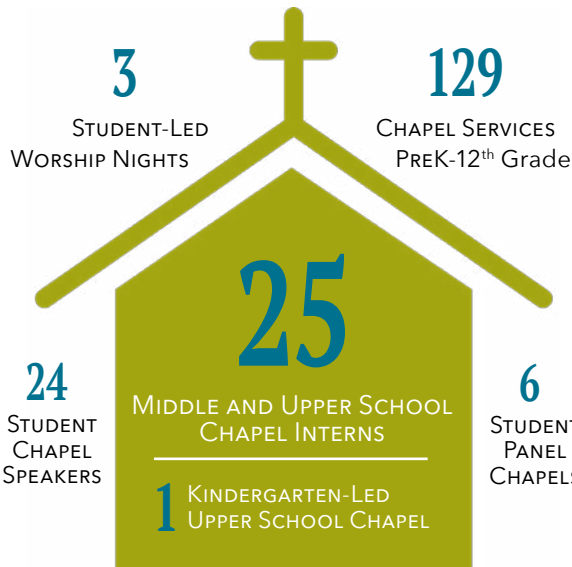
## MINNEHAHA ACADEMY: A NORTHWEST CONFERENCE SCHOOL

Minnehaha Academy is ranked the #1 Christian School in Minnesota. Founded by NWC pastors and lay leaders more than 100 years ago, Minnehaha Academy remains a vital ministry of the Northwest Conference. Families who are members of NWC churches are eligible to receive 100 percent of demonstrated financial need. MA is excited to continue our scholarship program for up to three students in grades K-12 (depending on space availability) from each NWC church. For more details or to apply, please call 612-728-7776 or e-mail [admission@MinnehahaAcademy.net](mailto:admission@MinnehahaAcademy.net).



# LEAN

What does it mean to trust Jesus as "The Great I Am?" This year, students explored that question through lived practice. From the Middle School's "Be 2<sup>nd</sup>, Love Does" Core Formation Experience to kindergartners leading chapel, students leaned into a lived faith.



# 82

**ONE-ON-ONE MENTORSHIPS**  
 AT THE UPPER SCHOOL, **82** STUDENTS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF FORMAL, ONE-ON-ONE MENTORSHIPS



# 300



STUDENT-SUBMITTED "TOUGH QUESTIONS" DISCUSSED DURING THE SENIOR CAPSTONE DAILY TRUE & GOOD QUESTIONS TIME



# 232

LOWER SCHOOL STUDENTS SERVED THE NEIGHBORHOOD BY RAKING LEAVES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

# 41

ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERS FOR UPPER SCHOOL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

# 185

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS SPENT TWO DAYS IN SERVICE AND PRAYER ON AND OFF CAMPUS

# 21

SERVICE PROJECTS THROUGH LOWER SCHOOL CORE

# 63

SERMONS RESEARCHED AND WRITTEN BY EIGHTH-GRADE STUDENTS

# 210

NINTH AND TENTH GRADERS EACH SPENT 3 WEEKS PRACTICING A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE AND JOURNALING ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE

*I Am the Bread of Life...the Light of the World... the Gate of the Sheepfold...the Good Shepherd... the Resurrection and the Life...the Way, Truth, and Life...the True Vine.*

*"I AM": 24/25 School Chapel Theme*

# 303

5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> GRADERS TOOK PART IN THE MINNEHAHA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

LAST YEAR MLI STUDENTS ATTENDED A TOTAL OF **67** SERVANT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS AND THREE RETREATS. STUDENTS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING FROM **PLANNING CHAPELS** AND **SERVICE PROJECTS** TO **LEADING AS ATHLETIC CAPTAINS** AND **SOCIAL EVENTS PLANNERS**.

# 12

FACULTY AND STAFF TOOK ADVANTAGE OF GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION RETREATS



**12** FEMALE STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN OUR FIRST-EVER FALL CFE IN KENYA, LEARNING ALONGSIDE STAFF AT A LOCAL SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. THEY ALSO OBSERVED AND ASSISTED A COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT WHERE WOMEN SEW AND DELIVER REUSABLE MENSTRUAL KITS, HELPING GIRLS STAY IN SCHOOL EACH MONTH.