

First United Methodist Church
30828 Irene Ave.
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March 2024

Sent with a prayer to:

Join us for Worship!
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
ckneen60@gmail.com

We are here to help!

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

Church Office Email:
office@lindstrommethodist.org

Pastor Chris' Email:
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Mission Focus:

This March, we join Family Pathways’ food shelves, faith communities, businesses, and organizations across Minnesota in acting to end hunger and food insecurity. We’re roundin’ up Chisago City’s most wanted foods to crack down on hunger in our neighborhood! Please bring nonperishable items for our local Family Pathways food pantry and/or monetary donations throughout March. With Minnesota FoodShare’s buying power, each dollar donated equals \$7 of food and a \$7 donation can feed a family of 4 for a week!



ITEMS IN NEED:

- Produce - apples, oranges, mixed fruit, pears, green beans, corn, mixed vegetables, bags of potatoes, carrots, or onions
- Pasta and rice
- Baking and cooking items
- vegetable oil, flour, sugar, spices
- Canned meats
- tuna, chicken, salmon
- Hearty soups
- chunky soups and stews, pasta and vegetable soups
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Personal hygiene and household cleaning products

Church Events

- Mar 6 No Youth Groups -Spring Break
- Mar 8 Bingo for Books! 5:30pm
- Mar 12 Worship Team 5:30pm
Trustees 6:30pm
SPRC 7:00pm
- Mar 16 Easter Carnival 10:30am
- Mar 19 Finance 6:30pm
Church Council 7:00pm
- Mar 24 Easter Lily Order Due

Holy Week Services

March 24 Palm Sunday 9:00am

March 28 Holy Thursday 7:00pm

March 29 Good Friday 8:00pm

March 31 Easter Sunday 9:00am

Pastor Chris on Vacation March 4 - 17

Meals on Wheels - Route 2 March 2024
Coordinator: Bonnie Bielcki 651-470-8806
March 1 - Fred & Barb Prindle

March 4 - Duane & Debby Lee

March 5 - Greg McCarthy

March 6 - Carol Carlson

March 7 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

March 8 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

March 11 - Jon Glader

March 12 - Carol Carlson

March 13 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

March 14 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

March 15 - Grace Schmidt

March 18 - Michelle Gillespie

March 19 - Fred & Barb Prindle

March 20 - Duane & Debby Lee

March 21 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

March 22 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

March 25 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

March 26 - Jeff & Sue Meinholz

March 27 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

March 28 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

March 29 - Bonnie Bielicki

Thank you for volunteering!



Happy Birthday!

Bonnie Bielicki.....March 1
Nordell Anderson.....March 5
Nancy Thalacker.....March 5
Tyler Nelson March 12
Brody Thorvaldson.....March 13
Jim Palmer.....March 16
Diana Westrum.....March 19
Shirley Oswald.....March 27



117 lbs!!

**of food donated from
the Noisy Offering!!!**

First United Methodist Church Making a Difference!!

The Ministry Minute:

Funeral Support Ministry:

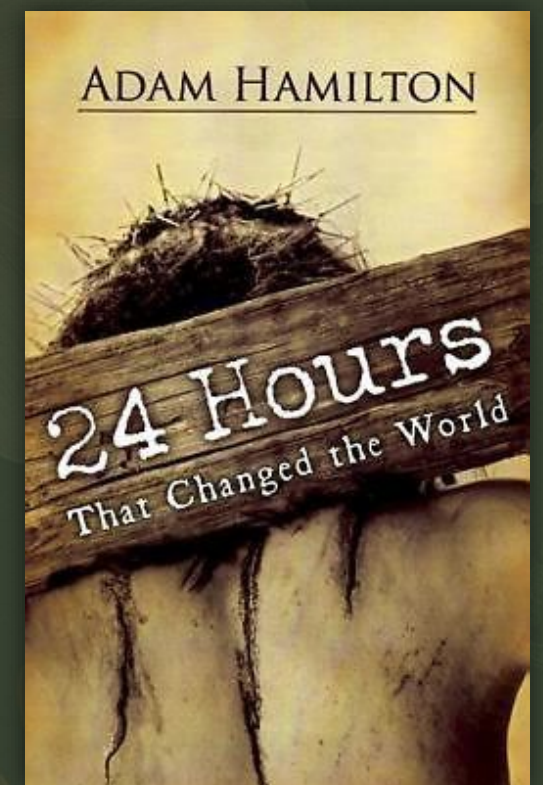
One of the ministries our church provides is serving families when a loved one passes away. There is a large 3 ring binder in the church office with the details of families being served by this ministry. Juanita Morgan organized this aspect of hospitality for many years and helped many families. There have been multiple people that have stepped up to continue this much needed ministry after Juanita retired.

When you are leading this team of volunteers and you hear the words, “I can help!” or “I can bake whatever you need.” – for the upcoming funeral, it’s music to your ears. After knowing the needs and wishes of the family, many hands are required to set up the fellowship hall, order food, and arrange for helpers to do the various jobs. Many of our volunteers have come at the beginning and stayed until everything is put back in place. We are so grateful for our volunteers!

Helping families in this time of great need is a wonderful way that our community church provides support. If you feel led to help in any way with this ministry, please contact Dorothy Lecy for more information.

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.

Sermon Series & Book Study - Join us for a Lenten Book Study of “24 Hours That Changed the World” by Adam Hamilton. During Lent at 10:30am every Sunday the DVD presentation by the Rev Adam Hamilton will be shown in the lounge followed by a discussion of the book, DVD and sermon material. All are welcome to attend. Books available outside the Fellowship Hall. Any questions please see Pastor Chris or Erin in the Office.





Puzzles, Pies and
Potato Soup
2024!

FUMC Committee Meeting Notes

February 2024

Outreach Committee: Did not meet in February.

Trustees: Did not meet in February.

SPRC committee

February 13th, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Prayer

- Devotional~ Tina
- Highs and Lows
- Book Club~ Chris
Start our new book (Boundaries)

OLD Business

Directory Updates

NEW Business

Review of responsibilities of the SPRC *from the Annual Conference Training link~ Chris
Picture for the board
Christian Education/Children's Ministry
Talk about the conversation with applicant.
Look at new job description.
Set up interview (date and team)

Active Conflict Review

If anything new?

Staff Check-In Follow Up

- Pastor Chris~ Angela
- Admin~ Tami
- Other~ Andy

FUMC Finance Meeting

January 17, 2024

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.

\$31,919.50. Apportionments paid complete for 2023.
Current balance for Doris Brand trust account \$20,413.21 (quarterly reporting – 12/31). Savings \$67,859.37. Total expenses \$21,639.36 (budget \$16,161.76). Bump for December expenses primarily due to apportionments. Lloyd will pull current property asset value and update balance sheet.

Annual budget expense of \$197,562.56 was met.

Statement of Activities – December offering \$33,032.67 (budget \$14,533.33). The \$7,500 (less expenses) grant remains allocated to account 404. The money remains targeted for Children's Ministry position.

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. Will include for February meeting.

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, February 28th. 6 PM

V. 7:00 – Adjourn.

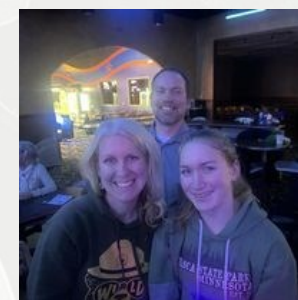




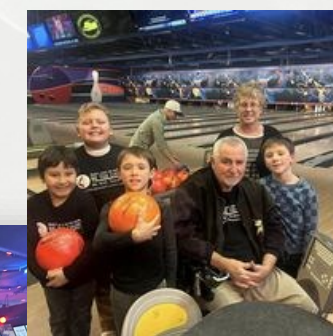
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BE THE CHURCH

DO. GIVE. TEACH. LOVE

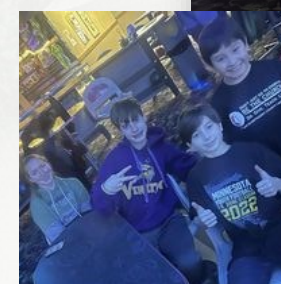
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LINDSTRÖM



Family Fun Night!
Bowling and Pizza



February
2024



Fun Family Events each
Month!



EASTER CARNIVAL

Saturday, March 16

10:30-11:30 AM

GAMES, CAKE WALK, FACE PAINTING,
CRAFTS

(appropriate ages 2-9)

Enter Coloring Contest

Entry forms & Coloring Pages

On line at

www.lindstrommethodist.org

Follow us on facebook!!

March's
Family
Fun
Night!

See you
There!

BINGO for Books Night

Win a Game, pick a book!!!

We will provide dinner, desserts, and drinks!
We ask that participants bring a few gently used
books in good condition for all reading levels to
donate to the prize table.

FRIDAY - MARCH 8TH

DOORS OPEN AT: 05:30PM

DINNER SERVED AT: 06:00 PM

ACTIVITY STARTS AT: 07:00PM

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