

IMMANUEL MISSION – MINOOKA LUTHERAN CHURCH

FACTS:

Village Overview (From www.minooka.com)

The Village of Minooka is a charming community founded in 1869 along the route of the Rock Island Railroad. Minooka is Pottawatomie for "Good Land". Transportation has played an important role in the development of the community. More convenient access was made available when Interstate 80 was built in the 1960's with access ramps to Minooka. Lately the community has seen a growth spurt and an estimated population of 11,000 (As of early 2011). However, residential growth is not the only growth, the commercial and industrial growth has followed the residential boom, providing necessary services, jobs, and a balanced tax base.

CHURCHES:

- St. Mary's Catholic Church
- Minooka United Methodist Church (w/Preschool)
- Minooka Bible Church
- The Village Christian Church (Meets at Jr. High)
- Riverside Church of Christ
- Grace Church (5 miles out of town)
- Southwest Community Church (7-8 miles out of town)
- First Baptist Church (7-8 miles out of town)
- Platteville Lutheran Church (ELCA) (6 miles out of town)

INDUSTRY/BUSINESSES/RESTAURANTS:

-Exelon Energy Plant nearby-Dresden, Akzo Nobel, Chemical and Gas refineries at Aux Sable, Kendall Energy, Kellogg's Distribution, Macy's Distributions, Cold Storage Distribution, 84 Lumber, Minooka Lumber, Jewel/Osco, Ace Hardware, Dollar General, Simotes Car Sales, H&R Block, Insurance offices, Banks, Animal Hospital, Car mechanics, Minooka Collision, Fat Boyz Pizza, Tanning shops, Hair Salons, a karate studio, a cigarette store, 7-11, BP, Pilot TravelCenter, Citgo, Casey's, Arby's, Ruby's, Minooka Creamery, Tasty Bite, 2-fers, Giordano's, Cookie's, McDonald's, Dunkin/Baskin Robbin, Taco Bell, KFC/Long John Silvers, Subway, Rosati's, Dollinger's Farm, Abyss Haunted House, a couple of bars, Chiropractor, PT, Medical offices, Family Video, etc.

SUBDIVISIONS:

- Summerfield
- Lakewood Trails
- WestWind of Minooka
- Mallard Point (Channahon)
- Prairie Ridge
- Grand Ridge
- Arbor
- Misty Creek

SCHOOLS:

- Minooka Elementary (K-4)
- Walnut Trails Elementary (K-4)
- Aux Sable Elementary (K-4)
- Jones Elementary (K-4)
- Minooka United Methodist Preschool
- Minooka Intermediate (5-6)
- Minooka Jr. High School (7-8)
- Minooka Community High School (Central Campus-11th & 12th Grade; South Campus-9th & 10th Grade)

CLUBS/ETC.:

- Lion's Club
- Boy Scout Troop 464
- Cub Scout Troop 464
- Minooka Baseball/Softball
- Lion's Park
- Summit Park

MISCELLANEOUS:

-Village Website—www.minooka.com

-Village Officials Directory

Village President	Pat Brennan	(815) 791-6014
Village Administrator	James Grabowski	(815) 467-2151
Assistant to the Village Administrator	Steve Pala	(815) 467-2151
Village Clerk	Mary Ray	(815) 467-2151
Village Treasurer	Donna Buckley	(815) 467-2151
Finance Director	John Harrington	(815) 467-2151
Village Trustees	Terry Houchens	(815) 467-4605
	Dennis Martin	(815) 693-6596
	Barry Thompson	(815) 467-4977
	Ray Mason	(815) 467-4267
	John Horvat	(815) 467-5646
	Dick Parrish	(815) 521-1699
Chief of Police	Doug Hayse	(815) 467-2298
Public Works Superintendent	Robbie Tonarelli	(815) 467-8868
Building and Zoning Officer	Steve Thornton	(815) 467-8868
Recreation and Public Relations Director	Sheri Hennard	(815) 467-2151
Village Attorney	Spesia & Ayers	(815) 726-4311
Village Engineer	Robinson Engineering	(815) 467-8490

-Excerpts from the Prior Village President, Jason Briscoe's State of the Village Speech Held at Bean Encounters on March 5, 2009 The speech in its entirety may be read at www.minooka.com

It is the friendship and support of many of you that has helped me in my day to day decision making as Village President of Minooka. Over the past year Minooka has begun and finished six more local road projects, purchased additional park space and welcomed 10 new businesses, including two industrial users: BMW Distribution and Mortenson Construction. Several new restaurants including: Geno Angelo's, Maurellas, Dunkin Doughnuts, Taco Bell, KFC & Long John Silver. New retail shops that include ACME, The Quilt Shop, DJ Liquors and Scrapbook Junction. We are pleased that these wonderful organizations have decided to call Minooka home and we will continue to promote economic development in our community.

The addition of these businesses has had a positive effect on the Village and our residents. The total increase in our assessed value or tax base is more than \$87 Million or 8.7%. The new tax dollars put the Village in a position to pass on a savings to every homeowner and current business by lowering the Village Tax rate by 5.4%.

With the support of the Village Board and staff we have accomplished each and every goal I had set forth.

Goal 1: to upgrade all of the roads in the Village to modern standards and alleviate traffic congestion.

Goal 2: to revitalize and reshape the downtown.

Goal 3: to increase and modernize our parks.

Goal 4: to raise our architectural standards on every home built, with a challenge to choose quality over quantity.

Goal 5: to build infrastructure including water and sewer resources in anticipation of new growth, not in reaction to it.

Goal 6: to reach out to other governmental bodies, and elected officials, to share ideas and foster a network of communication.

Goal 7: to offer relief to our schools, infrastructure and tax payers.

Goal 8: to proactively attract industrial and commercial growth, offering taxes and jobs without increasing the burden to our schools.

Goal 9: to increase needed and desired services to our citizens such as shopping and dining.

Goal 10: to increase the Village's fiscal responsibility to operate within our means, and approve only sound annual budgets that stay solidly in the black by setting priorities and keeping a sharp eye on spending.

Goal 11: to reduce the Village portion of resident's tax bill.

Before finishing I want to take a minute and once again thank the staff at the Village of Minooka for all of their hard work and tireless dedication. And to all of you, thank you, for your investment in our community. So it is with the highest respect I say thank you to every resident in this great community for the opportunity you have afforded me for the past four years. Thank you and God Bless. (Jason Briscoe—2009)

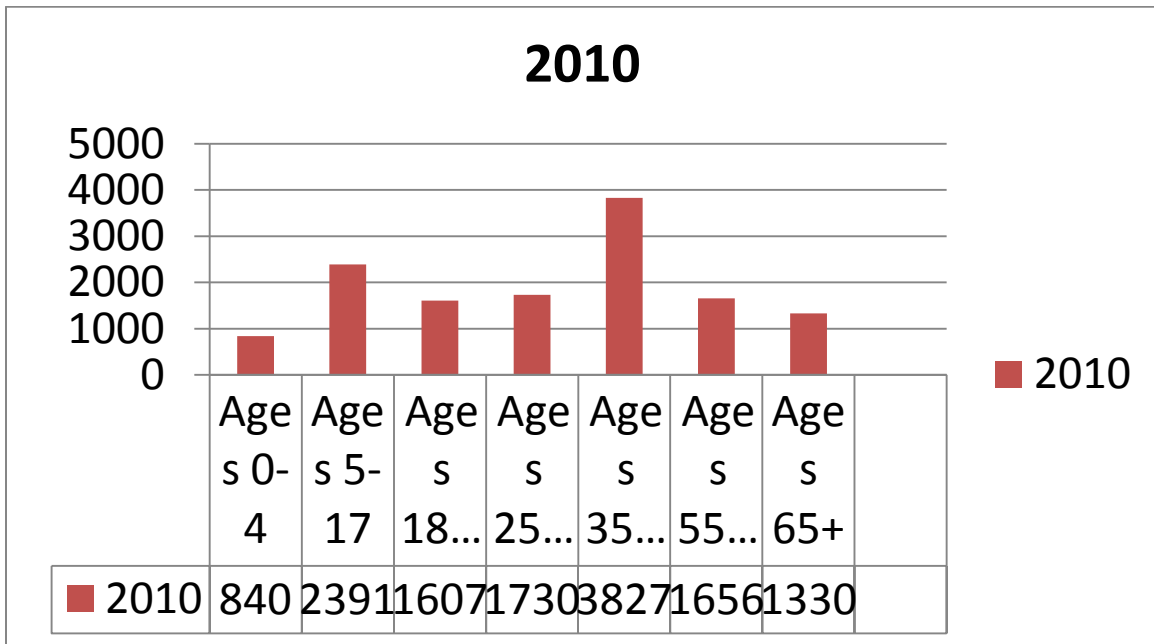
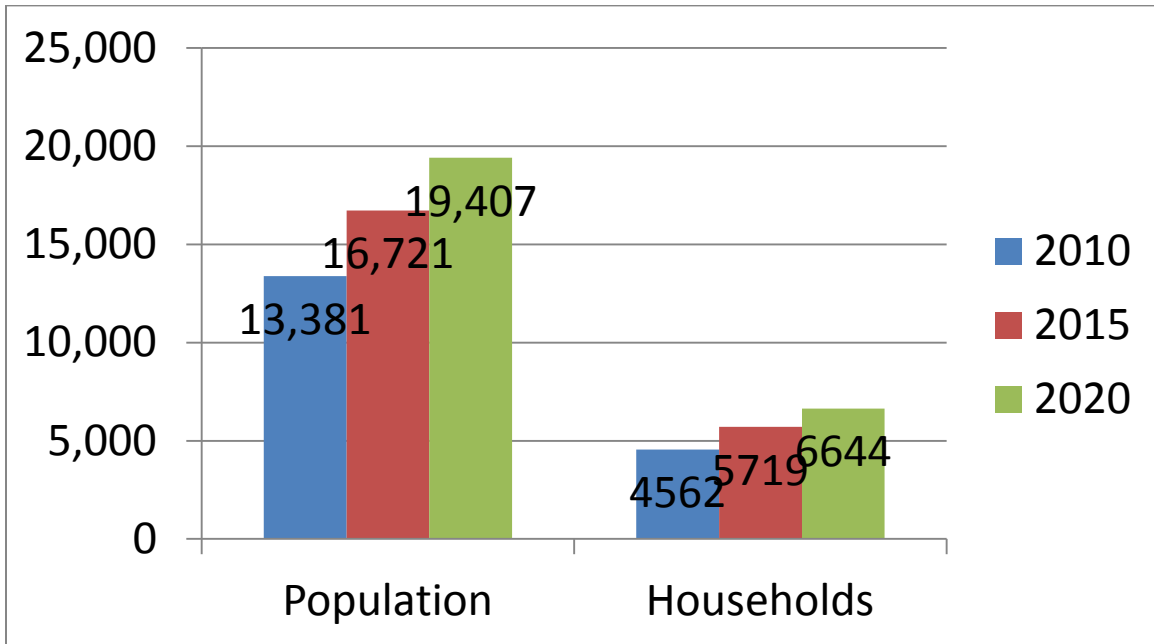
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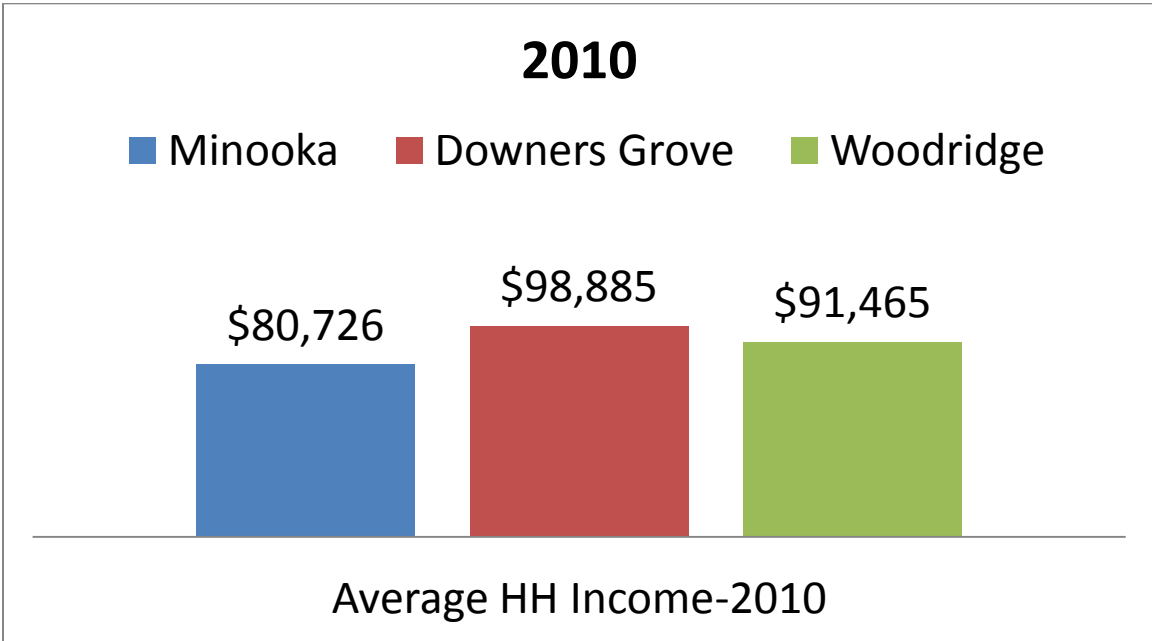
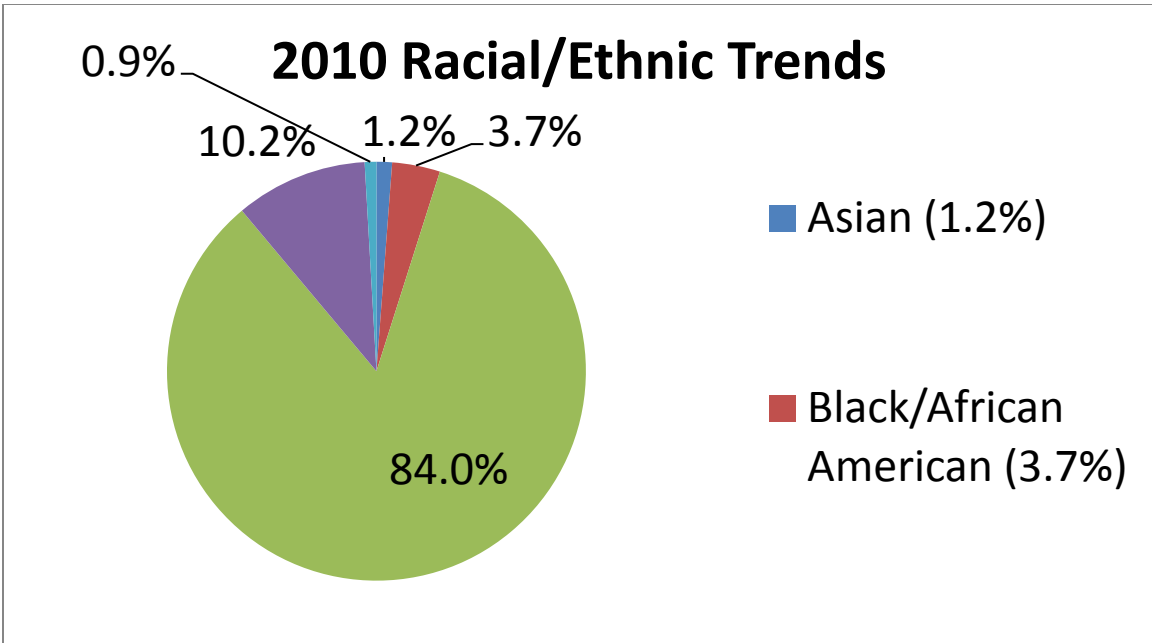
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Minooka, IL, population 10,924, is located in Illinois's Grundy county, about 10.5 miles from [Joliet](#) and 21.3 miles from [Aurora](#). It also has portions in Will and Kendall Counties.

Through the 90's Minooka's population has grown by about 55%. It is estimated that in the first 5 years of the past decade the population of Minooka has grown by about 112%. Since 2005 Minooka's population has grown by about 26%.

From Mission InSite (Oct. 2010):





- 8.6% Unemployment in Minooka. 12% in the County.
- 55.7% White Collar workers.
- 44.3% Blue Collar workers.
- 40.1% have a 15-29 minute commute.
- 36.3% have a 30-60+ minute commute.
- 23.7% travel less than 15 minutes.
- 71.4% of the adult population like to have a circle of close friends. (This number is 64% in Downers Grove.)
- 41.3% of households contribute to religious organizations.
- 46.8% of the adult population consider themselves "spiritual."
- 14.4% of the adult population say their faith is really important to them. (Comparable to 14.8% in Downers Grove.)

My vision for the new church plant in Minooka:

We are a group of broken sin-filled people who believe in and have been healed by Jesus. God connects us so we build relational connections—connections to each other and connections to God.

We strive for growth in spiritual maturity so that each person then becomes a disciple who reaches out to build more disciples.

By God's power, we'll be a church that plants other new churches.

Worship has traditional elements and is interactive, personal, reflective ancient-future worship and moves us.

Part of the launch team will be myself as Pastor and my family with education, art, music support. Others will be from the initial core group and there will be counsel from the mother church.

We'll be in need of a facility down the road (either rented-Strip mall or ideally free-standing).

We'll be a connection to the needs of the community through youth programs, and a youth and family "hangout" on Friday nights.

We'll also build small groups, prayer teams, education teams, ministry teams and service teams.

Target Groups-

Families. But we also will have outreach groups that reach other peoples, groups, cultures, nations. Other groups we would seek would be single, truckers and other people who can't make "standard" worship times.

Name—

Minooka Lutheran Church

Outreach Plan-

- Direct relationship building with people in the community
- Home to home visits with flyers
- Home to home survey of needs in the village
- Personal invitations from the Core group
- Booths/involvement at community events—Visibility in the community
- Food pantry donations or our own pantry
- Massive direct mailings
- Newspaper ads
- Invitation cards
- Business card sized magnets (No one throws these away!)
- Signage
- Facebook
- Website

Budget (initial)-

\$100,000 for each of the first 5 years with support from the mother church, Immanuel, Downers Grove, IL Support from other Circuit churches with the Minooka project being a mission outreach for those groups.

Timeline—

- Start small groups—2012
- Build Launch Team during 2012
- Build Prayer Teams—2012
- Relationship Building/Disciple Making—2011-2012+
- Ordination of R. Scott Lohman—End of 2011, Early 2012
- Worship—Easter 2013
- Build Education, Ministry and Service Teams starting in the first year, post-launch.

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