

# Grace Courier

## *First United Methodist Church*

JULY 2022 | 30828 IRENE AVE | PO BOX 688 | LINDSTROM, MN  
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### July's Mission Focus:



#### Adult & Teen Challenge

Minnesota

FUMC Missions will continue to support MN Adult and Teen Challenge through July.

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.

If you would like to donate to MN Adult and Teen Challenge, write "Missions" on the memo line of your donation check this month. Thank you for supporting missions at FUMC!

### Church Events

- July 12th -  
Trustees: 6:30pm,  
Outreach Comm.  
7pm,  
SPRC: 7pm
- July 13th - Worship  
planning comm.: 4:30p
- July 19th -  
Finance: 6:30pm  
AD Council: 7pm
- July 20th -  
Adult Discipleship  
committee: 7pm
- July 27th -  
Children's Ed.  
Committee: 7pm

*Pastor Chris on vacation  
July 1st-7th*

*Office will be closed on  
July 5th*

**Have a safe and happy  
Independence Day!**



# Meals on Wheels

July 1 - Greg McCarthy

July 4 - Happy Independence Day! No deliveries.

July 5 - Greg McCarthy

July 6 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

July 7 - Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker

July 8 - Mike Arendarcz

July 11 - Fred Prindle

July 12 - Cindy Kopp

July 13 - Irv & Dorothy Lecy

July 14 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

July 15 - Carol Carlson

July 18 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

July 19 - Sue & Jeff Meinholz

July 20 - Carl Carlson

July 21 - Donn & Sharlene Arnold

July 22 - Bonnie Bielicki

July 25 - Michelle Gillespie

July 26 - Michelle Gillespie

July 27 - Sue & Jeff Meinholz

July 28 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

July 29 - Jon Glader

*Meals on Wheels Route 2 coordinator: Juanita Morgan*

## John C. Blackford Scholarship

Congratulations to this years recipients of the John C. Blackford scholarship! The Foundation board will be recognizing ten young scholars on July 10th during the Sunday worship service.

This year's recipients are:

Lauren Anderson, Jessica Collyard, Brooke Harvey, Drue Harvey, Kaitlyn Nelson, August RempelEwert, Katharina RempelEwert, Kyle Sparby, Jordan Vetter, Morgan Vetter.

## Happy Birthday!

Pat McDermott.....July 1

Jessie Johnson.....July 1

Wayne Vanek.....July 1

Allen Kask.....July 3

Weston Stegmeir.....July 6

Irene Orton.....July 11

Adrienne Stegmeir..... July 12

Jackie Stegmeir.....July 16

Linda Ploog.....July 18

Glenn Polzine.....July 18

George Hultman.....July 19

Phyllis Perry.....July 23

Vicki Palmer.....July 23

Verna Hultman.....July 28

Jack Danielson.....July 28

## Get to Know Your Neighbors

— picnic —

**FAMILY. FOOD. FUN.**

**Thursday evenings all summer!**

**6pm - 8pm**

**Games, Food & Fellowship!**



# Announcements

We are looking for people to volunteer to serve the Neighborhood meal on Thursday nights. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for available dates.

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There will be no Hope Circle gathering during the months of July and August. Look for an announcement on the next meeting in upcoming newsletters and/or bulletins.

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There is a community meal served weekly at Zion Lutheran Church in Chisago City.

Every Monday, a nutritious meal is served to everyone in the community free of charge, from 4-6pm. (There will be no meal served on July 4th.)



# Having Words with Jesus

*UMC Discipleship Ministries publication*

Why do we tell stories? For lots of reasons, you're no doubt thinking. We tell stories to share experiences, to teach lessons, to create community, to reveal ourselves, to gain attention, to lighten a heavy moment, or . . . lots of reasons. Stories have power and have an effect beyond the words of the story. Stories shape our experience of the world; they shape us in that world. Sometimes, stories dream of a world that could be or might be. Everyone leans in when stories are told.

So, why did Jesus tell stories? For all the reasons above, no doubt. Something is happening when Jesus tells stories, something beyond the words of the stories themselves. Even when the words are hard to hear.

Let's face it, sometimes talking with Jesus is a difficult task. Or maybe we should say, listening to Jesus can sometimes be hard. Jesus has a way of getting to difficult, hard-to-hear issues quickly and easily. Sometimes it is in a story where he is revealing to us our own secret sins; other times, it is the answer to a question that catches us in our prejudice or blindness. Sometimes, it is a teaching that we struggle to wrap our heads around. These are his words - words we believe are valuable, words with which we need to wrestle, words that we need, somehow, to learn to live by.

Maybe we want to argue, or turn away, or give up when reading through these stories and hearing the words of Jesus. Or maybe we really want to know, to spend some time in his presence to understand and to explore, and finally, we hope, to hear. This is a call to listen again, even to the more difficult passages that we sometimes want to skip over.

Open your Bible and hear the stories.

# Church Council Meeting

June 21, 2022

Members present: Terry Kopp, Andy Wilkerson, Rebecca Ervasti, Emily Honerbrink, Cheryl Lecy, Lloyd Jones, Dari Ferguson, Boni Stockel

The June meeting was opened with a devotional from Rebecca.

## Annual Scheduled Committee Report

Lloyd Jones, Trustees Chairperson, presented on the members, role, accomplished items and future plans of the trustees; will give full report to congregation on 6/26.

**Old business:** New committee meetings progress report.

Three of the new committees have met, final one to meet 6/22. No Chairs selected as of yet for any of the new committees.

- Worship: Attended by 7-8 people, good discussion, lots of ideas, will meet on the first Wednesday of each month
- Adult Ministries: Lots of excitement and ideas, aiming to start something for fall. Flyer survey coming out soon with questions to shape future. 6 people attended.
- Outreach: 4 people attended, fabulous meeting with good ideas and good discussion. Laid out all events and talked about ROI, closing the deal. Figured out a good meeting structure and laid foundation for what is a good bet/keep doing. Next meeting 2nd Tuesday in July.
- Children's ministry: to meet 6/22

Discussion around how do we create a culture of volunteerism and stepping up? We need more participation from members to create a healthy, vibrant Church. Discussed possibility of calling people to ask for help.

**New business:** All church meeting to fill committees went very well, filled some positions, ideas to fill more.

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

## Foundation Board

June 7, 2022

Our Mission: "Direct funds toward initiatives that support personal enrichment of its church family and community, thus moving toward a more Christ-centered life."

Attendees: Lois Anderson, Dick Berglund, Dari Ferguson, Sue Hernick, and Shirley Oswald

Opening Prayer: Dari led the board in an opening prayer.

## April 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

The April 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Sue made a motion and Lois second to approve the minutes. Motion passed 5 to 0.

**Treasurer Report:** Dick reported that the current Foundation Fund balance is \$307,245.

## 2022 Scholarship Applications and Evaluation:

Ten scholarship applications were evaluated by the board members. After discussion by the board, Sue moved and Shirley second to grant each of the ten candidates a scholarship. Motion passed 5 to 0.

## 2022 Scholarship Awards:

After discussion, Shirley moved and Lois second to grant each of the ten candidates a \$1000 scholarship. Motion passed 5 to 0.

The ten scholarship award winners are as follows:

- Lauren Ada Anderson
- Jessica Lynn Collyard
- Brooke Kertzsch Harvey
- Drue Keazsch Harvey
- Kaitlyn Nelson
- August Nikolai RempelEwert
- Katharina Louisa RempelEwert
- Kyle James Sparby
- Jordan Vetter
- Morgan Maxine Vetter

*Minutes Continued on next page.*

## Finance Committee

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

## Review Statements

Statement of Financial Position – Current checkbook balance \$29,917.53. YTD apportionments paid.

Statement of Activities – Offerings (giving) for April was above budget. The \$7,500 grant remains allocated to account 404. The money remains targeted for Children’s Ministry position.

Dedicated Accounts –Doris Brand account has been moved to Memorial Committee (906). This item is now closed.

## New Business

- Community grant application due June 15. Will plan to complete, share and submit.
- Agenda item for next meeting- tithe-ly account access; add to financial control policy guidelines at next meeting.

## Key target areas:

Goal is to invite one functional area/month to the meeting to discuss needs, open issues, and future budget considerations. The process will be reviewed and updated as the new focus groups come together.

1. 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)
2. Children’s Ministry grant – SPRC working on filling the position.
3. Functional area: pending.

## Old Business

1. Photo inventory of church assets
2. Add property values to long term asset on balance sheet
3. Records procedure – 3 ring binder/cloud/server storage
4. Bi-Annual bank statement audit: The first internal audit will be in July.

## Missions Report

Submitted by Adrienne Stegmeir (Chair)

The mission focus for May was Safe Haven Foster Shoppe, a program supporting families taking in new foster children in Lindstrom.

FUMC made a donation of \$470, two bags of supplies and had a volunteer team help with inventory and packing bags of supplies for foster children.

The mission focus for June is MN Adult and Teen Challenge, a Christ-centered addiction recovery program in the Twin Cities. Scott and Cheryl Lecy hosted a table for the gala fundraiser in May.

The choir came to lead the worship service and give testimony on June 19. We will continue to support the efforts of this important ministry for the month of July as well. We can also support them by attending their Christmas concert as a group in December.



**Praying The  
MOVIES**

Join us for our new sermon series where we look at bible themes in pop culture.

July 3rd - “The Deer Hunter”  
July 10th - “To Kill A Mockingbird”  
July 17th - “The Mission”  
July 24th - “The Spitfire Grill”  
July 31st - “Schindler’s List”

Sermon series inspired by “Praying the Movies” by Edward McNulty



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July 2022

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

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