

First United Methodist  
Church

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April 2023

We Are Here to Help!

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](http://lindstrommethodist.org)

Join us for Worship!

Church Office Hours:  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
9am - 2pm

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## Mission Focus!

**“Youth With A Mission (YWAM)** is an international movement of Christians from many denominations dedicated to presenting Jesus personally to this and future generations, to mobilizing as many as possible to help in this task, and to the training and equipping of believers for their part in fulfilling the Great Commission. As citizens of God’s kingdom, we are called to love, worship, and obey our Lord, to love and serve His body, the Church, and to love all peoples everywhere, which includes presenting the whole Gospel for the whole person throughout the whole world.”

Erik Broughaugh grew up in the Lindstrom United Methodist Church and now lives in Gambia, Africa with his wife Ele and their 3 children. Ele was part of a YWAM team that was sent there in 1998 and Erik later came on an outreach in 2002. Their kids (Asaph 15, Anna 13, Khara 10) have grown up in the village and are an important part of the ministry. They seek to bring the light of Jesus to the Muslim people group that they share their lives with. They do this through everyday interactions with the people: assisting in village projects, training young men in welding/construction/fencing, praying for the sick, and sharing the love of God with those around them. Recently they have also been involved in planting trees, digging wells, and bible distribution. You can find out more about them at <https://bireye.wordpress.com/>

You can help support the Broughaugh family and the work they are doing for God’s kingdom with your April donation to missions through First UMC.

## Church Events

- **Apr 1 Easter Carnival**  
10-11:30am
- **Apr 2 Palm Sunday** 9am
- **Apr 6 Holy Thursday** 7pm
- **Apr 7 Good Friday** 8pm
- **Apr 9 Easter Breakfast**  
7:30am  
**Easter Sunday** 9am
- **Apr 11 Trustees** 6:30pm  
**SPRC** 7pm
- **Apr 12 Outreach** 7pm
- **Apr 18 Finance** 6pm  
**Ad Council** 7pm
- **Apr 19 Adult Disc.** 7pm
- **Apr 26 Childrens Ed** 7pm



Council Minutes

3/21/2023

Council members present: Pr. Chris Kneen, Terry Kopp, Peter Leadholm, Verna Hultman, Emily

Honerbrink, Cheryl Lecy, Lloyd Jones, Terry Keese, Boni Stockel, Andy Wilkerson, Dari

Ferguson, Rebecca Ervasti

Other members present: Angela RempelEwert, Dorothy Lecy, Irv Lecy, Craig Stockel, Mark

Vanderwerf, Tina Sparby

The March meeting was opened with a devotional from Andy Wilkerson

Annual Scheduled Committee Report: SPRC

- Peter Leadholm provided the report for SPRC; see committee report in newsletter.

New business

Revisit committee structure, what is/is not working

- Four new committees added. Two functioning really well (Outreach and Adult Discipleship)

and two are not at full function yet (SME, Children’s Ministries)

Old business

Discernment process 2.0

- Discussion on next steps, watched video and learned about Wesleyan Church

- Motion to move forward with open house, passed

- SPRC to present potential board information to Council for review

- Open house/Informational Meeting April 25th. Two meeting times to accommodate

schedules (one daytime, one after business hours)

The following committee minutes were submitted prior to the meeting:

Trustees

March 2023 Report

Present: Lloyd Jones, Irv Lecy, Gary Gerke, Jack Danielson, Sue Meinholz, Pastor Chris

- Collecting old electronics around Church will go to a recycle place.

- HELP equipment room has been cleaned out excess items will be delivered to Global

Health Ministries.

- Room 7 is also in the process of being cleaned out.

Finance

Attendees: Verna Hultman, Lloyd Jones, Cindy Anderson

Review Statements

- Statement of Financial Position –Current checkbook balance steady. Balance \$25,151.63.

All apportionments paid. All bills paid. Current balance for Doris Brand trust account

\$24,921.51. Savings \$48,962.

- Statement of Activities – January offering \$19,229 (budget \$14,583). The \$7,500 grant

remains allocated to account 404. The money remains targeted for Children’s Ministry

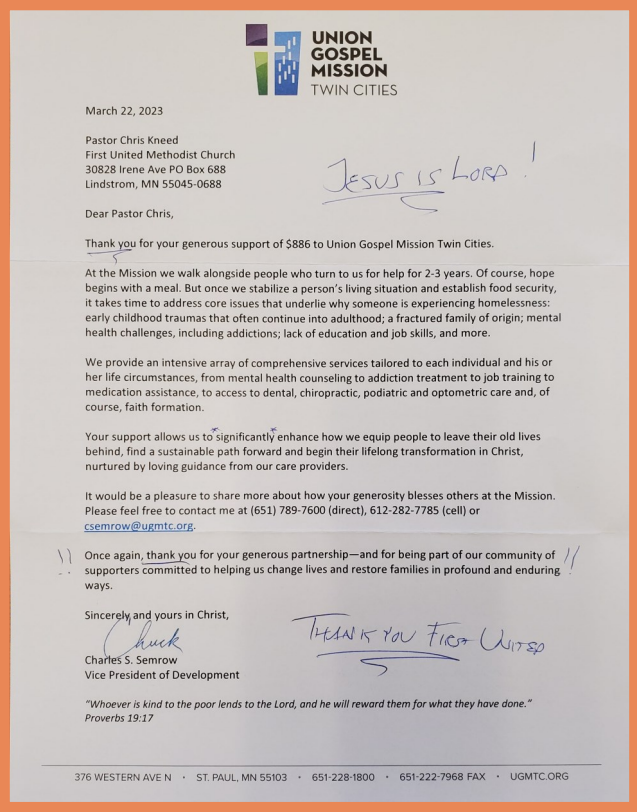
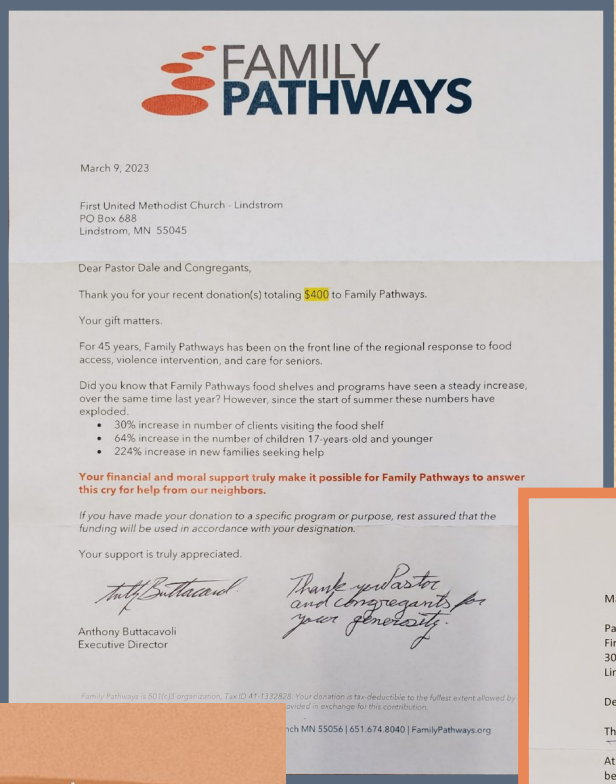
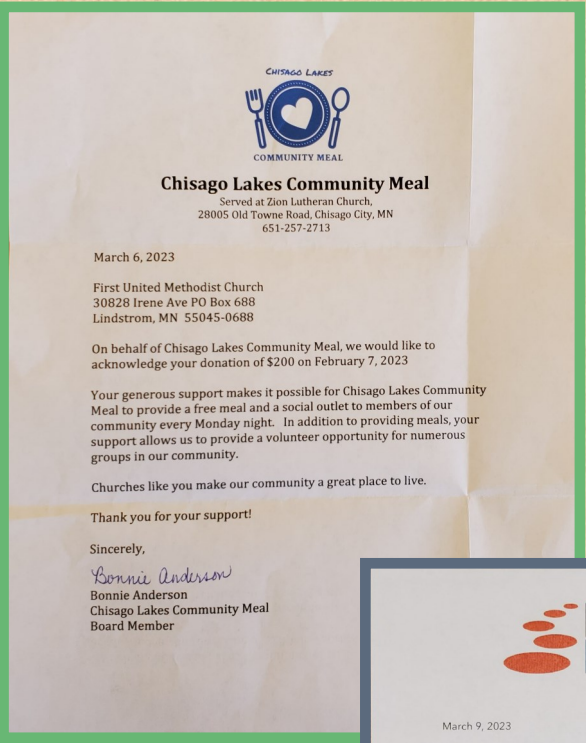
position. New account 402A will be created for coffee (pull from miscellaneous) for 2023.

548 will be changed from Special Guests to Guest Speaker to move from Pastoral Expense

grouping. Key expenses over budget; gas/electric \$2,067 for January (budget \$1,250).

Snow removal \$1,105 (budget \$167/month).

- Dedicated Accounts – Distributed without change.





## Easter Breakfast

Time: 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM



Egg Bake  
Pancakes  
Sausage  
Assorted Fruit  
Sweet Breads/ Muffins  
Juice, milk, coffee

Free will donations will go toward the youth camp scholarship fund which lowers the cost of Christian camp for all youth- and ensures that every youth who wants to go to Christian camp can attend regardless of family finances.

## Bible Study App-

Did you know you have the power of Bible study at your finger tips? Please see Ruth Johnsen for assistance in setting up the new app on your phone.



## EASTER CARNIVAL

Saturday, April 1st 10:00am – 11:30am

First United Methodist Church - Lindstrom  
Event is FREE

Carnival Games, Cake Walk, Crafts, Face Painting,  
Photo Opportunity, Minnow Races



**Sunday**



## Finance Continued

New Business

- Financial Control Policy – needs update to reflect: Dedicated accounts, Tithe.ly, and

Offering Counter procedures. Tithe.ly was added for now. Will be reviewed at February

meeting in more detail. NOTE: Will add Paypal to policy when available.

- Tithly account access – completed an admin email and limit admin access to secretary.

The working copy from Linda was added as Addendum C to the Financial Control Policy.

- Brinks – credit account available for members to pick up supplies. Lloyd will check with

Brinks to add a password access. Open item from December meeting. Open for February.

- Linda is requesting another counter. She will check with Erin to add to a bulletin. Linda

attended Contributions Statement Training. All year end statements have been distributed.

- Discussed mileage reimbursement for the pastor. This account wasn't used in 2022. A

small budget was set – need a policy and submission form in place. Adding to agenda for

March meeting to discuss further.

- Annual Conference Reports – Lloyd will take care of submit (Form 4 Membership and Form

11 Budget)

## SPRC

March 14th, 2023

Present: Peter Leadholm, Pr. Chris, Emily Honerbrink, Dorothy Lecy, Tina Sparby, Angela

RempelEwert, Tami Rehbein

OLD Business

- Discernment Process - Visitors
- Worship Leader Vacancy

## Outreach

No March outreach meeting.

In February, the congregation raised \$376 for Zoe Empowers. The mission for March is Family

Pathways Food Shelf. We are collecting cans in a “canstruction” zone in the foyer to donate

as well as monetary donations. Every \$10 collected will feed a family of 4 for a week. The April

mission will support YWAM missionaries Erik and Ele Brouhaugh. (Adrienne Stegmier)

## Adult Discipleship

Adult Ministries Meeting Agenda & Minutes

February 15, 2023, 7:00 pm

New Business

- Review participant sign-ups for the Luke Lenten small group study

- Boni to present small groups – 2 groups:

- Stockel's group: TBD – Sunday night

- Ervasti's group: TBD – Thursday night

- RempelEwert's group – Sunday night

- Kneen's group – 12 noon on Sundays

- Notification emails sent to each group – to include host names, address, contact

information, dates and times of each study, topic / chapter of study for each week,

and reminder to collect Luke study books after church on February 19

- Small groups meet – weeks of 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26 and 4/2

- Volunteer to draft communication? Each host / leader will do their own email

- Welcome late joiners – announce at church on 2/19 (Chris to announce) and 2/26



Adult Discipleship Continued

(Tami to announce)

- Register to offer a Financial Peace University course (Dave Ramsey) for fall 2023
- Cost per attendee / family \$75 We will make scholarships available
- 9-weeks 45 – 90 minutes
- Need a volunteer to host / facilitate course,
- Determine dates and times,
- Marketing and outreach for course – starting April / May 2023
- Engage other churches, the Chisago Lakes HS
- List in Community Ed
- Advertise in Chisago County Press
- Logistics for signing up – collecting course fee, etc.

• Practicing God’s Presence study – starting April 20 through May 25 – Rebecca do blurb for bulletin, newsletter

- Summer Options – Thursday night / outreach

Other Business – Updates

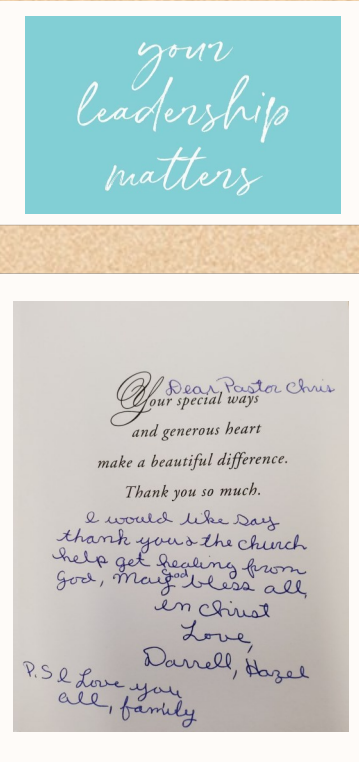
- Other items under development
- Hospice Ministry – Bob Determan
- Stephen’s Ministry – Chris Kneen
- Prayer Ministry – Ruth, others

- Fall 2023 and Future Studies
- Chris to repeat the Discipleship – 45 minutes - 1 ½ hours
- yearlong study -Chris will

seek a leader from the current group to lead; need to determine night – 26 week long

study

- Study in the Fall by Chris – Love Does, by Bob Goff
- The Life You Always Wanted, John Ortberg, DVD and study guide
- Film – Lord, Save Us From Your Follower – 4 sessions – Winter 2024 – Brett?
- Advent family devotional guide – 2023 - \$5



Meals on Wheels - Route 2

- Bonnie Bielicki
- Call/Text 651-470-8806 or bonnie.bielicki@yahoo.com
- APRIL 2023**
- April 3 Greg McCarthy
- April 4 Greg McCarthy
- April 5 Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker
- April 6 Jim & Joyce Stafski
- April 7 Mike Arendarczyk
- April 10 Michelle Gillespie
- April 11 Cindy Kopp
- April 12 Carol Carlson
- April 13 Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke
- April 14 Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke
- April 17 Phil & Joan DeMunck
- April 18 Jon Glader
- April 19 Dick Berglund & Wally Ostile
- April 20 Fred & Barb Prindle
- April 21 Fred & Barb Prindle
- April 24 Phil & Joan DeMunck
- April 25 Jeff & Sue Meinholz
- April 26 Irve & Dorothy Lecy
- April 27 Irve & Dorothy Lecy
- April 28 Bonnie Bielicki