

First United Methodist
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Mission Focus:

Safe Haven Foster Shoppe is a local not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to helping children find comfort while placed in foster care in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin by providing essential items. Safe Haven Foster Shoppe offers these items directly to the children through a network of private and county agencies; and directly with foster homes. 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. Bags are provided as they are needed, usually within 24 hours of placement.



You can help!

Donate by indicating Safe Haven Foster Shoppe or Missions with the amount on your November 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. Donations go directly to supporting local foster families and the children in their care.

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.

Sponsor a local child in foster care for Christmas. The suggested amount is \$75-100 per child including items from their wish list as well as several essential items such as clothing and toiletries. Children’s wish lists will be posted on the website at [Safe Haven Foster Shoppe](https://safehavenfostershoppe.org/) by 11/23/23. You may shop for items and drop them off at the distribution center in downtown Lindstrom or donate funds and a volunteer with the organization will do the shopping for you!

Church Events

Church Offices Closed
November 23 & 24

- Nov 2 Love Does Study Week 4
- Nov 8 Outreach Meeting 7pm
- Nov 9 Love Does Study Final
- Nov 14 Worship Team 5:30pm
Trustees 6:30pm
SPRC 7pm
- Nov 18 Children’s Shop Day
10am-12:30pm
- Nov 21 Finance 6pm
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving
- Nov 28 Church Conference 7pm
All are welcome to attend

We Are Here to Help!

Join us for Worship!

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

Meals on Wheels - Route 2 November 2023

Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

November 1 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostile

November 2 - Fred & Barb Prindle

November 3 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

November 6 - Jon Glader

November 7 - Cindy Kopp

November 8 - Carol Carlson

November 9 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

November 10 - Bonnie Bielicki

November 13 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

November 14 - Grace Schmidt

November 15 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostile

November 16 - Duane & Debby Lee

November 17 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

November 20 - Greg McCarthy

November 21 - Greg McCarthy

November 22 - Fred & Barb Prindle

November 23 - THANKSGIVING - Closed

November 24 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

November 27 - Michelle Gillespie

November 28 - Cindy Kopp

November 29 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

November 30 - Jim & Joyce Stafki



Laura Tomczak..... November 2
Bret RempelEwert..... November 5
Taylor Thorvaldson..... November 8
Ralph Bates..... November 16
Emma Tomczak..... November 19
Marilee Fredrickson.....November 29



First United Methodist Church making
a difference! FUMC packed 23 Boxes!
FMSC Meal Packing Event October
2023
2952 Meals
Feeding 58 Children for a YEAR!!

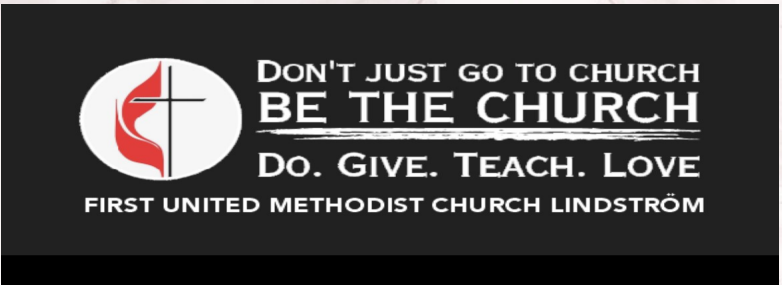
Thank you!!

Where's FUMC?! Take a look at FUMC members and their adventures!



When you are out and about or on vacation, wear your FUMC shirts and take a photo.

📷 Please send your pictures to Tina Forcier or Erin in the church office to have it printed and displayed in the back of the church and it will be featured on our church Facebook page. Let's see where you take FUMC this year!



Finance Meeting September 19, 2023

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

- II. Review Statements
Statement of Financial Position –Current checkbook balance.
\$16,780.45. Apportionments paid January – June.
Current balance for Doris Brand trust account
\$26,096.93. Savings \$43,817.98.
Statement of Activities – August offering \$10,961.04 (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. NOTE: Lloyd reported we need roughly \$65,000 for September – December to maintain our rainy day fund/savings going into 2024.

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. Funds have been allocated towards advertising, VBS materials and other children’s ministry programs.

Stewardship Month – October. Suggestion is to do weekly bulletin inserts. Stewardship Sunday is October 29th.

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 originally scheduled for July will be postponed for last week in September.

- V. 7:00 – Adjourn.



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SPRC Meeting October 2023

The SPRC committee met with district superintendent Michelle Hargrave during the October meeting. She was excited to hear about all the things we do here at our church. The SPRC committee got a few PD ideas to explore over the next months during meetings to strengthen our team. We also took some time to write thank you cards to the staff to let them know how much they mean to our church.

Board of Trustees
United Methodist Church
September 12, 2023, Minutes

Present: Lloyd Jones, Eric Steigmeir, Irv Lecy, Jack Danielson
Gary Gerke

Old Business:

- Windows Update: (Lloyd talked with Andy he still plans On trying to get a few windows installed.)
- Church bell: (Still trying to get a timer on bell.)
- Carpet cleaning: Hallways, fellowship hall: (Follow up in spring.)
- Electronics: from garage sale (Looking at several ways to dispose of.)
- Roof drain repair: Update: (Job complete cost \$750.00.)
- North land: Update: (Lloyd will continue to work on this.)

New Business:

- Boiler inspection: (Inspection has been completed no issues.)
- Boiler cleaning: (Aerotech scheduled to come and complete
- Cleaning soon.)
- Garage: (Gary and Jack worked hard and got the north side of garage cleaned up.)
- Playground sign: (Going to get a sign made for playground saying “Welcome to First United Methodist Church Playground” Lloyd will talk with Fred about making reason for this, some people think this is a city playground.)

Next Meeting October 10, 2023, 6:30 pm



Children’s Christmas
Shop Day!

First United Methodist Church
30828 Irene Ave | PO Box | Lindstrom, MN

Kids- Come and shop for gifts!
EVERYTHING \$1.00
Limit 10 gifts per child
We will even wrap your presents after you are done shopping!

Saturday
November 18th, 2023
10am - 12:30pm



Cookies and
Coffee will be
served.



Foundation Non-Profit Status:

Dari reported that she submitted the application to renew the Foundation Non-Profit

Status.

General Discussion:

There was general discussion about the following topics:

1. Dollar amount and number of scholarship awards
2. It was agreed that adults could apply for and receive scholarships
3. Criteria for Foundation awards beyond scholarships
4. Additional members for the Foundation Board. Board members are encouraged

to talk to other church members to identify interest in becoming a Board Member.

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2024 Meeting Schedule:

The following dates were selected for the 2024 Foundation Board meetings:

- ☐ Sunday, January 14th (After Church)
- ☐ 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.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

First United Methodist Church Lindstrom
Church Conference will be held at the church
on November 28, 2023 at 7:00pm. All Church
participants are welcome to attend.

First United Methodist Church

Foundation Board

Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2023

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, October 22, 2023 at 10:01 AM by Dari

Ferguson.

Attendees:

Dick Berglund, Dari Ferguson, Sue Hernick, and Deb Lee

Opening Prayer:

Dari led the board in an opening prayer.

April 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

The June 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Sue made a motion and Dick second

to approve the minutes. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Treasurer Report:

Dick reported that ten scholarship checks were distributed and that the current

Foundation Fund balance is \$280,574 (See Attachment A). Deb made a motion and Sue

second to approve the Treasurer Report. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Thank You Notes:

Dari reported and passed around Thank You Notes from four of the John C Blackford

Scholarship recipients.

Out and About!
Community Events
November 2023



Chisago Lakes Community
Thanksgiving Dinner



WHEN: Thursday, November 23, 2023
WHERE: Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
TIME: Dinner served at 12:30 p.m.

All are welcome to the annual Chisago Lakes Community Thanksgiving Dinner. A traditional turkey dinner will be available **FREE** to anyone. This event is hosted by Chisago Lakes Lutheran Church with the support of area churches and businesses.

Take-out meals are available upon request.

For dine-in or take-out reservations, please call Chisago Lake Lutheran Church at 651-257-6300. **Reservations are requested by Monday, November 20, 2023.**

Leave a message after hours.

Volunteer opportunities are available. Please contact CLLC office if you are interested in volunteering at 612-810-6770.

ALLISON EIDE

A COMMUNITY CONCERT WITH

ALLISON EIDE

November 6
6:30–8:00pm

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MINNESOTA

FREE EVENT! ALL AGES WELCOME!

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YOU'LL LEAVE INSPIRED!

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lighting Festival
Taylors Falls, MN
Thanksgiving Weekend
Friday Saturday Sunday
VISIT US ONLINE FOR FULL DETAILS @ WWW.LIGHTINGFESTIVAL.COM

JOIN US for our 5th annual
Customer Appreciation Night!

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 3rd
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

WHERE: American Legion
355 W Broadway Ave
Forest Lake

Get ready for a FREE night of BINGO
and the chance to win a free turkey!

Food and drinks will be available for purchase.
Donations to a local food shelf are welcome at this event.

Hosted by:

CHISAGO LAKES PTO

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

9AM to 4PM

Saturday, November 4th

150+ booths & food trucks!
Free admission!

CHISAGO LAKES WILDCAT
COMMUNITY CENTER
29330 OLINDA TRAIL
LINDSTROM, MN