

## This Week's Calendar...

### Sunday, April 6, 2025 - 5th Sunday in Lent

9:00am - Worship Service  
10:00am - Sunday School

### Monday, April 7, 2025

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

### Tuesday, April 8, 2025

5:30pm - Worship Team  
6:30pm - Trustees  
7:00pm - SPRC

### Wednesday, April 9, 2025

*Meal Volunteer:*

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

### Saturday, April 12, 2025

10-12:00pm - Easter Carnival

### Sunday, April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday

9:00am - Worship Service  
10:00am - Sunday School  
*Lily orders due*



*"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    *UMH #287*    *"O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done"*

#### Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

#### Prayer of Confession

**ALL:** Like Judas, God of new things, we like to complain about Your generous ways, rather than living in Your grace. The poor are always with us, we believe, which justifies our ignoring them. In our memories, we focus on a perceived golden past, and so we ignore the new things You do in our midst. We are so enamored with our achievements that we are not willing to throw them away in order to follow Jesus. Forgive us, Restoring God, and help us to notice the kingdom springing forth in our midst. By Your grace, may our fears turn to faith, our seeds of grief produce a bumper crop of joy, and our tears turn into torrents of tenderness as we journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to Jerusalem.

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Making a way through all the foolishness and mistakes of our lives, God leads us into new life, where we are restored to grace, to hope, and to peace. Do we notice what God has done for us, what God is doing in us? This is good news for everyone. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

#### Scripture

Acts 9:1-19a

*Gloria Patri*    *UMH #70*

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



Children's Sermon

Pastor Chris Kneen

Offering & Prayer

Hymn **UMH #294**

**"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"**

Sermon

Pastor Chris Kneen

Communion & Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn **UMH #301**

**"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"**

Benediction

Postlude

**Sunday  
funday**



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

1. What is the longest you have gone without food or drink? Why?
2. In your opinion which of the five senses would be the worst to lose? Why?

### MISSION FOCUS:



Erik Brohaugh grew up in the Lindstrom United Methodist Church and now lives in Gambia, Africa with his wife Ele and their 3 children serving with Youth With A Mission (YWAM). They seek to bring the light of Jesus to the people group that they share their lives with. They do this through everyday interactions with the people: assisting in village projects, training young men in welding/construction/fencing, praying for the sick, and sharing the love of God with those around them. Recently they have also been involved in building a new YWAM base in the middle of the country. You can find out more about them at <https://bireye.wordpress.com/>. You can help support the Brohaugh family and the work they are doing for God's kingdom with your April donation to missions through First UMC. Their most recent newsletter is available to read and pray over in the chapel.

## 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. Books are available in the office.



**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!



**Simpson Shelter**- We are looking for 3 volunteers to assist with serving a meal at Simpson Shelter on Wed April 23rd from 6-8pm. Please RSVP to the office by April 21st.



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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