

# Grace Courier

## *First United Methodist Church*

OCTOBER 2022 | 30828 IRENE AVE. | PO BOX 688 | 651-257-4306

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## Mission Focus:



Around the world, an astonishing 6,200 or more children die every day from causes related to malnutrition. Even in our day, hunger causes nearly half the deaths in children under 5 years old. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit.

FMSC food science and nutrition professionals develop meals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. Volunteers and staff members pack the food for distribution. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential.

Be a part of this transformative work by funding the meal pack ingredients through your missions donation this month or by joining our Lindstrom First UMC packing event on October 29th.

"He **upholds** the cause of the oppressed and **gives food** to the hungry."  
Psalm 146:7(NIV)

## Meal Packing Event:

Saturday Oct 29 join our First UMC team creating MannaPacks at the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) site in Coon Rapids. Volunteering at FMSC is easy, energizing, and fun! Meet at Lindstrom First UMC at **3:15pm 10/29/22** to carpool. Packing will be from 4:30-6:15pm. Estimated return time is around 7:15pm. Join our group by searching "First United Methodist Church" on the FMSC website: [fmsc.org](http://fmsc.org) or emailing [aestegmeir@yahoo.com](mailto:aestegmeir@yahoo.com).

## Church Events

- Oct. 5 - Confirmation field trip 4pm  
- S.M.E. committee; 7pm
- Oct. 2 - Highway clean-up: 1pm
- Oct. 11 - Trustees: 6:30pm  
- SPRC: 7pm
- Oct. 12 - Outreach: 7pm
- Oct. 18 - Finance: 6pm  
- Council: 7pm
- Oct. 19 - No Confirmation  
- Adult Discipleship committee: 7pm
- Oct. 25 - Memorials: 10:30a
- Oct. 26 - Children's Ed. Committee: 7pm
- Oct. 29 - Feed my starving children meal pack: 3:15p



## Happy Birthday!

Keith Green..... October 2  
Shirley Knopf.....October 2  
Pat Kertzsch.....October 4  
Kirsten Olson..... October 4  
Lloyd Jones.....October 10  
Kelsey Olson.....October 15  
Sharlene Arnold.....October 24  
Mark Vanderwerf ..... October 30

## Children's Shop Day

Children's Shop Day is on Saturday, November 19th. This event allows kids in the community to come to FUMC and purchase gifts for their family members for a very low price. In order to make it a success we are in need of donations both new and gently used.

Some suggestions are:

- Hygiene products for male/female
- Small tools/flashlights
- Kitchen gadgets and tools
- Candles
- Small toys/coloring books and crayons

Please place your donated items in the Shop Day bin located in Sunday School Room #2. Thank you for your support!

Look for the sign-up in the Fellowship Hall soon to see how else to help with shop day.

## Announcements

**Highway Clean-up** - First United Methodist is responsible for cleaning up about a two mile stretch of County Hwy 19 from County Rd. 14 to Karmel Ave in Chisago.

Please join us on **Sunday, October 2th at 1pm** for our Fall clean up day. Meet at the front of the church to get a vest and trash grabber. (Poor weather date is October 9th.)

Thanks for volunteering!

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**Confirmation** - Confirmation class is for students in grades 6th - 8th. They meet all school year long on Wednesday nights from 5pm - 7pm. The class makes dinner together at church before they start their lesson. There are also great service-oriented field trips and Christian college campus visits planned throughout the year. We hope your student can join us and they are welcome to invite friends.

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**Torah club** - Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm. Begins Tuesday October 18th and is a year long study

Register online at <https://torahclub.ffoz.org/> The cost is \$60 for the entire year and covers the weekly printed materials. Visitors are welcome to come sample a lesson, just have them connect with me (Adrienne) so I can make sure to get them the study materials they will need to participate.

"The first five books of the Bible are the foundation for all the rest. Yet they are among the most neglected. When the Bible is studied, it is often mis-understood because we've lost the Jewish context. Torah Club gives you the tools you need to understand the Bible in its original historical framework. Reawaken your faith, gain new insights into the Scriptures, and take your relationship with the Jewish Messiah to a whole new level. Torah Club gets people back into the Bible and causes the Bible to come alive by restoring a Jewish foundation. Torah Club aspires to help people know Jesus and His message better while teaching us how to apply the Bible practically to our lives."

# Meals on Wheels

October 2022 Route 2 Drivers

October 3 - Greg McCarthy

October 4 - Greg McCarthy

October 5 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

October 6 - Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker

October 7 - Mike Arendarcz

October 10 - Fred Prindle

October 11 - Cindy Kopp]

October 12 - Carol Carlson

October 13 - Irv & Dorothy Lecy

October 14 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

October 17 - Joan & Phil DeMunck

October 18 - Sue & Jeff Meinholz

October 19 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

October 20 - Donn & Sharlene Arnold

October 21 - Bonnie Bielicki

October 24 - Michelle Gillespie

October 25 - Sue & Jeff Meinholz

October 26 - Irv & Dorothy Lecy

October 27 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

October 28 - Jon Glader

October 31 - Fred Prindle

Route 2 Coordinator: Juanita Morgan

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**No Church Council Minutes were submitted for the month of September.**

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*Thank you for all the kind words and cards/gifts this past month. I am blessed to have served this church over the past couple years. God bless you all. - Sarah Sandgren*

# Fall Bible Studies

**Thursday mornings at 10:15am:**

**DISCIPLE:** a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God.

*DISCIPLE* draws upon the work of scholars, the personal Bible reading and study of the participant, and dynamic group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible.

The first study in the program is *DISCIPLE: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study*. It serves as the basis for all other studies in the *DISCIPLE* family that follow. Over the course of 34 weeks, the study covers the entire Bible (Old and New Testaments) following the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem.

A small fee accompanies this class to cover the study materials.

**Thursday evenings from 7pm-8:30pm :**

“The Armor of God” is an 8 week study led by Terry Kopp - drawn heavily from a study authored by Rev. Glenn Polzine. (No class on October 20th).

This is a study of Ephesians 6:10-18 and multiple related scriptural references. We will explore, discuss and learn about the tools a Christian needs to navigate the challenges of a life of faith. Weekly topics include truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation, and the Spirit.

New to faith in Christ, established followers, seekers and anyone in between can benefit from this study.

No sign up or materials necessary other than your bible and your attention.

# Bell Choir

Bell ringers are needed! No experience is necessary. We ask that you can read music and count time. Practices are on Wednesday evenings at 6pm. Contact Patsy Berglund if interested.

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**Sent with a prayer to:**

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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:  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
9am - 2pm

Church Office Email:  
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