

First United Methodist
Church

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October 2023

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
lindstrommethodist.org

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

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ckneen60@gmail.com

Grace Courier

First United Methodist Church



Mission Focus:

First United Methodist Church, Lindstrom, is making a difference for the kingdom of God every month through missions giving and service. This month we are supporting Feed My Starving Children.

From their website: "Every year, millions of children die from preventable causes such as pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria and undernutrition. Hunger is still causing nearly half of deaths in children under 5 years old. From this data, we estimate at least 6,200 children die each day from causes related to undernutrition. This is heartbreaking.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development.

FMSC meals are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential."

How much can we raise together to help feed children in body and spirit this month?
\$88 feeds a child for a year
\$365 feeds a family for a year
\$1,866 provides a pallet of food
\$10,000 feeds a village

You can also volunteer your time packing food at one of the 3 Minnesota sites. Through volunteering at FMSC, you'll get the chance to impact hundreds of kids in just two hours per packing shift. For more information or to sign up visit <https://www.fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer>. We will be packing as a group Saturday October 28th at the Coon Rapids site from 4:15-6:30pm. Carpool options are available. Contact Adrienne Stegmeir or the church office to sign up.

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." – Proverbs 22:9

Church Events

October is Stewardship Month!

Oct 5	Love Does Study - Week 1
Oct 7	Highway Clean Up Meet at 9am
Oct 10	Worship Team 5:30pm Trustees 6:30pm SPRC 7:00pm
Oct 12	Love Does Study - Week 2
Oct 17	Finance 6:00pm Church Council 7:00pm
Oct 18	NO Confirmation or KICK
Oct 19	Love Does Study - Week 3
Oct 26	Love Does Study - Week 4
Oct 28	FMSC, meet at 3:30pm
Oct 29	Stewardship Sunday

First United Methodist Church Council

Meeting Minutes

September 19th, 2023, 7:00 pm

Attendees: Chris Kneen, Dari Ferguson, Lloyd Jones, Rebecca Ervasti, Verna Hultman, Emily Honerbrink, Andy Wilkerson, Wendy Vanderwerf

Committee reports

Trustees: See minutes.

Finance: See minutes. Apportionments have been paid through June 2023. October 29th is Stewardship Sunday. There will be handouts in the bulletins every Sunday in October. Lay Leader, Andy Wilkerson, will be addressing the congregation to explain financial standing and needs.

SPRC: Did not meet in August, no updates.

Memorial: No updates. Open Chair position for this committee.

Foundation: Did not meet in August, no updates.

Lay Leadership: No updates

Children's Ministry: Sunday school starts on 9/24 and confirmation starts 9/27.

Adult Discipleship: Pastor Chris will be leading an adult study called "Love Does". The group will meet on Thursdays at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. There is a book for the study, and they are available at church.

SME Annual Scheduled Committee Report: Emily will make a new schedule.

New Business

Outreach:

Community: Wendy Vanderwerf shared thoughts on reaching our community by seeing if there are opportunities to partner with other local churches and looking into how we can get involved in the community to create a presence and share our mission. Currently there is not a chair of the Outreach Committee.

Annual Community Christmas Dinner: Craig Stockel resigned from leading/ coordinating the annual Community Christmas dinner. If we are not able to get a volunteer to take over, the community meal is in jeopardy of being discontinued after 32 years. If a volunteer is not identified by the next council meeting, the council will have to make a decision about canceling the dinner. Craig is willing to help the next coordinator and share the book he has created over the past 9 years of serving.

Wednesday night youth church: Tina Forcier and Erin Thorvaldson asked the council to approve offering a Wednesday night youth Christian education class. It's for kids K-5th grade, Wednesday nights, 6-7 pm. A motion was made and seconded to approve the program. Classes start on 9/27/23.

Old Business:

Church Directory: Picture Day was successful. Most families have received photos they ordered. Erin will contact the company to find out what the next steps are for creating the directory and building the app.



October is Stewardship Month!

Join us for Stewardship Sunday October 29th
Please turn in your **pledge cards** & stay for **coffee & treats!**



Stewardship
a way of life

1 Peter 4:8-11

(Love, hospitality and being good stewards of God's grace)

This verse reflects back on the **double love command**, calling for love. And one way that love is expressed is by **giving generously to provide hospitality and serve our "neighbors."**

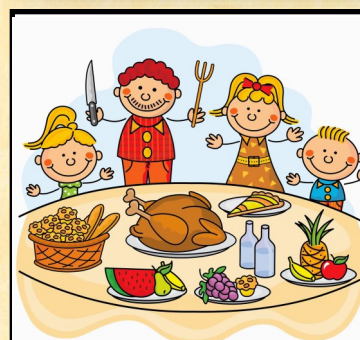
This verse also reminds us that we are recipients of the **incredible gift of God's grace**, and we are called to steward that gift by serving others. Ultimately, our giving is one way that we can **glorify God** and point to God's **amazing love and grace for all of us**, and that should be cause for **generosity and celebration!**

Highway Clean Up -

Join us this **Saturday October 7th** for annual Highway Clean up! Meet at Church at 9:00am. Questions, please contact Don Honerbrink.



Tithe.ly makes giving simple! The Tithe.ly app is free and easy to use. If you would like assistance getting started please contact Verna Hultman .



Confirmation & KICK Meals - We are in need of a few more volunteers to help with meals for our youth on Wednesdays. Menu is preplanned, and the church will reimburse the cost. For more details please contact Pastor Chris or Wendy Braski.



Bible Study App-

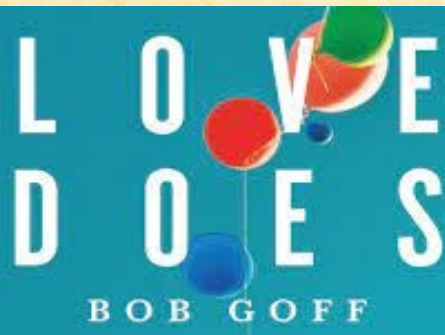
Did you know you have the power of Bible study at your fingertips?

Please see Ruth Johnsen for assistance in setting up the new app on your phone.

The Family of Bruce Heilig would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of support they have received. A special thank you also to all that helped serve and assist at the funeral service.

Your kindness and love is appreciated .





United Methodist Church of Lindstrom

Adult Small Group Studies

Fall 2023

Love Does, study based on the book by Bob Goff

Led by Pastor Chris, this 5-week study will engage us in discussion about what life might look like if we shamelessly show love and grace to those around us. When love does, life gets interesting. Light and fun, unique, and profound, please join us for this inspiring study.

Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26, and November 2 at 11:00am or 7:00pm. Study and discussion groups will be held at the church.

The Wonder of Christmas, an Advent devotion -

Led by Pastor Chris

Christmas is a time where we as believers celebrate God's heart to write himself into our story. Only in Jesus was the veil torn allowing God's presence into the earth. We owe all that we have to Jesus. Winter Adult Education - Stay Tuned

Contemporary Topics, a Christian Perspective

Winter Adult Education - Stay Tuned
7:00pm Thursday evenings

Join this multi-week examination of contemporary and often challenging ethical issues. What is critical race theory and why should I care? What about racism, sexism, and gender equality? What are we called to do as believers about the environment, nationalism and injustice?



Join us for our Annual Christmas Concert!

While Christmas might not be on your mind just yet, we at MN Adult & Teen Challenge are gearing up for a festive season! Our 350- client choir is rehearsing holiday tunes to create a warm and welcoming Christmas celebration on December 9, featuring Micah Tyler!

Mark your Calendar for Saturday, December 9!

Concert times are at 3pm and 7Pm, held at Grace Church in Eden Prairie. Secure you tickets today to ensure you don't miss out on this heartwarming holiday experience! .

Cost \$25 per ticket; Please contact Scott Lecy 612-805-2524

Children's Shop Day

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Items needed for gifts (preferably new):

Women:	Men:	Children:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Shower gel/Bubble bathPens/notebooksHot padsCandy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hygiene Products (shower gel, etc.)HandkerchiefsBall capsSmall toolsWork glovesFlashlights/lanternsCoffee mugs/travel mugsContainers or nutsCandy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stuffed animalsSmall cars/trucksAction figuresColoring books/ crayonsDollsSmall toys (yo-yo's, jump ropes, slinky's)Play-dough

Also needed: small and medium empty boxes, gift bags/tissue paper, bubble wrap, tape

At this time we do not need :
Picture Frames, books, vases, mirrors, pillows, or figurines. We have many of these items already generously donated to our event.

Any Questions: Please contact Tami Rehbein

FUMC Finance Meeting
September 19, 2023 at 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

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.

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 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



ADVENTURE BAY

KICK
KIDS IN CHRIST KINGDOM
PRESENTS

WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS
6-7PM

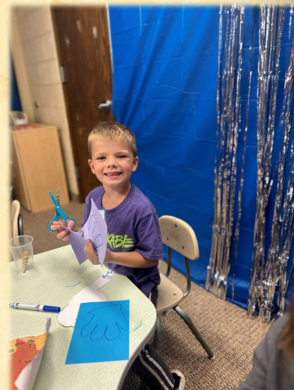


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GRADES K-5TH

COME JOIN AS WE EMBARK ON AN
ISLAND ADVENTURE!
FULL OF CRAFTS, SNACKS, & JESUS!
FREE TO ALL
SIGN UP AT FIRST SESSION

STARTS SEPTEMBER 27TH



Meals on Wheels - Route 2 October 2023

Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

October 2 - Grace Schmidt

October 3 - Fred & Barb Prindle

October 4 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

October 5 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

October 6 - Bonnie Bielicki

October 9 - Jon Glader

October 10 - Cindy Kopp

October 11 - Carol Carlson

October 12 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

October 13 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

October 16 - Greg McCarthy

October 17 - Greg McCarthy

October 18 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostile

October 19 - Bonnie Bielicki

October 20 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

October 23 - Michelle Gillespie

October 24 - Duane & Debby Lee

October 25 - Fred & Barb Prindle

October 26 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

October 27 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

October 30 - Jon Glader

October 31 - Grace Schmidt



Thank You! Thank You!

A big thank you to the following volunteers
who mowed and maintained the church lawn
and shrubs this summer and fall:

Greg Anderson	Dorothy Lecy
Dick Berglund	Irve Lecy
Jack Danielson	Fred Pringle
Gary Gerke	



Happy Birthday!

Shirley Knopf.....October 2
Pat Kertzscher.....October 4
Kirsten Olson..... October 4
Lloyd Jones.....October 10
Kelsey Olson.....October 15
Molly Hultman October 23
Sharlene Arnold.....October 24
Mark Vanderwerf October 30