

This Week's Calendar...

Sunday, Mar 23, 2025 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

9:00am - Worship Service
10:00am - Sunday School
Lenten Food and Fellowship

Monday, Mar 24, 2025

10:00am - Adult Bible Study
4-6:00pm - Community Meal at Zion Lutheran Church

Wednesday, Mar 26, 2025

Meal Volunteer: Erin Thorvaldson
5-7:00pm - Confirmation (Gr 6-8)
6-7:00pm - K.I.C.K. (Gr K-5)

Sunday, Mar 30, 2025 - 4th Sunday in Lent

9:00am - Worship Service
10:00am - Sunday School
Lenten Food and Fellowship

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"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."

Worship Service

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Prelude

Opening Hymn

On-Screen

"My Lighthouse"

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God, you call us to step more deeply into ourselves as we amend and awaken to who you desire us to be. Let us acknowledge our transgressions in stillness and in silence So that we may prepare our hearts for change.

Moment of silence

ALL:

We confess that we have not always brought forth good fruit. In the midst of chaos and frenzy, we have often lost our way. Our feet have strayed from the place where we met you. Our egos have kept us from noticing our missteps; Yet, with you, we know there's another chance for change. There is another opportunity to bear good fruit In a world full of spoiled and rotten produce and systems designed to kill, We are called to be the change that sustains generations. Let us lean with you into this chance for transformation.

Words of Assurance

God's grace and mercy abounds.
God is with us in the change.
God's everlasting arms embrace us.
Each of us is beloved, affirmed, and set free.
Amen.



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DO. GIVE. TEACH. LOVE
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Scripture

John 20:24-29

Gloria Patri UMH #70

Apostles' Creed UMH #881 (traditional)

Children's Sermon

Pastor Chris Kneen

Offering & Prayer

Hymn **On-Screen**

"Open up the Heavens"

Sermon

Pastor Chris Kneen

Communion & Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn **On-Screen**

"Wonderful Cross"

Benediction

Postlude

MISSION FOCUS:



Many families in our community continue to have food insecurity, struggling to meet their basic needs. Last year, Family Pathways saw over 45,000 visits to their 9 food shelves in east central Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Throughout March, we'll be collecting food and financial donations to provide hope and stability to those in need. We are collecting pickles and olives for the Easter dinner drive. You can also find a food pantry "most wanted" list in the donation cart by the fellowship hall. Prefer to give financially by donating to our monthly mission focus? Family Pathways can turn \$1 into \$7 worth of food and just \$10 feeds a family of 4 for a week! Together we can ensure everyone in our community has consistent access to healthy food to eat.

Announcements

Are you a visitor? - Welcome! We are so glad you're here! If you are looking for a church home we would be honored to have you Worship with us! Please contact Pastor Chris or the church office for more new member information. Thank you for being here!



Lenten Food and Fellowship - Join us for a Lenten study of "The Third Day: Living the Resurrection", Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss. **Sign Up in the Fellowship Hall**, Books are available in the office. Meeting Sunday Nights 4-6pm locations to be determined by participants.



Easter Carnival - First UMC will host Easter Carnival on Saturday April 12th, 2025 at 10:00-12:00pm . We need your help!! Many different opportunities available: baking, prep, activities., something for everyone! Sign-ups are on the Activities Table in the Fellowship Hall. For more information please see Tina Forcier.



Camp Minnesota - Registration is now open! Brochures are on the community table. Camper Scholarships are available!



Family Pathways- First UMC has committed to 75 cans of Green Beans and 50 Cans Olives & Pickles, for the Easter Meals project with Family Pathways Food Shelf.



Join us for our Winter Bible Study meeting **each Monday at 10am**, Please see Tami Rehbein for more information. 1Corinthians by NT Wright. - With a scholar's mind and a pastor's heart, Tom Wright walks you through 1 Corinthians in this guide designed especially with everyday readers in mind. Discover how you can participate more fully in God's kingdom.



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