

Grace Courier

First United Methodist Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | JULY 2021

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PASTOR CHRIS KNEEN

July Mission Focus: Safe Haven Foster Shoppe

Non-profit organization providing essentials to children in foster care.

Did you know that on any given day there are nearly 428,000 kids in foster care in the U.S.?

As you would suspect these children have a story and a past, but were you aware that most of these children enter into foster care with only the clothing on their back? That leaves these children in an unfamiliar place surrounded by unfamiliar faces. Left having to ask these strangers for a tooth-brush, shampoo and clean clothes.

The people at Safe Haven are changing that uncomfortable situation with your help.

Safe Haven Foster Shoppe provides essential items to foster children. Safe Haven wants no child to enter foster care empty handed. They create bags filled with essential items that are personalized for each age and gender. They are dedicated to helping children find comfort while placed in foster care. These items and donations go straight into the hands of the children that need them. In conjunction with the agencies, they have the ability to directly provide what is needed.

This organization impacts our local communities. They strive to service the neighborhoods their supporters, volunteers, and families live in.

Church Events

- July 4th - Outdoor worship service
- July 5th - Office Closed
- July 6th - SPRC, 7pm
- July 13th - Council, 7pm
- July 15th - Hope Circle, 10am
- July 18 - Mission Sunday
- July 20th - Finance, 6pm
- July 23rd - Newsletter deadline

The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

Pastor Chris will be on vacation July 12th - July 18th.

Church Council Minutes

June 15, 2021

Council Members Present: Terry Kopp, Adrienne Steigmeir, Rebecca Ervasti, Peter Leadholm, Linda Ploog, Verna Hultman, Emily Honerbrink

The June meeting was the first in-person Council meeting this year; opened with a prayer by Terry Kopp. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce new council members to one another after the all-Church meeting. There was a high-level discussion about the purpose of the Council (as different from

SPRC or other committees) and the desire for a strategic plan aligned with specific, attainable goals for the Council to achieve over the coming year. The group also discussed what had worked well in previous Council meetings and what could be improved upon; specifically the time spent on updates from various Committees. Idea proposed to have minutes submitted to Council Secretary prior to the Council meeting for members to review beforehand, leaving the actual meeting open for actionable items. Meeting closed with a prayer by Rebecca Ervasti.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Honerbrink

Meals on Wheels

Drivers for July 2021

July 1 - Sue & Jeff Meinholz
July 2 - Sue & Jeff Meinholz

July 5 - Greg McCarthy
July 6 - Greg McCarthy
July 7 - Gary Gerke
July 8 - Jim & Joyce Stafki
July 9 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

July 12 - Joan & Phil DeMunck
July 13 - Cindy Kopp
July 14 - Donn & Sharlene Arnold
July 15 - Irv & Dorothy Lecy
July 16 - Irv & Dorothy Lecy

July 19 - Michelle Gillespie
July 20 - Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker
July 21 - Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker
July 22 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie
July 23 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

July 26 - Jon Glader
July 27 - Jon Glader
July 28 - Bonnie Bielicki
July 29 - Wendy Braski
July 30 - Fred Prindle

Meals on Wheels Coordinator:
Juanita Morgan 257-9268

Happy Birthday!

Pat McDermott.....July 1
Jessie Johnson.....July 1
Maddy Sandgren.....July 1
Wayne Vanek.....July 1
Allen Kask.....July 3
Weston Stegmeir.....July 6
Tim Clark.....July 9
Irene Orton.....July 11
Jackie Stegmeir.....July 16
Linda Ploog.....July 18
Glenn Polzine.....July 18
George Hultman.....July 19
Phyllis Perry.....July 23
Vicki Palmer.....July 23
Kristin Anderson.....July 28
Verna Hultman.....July 28
Jack Danielson.....July 28

Announcements

Join us for an outdoor worship service on Sunday, July 4th! Bring a lawn chair and invite a friend!

Get to Know Your Neighbors continues all month long on Thursday evenings from 6pm-8pm.

Come for fellowship and dinner in the Church's North Parking lot. Kids can play on the playground and play games on the yard. This is a great outreach to the people in our community to welcome them in to worship at FUMC.

There are still a couple Thursdays left to sign up as a "host" for an evening. See the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to all who participated in the All-Church meeting last month. We were able to fill many positions.

If you would like to learn more about a particular committee please reach out to Pastor Chris or the committee chair. There are still open positions and we would love your talents to be put to use in the church.

Hope Circle is back on **Thursday, July 15th at 10am** at the Church.

All women of the Church are invited to attend. Come ready to brainstorm ideas for the year ahead!

Monthly Giving Update

Our General Fund Budget for 2021 is:

\$172,500

Divided monthly becomes: \$14,375

General Fund giving for May was \$ 17,492

FUMC Core Values

The SPRC met at the beginning of June to set the Core Values of First United Methodist Church.

Humility - One of the most important virtues in our church. The ability to see our own need for increased maturity, learning and personal development allows the church to grow as a community.

Gratefulness - Being grateful and appreciative toward others is a way to show that you value other people. Thankfulness alone is just a feeling. However, building upon that feeling, and showing gratitude necessitates action. Gratitude requires us to understand the role others play in our lives.

Respect - Respect is the building block of trust and wellbeing in relationships. Respect is important in our congregation because it contributes to increased involvement, reduces stress, improves sharing and overall satisfaction.

Intentional Conflict Management (Matthew 18) - Implementing Christ's plan for resolving congregational differences is a requirement. Doing so is a priority if our congregation desires to provide a safe place for people to work and worship.

Trust - Trust requires the congregation to be vulnerable and courageous with each other. To reward trust requires congregational leadership to act in a responsible way that is in the best interests of the entire congregation. Trust is crucial for us to feel safe with each other.

Community Outreach/Connection - Involvement/outreach helps our church avoid being an ingrown "club". When the congregation uses its resources to help the community around itself, this supports a strong foundation, and builds structure that welcomes people to the church. Connection is having a willingness to share, contribute, help with each other. This is important in building healthy, happy, and fulfilling relationships in the church.

Disciple Making - Disciple making is the business of the Church. Having a strategic plan to help children, youth and adults come to faith in Christ, grow as disciples, develop within ministry, and then mentor women and men for leadership is fundamental to any successful congregation.

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How Can We Help?

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm

Office Email:

office@lindstrommethodist.org

Office Phone Number:

(651) 257-4306

Pastor Chris' Email:

pastor@lindstrommethodist.org

Watch us online every Sunday!

We stream our worship service LIVE every Sunday at 9am on our Facebook page.

You can watch it by simply logging in to your Facebook account and searching for Lindstrom Methodist.

Don't have Facebook? Head to our website:

Lindstrommethodist.org. Scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click the Facebook link in the bottom left corner.

You can watch any service on our website. Sunday services are available for viewing the Monday after.