

Grace Courier

First United Methodist Church

JUNE 2022 | 30828 IRENE AVE. | P.O. BOX 688 | LINDSTROM, MN
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PASTOR CHRIS KNEEN

Adult & Teen Challenge Choir

Sunday, June 19, 2022

MN Adult and Teen Challenge's mission is to assist men, women and teens in gaining freedom from chemical addictions and other life-controlling problems by addressing their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

They offer effective and affordable programs throughout Minnesota at all age levels no matter level or stage of addiction.

One of the most well-known and powerful ways Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge reaches the community at large is through their client choir. Each weekend local churches welcome men and women from their long-term programs to share their testimonies, sing worship songs and fellowship with congregations. Throughout the year, the MNTC choir ministers to a wide variety of churches throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

During services, they share a hope-filled solution to the intimidating statistics behind addiction. This will give our congregation simple ways to get financially, practically and prayerfully involved in transforming lives.



Adult & Teen Challenge
Minnesota

Church Events

- June 1 - Worship
Planning comm.; 4:30pm

Worship Committee;
7pm
- June 5 - All Church
Meeting; 10am
- June 7 - SPRC; 7pm
- June 8 - Outreach
Committee; 7pm
- June 14 - Trustees; 6:30pm
- June 15 - Adult Discipleship
Committee; 7pm
- June 19 - Teen Challenge
Choir; 9am
- June 21 - Finance; 6pm
Council; 7pm
- June 22 - Children's Ed
committee; 7pm

New Committee Meetings

Informational meetings were held in May for four new committees that are to be added to FUMC's committee structure; Worship, Outreach, Adult Discipleship and Children's Ministry. Thank you to those who have expressed interest in these new ministries.

Meetings for these new committees will begin in June.

Worship committee will be on June 1st at 7pm and will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month. (The existing worship planning committee will meet at 4:30pm and will continue for the next few months.)

Outreach committee will meet on June 8th at 7pm and will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

Adult Discipleship will be held on June 15th at 7pm and will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the month.

Children's Ministry will meet on June 22nd at 7pm and will meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month for future meetings.

Happy Birthday!

Irve Lecy.....June 3

Luke Leadholm.....June 5

Mike Nelson June 7

Jan Gravelle June 8

Cheryl Hultquist-Auchterlonie.....June 9

Ellie Stegmeir.....June 14

Pam Bates.....June 21

Brett Nelson June 27



Lay Leader Report

Andy Wilkerson

Just wanted to give a brief description of the Lay Leader Position at Lindstrom FUMC. I'm the go between in regards to the Pastor and congregation. If one has a question regarding the inner workings of our church feel free to ask me and I do my best to get you the answer to your questions. Or at times Pastor Chris or our various committee leaders might need me to convey items to you the congregation. Look at me as kind of the press secretary of the church.

Also, Pastor will occasionally have me assist up front whenever we need a representative from the congregation to be a part of the service. (Baptisms, Confirmations, New Members etc.)

I serve on pretty much all of the church committees. This doesn't mean I attend every meeting but I am briefed on the workings of those committees.

Lastly, I feel I am the voice to our community in regard to our church. I try to reach out as much as possible to our community leaders to promote our church as much as possible. In our community I often say Thou we are little.....we are Mighty. Many in this community depend on Lindstrom FUMC to be their connection to Christ. We truly are a community church and it is my pleasure to be your Lay Leader.

Submitted,

Andy Wilkerson

Lay Leader FUMC

*Rejoice in the Lord
always. I will say
it again; Rejoice!*

Phil. 4:4

Get to Know Your Neighbors

— picnic —

FAMILY. FOOD. FUN.

Thursday evenings all summer!

June 9th - August 25th

6pm - 8pm

Get to Know Your Neighbors returns this summer! Join us on Thursday nights all summer long for hotdogs, music, games and conversation. Bring a friend!

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would be willing to host/serve for a night.

All Church Meeting

An All-Church meeting will be held on Sunday, June 5th immediately following the worship service. We will be looking to fill positions on the Ministry teams for the Church Council, Finance, Memorials and Children's ministry as well as others.

Please find the time to be at this important meeting for our church.

If you have any questions please contact Pastor Chris or Terry Kopp.

Community Meal

The community meal resumes on Monday, June 6th at Zion Lutheran Church in Chisago City. It will be served every Monday between 4-6pm. No meal will be served on July 4th.

Reservations are not required. Everyone is welcome. The community meal is made possible through the generous support of community members and local churches. Call 651-775-3367 with any questions.



Confirmation

On Sunday, May 8th, FUMC confirmed two young ladies: Ella Leadholm and Lily Sorenson. It was a great way to wrap up the confirmation year. Enjoy the summer! Confirmation classes will start up again in September 2022.



Church Council Meeting May 17, 2022

Members present: Pr. Chris Kneen, Terry Kopp, Andy Wilkerson, Peter Leadholm, Rebecca Ervasti, Verna Hultman, Emily Honerbrink, Cheryl Lecy, Lloyd Jones, Dari Ferguson, Boni Stockel, Adrienne Stegmeir, Linda Ploog

The May meeting was opened with a devotional from Cheryl.

Annual Scheduled Committee Report

Andy Wilkerson, Lay Leader, presented on the position, goals and action items of the lay leader; will give full report to congregation on 5/22.

Old business

- Organizational restructure/populating positions
4 meetings held; various attendance. List of people who raised hands to be on committees: Worship (Pr. Chris, Cindy Kopp, Terry Keese, Angela RempelEwert, Dorothy Lecy, Sharlene Arnold, Juanita Morgan, Scott Lecy, Keith Green, Sonny Sparby). Outreach (Pr. Chris, Keith Green, Cheryl Lecy, Terry Keese, Dick Berglund, Tim Ploog). Adult Education (Ruth Johnson, Bret RempelEwert, Rebecca Ervasti, Boni Stockel, Pr. Chris). Children's Ministry (Peter Leadholm, Ruth Johnsen, Pr. Chris).

New business

- New Committee Meetings
 - Meet 1x per month on a rotating weekly schedule, Wednesday nights at 7pm, beginning in June. Terry Kopp and Pr. Chris to attend initial meetings (except Children's; Peter to stand in for Terry).
 - By fall, committees should have established Chairs and goals.
 - Announce open positions at All-Church meeting, June 5th following the service
 - Motion to approve committee names; passed.
- Finance Committee: A portion of our debt has been forgiven, due to on-time apportionments. Great news!
- Staff Reports: Pastor Chris
 - Looking forward to attending new meetings with new committees
 - Hot Dogs for Christ/Meet our Neighbors to begin June 9th. Backyard BBQ 6-8pm; looking for volunteers (note: no need to buy mustard!)

- Canvas neighborhood week prior to Father's Day; assign congregation street to invite to hot dog night

- Postcard also going out to neighborhood

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

Memorials Committee Minutes - 5/3/22

Members present: Sharlene, Shirley, Cheryl, Linda, Pastor Chris, and Lloyd Jones

- Reviewed current financials
 - Items purchased since January: AC in offices, toilets replaced, office paper folder, 6 tables for fellowship hall, 4 easels, large Easter Banner.
 - It was discussed that we need to request ideas for our wish list again from the congregation and committees. Linda is to send out a note. A couple of items for the list that were discussed: banner and instrument storage.
 - Shirley reported that all "thank you's" have been sent with the exemption of Kauck. She will get the address from Sarah.
 - Linda shared our first pass at the Memorial Wishes Brochure for Pastor Chris to share with families wishing to donate to FUMC in memory of a loved one. She will work with Sarah and the committee to fine tune layout.
 - Cheryl presented ideas for the memorial book. She will work with Sarah to come up with a couple format options to review at or before our next meeting. We can discuss more in depth information to be listed with each person honored in the book at our August 2nd, 2022 meeting, 10:30am

Finance Committee Minutes (April)

Attendees: Chris Kneen, Lloyd Jones, Linda Ploog, Verna Hultman

- Review Statements
 - Statement of Financial Position –Current checkbook balance \$22,697.12. January/February/March apportionments paid.
 - Statement of Activities – Offerings (giving) for March was \$10,871.31. \$7,500 grant received and allocated to account 404. Targeted for Children's Ministry position.
 - Dedicated Accounts –Doris Brand account – move to Memorial Committee (906). Open.

Finance cont.

- New Business
 - Community grant application due June 15. Will plan to complete, share and submit.
- Key target areas: Goal is to invite one functional area/month to the meeting to discuss needs, open issues, and future budget considerations.
 - Financial Chart: 3 year history chart to compare monthly giving/expenses. Completed and distributed. This will be a living document distributed to the finance committee monthly (Verna/ Lloyd)
 - Children's Ministry grant – \$7,500 first half should be received soon. SPRC working on filling the position..
 - Functional area: Worship.
 - Functional area: Office
 - Functional area: SPRC
 - Functional area: Trustees
 - Functional area: Kitchen and hospitality
- Old Business
 - Photo inventory of church assets
 - Add property values to long term asset on balance sheet
 - Records procedure – 3 ring binder/cloud/server storage
 - Bi-Annual bank statement audit: The first internal audit will be in July.

Meals on Wheels

June 1 - Greg McCarthy
June 2 - Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker
June 3 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

June 6 - Joan & Phil DeMunck
June 7 - Cindy Kopp
June 8 - Carol Carlson
June 9 - Donn & Sharlene Arnold
June 10 - Mike Arendarcz

June 13 - Joan & Phil DeMunck
June 14 - Michelle Gillespie
June 15 - Carol Carlson
June 16 - Bonnie Bielicki
June 17 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

June 20 - Jeff & Sue Meinholz
June 21 - Dorothy & Irve Lecy
June 22 - Dorothy & Irve Lecy
June 23 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie
June 24 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

June 27 - Jon Glader
June 28 - Jon Glader
June 29 - Fred Prindle
June 30 - Fred Prindle

Meals on Wheels Route 2 coordinator: Juanita Morgan



Thank You Volunteers!

First United Methodist Church cleans up a portion of highway 19 between highway 14 and Karmel Ave. twice a year.

This spring we had a great turn out of volunteers to help keep our community a clean and inviting place.

Pictured: Some of the garbage found

Not Pictured: Gary Gerke, Dick Berglund, Jack Danielson, Scott & Cheryl Lecy, Fred Prindle, Bret & Cailey RempelEwert, Adrienne & Weston Stegmeir, and Nancy Thalacker.

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Join Us For Worship

Worship with us in-person every
Sunday morning at 9am.

Sunday School begins at 10am

Watch our Sunday service LIVE on our
Facebook page.

Sunday Service is available to view on
our website the following Tuesday at
lindstrommethodist.org

How Can We Help?

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

9am - 2pm

Church Office Email:

office@lindstrommethodist.org

Pastor Chris' Email:

pastor@lindstrommethodist.org