

Pastor Chris Vacation 9/6 - 9/18

9am - Worship Service

4:00-6:00 pm - Community Meal at Zion Lutheran Church
10th Anniversary Picnic Celebration! All are Invited!

6:00pm - Finance
7:00pm - Church Council
6:30pm - Torah Club

6:00pm - Confirmation Parent - Student Meeting
6:00pm - Bells
7:00 pm - Adult Education

11:00am - FIKA | 1st Annual Lois Anderson Memorial

9:00am - Worship Service
10:00am - Kid Church - Welcome Back Kids!
11:00am - Rally Day! All Church Pot Luck



Dear Confirmation Parent,
Pastor Tom Ervasti and I invite you to the Confirmation Parent Information meeting at First United Methodist Church, Lindstrom, on **Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00 pm**. Please plan on attending the meeting with your confirmation youth to find out about the upcoming Confirmation year. Feel free to invite other confirmation aged youth; youth entering 6th grade thru 8th grade are eligible for confirmation. We are very excited about the curriculum and field trips we have planned for the coming year.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Chris Kneen
First United Methodist Church

Rev. Tom Ervasti
Taylors Falls United Methodist Church

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"As followers of Jesus Christ, we will proclaim the message of God's

Worship Service

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Prelude

Opening Hymn UMH #445 "Happy the Home When God Is There"

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Prayer of Confession

All: Forgive us this day, Christ Jesus. Create in us new spirits, so that we make everyday a day of intention, a time of walking with You. Grant us Your pardon and give us the strength to change our ways, through Jesus. Amen.

Leader: Christ Jesus promises forgiveness for all who change their ways. Be assured of God's love and grace!

Scripture Reading Page 763

Luke 2:41-52

Gloria Patri -- Page 70

Apostles' Creed -- Page 881

Offering

Hymn

UMH #383

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

Sermon

Guest Speaker: Bret Rempel
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Growing in Wisdom and Stature

Lord's Prayer



MISSION FOCUS:



Zoe Empowers equips children in 8 critical areas of life to overcome extreme poverty and become entrepreneurs, providers, and leaders in their community who know their worth and abilities. Through participation in a three year program children are given education, training, security and the opportunity to experience the gospel in action. Learn more about the ministry on their website <https://zoeempowers.org/>

Support the ministry through prayer and by designating a portion of your offering to "missions" in September.

Announcements

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

Rally Day! - Sunday September 24 , 11:00am (after Sunday School) - Come hungry! It is an all Church Pot Luck. Bring a dish to share : A-H: Main Dish I-P: Salad Q-Z: dessert. Volunteer sign up in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Meal Train - If anyone is interested in bringing a meal to Tina Sparby, there is a sign up calendar on line at Meal Train. <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/81yn21> For question or assistance, please call Debby Lee at 651-357-8278 or Tina Forcier at 952-356-7922

FIKA is a traditional Swedish Gathering defined as "A Scheduled Pause in the Day to Foster Stronger Connections". Lois Anderson understood FIKA perfectly. New and old friends were always welcomed to her home with kaffe, treats, and uplifting conversation. To honor her legacy, the women of our church will be hosting FIKA on September 23rd at 11:00 AM at the church. Gaye Lindfors, Christian speaker and author will share her message of encouragement and faith. Kaffe, Smorgas, and Fikabrod will follow. Registration if required either on line at www.lindstrommethodist.org or by calling the church office at (651)257-4306. There will be an opportunity for a free will offering. Any questions? Ask Barb Prindle or Dorothy Lecy.

"Powerful things happen when women gather!"

In our church today we have the opportunity to begin a ministry for women with the purpose of growing faith, fostering friendship, and serving others. On Thursday, September 28 at 6:00 we will gather for a discussion of next steps towards starting this ministry. Every woman is invited and encouraged to attend. If, you **will not be attending**, please contact Dorothy Lecy, Sharlene Arnold, or Barb Prindle so that we have sufficient materials ready.

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

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



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