

First United Methodist Church
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May 2024



Mission Focus:



May is foster care awareness month! Did you know that on any given day, there are over 11,000 children in foster care in MN. Most of these children enter into foster care with only the clothing on their backs. This puts them in an awkward situation having to ask strangers for personal items such as a toothbrush or underwear during an already stressful time. Foster families must provide for their needs with little or no notice. The Safe Haven Foster Shoppe is a local non-profit that provides essentials to children in foster care, helping to support these children and their foster families.

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. Safe Haven Foster Shoppe hand delivers each and every bag donated to the children through a network of private and county agencies or directly to foster homes. 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 May 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.

Purchase essential items to be distributed through Safe Haven Foster Shoppe as they are needed. Donate these items in the bin next to the food shelf donations in the foyer or at the Safe Haven Foster Shoppe Distribution Center drop box in downtown Lindstrom.

Volunteer your time by signing up online at <https://safehavenfostershoppes.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.

Donations go directly to supporting local foster families and the children in their care.

CHURCH EVENTS

- May 5 3rd Grade Bibles
- May 8 Outreach 7pm
- May 10 Board Game Fun Night
6:00pm - Dinner
7:00pm - Activity
- May 11 Highway Clean Up 9:00am
- May 12 Happy Mother's Day
May Birthday Sunday!
- May 14 Worship Team 5:30pm
Trustees 6:30pm
SPRC 7:00pm
- May 21 Finance 6:30pm
Church Council 7:00pm
- May 27 Memorial Day
Church Offices Closed

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

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

Meals on Wheels - Route 2 May 2024

Coordinator: Bonnie Bielcki 651-470-8806

May 1 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

May 2 - Paul Robinson

May 3 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

May 6 - Duane & Debby Lee

May 7 - Grace Schmidt

May 8 - Fred & Barb Prindle

May 9 - Carol Carlson

May 10 - Bonnie Bielicki

May 13 - Michelle Gillespie

May 14 - Greg McCarthy

May 15 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

May 16 - Wendy Braski

May 17 - Paul Robinson

May 20 - Duane & Debby Lee

May 21 - Bonnie Bielicki

May 22 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

May 23 - Carol Carlson

May 24 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

May 27 - Memorial Day

May 28 - Fred & Barb Prindle

May 29 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

May 30 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

May 31 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

Thank you for volunteering

Happy Birthday!

Cindy Anderson May 5

MaryAnn Jindra.....May 11

Angela RempelEwert May 14

Karen Bruss.....May 21

Reese Jones.....May 22

Kendrick Jones.....May 22

Tami Rehbein.....May 23

Cailey RempelEwert.....May 25

The Rev. John C Blackford

Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Applications are now available on the community table, in the church office, and at lindstrommethodist.org.

The Scholarship deadline is June 3rd 2024. Scholarships will be awarded July 14th 2024.

Graduation Sunday

Do you have a graduate? We want to celebrate the accomplishments of all those who are graduating! High School, Tech Programs, Colleges, Certificates, any graduations we want to congratulate you on all your hard word! Please email the church at office@lindstrommethodist.org with the name,, picture and program of the graduate.

Spring Joy!



Appreciation Dinner



A Community Conversation: Testify

CONGRATULATIONS Jackie & Evelyn



Confirmation 2024



Bingo For Books!

April Fun Night



Outreach Continued

- (C) August 25th VBS perform at church & Blessing of the BACKPACKS
- (P) August 29th Thursdays Hot Dogs for Jesus at 6pm-8pm
- (C) September 11th KICK is back through May 7th, 2025 (CLUB ROCK?)
- (P) September 20th -Friday Fun Night -
- (P) October 12th FIKA -Scandinavian themed event with coffee and Scandinavian dessert samples
- (P) October 18th -Friday Fun Night - MEA Fun
- (P) November 15th -Friday Fun Night - Friendsgiving
- (P) November -? Shop Day (Tami)
- (P) December 13th -Friday Fun Night - Nativity Rehearsal Party
- (P) December 14th - Nativity
- (P) December 20th Advent Day for Kids 9-2pm Parents can shop or “breather”
- (O) December - Make a joyful noise caroling - Bell Ringing at Brinks

SPRC Meeting: April 9th

- Prayer
 - Devotional~ Angela
 - Highs and Lows
 - Book Club~ Chris
- O Start our new book (Boundaries) Chapters 1-2
- May Chapters 3-4
- OLD Business
- Directory Updates
- Children's Ministry
- Sunday School Sign Up
- background checks for volunteers
- Lay Servant Ministry Training conversations
- Possible Funding for the “Connection Retreat”
- What do the 4 modules look like and expense
- NEW Business
- Updated Scripture Readings our Pew Bibles are 1956 copyright. Many Methodist Churches have already moved that way starting in 1986
- Thank you card Sharing,~ Dorothy

SPRC Continued

- Active Conflict Review
- Nothing new this month
- Staff Check-In Follow Up
- Pastor Chris~ Tami
 - Admin~ Andy
 - Other~ Emily



First United Methodist Church Council

- Meeting Minutes
- April 16th, 2024, 7:00 pm
- Call to order
- Highs & Lows
- Approval of agenda/minutes
- Devotion & Prayer
- April: Trustees (Jones)
- Committee Reports
- Foundation Committee:
- Scholarship applications will be available online or by request on April 28th, 2024. Applications are due on June 3, 2024.
- Foundation committee has available funds to help with camp costs if campership funds do not cover costs.
- Foundation has camp or education funds available for adults. See Dari for additional information.
- New business:
- Financial Control Policy (Hultman)-Table for future meeting
- SPRC: Working on finding volunteers to help Erin in with cleaning returned HELP equipment.
- Anyone working with children at the church will need to have a background check done. FUMC covers the \$35.00 cost.
- Outreach (Forcier) See below for specific items submitted for approval

- Approval requests from Outreach Committee:
- Committee approved all activities. Budget approved for Mother's Day and VBS costs. Per Tina, no church funds needed for other events.
- Committee approved Tina F. attending the 2024 Annual Conference. This is also open to others that have interest in attending.

- Events:
- May 12th Mother's Day – would like to purchase a flower for each woman at church on 5/12/24
- Funding needed- \$50-100 (\$1-2 per flower) **Committee Approved**
- June 14th -Friday Fun Night - End of School Bonfire and Cook Out -**No Budget needed**
- Praise band outside
- Last Thursday of the month, starting June 20th through August 29th - Hot Dogs for Jesus 6-8pm -**NO Budget needed**

Council Continued

- August 19th-23rd VBS 9:00 am-noon
- Theme: **What a Mess!**
- Cost: \$93.28 Includes media pack and digital download: **Committee Approved**
- VBS participants perform at church, along with “Blessing of the Backpacks”
- Old business:
- Church Directory: Tina Sparby and Emily will work on the directory in May/June. Computer issues have made
- Pastor Report (Pastor Kneen) (please keep these items as old business on future agendas)
- Will talk to Erin about creating” connect cards” as a way to connect with visitors that come to our church.
- Would like to replace the current church sign with an electronic sign-**Lloyd will follow up with options and costs**
- TV monitors in the hallway would create a welcoming atmosphere, as well as provide important information to visitors and members. **Lloyd will follow up with options and costs**
- Looking into mission trips in the US. Possibly something we could do every few years.
- Volunteers will be helping with conducting Sunday School classes that Chris will have prepared. This will leave Pastor Chris available to greet people after church and have adult sermon studies.
- Closing Prayer



FUMC FINANCE MEETING
March 19, 2024, 6:30 pm
Meeting Minutes

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

II. Review Statements

Statement of Financial Position –Current checkbook balance. \$43,901.97. Apportionments on hold. Will evaluate 1Q at next meeting. We received a letter from conference acknowledging 3 years of full payments. Current balance for Doris Brand trust account \$22,697.09. Savings \$46,533.31. Total expenses \$13,913.50 (budget \$15,980.02).

Statement of Activities – February offering \$31,126.67 (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 \$4888.61. Total \$12,888.61.

III. New Business

Account 579 License and Fees increased significantly. Two have been paid and both were over previous year expenses (\$200 increase each).

Account 631 Gas & Electricity may have a credit next month for a rate adjustment.

Pastor Medical deductions are under review. Lloyd will check with SPRC on split between personal and church paid.

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

Workers Compensation: The District will no longer be providing group workers compensation

options effective January 2025. We have plenty of time to add work compensation to our

insurance coverage.

Office computer: Lloyd is requesting more people be able to access and use the Perisoft

computer program.

IV. Old 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 April. 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. Lloyd will clear with Pastor and close this item.

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, April 16. 6:30 PM

V. 7:00 – Adjourn.

BOARD GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY MAY 10TH

DOORS OPEN AT: 05:30PM
DINNER SERVED AT : 06:00 PM
ACTIVITY STARTS AT: 07:00PM

BRING YOUR FAVORITE BOARD GAME AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

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Board of Trustees

First United Methodist Church

April 2024 Report

- New windows on the south end of Church will soon begin to be installed.
 - A light has been installed in the Chapel to shine on the round rose window to reflect outside after dark.
 - A water heater booster has been ordered to help boost up the water temperature in dishwasher at a cost of \$2500.00 which came out of Memorial Funds.
- Lloyd Jones - Trustee Chair

Outreach Committee meeting minutes April 5th & April 10th, 2024

Attendees:

April 5th - Golf Course for Lunch - Barb P and Tina F showed up. There were others who stated they would be interested but no one was able to make it.

April 10th-Pastor Chris, Barb P and Tina F 7pm at the church.

Agenda

New News:

- Celebrations! - \$1,021 Raised for Camp at Easter Breakfast
- Schedule is 2nd Wednesday of each month 7pm Currently - are we flexible to change a bit? Trying to recruit more people :)

Discuss the -Approval items needed by Council:

- Plan to finish 2024 and to make a course of action for 2025 to be more prepared.
- Barb is working on a tri-fold flyer to hand out to people

Follow up - these need to be addressed at Council meeting

-Approval needed by Council-

- May 12th Mother’s Day - want to get a single Flower for each woman at church on Mother’s Day

We will need funding looking at possible \$1-\$2 per flower Possible \$50-\$100?

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- August 25th VBS perform at church & Blessing of the BACKPACKS

Who is representing us at MN Annual Conference? Tina F would be interested in going if possible.

Upcoming events in the next months and ongoing events

CODE P=Public C=Primarily Congregation O=Public at an outside the church location.

2024

C-January 12 -Friday Fun Night - Bowling and Pizza at Split Rock

P-February 9th Puzzles Pies and Potato Soup

C-February 11th Souper Bowl Sunday -Noisy offering and skit

P-March 8th -RESCHEDULED TO April Friday Fun Night - BINGO night

P-March 16th - Easter Carnival

C-March 31st - Easter Breakfast 730-830- fundraiser for camp

(P) April 19 -Friday Fun Night- Book Bingo Sloppy Joe Dinner
May 1st - Last day of KICK

(C) May 12th - Mother’s Day- Flower Give away

May 17th -Friday Fun Night - Pizza and Board Games

May Memorial Day service (Andy W)

(P) June 14th -Friday Fun Night - End of School Bonfire and Cookout Praise band outside?

(P) June 20th Thursdays Hot Dogs for Jesus 6-8pm (Last Thursday of the month through August)

(O) June? Bible Boats and Beers?

(P)July 14th? KOD Praise music and Choir? American Praise Music Apple Pie and Ice Cream

(P) July 25th Thursdays Hot Dogs for Jesus at 6pm-8pm

(O) August 6th? Visit the National Night outs and give goodie baskets or Host one?

(P) August 19th-23rd VBS 9-12 noon