



First United Methodist Church
30828 Irene Ave.
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Lindstrom, MN 55045

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November 2024

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 also available to
view on our website
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

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Safe Haven Foster Shoppe is a local not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to helping children find comfort while placed in foster care in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin by providing essential items. Safe Haven Foster Shoppe offers these items directly to the children through a network of private and county agencies; and directly with foster homes. 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. Bags are provided as they are needed, usually within 24 hours of placement.

You can help!

1. Donate by indicating Safe Haven Foster Shoppe or Missions with the amount on your November 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. Donations go directly to supporting local foster families and the children in their care.
2. Volunteer your time by signing up online at <https://safehavenfostershoppe.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.
3. Sponsor a local child in foster care for Christmas. The suggested amount is \$75-100 per child including items from their wish list as well as several essential items such as clothing and toiletries. Children's wish lists will be posted on the website at <https://safehavenfostershoppe.org/volunteer/>. You may shop for items and drop them off at the distribution center in downtown Lindstrom or donate funds and a volunteer with the organization will do the shopping for you!

CHURCH EVENTS

- Nov 4 10:00am - Fall Bible Study - meeting each Monday
4-6:00pm - CLCM Fundraiser @Zion Lutheran Church
- Nov 6 6:00pm Praise Practice
- Nov 11 Offices Closed - Veterans Day
- Nov 12 5:30pm - Worship Team
6:30pm - Trustees
7:00pm - SPRC
- Nov 16 Shop Day 10:00am-12:30pm
- Nov 19 6:30 - Finance
7:00 - Church Council
- Nov 24 Annual Church Conference after Worship - All Welcome
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm
- Nov 28/29 Offices Closed - Thanksgiving

Confirmation: each Wednesday 5-7pm
KICK: each Wednesday 6-7pm

Meals on Wheels - Route 2 November 2024

Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

November 1 - Bonnie Bielicki

November 4 - Fred & Barb Prindle

November 5 - Mike & Lenora Madigan

November 6 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

November 7 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

November 8 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

November 11 - Paul Robinson

November 12 - Carol Carlson

November 13 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

November 14 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

November 15 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

November 18 - Michelle Gillespie

November 19 - Carol Carlson

November 20 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

November 21 - Grace Schmidt

November 22 - Duane & Debby Lee

November 25 - Jeff & Sue Meinholz

November 26 - Greg McCarthy

November 27 - Fred & Barb Prindle

November 28 - Thanksgiving Day - Closed

November 29 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

Thank you for volunteering!

Happy Birthday!

Laura Tomczak.....November 2

Bret RempelEwert.....November 5

Taylor Thorvaldson.....November 8

Gwen Gallatin.....November 13

Ralph Bates.....November 16

Emma Tomczak.....November 19

Marilee Fredrickson.....November 29



Thank you to all
those who help to
make FUMC a
beautiful place!



Beginning in December, Explore the angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus! In this 4-week Advent work, Robb considers the interactions of God's messengers with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds; dives deep into the history of the angel Gabriel in the Old Testament; and discusses God's presence in history - and our lives today. Advent Books will be available on the table outside of the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday November 17th.



Thank you to our
volunteers at the
Feed My Starving
Children Event
held on October
26th!



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED! -- See Tami Rehbein



Children's Christmas

Shop Day!

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Kids- Come and shop for gifts!

EVERYTHING \$1.00

Limit 10 gifts per child

We will even wrap your presents after you are done shopping!

Saturday

November 16th, 2024

10am - 12:30pm



Cookies and
Coffee will be
served.



First United Methodist Church

Annual Living Nativity

Will be held December 14, 2024

Please See Emily Honerbrink or Tina Sparby

For details on how to help!



Sermon Series:



Pastor Chris Kneen

The *Dangerous Prayers* series is all about helping move people to pray the prayers that will move the heart of God.



First United Methodist Church- Lindstrom

2024 Annual Church Conference

Will be held

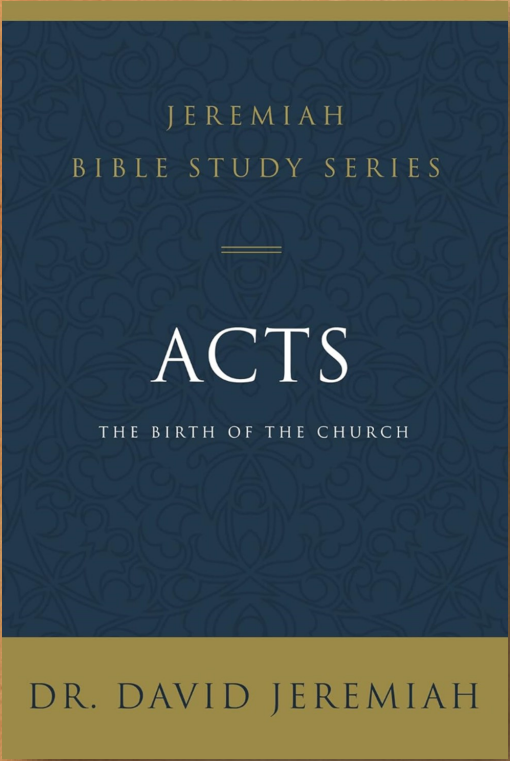
November 24th 2024 after Worship Service

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

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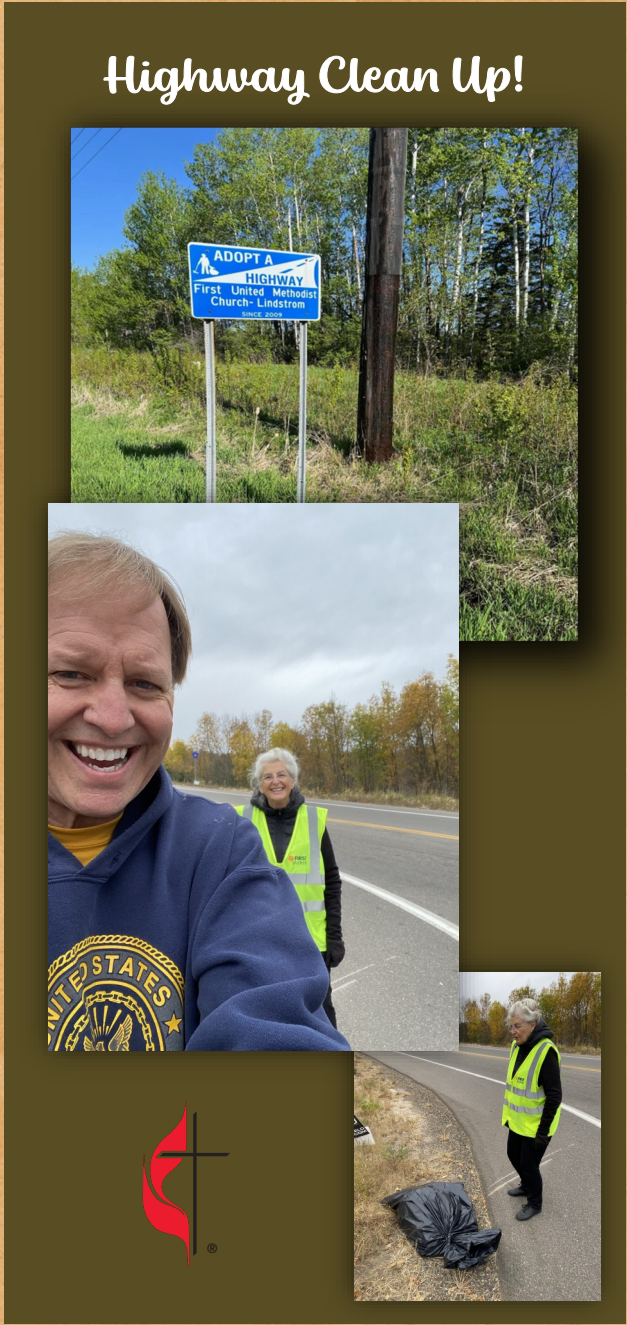


Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church®



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 meets Mondays beginning Sept 9th at 10am. Books available outside of the FUMC Fellowship hall. For more information see Tami Rehbein.



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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