

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

July 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 Tues-
day at lindstrommethodist.org

Join us for Worship!
Church Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9am - 2pm
Church Office Email:
office@lindstrommethodist.or
Pastor Chris' Email:
ckneen60@gmail.com

Grace Courier

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Mission Focus:



Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities provides Christ-centered pathways and programs that provide comprehensive care to people struggling with homelessness. They also offer emergency shelter and 3 meals a day to hungry neighbors. They do not rely on government funding; almost all of their funding comes through donations from individuals and businesses. While other homeless shelters provide meals and a place to stay for people from our community, Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities goes further to provide a permanent pathway off the streets.

- Gospel centered
- Forming disciples of Jesus Christ
- Provide personalized programs to help individuals get out of poverty, homelessness or addiction
- Education and job training
- Medical and mental health clinics

If you would like to support the efforts of the Union Gospel Mission please indicate missions on the memo line of your offering contribution or place your offering in a missions envelope.

Church Events

- July 3 & 4 - Church Offices Closed for Holiday
- July 5 - 6pm Praise Practice
- July 9 - Scholarship Presentation Sunday
- July 11 - 5:30pm Worship Team
6:30pm Trustees
7:00pm SPRC
- July 12- 5pm VBS meeting
- July 18 - 6pm Finance
7pm Ad Council
- July 24-27 6-8pm VBS
- July 30 VBS Children's Worship

*Pastor Chris will be on
Vacation 7/31-8/14*

Meals on Wheels - Route 2 JULY 2023

Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

July 3 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

July 4 - 4th of July Closed

July 5 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostile

July 6 - Grace Schmidt

July 7 - Mike Arendarczyk

July 10 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

July 11 - Cindy Kopp

July 12 - Carol Carlson

July 13 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

July 14 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

July 17 - Jon Glader

July 18 - Greg McCarthy

July 19 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostile

July 20 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

July 21 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

July 24 - Michelle Gillespie

July 25 - Fred & Barb Prindle

July 26 - Fred & Barb Prindle

July 27 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

July 28 - Bonnie Bielicki

July 31 - Greg McCarthy



Happy Birthday!

- Pat McDermott.....July 1
- Jessie Johnson.....July 1
- Wayne Vanek.....July 1
- Allen Kask.....July 3
- Weston Stegmeir.....July 6
- Irene Orton.....July 11
- Adrienne Stegmeir..... July 12
- Jackie Stegmeir.....July 16
- George Hultman.....July 19
- Phyllis Perry.....July 23
- Vicki Palmer.....July 23
- Verna Hultman.....July 28
- Jack Danielson.....July 28

First United Methodist Church Council
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023 7pm

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

New Business:

- Committee member updates-Wendy Vanderwerf joined the committee as the new Ad Council secretary. The motion passed at the May 2023 meeting. Wendy is replacing Emily Honerbrink, who will remain a member at large.
- Universal Church Directories – Bret Musselman from Universal Church Directories gave an introduction to his company and explained the benefits to our congregation.

Pictures are taken and directories are printed at no cost to the church

Each family will receive one free sitting, a free 8x10 photo and a directory. Additional photos can be purchased at the time the photographs are taken.

The church will receive credits based on the number of settings scheduled. Credits can be used for additional enhancements to the church directory.

The directory will include a detailed church roster and offer apps that can be downloaded to view the directory and make changes.

- Rebecca made a motion to approve using Universal Church Directories and schedule a date for photos. Verna seconded. All in favor. Motion Passed

Church photos are scheduled for August 15th from 2-8:30 pm, and August 16th 1-7:30 pm

Council Minutes Continued-

- The church is responsible for advertising, scheduling, designing and maintaining the church directory. Pastor Chris would like the Ad Council and Erin G. to be responsible for all tasks related to the church directory. Bret Musselman is the direct contact and will work with the church to help with those tasks.

Erin Gallatin will oversee all items related to publicity, as well as being Brett’s main contact. Erin will be the liaison between the council and Brett. She will maintain materials and communicate updates to the ad council.

Tina S. will oversee all items related to scheduling photos

Emily H. will work with Brett on designing the layout of the church directory.

All committee members will have the opportunity to sign up to be greeters on the day of the photos.

- Due to length of the church directory presentation and the planning discussion that followed, no other items from the agenda were discussed at this meeting. June agenda items will move to the July 18th agenda.

June Mission Report

In May the congregation collected \$305 and a backpack for the local non-profit Safe Haven Foster Shoppe. The June mission is MN Adult and Teen Challenge. We were privileged to have the choir visit on June 11th and shared a delicious brunch with them provided by donations from the congregation. Funds will be collected throughout the month of July to be donated at the end of the month. The July mission focus will be Twin Cities Union Gospel Mission.



Join us for Vacation Bible School
First United Methodist Church- Lindstrom
 July 24-27 6:00-8:00pm
 K-5th grade Free of Cost!
 Please complete one registration per child.
 All Are Welcome!
 Membership to Church Not Required
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We look forward to seeing you!



SIGN-UP NOW!

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! * *



Our Team hard at work - First UMC volunteers are the best! Thank you!




*Holy Baptism
&
Recommitment of Faith*





**Kost - Dam Park
North Branch, MN
June 25, 2023**

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




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.*

UNIVERSAL CHURCH DIRECTORIES

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.**






Our 2023 Hard Working Road Clean Up Crew!!!

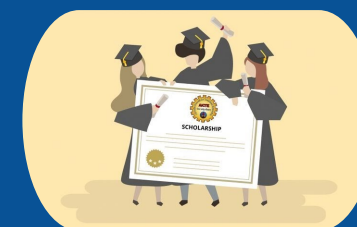
Thank you so much for all that you do to make our community a wonderful place! You are a blessing to us all!



Youth Fun at First United!

We are looking for a Children's Ministry Leader, are you a good fit? We would love to talk to you!

More information can be found outside the fellowship hall or by contacting Pastor Chris Kneen.



Congratulations to the 2023 John C Blackford Scholarship Recipients

Katharina RempelEwert

Lauren Anderson

Jessica Collyard

Kelly Hjulberg

William Caldwell

Jordan Vetter

Morgan Vetter

Anna Youngquist

Kaitlyn Nelson

Kyle Sparby



Mr. & Mrs. Thomas and Brooke Braski

June 10, 2023

American Cancer Relay for Life – 2023

This year's event will again take place at the Chisago Lake Lutheran church, 1 Summit Ave, Center City, MN on Wednesday, August 2nd from 6:30-9:30pm. Food, entertainment, music at 7:15, cancer survivor speaker at 8pm and the lighting of thousands of candle luminary bags will occur at 8:45pm. Please come for supper, honor and memorialize a person with the purchase of a luminary bag and walk the beautiful display bags under a full moon. All persons touch by cancer and their families are invited. Contact Jill Behnke at

jillmbehnke@gmail.com
or 651) 329-3105 with questions or to purchase luminaries.

