

First United Methodist
Church

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May 2023

Sent with a prayer to:

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

Join us for Worship!

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

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Mission Focus: 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. This puts them in an awkward situation having to ask strangers for personal items such as a toothbrush or underwear during an already stressful time. Foster families must provide for their needs with little or no notice. 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.

Essential items can include backpacks/diaper bags, socks, underwear, clothing, pajamas, shoes, jackets, toiletries, blankets, school supplies, and entertainment items. 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 to the children through a network

of private and county agencies or directly to foster homes. Bags are provided as they are needed, usually within 24 hours of placement.

You can help!

1. Donate by indicating Safe Haven Foster Shoppe or Missions with the amount on your May giving. Just \$75 can fill an entire bag of items hand picked by staff, providing a child of any age from infant to teen with all the items they will need to transition well.
2. Purchase essential items to be distributed through Safe Haven Foster Shoppe as they are needed. Donate these items in the bin next to the food shelf donations in the foyer or at the Safe Haven Foster Shoppe Headquarters in downtown Lindstrom.
3. Volunteer your time by signing up online at <https://safehavenfostershoppe.org/volunteer/> or joining the “Safe Haven Foster Shop volunteer’s group” on Facebook. Just 2 hours of your time makes an impact! Choose a time to serve that’s convenient for your schedule.

Donations go directly to supporting local foster families and the children in their care.

Church Events

- May 1 thru 22
Practicing Presence of God
Mondays @ 6pm
- May 2 - Memorials 10:30am
- May 3 Praise team 6pm
Confirmation Rehearsal 5pm
- May 7 Confirmation Sunday
Baptism of Cailey RempelEwert
No Sunday School
- May 9 Worship Team 5:30pm
Trustees 6:30pm
SPRC 7pm
- May 10 Outreach 7pm
- May 11 Hope Circle 1030am
- May 14 Happy Mother's Day
No Sunday School
- May 16 Finance 6pm
Ad council 7pm
- May 17 Adult Discipleship 7pm
- May 19 MN Adult & Teen Challenge Gala
- May 24 Childrens Ed 7pm
- May 28 Pentecost Sunday
Memorial Day Worship Service

Committee Minutes were not
available at time of printing.

The Rev. John C. Blackford
Scholarship Applications are
now available!

Please pick up from the
community table outside of the
fellowship hall or they can be
found at
lindstrommethodist.org

Happy Birthday!

Cindy Anderson May 5
Jessica Collyard May 10
MaryAnn Jindra.....May 11
Angela RempelEwert May 14
Darrell Audett May 16
Karen Bruss.....May 21
Reese Jones.....May 22
Kendrick Jones.....May 22
Tami Rehbein.....May 23
Cailey RempelEwert.....May 25
Craig Stockel.....May 28

From: Andy Wilkerson, Lay Leader FUMC Lindstrom

To: Congregation FUMC Lindstrom

Regarding: Open House and Straw Poll Results

4/28/2023

Hello,

As many of you know last Tuesday the 25th we held our final informational open houses explaining the choices that our congregation has in regards to the disaffiliation / discernment process from the United Methodist Church. Many of you participated in this process (91) to be exact and we were so happy you did. Hopefully everyone's questions were answered and allowed you to make informed decisions in regards to our Church going forward. At the culmination of the meeting's we asked you to participate in a straw poll. It was a simple poll (To Stay Lindstrom FUMC or To Disaffiliate) and choose another path.

The results of that straw poll were 74.7% of our congregation chose to remain as FUMC Lindstrom. After the straw poll was completed members of the Administrative Council and SPRC drafted a motion to accept the straw poll as a true example of what our congregation felt. I am happy to inform you no further actions will be required. In short, we will remain as Lindstrom First United Methodist Church. If anyone has any further questions people will be available after service today to discuss.

This has been a long process. Many tough topics were discussed. And your committee members heard and respect ALL of your thoughts and concerns. In the end you want Lindstrom FUMC to keep its Traditional Profile and beliefs. Which we will! You also told us our doors will always be open to everyone who believes in Christ and accepts him as our Savior. We will be an oasis to the non-believer that thirsts for Gods guidance. Everyone has been and will always be Welcome inside these walls.

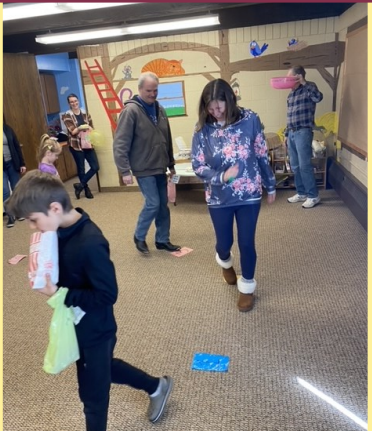
Lastly, I address the people that have left our Church during this process. I am asking you to come back. We are the same Church as we were before you left.

In the end WHO IS THE CHURCH!

WE ARE THE CHURCH!!!!!!

Be Blessed....

Andy Wilkerson

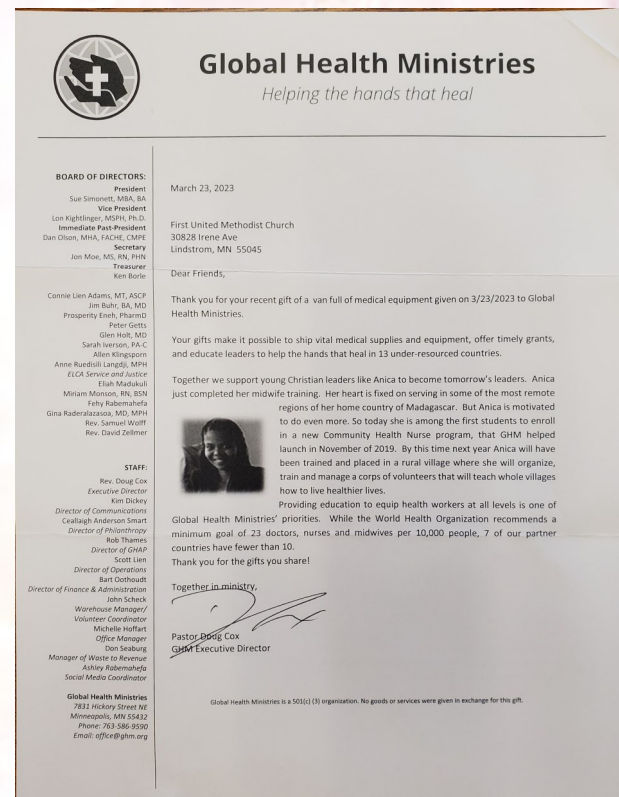


EASTER CARNIVAL

A beautiful fellowship sharing the
LOVE of Christ with the families of our
community!

Thank you to all that made this day
such a success.

Easter Blessings to All!



Dear Hope Circle Ladies,
Thank you for preparing & serving
lunch for Mom's funeral. It
was lovely (the flowers were
beautiful)!

Thanks for your ministry to us in
such a warm way. Thanks to
all of you for being such
good friends to my mom
over the years.

The Family of
Lois Anderson

-Wendy, Eric
and
families





Making a difference in our Community!



Meals on Wheels - Route 2 MAY 2023

Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

May 1 - Greg McCarthy

May 2 - Greg McCarthy

May 3 - Grace Schmidt

May 4 - Jim & Joyce Stafski

May 5 - Mike Arendarczyk

May 8 - Michelle Gillespie

May 9 - Cindy Kopp

May 10 - Carol Carlson

May 11 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

May 12 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

May 15 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

May 16 - Jon Glader

May 17 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostle

May 18 - Fred & Barb Prindle

May 19 - Fred & Barb Prindle

May 22 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

May 23 - Jeff & Sue Meinholz

May 24 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

May 25 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

May 26 - Bonnie Bielicki

May 29 - Memorial Day - Closed

May 30 - Jon Glader

May 31 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostle



Confirmation News!

Two dates to remember:

Wednesday May 3rd is confirmation rehearsal night. The meal in honor of those being confirmed will begin at 5pm and be served by the first and second year confirmands. Parents and mentors of those being confirmed are invited to attend the meal. A brief confirmation walk through for confirmands and parents will take place at 6pm.

Sunday May 7th is confirmation Sunday. Parents and those being confirmed should be at the church by 8:50 and be seated in the front in the reserved section. Boys are encouraged to wear a shirt tie and slacks; girls are encouraged to wear a dress. A photo of the confirmation class will immediately follow the service. There will be a brief receiving line and reception in the fellowship hall for the confirmands.

