

First United Methodist Church  
30828 Irene Ave.  
P.O. BOX 688  
Lindstrom, MN 55045

(651) 257-4306  
lindstrommethodist.org  
December 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

# Grace Courier

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### Mission Focus:



Heifer International works around the world in 21 countries alongside local farmers and business owners. They support communities as they provide training to improve the quality and quantity of goods they produce, connections to markets, and increased sales and incomes. Values-based partnerships are created focusing on social, environmental and financial returns.

Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood. As these businesses grow, they in turn help others by gifting animals to others in need. During the month of December, your donation to missions will be giving the life changing gift of dignity, stability, and generosity by supporting people through Heifer International.

#### CHURCH EVENTS

- Dec 1 First Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Decorating after Worship
- Dec 2 10:00am - Fall Bible Study  
- meeting each Monday  
4-6:00pm - CLCM @Zion Lutheran Church
- Dec 4 6:00pm Praise Practice
- Dec 8 Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec 10 5:30pm - Worship Team  
6:30pm - Trustees  
7:00pm - SPRC
- Dec 13 Living Nativity Rehearsal
- Dec 14 Living Nativity  
6:00, 6:30, 7:00pm
- Dec 15 Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec 17 6:30 - Finance  
7:00 - Church Council
- Dec 18 Youth Education Christmas Party
- Dec 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Service 4:00pm
- Dec 25 Merry CHRISTmas!  
  
Church Offices Closed Dec 25-27



**Meals on Wheels - Route 2 December 2024**

Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

December 2 - Mike & Lenora Madigan

December 3 - Grace Schmidt

December 4 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

December 5 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

December 6 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

December 9 - Fred & Barb Prindle

December 10 - Carol Carlson

December 11 - Duane & Debby Lee

December 12 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

December 13 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

December 16 - Michelle Gillespie

December 17 - Greg McCarthy

December 18 - Jeff & Sue Meinholz

December 19 - Mike & Lenora Madigan

December 20 - Paul Robinson

December 23 - Duane & Debby Lee

December 24 - Greg McCarthy

December 25 - Christmas - Closed

December 26 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

December 27 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

December 30 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

December 31 - Fred & Barb Prindle

***Thank you for volunteering!***



*Happy Birthday*

Jim Holweger.....December 6

Gary Gerke.....December 13

Tina Forcier ..... December 13

Ernie Kertzsch.....December 14

Madelyn Tomczak.....December 16

Carol Lundberg.....December 22

Larry Knopf.....December 30

Minutes from the All Church Conference  
held November 24th will be printed in the  
January Newsletter.

**Thank You! Thank You!**

A big thank you to the following  
volunteers who mowed and  
maintained the church lawn and  
shrubs this summer and fall:



Greg Anderson

Dick Berglund

Jack Danielson

Gary Gerke

Dorothy Lecy

Irve Lecy

Fred Prindle



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE CAROLING  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH 4:00pm**  
**MEET AT THE CHURCH**  
**1st Stop Brinks—Caroling for “The Kettle”**  
**HOMES TO FOLLOW**

*O Come Let Us*  
*Adore Him*

**12th Annual Living Nativity**  
**Saturday December 14th**  
**First United Methodist Church - Lindstrom**

**Show Times**  
**6:00, 6:30, 7:00pm**  
**Approx. 15 min show**

**FREE Outdoor Event**  
**Cookies & Cocoa Served**

Join us for Candlelight  
Christmas Eve Service  
December 24th at 4:00pm

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**Come experience the joy of the CHRISTmas Story like never before!**



# Christmas Dinner

December 25th 2024 12:00-2:00pm

Hosted at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

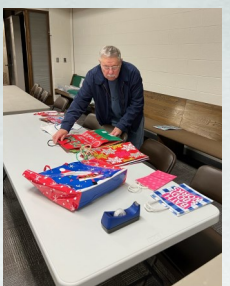
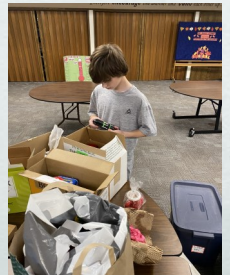
28005 Old Towne Rd, Chisago City, MN 55013

Christmas Dinner  
is offered at No Cost

Meal provided by  
Chisago Lakes Community Meal  
and  
CLACA - Chisago Lakes Area Clergy  
Association



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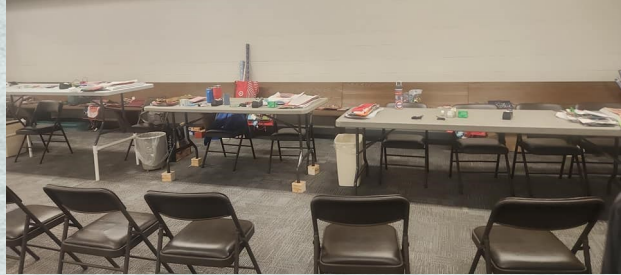


CHRISTMAS  
**CHILDREN'S SHOP DAY**

Merry  
Christmas



CHRISTMAS





REGISTER TO  
**RING**

BELL RINGERS  
**Needed**



## Salvation Army Bell Ringing-

Bell ringing at Brinks has begun and will continue through Christmas Eve.

The sign up sheet is located in the self check out area.

Please consider signing up, any questions contact Irv at 651-260-6237





# Focus on Missions!

## Lindstrom First UMC Mission priorities:

- Promotes the Great Commission (spreading the gospel)
- Supports persons or an organization that is doing good work and is fiscally sound
- Shares a connection with our congregation

## Other considerations:

- Mission Sunday is generally the second Sunday of each month.
- Typically a speaker (including video presentation as appropriate) is given about 5 minutes to present information about the organization. The mission presentation is usually early in the order of the service (or at least before the offering is taken). If there is no specific speaker, the Pastor may present the information.
- Offering is collected in Mission Sunday envelopes (inserted in the bulletin). Checks may be made to FUMC and one check is sent from the church to the mission organization. (Any checks made directly to the organization are also sent, and the amount credited to the mission offering).
- An article about the mission organization is usually printed in the monthly newsletter. The deadline is the third Tuesday of each month. Information should be emailed to the church office prior to the deadline in a format ready for publication.
- A short paragraph about the organization should be available for printing in the bulletin. This may be emailed to the church office by Thursday at noon the preceding week. This is generally a short portion of the newsletter article.
- A written mission report summary for the previous month is due to the outreach committee before their meeting the second Tuesday of each month. (Usually shared by email)
- Additional mission opportunities may be appropriate during the year as additional needs arise. These should be discussed with the Pastor prior to presentation during the service.

## Missions Coordinator Responsibilities:

- Plan the focus missions for the year
- Present the missions to the congregation at least once a month, give updates about mission giving totals and how the money is making an impact. This could be the missions coordinator, a member of the congregation who is engaged with the mission, a video, or a speaker from the organization.
- Write the newsletter article about the focus mission and submit by the third Tuesday of the month prior
- Write the bulletin excerpt about the focus mission. This can be an update each week submitted by noon the Thursday before printing or can be the same each week and can be submitted with the newsletter article.
- Report to the outreach committee on missions ministry the second Tuesday of each month or prior to their meeting.
- Coordinate service opportunities, speakers, collection drives (food, school supplies, etc) as appropriate

## Lindstrom First UMC Missions 2024

*"As followers of Jesus Christ, we will proclaim the message of God's kingdom and bring hope to a hurting world beginning in Chisago County."*

2024	Mission Organization	Speaker/ Mission Contact	Offering
January	<a href="#">Union Gospel Mission</a>	video testimony from website/YouTube	\$793.12
February	<a href="#">Zoe Empowers</a> and Soup-er Bowl	video, Pastor Chris	\$ 1330.00
March	<a href="#">Family Pathways Food Shelf</a> Food drive	Stegmeir	\$1266.00 # of food
April	<a href="#">YWAM Erik and Ele Brohaugh family</a>	read Brohaugh newsletter in service	\$1634.76
May	<a href="#">Safe Haven Foster Shoppe</a> (Foster care awareness month) MN Teen Challenge gala May 18 \$100	Bret or Angela RempleEwert	\$405.00
June	<a href="#">MN Adult &amp; Teen Challenge</a> MNTC choir visit 6-16-22 (serve brunch) Family Pathways Barn Bash 6/13	Teen Challenge Choir	\$1489.00
July	<a href="#">Union Gospel Mission</a> hygiene supply drive	video testimony from website/YouTube	\$245
August	<a href="#">Family Pathways Food Shelf</a> Commit to kids fundraising campaign Empowerment event 10/3 @ 4:30	Adrienne Stegmeir	\$ 455
September	<a href="#">Zoe Empowers</a>	Pastor Chris	\$ 489
October	<a href="#">Feed My Starving Children</a> volunteer opportunity Promote Safe Haven fundraiser event	video & Adrienne Stegmeir or student testimony	\$ 316
November	<a href="#">Safe Haven Foster Shoppe</a> Adopt-a-child for Christmas opportunity	Bret or Angela RempleEwert	\$
December	<a href="#">Heifer International</a> MNTC Christmas concert Dec 14	informational video from website/YouTube	\$
	UMCOR		\$
TOTAL			\$8422.88