



First United Methodist Church
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LINDSTROMMETHODIST.ORG | PASTOR CHRIS KNEEN

First United Methodist Church, Lindstrom, is making a difference for the kingdom of God every month through missions giving and service. This month we are supporting Feed My Starving Children. From their website: "Every year, millions of children die from preventable causes such as pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria and undernutrition. Hunger is still causing nearly half of deaths in children under 5 years old. From this data, we estimate at least 6,200 children die each day from causes related to undernutrition. This is heartbreaking."



Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development. FMSC meals are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential."

How much can we raise together to help feed children in body and spirit this month?
\$106 Feeds a child for a year

\$424 feeds a family for a year

\$2255 feeds a classroom for a year

Join our First UMC team creating MannaPacks at the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) site in Coon Rapids. Volunteering at FMSC is easy, energizing, and fun! Sitting jobs are available. Meet at Lindstrom First UMC at 1:30pm 10/26/24 to carpool. Packing will be from 2:30-4:15 pm. Estimated return time is around 5:15pm. Join our group by searching "First United Methodist Church" on the FMSC website <https://www.fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer> or emailing aestegmeir@yahoo.com.

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." – Proverbs 22:9

CHURCH EVENTS

- Oct 7 10:00am - Fall Bible Study - meeting each Monday
4-6:00pm - CLCM Fundraiser @Zion Lutheran Church
- Oct 8 5:30pm - Worship Team
6:30pm - Trustees
7:00pm - SPRC
- Oct 13 Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- Oct 15 6:30 - Finance
7:00 - Church Council
- Oct 16 MEA No Confirmation/KICK
- Oct 22 Torah 2024-25 Begins see Adrienne for details
- Oct 26 Feed My Starving Children Coon Rapids, MN 2:30-4:15pm

Confirmation: each Wednesday 5-7pm

KICK: each Wednesday 6-7pm

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 October 2024

Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

October 1 - Mike & Lenora Madigan

October 2 - Carol Carlson

October 3 - Paul Robinson

October 4 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

October 7 - Michelle Gillespie

October 8 - Bonnie Bielicki

October 9 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

October 10 - Fred & Barb Prindle

October 11 - Duane & Debby Lee

October 14 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

October 15 - Greg McCarthy

October 16 - Greg McCarthy

October 17 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

October 18 - Mike & Lenora Madigan

October 21 - Jeff & Sue Meinholz

October 22 - Carol Carlson

October 23 - Fred & Barb Prindle

October 24 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

October 25 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

October 28 - Duane & Debby Lee

October 29 - Grace Schmidt

October 30 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

October 31 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

Thank you for volunteering!

Happy Birthday!

Bryson HonerbrinkOctober 1

Shirley Knopf.....October 2

Pat Kertzscher.....October 4

Kirsten Olson..... October 4

Lloyd Jones.....October 10

Kelsey Olson.....October 15

Cruz Forcier..... Oct 21

Molly Hultman October 23

Sharlene Arnold.....October 24

Mark Vanderwerf October 30



 TORAH CLUB

THE SENT ONES

Acts of the Jewish Apostles

Discover *The Sent Ones*, our
brand-new track for Torah
Club, starting October 2024.

Contact Adrienne Stegmeir for more info

JEREMIAH
BIBLE STUDY SERIES

ACTS

THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

DR. DAVID JEREMIAH

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.**



HEALING
MINNESOTA
STORIES -
SACRED SITES
TOUR



Sacred Sites Tour was held on September 8th, 2024. We visited 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. The weather was beautiful and the experience moving.

Thank you for the support of
the Monday Night
Community Meal Fundraiser
held on Monday Sept 9th.

We served 353 guests with
a total of \$7,000.00+ in
donations!! We are
beginning our 12th year in
this community outreach
ministry.



Pastor Chris has a very busy schedule most months. However, the month of September is especially full with so many fall activities starting, many meetings to attend, pastoral care ministry, and preparing for Sunday Worship Services. He did have time though when I asked him to serve on the food line at the community meal on September 9th at the Anniversary – Fundraiser Picnic. Then only a few days later he was called upon to be the Chaplain, and keynote speaker for the 9/11 Memorial Service at Moberg Park in Chisago, when another Pastor had to cancel. He did a wonderful job.

We are blessed to have Chris as our Pastor in so many ways! Please remember October is Pastor Appreciation Month! ~ Dorothy Lecy



Ad Council Minutes

09.17.24

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

Prayer: Pastor Chris opened in prayer

Finance: The budget will be presented to the council at the October meeting. Stewardship cards will go out in October. The church is experiencing a deficit each month and changes may be necessary if we cannot increase giving. The cost of our insurance will be increasing in 2024, amount currently unknown.

Outreach: Children's shop day is November 16th. More men's gifts are needed. There may be a change in the max number of gifts each child can purchase so the gifts don't run out.

More volunteers are needed for Sunday school and KICK on Wednesday nights. New volunteers should contact the office so a background check can be completed.

Adult Education: The Sacred Sites tour was successful and enjoyed by attendees. Rebecca Ervasti shared upcoming classes and events. Upcoming event and classes will be announced soon. Bret will be doing a study on Acts via Zoom. More information will be coming soon.

Trustees: Lloyd is continuing to get estimates for installing an electronic sign. Carpets are getting cleaned.

SPRC: The annual charge conference will be held on Sunday, December 1st following the church service. All members are encouraged to attend.

Old business:

Church Directory: Emily and Tina S. continue with getting a few more pictures added.

Basketball Court Improvements: Will check in with neighbor to see if there is an improvement since the sign was installed.

Background checks being updated for volunteers

New Business:

The committee brainstormed ways to help the sanctuary look fuller to our Facebook audience. We will remove the crepe paper from the back pews but encourage members to sit closer to the front and towards the middle. We will also zoom the cameras in to avoid the audience viewing the empty front pews. The council will re-evaluate this situation at the October Meeting.

Pastor Report:

Pastor Chris shared how important our audio and visual presence is to try to increase more interest in our church.

The council noticed the church website needs to be updated. Pastor Chris will follow up with Erin.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 15th, 7:00 pm



Sunday, September 1, 2024
Members present: Deb Lee, Susan Hernick, Sonny Sparby, Dari Ferguson

The foundation of First United Methodist Church met to consider a request from Scott and Wendy Braski for funding for meals provided to Simpson Homeless Shelter. After a brief discussion, it was decided the foundation would provide a check for \$1000.00 to be used by the Braski's for this purpose. They are welcome to resubmit a request when other funding is needed.



FUMC Finance Meeting
August 20, 2024 @ 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

- I. 6:30 - Open meeting – attendees; Verna Hultman, Lloyd Jones, Chris Kneen
- II. Review Statements
Statement of Financial Position –Current checkbook balance. \$26,118.56. First quarter apportionments paid. 2Q remains on hold as of August. Will review at September meeting. Potential for apportionments to be held long term if giving doesn’t pick up the second half of the year. Current balance for Doris Brand trust account \$24,720.08. Savings \$40,796.44.

Statement of Activities – July offering \$13062.15. (budget \$15,748.19). Total expenses \$13,527.53 (budget \$15,998.19).). June was better than May, however, overall cash flow is concerning – we are tracking approximately \$2,500 below monthly where we need to be on an annual basis. YTD shortfall \$9,500 gross revenue.

Dedicated Accounts – Youth camp has a balance of \$1,802.34. All requests have been paid. The rainy-day fund remains at \$8,000. The general savings has \$5,049.43. Total \$13,308.61.

Expenses are inline with “normal” activities.

III. New Business

Budget – Lloyd passed out a budget worksheet. We will begin working on 2025 budgets next month. Key is getting the word out to the committees to start thinking about their budgets.

Continued.

Electronic sign – discussion around promoting and communicating with local travelers with on-going programs and activities. Thoughts on how to raise money for an electronic sign. Question if the foundation can provide funding. Next step – find out if there’s a procedure to request foundation support.

IV. Old Business

Community Meal – we received a letter requesting an annual donation from each of five churches – estimated at \$100/month. The request is to have outreach request funding from finance with an official request. It can be carved into the 2025 budget for outreach. This has been passed on to the Outreach committee.

Christmas Dinner – we currently have \$622.44 in the dedicated account. Lloyd will check with Dorothy on plans. This remains open. Last year this event was held as part of the Monday community event. This year Christmas Day is on a Wednesday. This remains open pending a team leader.

Bi-Annual audit needs to be completed – target August 1.

Financial Control Policy – needs update to reflect: [Dedicated accounts](#), [Tithe.ly](#), [Paypal](#) and [Offering Counter procedures](#).

Next meeting Tuesday, August 20, 6:30 PM

- V. 7:00 – Adjourn.



Job Description: Church Accompanist

Position Title: Church Piano Player
Location: First United Methodist Church, Lindstrom MN
Reports to: Worship Team Chair/Pastor
Employment Type: Part-time/Contract

Position Overview:
The accompanist will provide musical accompaniment during worship services, special events, and rehearsals, enhancing the spiritual experience of the congregation through music.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Worship Services:** Play the piano for weekly services, including hymns, praise songs, and special music selections.
- This role is for 2 Sundays per month, but occasionally help may be needed for holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Holy Week) on weekday evenings.
- The accompanist ought to plan to arrive a ½ hour prior to the start of service (currently 8:30 for 9:00 am service) to get situated, and coordinate with other musicians, worship leader (typically pastor), and A/V techs.
- **A wonderful addition would be if the piano player would have the ability to vocally lead the congregational singing from the piano occasionally.
- **Musical Arrangements:** Collaborate with the Worship Team Chair/Pastor to select and arrange music for congregational singing (typically 3 per week). Also select appropriate pieces for prelude, postlude (can be closing hymn reprise), offertory (if not bells or choir that week), and communion.
- Congregational hymns should be largely familiar to the congregation

- Ideally, song selections support the service theme, sermon topic, or scripture, but this is not mandatory.
- **Special Events:** Provide piano music for church choir and other church events as needed if part of rotation week.
- **Community Engagement:** Support music ministry by engaging with congregants and fostering a welcoming atmosphere.
- Coordinate with other FUMC musicians to make sure all Sundays in a month are covered. Ideally we will follow a regular monthly rotation, but some flexibility is appreciated.

Qualifications:

- Proficiency in piano performance, with a strong understanding of various musical styles (hymns, contemporary Christian music).
- Ability to read music and play by ear.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Flexibility in adapting to the needs of the church and its music ministry.

Additional Information:

- Expected hours will vary based on service schedule and special events, per weekly rotation
- A background check may be required.
- Compensation will be commensurate with experience.

Application Process:

Interested candidates should contact the church office by phone or email to schedule an audition. (651) 257-4306 or office@lindstrommethodist.org