



Grace Courier

First United Methodist Church

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September Mission Focus: N.O.M.A.D.S

Nomads on a mission active in divine service

Our current mission focus is NOMADS. The NOMADS Mission Statement is: Rebuilding lives, homes, and facilities with God's love and our hands.

Their vision is fulfilling needs through Christ's Love. NOMADS provide volunteer labor for United Methodist organizations, mostly in the United States. They do new construction, remodeling, and repairs for churches, children's homes, camps, colleges, outreach missions and disaster rebuilding. Team members do maintenance, cleaning, painting, electrical, drywall, sewing, flooring. With God's help, NOMADS pretty

much do it all. They demonstrate God's love through their work and by listening to the people with whom they work.

NOMADS are people who:

- are looking for retirement with a purpose
- enjoy traveling in an RV
- want to share their Christian faith
- enjoy using their skills in service to others

You can support this important work by designating a portion of your financial gift to "missions" during the month of September.

Church Events

- Sept. 1-6 - Pastor Chris is on vacation
- Sept. 5 - Outdoor worship service
- Sept. 6 - Labor Day
Office Closed
- Sept. 7 - SPRC, 7p
- Sept. 9 - Hope Circle, 10am
- Sept. 12 - Rally
Sunday/Mission Sunday
- Sept. 14- Trustees, 6:30p
- Sept. 15 - Confirmation Begins, 5p-7p
- Sept 21 - Finance, 6p
Church Council 7p
- Sept. 24 - newsletter deadline

Thank You!

A HUGE "Thank you" to all the individuals and families who made Get to Know Your Neighbors a success over the summer. There were delicious hot dogs, snacks and ice cream every Thursday evening as well as great fellowship with members of the FUMC congregation and community members.

Announcements

The Hootenanny returns in October 2021! Look for more information to come for the All-Church, Old-Fashioned, American Style Hootenanny on Saturday, October 23rd.

Confirmation class begins on Wednesday, September 15th.

Any youth in 6th-8th grade is welcome to attend!

We will meet every Wednesday evening from 5 until 7 PM. The youth will prepare their own meal and then, while eating, discuss the lesson for the week. Confirmation youth are encouraged to invite friends. We will be taking field trips throughout the year. A full calendar for the year will be sent out before the start of Confirmation.

If you would like to be on the prayer chain, please contact the Church Office: office@lindstrommethodist.org.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer"

Romans 12:12

New Sermon Series "What God Wants to Know" begins on Sunday September 12th. Invite your neighbor to join as we discuss the many questions found in the bible that God asked people like us.

Happy Birthday!

Lois Anderson...Sept. 2

Russell Oehme...Sept. 6

Jeremy Tomczak...Sept. 16

Cristian Arnold...Sept. 17

Donn Arnold...Sept. 17

John Jindra...Sept. 17

Dari Ferguson...Sept. 19

Wilma Smith...Sept. 20

Alan Hultman...Sept. 21

Sharon Loeffelholz...Sept. 21

Angel RempelEwert...Sept. 25

LeRoy Johnson...Sept. 28

Bev Graves...Sept. 29

Sunday School

Rally Day is Sunday September 12! Sunday School will be for preschool thru 5th grade. We will combine all ages and grades into one Children's Church that will begin five minutes after the completion of the Worship Service.

After the countdown clock on the screen hits zero, Pastor Chris and helpers will lead in singing a classic Sunday School song. This is followed by a video of the sermon text for the day. The confirmation youth will help Pastor Chris with a dramatization of the text that will include questions for the children helping them apply what the text means for them in their lives. After the drama, the volunteer adults and youth will lead the Sunday School children into another room to complete a craft that will help solidify the lesson for the day. The entire lesson will take thirty minutes.

Parents of Sunday School children are welcome to meet in the Fellowship Hall for coffee until kids are done with their lesson. We are asking that parents of pre-school aged children accompany them during Sunday School.

Meals on Wheels

Coordinator: Juanita Morgan, 651-257-9268

Sept. 1 - Sue & Jeff Meinholz

Sept. 2 - Greg McCarthy

Sept. 3 - Greg McCarthy

Sept. 6 - Michelle Gillespie

Sept. 7 - Cindy Kopp

Sept. 8 - Donn & Sharlene Arnold

Sept. 9 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

Sept. 10 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

Sept. 13 - Joan & Phil DeMunck

Sept. 14 - Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker

Sept. 15 - Gary Gerke

Sept. 16 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

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Sept. 20 - Jon Glader

Sept. 21 - Michelle Gillespie

Sept. 22 - Sue & Jeff Meinholz

Sept. 23 - Fred Prindle

Sept. 24 - Fred Prindle

Sept. 27 - Jon Glader

Sept. 28 - Irv & Dorothy Lecy

Sept. 29 - Bonnie Bielicki

Sept. 30 - Wendy Braski

Thank you for volunteering



Church Council Meeting

August 17, 2021

Council members present: Pr. Chris, Terry Kopp, Andy Wilkerson, Rebecca Ervasti, Peter Leadholm, Verna Hultman, Emily Honerbrink, Cheryl Lecy, Lloyd Jones, Donn Arnold, Sharlene Arnold, Adrienne Stegmeir, Boni Stockel

The August meeting was opened with a devotional from Terry Kopp based on 2 Peter 3:8

Motion to approve agenda – *motion passed*

Motion to approve Consent Agenda – *motion passed*

Old business:

Council at Large positions: 1 filled (Boni Stockel); 1 open

Council meeting process, devotions: Change to way meeting minutes are handled, council secretary (Emily) to send minutes out to entire council prior to publishing. Minutes are considered approved if no response by given deadline. Opening devotions to be done on a rotation between council members. Terry to send council agendas prior to each meeting.

SPR children's proposal update: Job description created, floated by outside acquaintances. Dialogue with District Supervisor. Strategic plan should have children's ministry hire involved. Peter to send job description to council; current job description calls for 24 hours/week.

Computer/tech support: Two bids in from BitWorks and Primo Technology. Same monthly fee (\$30), similar startup fee (\$1,000). Motion to pick one and move forward. *Motion Passed.*

Memorials List: Emails sent to committee chairs looking for needs for Memorials to support. Deadline for wish-list ask is September 1st; each committee asked to submit five requests. Committee to meet in September to decide which items to move forward with. Committee also looking at creating a brochure with Church needs listed to give to those who are looking to donate on behalf of loved ones.

Finance Committee: 1997 policy set up so that any Memorials/Special Gifts given to Church are divided three ways (between Memorials, General Fund and Foundation). Motion to change policy so that any undesignated funds go 100% into Memorial fund. *Motion Passed.* Two undesignated Memorial accounts set up as individual line items: Doris Brand and Vi Strand. Motion to turn over both funds to Memorial Fund. *Motion Passed.*

New Business:

Strategic Planning: Council had a good discussion about how to approach the creation of a strategic plan for the Church. Conference suggested we should consider outside help – council agrees. Terry to contact district superintendent to start mini Healthy Church Initiative (HCI) conversation. Discussion about waiting to move forward with Children's Ministry position until after strategic planning, or do both simultaneously. Next council meeting: Terry to add job description to agenda as a line item;

Peter to look at marketing costs and compensation. Understanding that we need to include in yearly budget discussions, but initial position could be funded by a grant from the Foundation.

Meeting closed with Prayer. Next meeting September 21st, committee reports due by September 16th.

The following reports were submitted to the Council Secretary prior to the meeting:

SPRC: Does not meet until 8/16

Finance: Does not meet until 8/17

Trustees: Trustees did not meet this month; our next meeting is September 14, 2021 6:30 pm. Although we have not met we are communicating through email, text and phone calls; the following is what is going on.

Trustees have accepted bid from DKU Construction from North Branch to repair sidewalks on the north, north east of the church and to form a pad for garbage containers at a cost of \$6,470.00. Lloyd is working to obtain the funds for project.

Our church bell does not work, Lloyd is talking with a rep. from Verdin Bells & Clocks to obtain a cost of repair, hoping to have something by the end of this month.

During the summer we had leak in the skylight in sanctuary which has been repaired by Lake Area Roofing at a cost of \$1600.00. We also signed a roof maintenance program with them at a cost of \$1200.00 year because of the age of our roof.

Foundation: Does not meet until October

Mission Outreach: No minutes

Memorial Committee: July 27th, 2021.

After discussion, the following individuals were selected for the positions noted:

Chair - Linda Ploog

Secretary - Sharlene Arnold

Treasurer - Cheryl Hultquist Auchterlonie

"Thank you" Correspondence - Shirley Oswald

Memorial Committee Meetings will take place on the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:30 A.M.

The Memorial Committee has requested a "wish list" of needs from each church committee. The Trustees and Hope Circle have already submitted their lists. The needs of the church nursery will also be noted. The "wish lists" need to be submitted by September 1st. Once the committee has determined where the funds will be spent, families of deceased church members will be notified of these honorary expenditures. The next meeting will be September 13th.

Visual Arts Ministry: No minutes

Meeting minutes submitted by Emily Honerbrink, council secretary.

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Sent with a prayer to:

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How Can We Help?

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm

Office Email:

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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.