

First United Methodist Church
30828 Irene Ave.
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Sent with a prayer to:

August 2023

Join us for Worship!

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

Church Office Email:
office@lindstrommethodist.org

Pastor Chris' Email:
ckneen60@gmail.com

We Are Here to Help!

Worship with us in-person every
Sunday morning at 9am.

Watch our Sunday service LIVE on our
Facebook page.

Sunday Service is available to view on
our website the following Tuesday at
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Mission Focus:



Family Pathways Food Pantry provides access to healthy food for families and individuals in crisis in our community. During the school year they run a backpack program in which students can bring a bag of food home for their families to eat over the weekend. Last year our local Family Pathways sent out approximately 60 backpacks a week and they are expecting an increase in families needing support over the next few months. They are now restocking their shelves in preparation. Below is a list of the items that kids receive in those bags, any support in restocking their shelves would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off in the shopping cart collection in the church foyer. Monetary donations to missions will also support the food pantry in the month of August.

- Canned Complete Meals like Ravioli, Spaghetti-os, Beef-a-Roni
- Ramen Noodles
- Flavored Oatmeal Packets
- Small Cereal boxes
- Chicken Noodle and Tomato Soup
- Individual Snack Packs
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Pop Tarts
- Canned Vegetables and Fruits

Church Events

Pastor Chris Vacation 7/31-8/7

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| Aug 2 | 6:00pm Praise Practice |
| Aug 8 | 5:30pm Worship Team
6:30pm Trustees
7:00pm SPRC |
| Aug 10 | 10:00am Hope Circle |
| Aug 15 | 2-8:40pm Directory
6:00pm Finance
7:00pm Church Council |
| Aug 16 | 1-7:40pm Directory
7:00pm Adult Education |
| Aug 25 | 9am-3pm Garage Sale |
| Aug 26 | 9am-1pm Garage Sale |
| Aug 27 | Backpack Blessings |

Meals on Wheels - Route 2
August 2023
Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

- August 1 - Greg McCarthy
- August 2 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie
- August 3 - Fred & Barb Prindle
- August 4 - Bonnie Bielicki
- August 7 - Michelle Gillespie
- August 8 - Phil & Joan DeMunck
- August 9 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy
- August 10 - Bonnie Bielicki
- August 11 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke
- August 14 - Jon Glader
- August 15 - Cindy Kopp
- August 16 - Carol Carlson
- August 17 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke
- August 18 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke
- August 21 - Phil & Joan DeMunck
- August 22 - Fred & Barb Prindle
- August 23 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie
- August 24 - Jim & Joyce Stafki
- August 25 - Bonnie Bielicki
- August 28 - Grace Schmidt
- August 29 - Phil & Joan DeMunck
- August 30 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy
- August 31 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

Do you have news to share??
We would love to get the word out!!



Please Contact Erin Gallatin at
office@lindstrommethodist.org

Bulletin deadlines are the
Wednesday prior to the Sunday
Worship Service.

Newsletter deadline is the 25th of
the month prior.

Happy Birthday!

- Barb Prindle..... August 2
- Shane HultmanAugust 2
- Carol Vanek.....August 3
- Erik Stegmeir..... August 3
- Audrey Twite..... August 8
- Lynne Hultman.....August 10
- Sue Meinholz.....August 12
- Rebecca Ervasti.....August 13
- Rick Twite..... August 14
- Hazel Audett..... August 19
- Lynne Wilkerson.....August 23
- Don Honerbrink..... August 23
- Susan Hernick.....August 27
- Deb Kneen..... August 31

Committee Minutes submitted prior to meeting:
FUMC Finance Meeting
June 20, 2023 @ 6:30 pm
Meeting Minutes

6:30 - Open meeting – attendees; Verna Hultman, Lloyd Jones, Cindy Anderson, Jessica Anderson

II. Review Statements
Statement of Financial Position –Current checkbook balance. \$13,989.57. Apportionments paid January – March. April-June on hold pending a “breather” while we review monthly giving over the next few months. All other bills paid. Current balance for Doris Brand trust account \$20,446.20. \$5000 was drawn from this account and allocated to memorials. Savings \$39,498.50.

Statement of Activities – May offering \$11,492.31 (budget \$14,533.33). The \$7,500 grant remains allocated to account 404. The money remains targeted for Children’s Ministry position. Key expenses over budget; gas/electric \$1,397.38 for May (budget \$1,250). Expenses are \$18,070.67 (budget \$16,161.76). Numbers get skewed for 1Q due to snow removal and utilities that will balance out 2Q and 3Q. We changed payroll services at that time. Apportionments are paid for January, February and March.

Dedicated Accounts – The rainy day fund remains at \$8,000. The general savings has \$5,812. Total \$13,812.

III. New Business
Childrens Ministry Grant – income \$7,500. Suggestion – if the Sunday becomes a stipend position, grant money could be used to compensate the honorarium. We will complete a summary of funds used during 2022 and 2023 and submit to the conference. We will request funds to be used for VBS materials and other children’s ministry programs.

Finance Continued

Counters – Erin distributed a schedule for counters. Short term the finance committee will need to coordinate the schedule. Cindy Anderson. Lloyd Jones, Pat McDermott and Jessica Anderson have volunteered so far. Don Honerbrink has volunteered to be a fill in when needed. Other counters include Irve Lecy, Dick Berglund, Roberta Ervasti, and Erik Stegmeir. Each Sunday requires a Lead Counter (fills out summary sheet) and a second counter. Ideally it would be good to have 6 lead counters and 6 assistant counters in the rotation. We still need at least two people to convert to lead counters from assistant. We currently have 3 lead counters.

Financial giving: A letter will be sent to all members asking for folks to take a look at their annual giving.

IV. Old Business

Financial Control Policy – needs update to reflect: [Dedicated accounts, Tithe.ly, Paypal and Offering Counter procedures.](#)

Bi-Annual account audit will be scheduled in July.

V. 7:00 – Adjourn.



Offering Counter Needed - We are currently in search of 3 Lead counters and 3 Secondary Counters . You would count with another person. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact Lloyd Jones or Jessica Anderson.

First United Methodist Church Council Meeting Minutes

July 18th, 2023 7:00 pm

Attendees: Chris Kneen, Dari Ferguson, Lloyd Jones, Rebecca Ervasti, Verna Hultman, Emily Honerbrink, Cindy Anderson. Andy Wilkerson, Wendy Vanderwerf, Tina Sparby

Committee reports

Trustees: Discussed selling unused land adjacent to Church. Erin Thorvaldson, realtor, is reviewing the property and will present Trustees with options. Trustees will update ad council after their next September meeting

Finance: Doing OK. About 2K less income a month. Committee is checking with conference on lowering apportionments. Utility costs are high. Lloyd is checking with Xcel to see about getting electric bill on a budget.

SPRC: Going well, enjoying book club. District Superintendent will be meeting with the SPRC on October 10th

Memorial: No updates

Foundation: Thank you cards from scholarship recipients are coming in to the office

Lay Leadership: No updates

Children's Ministry: VBS July 24th-27th

Adult Discipleship: No updates

New Business

Partnership Program with Resurrection Church – Pastor Chris presented the committee with the benefits and cost. Pastor Chris is familiar with the program and has contacts that may be able to offer a discount. The cost will be \$800 per year. Finance representatives said there are funds allocated this type of business and we can afford to purchase this service. All were in favor and the motion passed. Pastor Chris will follow up and let us know next steps at a future meeting.

Council Chair nomination: A motion was made, and seconded, and all were in favor to make Emily Honerbrink the new Council Chair. Congratulations Emily!

A nominating committee will gather to present open positions to the congregation and hope to fill open committee positions at the meeting.

Tina Forcier sent a written proposal with a T-shirt Fundraiser Idea. All money raised will go to Children's Ministries. All were in favor of moving forward with the fund raiser. Erin G. will create order forms for the bulletin.

Council Continued

Lloyd made a motion to discontinue using the registration books in the pews due to low usage. The committee suggested that we have visitor forms available in the pews. Noted that new and/or sharpened pencils are needed in the pews. Pastor Chris will ask Erin to print out visitor forms and get new/sharpened pencils.

Pastor Chris encouraged the Ad Council members to stop in the chapel for a time of prayer, and to pray over prayer requests that will be in the chapel.

Church Directory Update: There has been a positive response to directory photos and the Ad Council has done a great job with advertising and getting members signed up. We have satisfied the quota needed to add a free phone app to our directory package.

Due to a lack of volunteers, FUMC will no longer be able to support a funeral dinner ministry. Families will be asked to provide their own catering services. The church will try to make suggestions on where they can get catering. Brinks has been able to provide this service in the past.

It was noted there are people willing to volunteer to work in the sound booth, but better access to sign up in needed. Pastor Chris will ask Bret about volunteers having access to sign up sheets.

Outreach Events:

New:

Church Garage Sale: Wendy Vanderwerf will be organizing a church garage sale as a fundraiser for the church's general fund. Dates are August 25th and August 26th. Wendy will make announcements, Erin T. will create an invitation on FB and Erin G. will help with announcements in the bulletin.

Vacation Bible School: July was our first time doing VBS in many years. Updates on how it went at next ad council meeting.

Continuing:

Rally Sunday: September 24th, immediately after church: ALL CHURCH POTLUCK! Sign-up sheets will be posted a few weeks prior to Rally Sunday

Discontinuing:

Craig Stockel will no longer be organizing a Christmas Dinner at FUMC.

Church Directory Update

Our Church Directory will not be complete without you! All members and Active Church Participants are all welcome and encouraged to sign up. Bring your best smile!

Please visit www.ucdir.com to sign up for a session.

Church Code : mn393

Church Password: photos



Everyone who is photographed will receive complimentary 8X10 portrait and a directory! Photos dates are August 15 & 16.

* *Paper Sign up option is available SUNDAY mornings only at the table in the entryway, please see our Church Directory volunteer for more details! * *

Dear Church family,
It's time for a New Directory!

*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event
Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!
*Gathering families.
Connecting generations.*

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Online Scheduling Available! Photo Dates Tuesday & Wednesday, August 15 & 16
To schedule your photography appointment online, simply scan the QR code to the right. Or go to www.ucdir.com & click the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" button. Enter **mn393** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field. *Note: The Church Code & Password are case sensitive. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 time slots. The online scheduling option is not available Saturday or Sunday because we will be doing paper sign-ups at church. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.*

2023 Dear Family Letter

GARAGE Sale

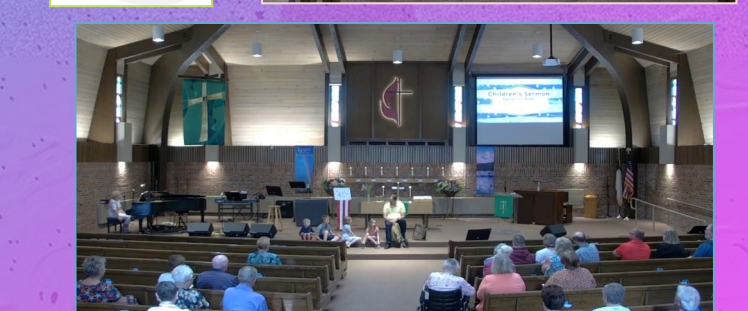
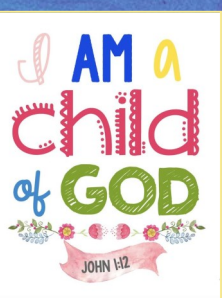
Friday, August 25th 9:00-3:00pm
Saturday, August 26th 9:00-1:00pm



Save the Date

More information soon! Contact Wendy Vanderwerf or Church Office for more details.

Children's Sermons for Summer!





July 24- July 27



July 9, 2023



We congratulate you on being awarded a Rev John C. Blackford scholarship and wish you great success as you continue your education goals.

Katharina RempelEwert

Lauren Anderson

Jessica Collyard

Kelly Hjulberg

William Caldwell

Jordan Vetter

Morgan Vetter

Anna Youngquist

Kaitlyn Nelson

Kyle Sparby

Our prayer for you:

Lord our God, in Your wisdom and love, You surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send Your Spirit upon these students and fill them with Your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to You, the source of all knowledge.

First United Methodist Church of Lindstrom - Foundation Board 2023