

## This Week's Calendar...

### Sunday, Mar 9, 2025 - 1st Sunday in Lent

9:00am - Worship Service

10:00am - Sunday School

### Monday, Mar 10, 2025

10:00am - Adult Bible Study

4-6:00pm - Community Meal at Zion Lutheran Church

### Tuesday, Mar 11, 2025

5:30pm - Worship Team

6:30pm - Trustees

7:00pm - SPRC

### Wednesday, Mar 12, 2025

Chisago Lakes School District - Spring Break March 10-14

No Youth Ministry Classes

### \*Sunday, Mar 16, 2025 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

9:00am - Worship Service (No Communion)

\*Pastor Chris Vacation - March 10-17



# FIRST UNITED

## METHODIST CHURCH | Lindstrom, MN

*"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*

*"Amazing Grace"*

*Welcome, Greeting & Announcements*

*Prayer of Confession*

*ALL: Jesus, We confess that when we read about Your temptations, we excuse ourselves. After all, we reason, we are not You. Of course, You passed the test, we say. You're God, right? But we mere mortals have no expectation that we can withstand evil like You did. But we are reminded that You are not only Savior; You are example. You faced the temptation to prove Yourself, to be spectacular, and to have consuming power. And You walked away, resisting. Forgive us when we have not resisted; when we have yielded to temptation. Forgive us for loving power and prestige more than God. Help us to choose a life rooted in God's word and grace. Amen.*

*Scripture*

*John 20:1-18*

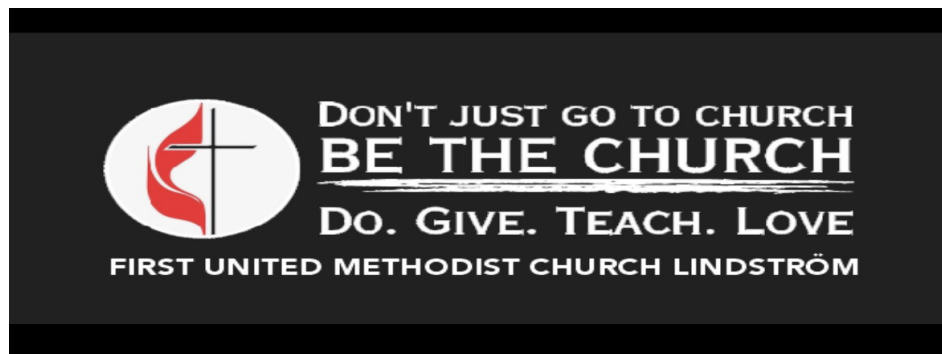
*Gloria Patri*      *UMH #70*

*Apostles' Creed*      *UMH #881 (traditional)*

*Children's Sermon*

*Pastor Chris Kneen*

*Offering & Prayer*



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Hymn On-Screen "Open Our Eyes Lord"

Sermon Pastor Chris Kneen

Communion\* & Lord's Prayer

\*The new chalice communion cups are gluten free and easier to open.

Closing Hymn UMH #714 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

Benediction

Postlude

Sunday  
funday



Make Sunday the best day  
of the week!  
Use these questions to  
start your discussion.

1. When was the last time you visited a cemetery? How did you feel when you were there?
2. Describe a time when you mistook someone for the wrong person.

### 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.



**Tithe.ly** makes giving simple! The Tithe.ly app is free and easy to use or scan the QR Code provided for access to giving with Tithe.ly. If you would like assistance getting started please contact Verna Hultman.



**UMCOR** - Support for relief work in Gaza includes large grants that further the work of partners who can implement large scale distribution of food, water, personal hygiene and other non-food items. Grants also support health care and health facilities that have managed to remain open inside Gaza. Smaller grants of equal importance support organizations that can mount small-scale projects to reach specific vulnerable populations with targeted relief. Donations can be made to:

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