

GRACE COURIER

First United Methodist
Church - Lindstrom

JULY 2024 | 30828 IRENE AVE | PO BOX 688 | 651-257-4306
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Mission Focus:



Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities offers Christ-centered pathways and programs that provide comprehensive care to people struggling with homelessness. They also offer emergency shelter and 3 meals a day to hungry neighbors. They do not rely on government funding; almost all of their funding comes through donations from individuals and businesses. While other homeless shelters provide meals and a place to stay for people from our community, Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities goes further to provide a permanent pathway off the streets.

- Gospel centered
- Forming disciples of Jesus Christ
- Provide personalized programs to help individuals get out of poverty, homelessness or addiction
- Education and job training
- Medical and mental health clinics

If you would like to support the efforts of the Union Gospel Mission please indicate missions on the memo line of your offering contribution or place your offering in a missions envelope.

CHURCH EVENTS

- July 1 VBS Sign up Begins!
- July 5 Church Office Closed
- July 9 5:30 - Worship Team
6:30 - Trustees
7:00 - SPRC
- July 14 Outdoor Worship!
Scholarship Sunday
- July 16 6:30 - Finance
7:00 - Church Council
- July 25 6-8:00 - FUMC
Community Cookout

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

Meals on Wheels - Route 2 July 2024

Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

July 1 - Michelle Gillespie

July 2 - Mike & Lenora Madigan

July 3 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

July 4 - Closed 4th of July

July 5 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

July 8 - Paul Robinson

July 9 - Carol Carlson

July 10 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

July 11 - Mike & Lenora Madigan

July 12 - Duane & Debby Lee

July 15 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

July 16 - Fred & Barb Prindle

July 17 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

July 18 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

July 19 - Grace Schmidt

July 22 - Greg McCarthy

July 23 - Greg McCarthy

July 24 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

July 25 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

July 26 - Duane & Debby Lee

July 29 - Paul Robinson

July 30 - Carol Carlson

July 31 - Fred & Barb Prindle

Thank you for volunteering!

Happy Birthday!

Pat McDermott.....July 1

Jessie Johnson.....July 1

Allen Kask.....July 3

Weston Stegmeir.....July 6

Jessica Anderson.....July 7

Irene Orton.....July 11

Adrienne Stegmeir..... July 12

Jackie Stegmeir.....July 16

George Hultman.....July 19

Phyllis Perry.....July 23

Vicki Palmer.....July 23

Verna Hultman.....July 28

Jack Danielson.....July 28



The girls
at Camp
Lebanon!

2024



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dakotas-Minnesota Area

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the past week, our communities in the Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area and our neighbors in Northwest Iowa have faced significant challenges due to unexpected flooding. These natural disasters have brought severe disruptions to the lives of many, causing damage to homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure. In these trying times, our faith and unity become our greatest strengths.

As your bishop, my heart aches for those affected by these floods. The scenes of rising waters, evacuated homes, and distressed families weigh heavily on all of us. Yet, it is precisely in such moments of trial that the essence of our faith shines the brightest. The resilience, compassion, and solidarity displayed by our congregations and neighbors serve as a testament to the enduring power of our shared commitment to Christ's teachings—I'm particularly thinking of Matthew 25. Know that as we care for those impacted, we care also for Christ.

We are called to action in response to this crisis, grounded in our deep sense of empathy and responsibility. Here's how we can support each other:

Prayer and Pastoral Care: Let us begin with prayer, lifting those affected by the floods into God's care. Our pastors and church leaders are on the frontlines, offering spiritual support and comfort to those in distress. Let us keep them in our prayers as they provide strength and guidance to those in need.

Community Outreach: We encourage all congregations to mobilize and assist local relief efforts. This includes providing shelter, food, and clothing to those displaced and participating in clean-up operations where it is safe to do so.

Financial Support: Many of our brothers and sisters face immense financial burdens due to the floods. We urge you to [contribute to the United Methodist Committee on Relief \(UMCOR\)](#) and local disaster response funds, which are instrumental in delivering aid to affected communities.

Volunteer Efforts: When the time comes, your hands and hearts will be needed in the rebuilding process. Whether through physical labor or logistical support, there will be numerous ways to volunteer your time and skills to help restore our communities.

Emotional and Spiritual Support: Trauma from such events can have long-lasting effects. Offering a listening ear and a compassionate heart to those grappling with loss and fear is invaluable. Our faith teaches us the power of love and understanding in healing.

Let us continue to embody the spirit of Christ's love and service in the coming days and weeks. I ask that you also be in touch with the Episcopal Office to let us know about churches and church families in harm's way. As we extend our hands in support, we also reaffirm our faith in God's abiding presence through adversity. Together, we can navigate these turbulent waters and emerge stronger, united by our commitment to one another and to God.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all as we respond to this challenge with unwavering faith and collective action.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Lanette Plambeck

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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

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



June 14th
2024



FRIDAY
FUN
at
FUMC





*Graduation
Sunday -
Congratulations
2024
Graduates!!*

*Chisago Lakes Family Pride
Fun Run!
June 8, 2024*



*** Due to Severe Weather Church Council Meeting was delayed. Minutes will be available in August.**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - CHISAGO LAKES COMMUNITY MEAL
JUNE 24TH, 2024**

A special thank you to the 20 UMC members you see in the picture below for serving at the Monday Night Community Meal on June 24th. Many of these same friends along with a few others made delicious cookies and bars to serve as well.

There were 267 meals served, this number includes take outs and seconds. We had a little extra excitement than usual Monday night, the lights in the Fellowship Hall went out at 10 minutes to 6! Checking led to knowing power was out and a telephone call confirmed probably out until 7pm.

The meal is served from 4-6:00pm so we were getting ready for clean up. Cell phone flashlights were lit and the sunlight peeking in from the hallways enabled us to finish the dining area. We gathered in a classroom for the picture before heading out. (It had the best light!)

Using a bigger flashlight in the kitchen things were taken care of with the exception of the items needing to be washed in the dishwasher. Power was back on at about 7:00 and our staff member Matt finished up. Thanks Matt!!

Thank you for your commitment to this Community Ministry serving with members from Zion Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, Chisago Lakes Lutheran, and Maranatha Churches, finishing our 11th year of serving meals in September.

Dorothy Lecy





FIRST UMC
Lindstrom Beach Baptism
and
Renewal of Faith
June 23, 2024

Summer Sermon Series:

Standing on The Promises
of God

With Pastor Chris Kneen



MUTC Choir and
Brunch
June 16, 2024
Happy Father's Day!



PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!

WHAT A MESS!
VBS

FUMC would like to
Welcome all kids
K-5th Grade to join
us for VBS!

August
19th-23rd
9am-12pm

Register Online
Starting July 1st

www.lindstrommethodist.org

SUNDAY, JULY 14TH 9:00AM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PARK
30828 IRENE AVE LINDSTROM, MN

OUTDOOR
WORSHIP

ALL ARE
WELCOME!

IN RECOGNITION OF KARL OSKAR
DAYS AND IN HONOR OF OUR
HERITAGE AS THE FIRST SWEDISH
EPISCOPAL METHODIST CHURCH,
WE WILL BE SERVING KAFFE AND
SWEETS FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP
SERVICE.

BRING A BLANKET OR CHAIR IF YOU WISH!
WOOD BENCHES AVAILABLE AS WELL!
FEEL FREE TO DRESS IN SWEDISH
STYLE AND COLOR!

Follow FUMC
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for more fun
events!

SCAN ME

