

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

February 2024

We are here to help!

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

Church Office Email:
office@lindstrommethodist.org

Pastor Chris' Email:
ckneen60@gmail.com

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
lindstrommethodist.org

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Mission Focus:



80 million children are trapped in the cycle of poverty. Orphaned and vulnerable children living in extreme poverty are abused, sick and isolated from their community. Through Zoe Empowers children who once lived in poverty become entrepreneurs, providers, and leaders in their community who know their worth and abilities. The organization equips children to overcome poverty by addressing all areas of life including child rights, food security, health and hygiene, secure housing, community connections, education, income generation, and spiritual strength. Most importantly, children learn that God loves them and experience the gospel in action.

First United Methodist Church will help Zoe Empowers to make an impact when you designate a portion of your offering to “missions” in April. A little bit makes a big difference! It costs less than \$300 to equip one child to overcome extreme poverty and become part of a strong and healthy community in just three years. Be even more connected by signing up for encouraging stories of orphan empowerment to be sent to your email inbox or to become an official ministry [prayer partner](#) and receive weekly updates on the [Zoe Empowers website](#).

Church Events

- Feb 5 Book of Matthew 10-11:30am
- Feb 6 Worship Team 5:30pm
- Feb 9 Puzzles, Pies, Potato Soup 5:30pm Doors Open
- Feb 12 Book of Matthew 10-11:30am
- Feb 13 Trustees 6:30pm
SPRC 7:00pm
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm
*No Confirmation or KICK
- Feb 19 Church Offices Closed
Presidents Day
Book of Matthew 10-11:30am
- Feb 21 Finance 6:30pm
Church Council 7:00pm
- Feb 25 Lenten Study Groups
Begin
- Feb 26 Book of Mathew 10-11:30am

*Confirmation - Wednesdays 5-7pm
*Kid’s in Christ Kingdom - Wednesdays 6-7pm

Meals on Wheels - Route 2 February 2024
Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

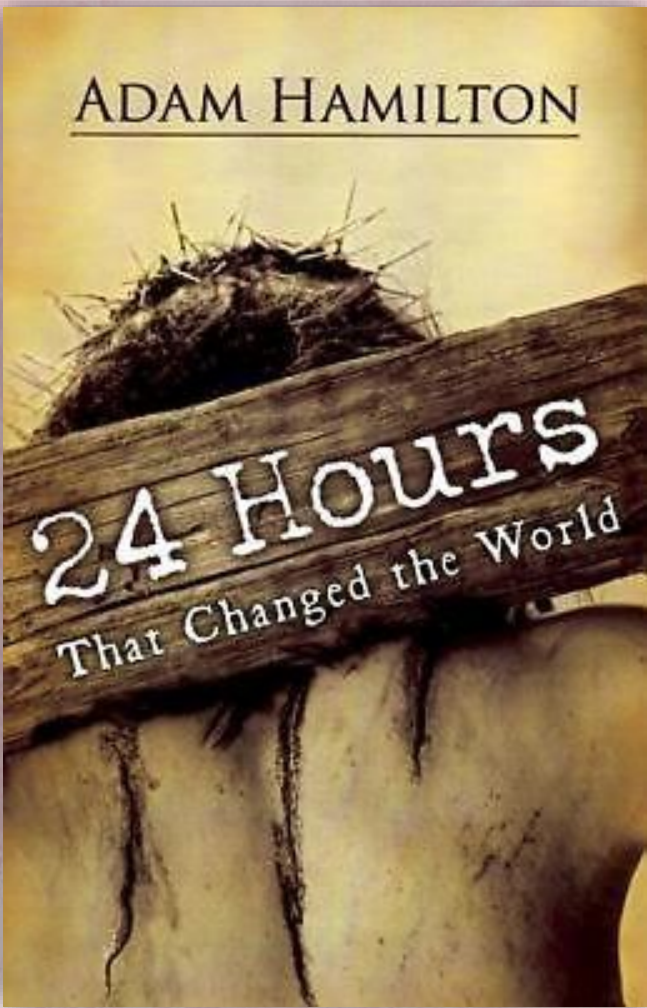
- February 1 - Fred & Barb Prindle
- February 2 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy
- February 5 - Michelle Gillespie
- February 6 - Carol Carlson
- February 7 - Carol Carlson
- February 8 - Phil & Joan DeMunck
- February 9 - Duane & Debby Lee
- February 12 - Greg McCarthy
- February 13 - Greg McCarthy
- February 14 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostile
- February 15 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy
- February 16 - Jeff & Sue Meinholz
- February 19 - Jon Glader
- February 20 - Fred & Barb Prindle
- February 21 - Duane & Debby Lee
- February 22 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke
- February 23 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke
- February 26 - Grace Schmidt
- February 27 - Fred & Barb Prindle
- February 28 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostile
- February 29 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

Happy Birthday!

Bruce Larsen.....February 10
Emily Honerbrink..... February 12
Erin Thorvaldson.....February 15
Lily Sorenson February 19
Jeff Meinholz.....February 21
Steve Oehme.....February 21
Lindsey Olson February 23



First United in the Community!



No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this Lenten journey, Adam Hamilton guides us through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life. Each chapter is designed to help the reader experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you have never done before. Whether readers are long-time Christians or simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion, they are invited to join the author in retracing the last 24 hours of Jesus' life.

Study Groups will begin soon!

Sign up for Hosts located in Fellowship Hall.

Books available on Table outside Fellowship Hall.

DVD's and Leader Guides available to those Hosting Study Groups.

Please see Pastor Chris or Erin in the Church Office for more details.



On Sunday, February 11th, our KICK's kids will be taking up a Noisy offering and collecting cans of hearty soup (think Campbells Chunky or similar). Both will be given to our local food shelf to “ change “ hunger. Bring your coins, a can of soup and, if you wish ... wear your favorite football team colors. We will celebrate Super Bowl Sunday with after church fellowship treats and bowls of super snacks!

PUZZLES, PIES, & POTATO SOUP
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - LINDSTROM
30828 IRENE AVE LINDSTROM, MN 55045

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9TH
DOORS OPEN AT: 05:30PM
DINNER SERVED AT : 06:00 PM
CONTEST STARTS AT: 07:00PM

Family fun event!
Teams of 4 people. \$25 entry fee per team.
Prizes given to most creative team theme!

Table space is limited we ask that you register by January 31 to reserve a spot. Register by emailing office@lindstrommethodist.org with your team name and captain and sending payment to the church office.

To extend your puzzling fun bring your gently used puzzles to exchange in the puzzle swap!
(Free will donation will be taken for those wanting to be spectators and join us for dinner)

FUMC Finance Meeting
December 19, 2023 @6:00 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. \$20,150.17. Apportionments paid January – June. Current balance for Doris Brand trust account \$20,413.21 (quarterly reporting). Savings \$46,571.01. Total expenses \$13,961.15 (budget \$16,161.76)

Statement of Activities – November offering \$15,685.04 (budget \$14,533.33). The \$7,500 (less expenses) grant remains allocated to account 404. The money remains targeted for Children’s Ministry position. Key expenses over budget; gas/electric and snow removal. Apportionments are paid for January - June. Apportionments needed for the second half 2023 is \$6,868.50. Decision made to pay 3Q23 in full. The committee will make a decision regarding 4Q23 in early January. We have until January 11 to pay remainder of 2023.

New account 642 created to track coffee purchases. Total YTD income \$1067.81. Expenses \$836.64

Work compensation will be tracked under 638 insurance. SFM is our audit company. Paperwork has been submitted for Nov 17, 2022, through Nov 17 2023 as part of their audit.

Dedicated Accounts – The rainy-day fund remains at \$8,000. The general savings has \$6,689.27. Total \$14,689.27.

III. New Business

Children’s Ministry: The Finance committee is authorizing up to \$800 per month for Children’s Ministry Leader for the next six months. The funding will be evaluated with additional feedback from SPRC. Funds will be drawn from the 2022 Children’s Ministry Grant with potential funding from discretionary funds account 902 and 905. Motion passed.

Fundraising: General question on miscellaneous funds brought in by special events. Examples include Children’s Shop Day and Living Nativity. Suggestion is to review/edit Financial Control Policy at the January Finance Meeting as it relates to fundraising events.

IV. Old Business

Childrens Ministry Grant – income \$7,500. Funds have been allocated towards advertising, VBS materials and other children’s ministry programs. Recommendation is to pursue the second half of the \$15,000 based on our children and youth ministry programs. Examples include VBS, Sunday School, Children’s Shop Day, KICK, children’s bibles, etc. Verna and Lloyd will package our efforts and submit to the conference for second half consideration.

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

Bi-Annual account audit will be scheduled for 4Q.

Next meeting Wednesday, January17th.

V. 7:00 – Adjourn.

First United Methodist Church Foundation Board

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2024

Our Mission: “Direct funds toward initiatives that support personal enrichment of its church family and community, thus moving toward a more Christ-centered life.”

Call to Order:

The meeting was Called to Order on Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 10:05 AM by Dari Ferguson.

Attendees:

Dick Berglund, Dari Ferguson, Sue Hernick, Deb Lee, and Shirley Oswald.

Opening Prayer:

Dari led the board in an opening prayer.

October 22, 2023, Meeting Minutes:

The October 22, 2023, Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Deb made a motion and Sue second to approve the minutes. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Treasurer Report:

Dick reported that there was no credit or debit activity since the last Foundation Board Meeting and the current Foundation Fund balance is \$317,640 (See Attachment A). Shirley made a motion and Sue second to approve the Treasurer Report. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Thank You Note:

Dari passed around a Thank You Note from Kyle Sparby for receipt of a John C Blackford Scholarship.

New Business

2024 Scholarship Applications and Evaluation:

The 2024 Scholarship Application Form and Evaluation Criteria will be discussed in the April Foundation Board meeting.

Ongoing Business

Foundation Board Membership:

It is preferred to have at least six members on the Foundation Board. Suggested candidates for additional Board members include Pam Bates, Jack Danielson, and Sonny Sparby. Dari will contact these candidates to see if they have interest in joining the Foundation Board.

FOUNDATION BOARD CONTINUED

Other Foundation Contributions:

Besides the John C Blackford Scholarships, the opportunity for additional Foundation Contributions was discussed. Dari will place a notification in the Weekly Bulletin and the Monthly Newsletter to encourage people to submit an application to the Foundation Board that is consistent with the Mission Statement.

Foundation Non-Profit Status:

Dari believes that the Foundation conforms to the new Minnesota law declaring business registration.

Foundation Fidelity Account:

Dick will work with Fidelity to straighten out the User Name and Password for logging into the Fidelity Account.

2024 Meeting Schedule:

The following dates were reviewed and approved for the 2024 Foundation Board meetings:

- Sunday, April 14th (After Church)
- Tuesday, June 11th (10:00 AM) – Scholarship Application Evaluation
- Sunday, October 13th (After Church)

Note: These dates and times may be modified as required.

Closing Prayer:

Dari led the board in a closing prayer.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

SPRC committee

January 9, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Members present: Chris Kneen, Andy Wilkerson, Dorothy Lecy, Tami Rehbein, Tina Sparby **Absent:** Emily Honerbrink

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Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Board of Trustees
First United Methodist Church
January 2024 Report

Present: Lloyd Jones, Irv Lecy, Gary Gerke, Sue Meinholz,
John Thorvaldson

**Andy Wilkerson is planning on installing new windows.
this coming April.**

**Classroom # 5 going to be cleaned out so the bifold
doors between room 5 & 6 can be opened to make
a larger area for medical equipment,**

**Lloyd Jones was elected Chair Person for Trustees
for 2024.**

Next meeting February 13, 2024, 6:30pm
Lloyd Jones
Trustee Chair

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**Thank you to Jessica
Anderson and Patsy Berglund
for all their hard work on the
year end statements!**
We appreciate you!



**2024 Summer Camp
Brochures are
available outside the
fellowship hall.**

Registration is now open.

Visit www.campminnesota.org for more information
or to register today!