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Sent with a prayer to:

April 2024

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Sunday morning at 9am.  
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# Grace Courier

## First United Methodist Church

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### Mission Focus:



From their website: “Youth With A Mission (YWAM) is an international movement of Christians from many denominations dedicated to presenting Jesus personally to this and future generations, to mobilizing as many as possible to help in this task, and to the training and equipping of believers for their part in fulfilling the Great Commission. As citizens of God’s kingdom, we are called to love, worship, and obey our Lord, to love and serve His body, the Church, and to love all peoples everywhere, which includes presenting the whole Gospel for the whole person throughout the whole world.”

Erik Brohaugh grew up in the Lindstrom United Methodist Church and now lives in Gambia, Africa with his wife Ele and their 3 children. Ele was part of a YWAM team that was sent there in 1998 and Erik later came on an outreach in 2002. Their kids (Asaph 16, Anna 14, Khara 11) have grown up in the village and are an important part of the ministry. They seek to bring the light of Jesus to the people group that they share their lives with. They do this through everyday interactions with the people: assisting in village projects, training young men in welding/construction/fencing, praying for the sick, and sharing the love of God with those around them. Recently they have also been involved in building a new YWAM base in the middle of the country. You can find out more about them at <https://bireye.wordpress.com/>

You can help support the Brohaugh family and the work they are doing for God’s kingdom with your April donation to missions through First UMC. Their most recent newsletter is available to read and pray over in the chapel.

CHURCH EVENTS	
• April 3	Simpson House Field Trip - Confirmation
• April 9	Worship Team 5:30pm Trustees 6:30pm SPRC 7:00pm
• April 10	Outreach 7:00pm
• April 16	Finance 6:30pm Church Council 7:00pm
• April 19	Bingo for Books Doors open 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Activity 7:00pm
• April 24	Confirmation Rehearsal
• April 28	Confirmation Sunday





# Easter Carnival 2024



Thank you to ALL the volunteers!!!

Old business:

Church Directory-Erin G. will coordinate times that Tina S. and Emily can come in and help with completing the directory design.

Pastor Report (Pastor Kneen)

Adult Education: Congregation is welcome to join Pastor Chris on Sundays at 10:30 in the lounge to discuss the current sermon series. Back up Sunday school teachers will be needed.

There are costs related to lay leaders being trained in pastoral care. Finance will look at where funds could come from and write up a proposal.

Closing Prayer

## 2/28/24 Finance Meeting

6:00 - Open meeting – attendees; Verna Hultman, Lloyd Jones, Jessica Anderson

II. Review Statements

Statement of Financial Position –Current checkbook balance. \$25,611.40. Apportionments paid complete for 2023. We received a letter from conference acknowledging 3 years of full payments. Our balance was originally \$260,771.65 and reduced to a current apportionment of \$65,192.92. 2024 1Q apportionments will be evaluated at the March meeting. Current balance for Doris Brand trust account \$22,697.09. Savings \$49,503.45. Total expenses \$15,102.23 (budget \$15,980.02).

Statement of Activities – January offering \$9430.89 (budget \$15,980.13). 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 \$5,512.43. Total \$13,512.43.

III. New Business

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. Delayed to March. Super Bowl donations went to the Masonic Lodge for matching funds to Pathways.

Missions: Lloyd found a correction for missions donations for Zoe International. He will provide an update at next meeting.

Youth Camperships: Lloyd is reminding folks to submit receipts for youth camperships.

Pastor pension is under review. The charges don't exactly match the premiums, etc. Lloyd is checking into it.

Childrens sermon supplies will be tracked via account 503 to help with future budgeting.

IV. Old 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.

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 2Q.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 19. 6:30 PM

V. 7:00 – Adjourn.



First United Methodist Church Council

March 2024

FUMC Committee Meeting Minutes

No updated notes for the following committees, as they did not meet in March:

- Outreach Committee
- Trustees
- SPRC
- Foundation

Ad Council Meeting Minutes:

March 19th, 2024, 7:00 pm

Attendees: Pastor Chris Kneen, Dari Ferguson, Verna Hultman, Lloyd Jones, Emily Honerbrink, Tina Sparby, Tina Forcier, Wendy Vanderwerf

- Call to order
- Highs & Lows shared.
- Agenda approved.

- Devotion & Prayer
- Tina Sparby from SPRC shared devotional

Annual Scheduled Committee Report: **(All other committee minutes attached)**

- Outreach-Tina Forcier
  - Looking for additional members
  - Committee will advertise when meetings take place so others can join.

- Easter Brunch-
  - Served Easter Sunday from 7:30-8:30 am
  - Barb P. will coordinate food and volunteers.
  - Egg bake, pastries and fruit will remain the menu as in previous years.

- Monthly birthday “party”.
  - Once a month we will have a birthday cake during fellowship time.
  - Anyone with a birthday that month will be asked to stand up as we sing “Happy Birthday”.
  - Council decided a published list leaves too much room for error, and people could be forgotten.

- Discussed ideas for outreach activities at “Harmony in the Park” in Lindstrom this summer.
  - Possible items for handing out—paper fans with logo
  - Investigating the cost of a booth

- VBS-Zion Lutheran Church Youth leader is interested in partnering with FUMC to help with VBS this summer.
  - More to come.

- Thursday night summer activities
  - Outreach committee will propose ideas to Ad Council

- New business:
  - Vacant spot for Memorial Committee Chair
  - Trustees renovated rooms 5 & 6 for HELP.
  - Volunteers are needed to help clean and sanitize HELP equipment.
  - Erin G. Will keep a list of volunteers to call when cleaning is needed. Erin G. was doing all the cleaning, but more help is needed.



THANK YOU!!

Thank you to our Confirmation Meal Volunteers! It is a blessing to share a meal and fellowship with our youth. Thank you for making this year so wonderful and delicious!!







We hope you've noticed the beautiful "Welcome We're glad you're here" banners that were recently installed on the light poles in front of the church entrance, and also the beautiful new Easter "Alleluia!" banner hanging in the Sanctuary. Lois Anderson always wanted things to look nice and welcoming and we thought this was a way to share the generous gift that was given in her honor. When we sent pictures to her daughter Wendy of the banners, she responded, "It brings me so much joy to see that mom's impact on her church and community continues!" A special Thank you to Lois Anderson and Family for continuing to beautify our church for years to come.

Thank you to Sharlene, Dorothy, Angel, and all others who helped to make the wonderful selections.

Memorials is a Ministry within our Church at First United Methodist, honoring and remembering those that have served and loved this congregation is a great honor. If you would like to be involved with the Memorials Ministry Committee please reach out to Dorothy Lecy, Lloyd Jones or the Church Office for more information.

## The Ministry Minute



Just before spring break the KICK kids gave a check for \$468.08 to Matt Carlson representing the Hiram Masonic Lodge of Lindstrom. This was part of the noisy offer and money collected throughout the month of February! The Lodge will match the donation! That brings the total **\$936.12** be sent to our local Pathways Food Shelf!



## Meals on Wheels - Route 2 April 2024

Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

April 1 - Paul Robinson

April 2 - Greg McCarthy

April 3 - Greg McCarthy

April 4 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

April 5 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

April 8 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

April 9 - Jeff & Sue Meinholz

April 10 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

April 11 - Fred & Barb Prindle

April 12 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

April 15 - Michelle Gillespie

April 16 - Grace Schmidt

April 17 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

April 18 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

April 19 - Carol Carlson

April 22 - Paul Robinson

April 23 - Bonnie Bielicki

April 24 - Carol Carlson

April 25 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

April 26 - Duane & Debby Lee

April 29 - Fred & Barb Prindle

April 30 - Jeff & Sue Meinholz

Thank you for volunteering!



## Happy Birthday!

Kyle Sparby.....April 1

Fred Prindle ..... April 3

Ashlee Kleveland (Nelson) ..... April 6

Ruth Johnsen..... April 9

John Thorvaldson.....April 11

Kathy Larsen ..... April 13

Tom Lundberg.....April 19

Marlys Polzine.....April 24

Karen Hanson.....April 24

Alaina Honerbrink.....April 26

Dorothy Lecy.....April 27

Pauline Heilig.....April 28

Marna Gerke.....April 30

Sunday Treats!

Thank you Irene!

