

## This Week's Calendar...

Pastor Chris on Vacation 5/22-5/29

### Sunday, May 21 2023

9 am - Worship Service

10am - Sunday School

### Monday, May 22, 2023

6pm - Practicing the Presence of God Spring Small Group

4-6 pm - Community Meal at Zion Lutheran Church

### Tuesday, May 23, 2023

6:30-8:30 pm - Torah Club

### Wednesday, May 24, 2023

6pm - VBS Planning Meeting

6:00pm - Bells

### Sunday, May 28, 2023

#### Memorial Day Service

9 am - Worship Service

No Sunday School



#### INTENTIONAL CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

Resolving congregational differences is a requirement. Matthew 18:15

TRUST  
Feel safe with one another. Eph. 6:7

#### LOVE & RESPECT

Building blocks of trust and wellbeing in relationships. 1 Peter 3:8

DISCIPLE MAKING  
The business of the church. Mark 16:15



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## Core Values

#### GRATITUDE

Showing you value other people. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

HUMILITY  
The ability to see our own need for maturity. Proverbs 11:2

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Using our resources to connect outside the church. Hebrews 13:16

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# FIRST UNITED

## METHODIST CHURCH | Lindstrom, MN

*"As followers of Jesus Christ, we will proclaim the message of God's kingdom and bring hope to a hurting world beginning in Chisago County."*

### Worship Service

Sunday, May 21, 2023

#### Prelude

#### Opening Hymn

(see slides)

"More Love, More Power"

#### Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

#### Prayer of Confession:

*All: Spring is a joyous time of year, O God. Green grass emerges from the ground. Buds promise upcoming beauty. Yet we remain in our sin. Rather than accepting Your renewal, we hold on to our resentments, our hurts, our grudges. We distract ourselves with the increasing warmth and lengthening time for play so that we do not have to face our stunted spiritual growth. We confuse delight at the awakening of nature with true joy from connecting with You. Forgive us for our shallow faith and reliance on the world around us. Enable us to see Your hand in the renewal of spring and to seek that renewal for ourselves. Renewal may be difficult and painful, but it deepens our faith in the long run. Let us persevere for the long run, rather than merely enjoy the temporary excitement of spring. Amen.*

*Leader: Even though we resist God's healing and renewal, God will not leave us in our pain or stuck where we are. Our loving God will refresh us and bring growth to our spirits. Let us accept God's forgiving grace and experience God's rejuvenation. Glory to God!*

**Scripture Reading -- Page 844**

Romans 12:9-21

**Gloria Patri -- Page 70**

**Apostles' Creed -- Page 881**

## Prayer Concerns & Offering

Bell Choir

Hymn UMH# 368

"My Hope Is Built"

Sermon

Pastor Chris Kneen  
Fruits of the Spirit - Goodness

Communion & Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn FWS#2190 (black book) "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

Benediction

Postlude

**Sunday  
funday**



Make Sunday the best  
day of the week!  
Use these questions to  
start your discussion.

1. In your family is there a trouble maker?
2. Who is the peacemaker?
3. What is one way you can overcome evil with good?

## MISSION FOCUS:



SAFE HAVEN FOSTER SHOPPE

May is foster care awareness month! Did you know that on any given day, there are over 11,000 children in foster care in MN. Most of these children enter into foster care with only the clothing on their backs. The Safe Haven Foster Shoppe is a local non-profit that provides essentials to children in foster care helping to support these children and their foster families. The bags provided are unique in that they are age, gender and size specific. Safe Haven Foster Shoppe hand delivers each and every bag donated as they are needed, usually within 24 hours of placement. You can help by donating through First UMC missions in July, donating clothing or toiletries in the foyer, or volunteering at the Safe Haven Foster Shoppe Headquarters in downtown Lindstrom.

## Announcements

**Are you a visitor?** - Welcome! We are so glad you're here! If you are looking for church home we would be honored to have you join our church family. Please contact Pastor Chris or the church office for more new member information. Thank you for being here!

**Worship Support Team Help Needed!** - We are in need of volunteers for our Tech Team to help run media components for Worship Services. Training is available. Please let Bret RempelEwert or the Church Office know if you are interested.

**Prayer Chapel** - The Prayer Chapel is open anytime the Church is open for anyone to spend a few moments in prayer for the renewal of our church.

**Vacation Bible Study Planning Meeting** - Please join us Wednesday May 24th at 6pm to plan this year's VBS Program. We would love to see you!

**Bell Choir** - Meeting Wednesday evenings 6:00-7:00pm Hope Circle Room. See Patsy Berglund with any questions.

**John C. Blackford Scholarship** - Applications for the John C. Blackford Scholarship are available on [lindstrommethodist.org](http://lindstrommethodist.org), in the Church Office or on the table by the "Community" Board. Scholarship applications will be evaluated by the Foundation Board and awarded on need and merit. The deadline for returning applications is June 4th. Applications received after June 4th will not be considered. Presentations will be on July 9th during Sunday worship service.

**Practicing the Presence of God** - Please join us for our spring small group study. Our five-week study, based on the book by Brother Lawrence, we will explore together practical ways we can:

- Abide in him
- Love God and neighbor
- Walk with the Spirit
- Dwell on what is excellent and praiseworthy

Rejoice always!

Sign up for a session, beginning Monday, April 24, 6:00 pm at church or overlooking the lake at the Ervasti home. Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22. No book to purchase, materials will be provided. Light refreshments provided. Sign up at [lindstrommethodist.org](http://lindstrommethodist.org) or Contact the Church office for assistance.

**Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed!** - Help is needed for a volunteer kitchen assistant and a Route #1 driver. Please contact Jackie Law 651-257-0582 (more details on Community Bulletin Board)



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