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Mission Focus:



Family Pathways Food Pantry provides access to healthy food for families and individuals in crisis in our community. During the school year they run a backpack program in which students can bring a bag of food home for their families to eat over the weekend. Last year our local Family Pathways sent out approximately 60 backpacks a week and they are expecting an increase in families needing support over the next few months. They are now restocking their shelves in preparation. Below is a list of the items that kids receive in those bags, any support in restocking their shelves would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off in the shopping cart collection in the church foyer. Monetary donations to missions will also support the food pantry in the month of August.

- Canned Complete Meals like:
- Ravioli, Spaghetti-os, Beef-a-Roni
 - Ramen Noodles
 - Flavored Oatmeal Packets
 - Small Cereal boxes
 - Chicken Noodle and Tomato Soup
 - Individual Snack Packs
 - Peanut Butter
 - Macaroni and Cheese
 - Pop Tarts
 - Canned Vegetables and Fruits

CHURCH EVENTS

Pastor Chris Vacation 8/4-8/11

- Aug 13 5:30 - Worship Team
6:30 - Trustees
7:00 - SPRC
- Aug 19 - 23 VBS!!!
- Aug 19 - 23 HELP Ministry Closed
- Aug 20 6:30 - Finance
7:00 - Church Council
- Aug 25 Backpack Blessing Sunday
- Aug 29 6-8:00 - FUMC
Community Cookout

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 August 2024

Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

August 1 - Mike & Lenora Madigan

August 2 - Bonnie Bielicki

August 5 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

August 6 - Carol Carlson

August 7 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

August 8 - Grace Schmidt

August 9 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

August 12 - Michelle Gillespie

August 13 - Fred & Barb Prindle

August 14 - Duane & Debby Lee

August 15 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

August 16 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

August 19 - Mike & Lenora Madigan

August 20 - Greg McCarthy

August 21 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

August 22 - Paul Robinson

August 23 - Duane & Debby Lee

August 26 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

August 27 - Carol Carlson

August 28 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

August 29 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

August 30 - Fred & Barb Prindle

Thank you for volunteering!

Happy Birthday!

Barb Prindle..... August 2
 Shane HultmanAugust 2
 Erik Stegmeir..... August 3
 Audrey Twite..... August 8
 Greg AndersonAugust 8
 Sue Meinholz.....August 12
 Rebecca Ervasti.....August 13
 Rick Twite..... August 14
 Lynne Wilkerson.....August 23
 Don Honerbrink..... August 23
 Susan Hernick.....August 27
 Deb Kneen..... August 31

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 for more fun
 events!**

SCAN ME



NEW WINDOWS!

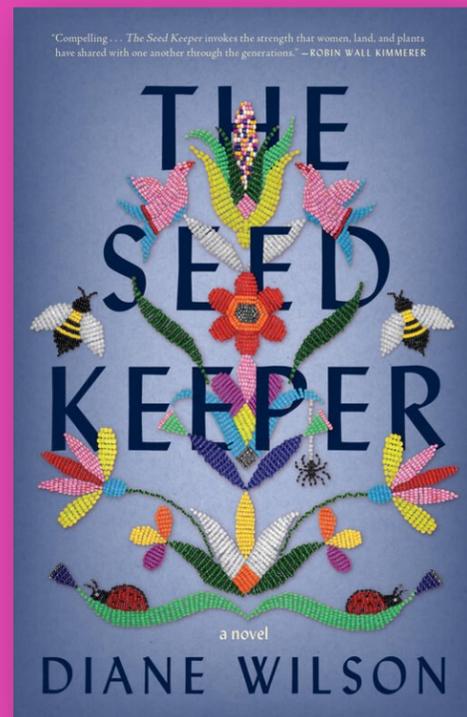


JULY 2024

Book Study - A haunting novel spanning several generations, *The Seed Keeper* follows a Dakhóta family's struggle to preserve their way of life, and their sacrifices to protect what matters most.

Winner of the 2022 Minnesota Book Award in Fiction. Meeting 4 times on Sundays at 6:30pm Aug 4, 11, 18, & 25 at the home of Tom & Rebecca Ervasti.

Books will be available starting July 31st outside the Fellowship Hall.



Sacred Sites Tours

The Sacred Sites Tours are part of [Healing Minnesota Stories](#)' effort to create dialogue and healing between Native and non-Native peoples (a program of the Minnesota Council of Churches). Join us to gain a greater awareness and understanding of the Dakota people, the original people of this area, who too often are invisible in their homeland.

We will visit three outdoor sites near the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, what the Dakota refer to as Bdote, or "meeting place of rivers." These sites are the Fort Snelling State Park, the Dakota Internment Camp, and Pilot Knob Hill.

Hear Dakota stories *on the land itself* about some of our nation's violent and unjust history and the devastating impact on our fellow human beings.

Being together in this space as people of faith and conscience will support our ability to promote healing, justice, and reparations. It will build our power to be part of the larger movement for a just and sustainable future.

All tours meet at Church of St. Peter, 1405 Sibley Memorial Highway, St. Paul, MN 55120.

Date: Sunday, September 8, 2024, 1:00 pm – 5:00pm, snack provided.

Cost: \$35 per person. All funds will be directed in support of Healing Minnesota Stories.

Sign up: on sign-up sheet. Give checks made out to FUMC Lindstrom to Rebecca Ervasti

Sacred Sites

We visit sites located around confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, what the Dakota refer to as Bdote, or "meeting place of rivers," including:

Fort Snelling State Park

Dakota Internment Camp following

The Dakota-U.S. War

Pilot Knob Hill, a traditional burial ground



Outdoor Heritage Service-
First Swedish Episcopal Methodist Church



Karl Oskar Days 2024



Church Council Minutes 07.16.2024

Attendees: Pr. Chris Kneen, Emily Honerbrink, Lloyd Jones, Tina Forcier, Tina Sparby, Rebecca Ervasti, Dari Ferguson, Verna Hultman.

Devotion & Prayer: Rebecca Ervasti

Finance Report: \$2,500 per month lower than where we need to be., 2025 budgeting process starts next month so committees should be considering their needs for the upcoming year.

Old business:

- Church Directory: Emily and Tina S to meet
- Outreach:
 - Harmony in the Park (Wed. July 17); Emily, Dari, and Rebecca to run table, Verna to pick up supplies.
 - VBS: 12 kids signed up so far, need volunteers to take paint splatter needs and still looking for volunteers to help run event. Huge thanks to Erin G's kiddos for creating the needs board.
 - National Night Out: Contact Barb Prindle if you'd like to be involved.
 - Hot Dogs for Jesus July 25th and August 29th; sign up in fellowship hall.
 - KICK starting September 18, running to May 7th.
 - Lighted Sign Request: Lloyd waiting on quote from local company, looking at other vendors.

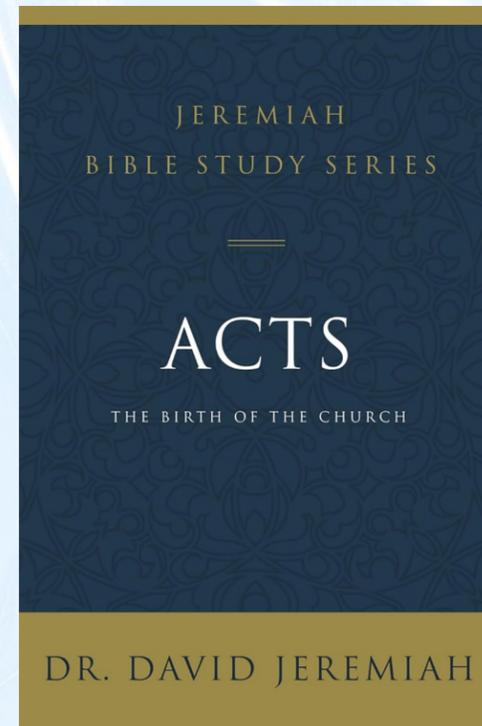
New Business: Basketball Court; neighbor concerned with the noise level of the basketball court. Members of the SPRC to meet with the neighbor, Trustees to meet to evaluate options for a different backboard material or possible move, and test noise from lower level lot. If a move, will ask neighbor to provide financial backing.

Pastor Report:

- Rally Sunday will be Sept. 15th; Confirmation begins September 18th
- 2025 Mission Trip: Getting meeting together with interested parents, 6th grade and up. Would also like input on locations.

Other Notes:

- The Council would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to Bret R and Barb P for everything they did for the Karl Oscar Days Outdoor Worship Service.
- Background Checks: Anyone working with Children needs to have a background check on file (Sunday School, VBS, KICK, etc). Please reach out to Erin GS.
- Sacred Sites tour Sunday, Sept. 8 1-5p in Fellowship Hall. Bring lawn chair and dress for weather, \$35 per person. Will be opened up to the public if not enough attendees.
- Christmas Meal: If we have a volunteer willing to lead and coordinate, please reach out to the office or let Pr. Chris know by September 1st. If we don't have a lead, we will step aside and support another Church as they take it on.



Fall Bible Study - God guides our witness and our walk... Follow Dr. Jeremiah through the book of Acts in a chapter-by-chapter study that will help you understand what it meant to the people at the time it was written, and what it means to Christians today. The *Jeremiah Bible Study Series* captures Dr. David Jeremiah's forty-plus years of commitment in teaching the *Word of God*. In each study, you'll gain insights into the text, identify key stories and themes, and be challenged to apply the truths you uncover to your life. By the end of each study, you'll come away with a clear and memorable understanding of that Bible book. **Join us for ACTS: The Birth of the Church Study group will meet Mondays beginning Sept 9th at 10am. Books available outside of the FUMC Fellowship hall. For more information see Tami Rehbein.**

****New Windows!! - We are looking for help staining. Please contact Lloyd at 651-675-7261 or joneskids1957@gmail.com**



Summer Sermon Series:

Standing on The Promises of God

With Pastor Chris Kneen



Congratulations to our own Taylor Thorvaldson on being crowned Grand Ambassador!

Ambassador Mission Statement:

"To encourage young women to grow as leaders and provide opportunities for them to confidently represent, support, educate and be a role model within their community and others."

