

First United Methodist Church
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Mission Focus!



Heifer International works around the world in 19 countries alongside local farmers and business owners, especially women, to improve their families’ food security and increase their incomes. They offer tools, training and resources that help farmers work together to build profitable, sustainable businesses with strong market linkages. 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 gifts of dignity, stability, and generosity by supporting people through Heifer International. Thanks to a generous donor, all financial gifts given will be matched creating a double impact.

Flock of chicks, ducks \$20
Honey bees \$30
Hope basket
(rabbits and chickens) \$50

Goat, Pig, Sheep \$120
Alpaca \$150
Water buffalo \$250
Heifer \$500 Share \$50

We are here to help!

Church Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

9am - 2pm

Church Office Email:

office@lindstrommethodist.org

Pastor Jay's Email:

revjeong@gmail.com



Join us for Worship!

Worship with us in-person every
Sunday morning at 9am &

Wednesday at 4:30pm

Watch our Sunday service LIVE on our
Facebook page.

Sunday Service is available to view
on our website at
lindstrommethodist.org

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00am Adult Bible Study CLCM @Zion 4-6:00pm	2 2:00pm Point Pleasant Services	3 1:30pm Outreach 3:00pm Confirm 4:00pm k-5 4:30pm WORSHIP 5:00pm Meal 7:00pm Choir	4	5 Living Nativity Rehearsal	6 Living Nativity 6, 6:30 & 7pm
7 9:00am WORSHIP Baptism of Josiah Olstad	8 10:00am Adult Bible Study CLCM @Zion 4-6:00pm	9 5:30pm Worship Team 6:30 Trustees 7:00 SPRC	10 3:00pm Confirm 4:00pm k-5 4:30pm WORSHIP 5:00pm Meal 7:00pm Choir	11 6:30pm Bible Study - John	12	13
14 9:00am WORSHIP Choir 3:30pm - Caroling meet at Church	15 10:00am Adult Bible Study CLCM @Zion 4-6:00pm	16 5:30pm Finance 6:00pm Council	17 Christmas Party 3:00pm Confirm 4:00pm k-5 4:30pm WORSHIP 5:00pm Meal 6:30pm Trustees 7:00pm Choir	18 6:30pm Bible Study - John	19	20
21 9:00am WORSHIP Bells Poinsettia Orders DUE	22 No Adult Bible Study CLCM @Zion 4-6:00pm	23	24 Church Offices & HELP Closed 4:00pm Candlelight Christmas Worship	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 Church Offices & HELP Closed	27 Fellowship Hall Reserved
28 9:00am WORSHIP	29 No Adult Bible Study CLCM @Zion 4-6:00pm	30	31 No Youth Programs Christmas Break	Jan 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2026	Jan 2 Church Offices & HELP Closed	Jan 3
Jan 4 9:00am WORSHIP						

New business

Rule of Christ Policy presented to council for approval. Emphasize that it is a positive policy to resolve any concerns/conflicts, and is all about clear communication and maintaining a healthy Church. Policy passes. Next steps will print policy for congregation to read. Tina to make announcement.

Charge Conference Debrief: Pr. Jay, Dorothy, Tina S. Brought two orders of business, Nomination form and Clergy compensation. Tina to write up minutes and submit into portal; both orders passed. Mission this year is Love Boldy, next year is Server Joyfully, third year is Lead Courageously.

Community Education Event: Rebecca shared a community education event being offered alongside St. Odilia Catholic Community and led by a University of St. Thomas historian titled Understanding Racism's Past to Shape a Better Future. It will appear in the Wildcat Community Education winter catalog for February 12, with registration handled through Community Ed. The adult discipleship team is listed as an organizing partner; Rebecca is meeting with CLACA to see if any other Churches are interested.

Pastor Report:

Advent Devotion booklet will be provided, purchased 30 sets (one per family). Buy or create an advent wreath for you family table, every day at 7pm light our advent calendar in our homes and read for 3 minutes (7-7:03 every evening).

Nomination Committee will contact committees throughout the year to get on rotation

Brittany from Conference met with Pr. Jay and CS Laurie, will come to Church in December and do cross cultural ministry. Will do a workshop on how to understand different pastor from different cultural background. Bible study recommended by CS Laurie, will make a decision on how we proceed with Bible study.

Stephen Ministry has been going well with Bob's leadership, but is currently on hold for a few lessons as we pray for Bob and his health journey. Stephen ministry is for specific case (health condition, divorce, etc) but due to aging nature of congregation and the loneliness individuals face, looking at other options such as new programming to support those individuals.

Highly encourage people to send a card to Bob Determan at 17350 Wild Mountain Road Taylors Falls MN 55084.

Website, branding, and communication: Pr. Jay had individuals take survey on branding, collected the data, the need is really about signage at the front, sign outside on road. Website could also use some improvements, is outdated. Planning on beginning process of improving the website, Erin will need support because it is a large undertaking. Want council members to give attention to the website and provide feedback to Erin G. Adding to new business for next council meeting to discuss signage.

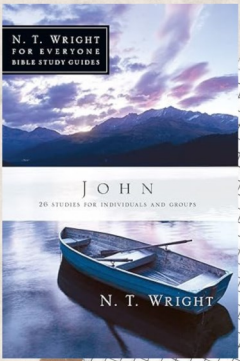


Thank you!

To everyone for the beautiful celebration of Marilee's 95th Birthday!

John Bible Study

Book of John Study - Study the Book of John on Thursday evenings beginning September 18 6:30pm - 8:00pm. In-person and Online options available. Please contact Rebecca Ervasti for more information.



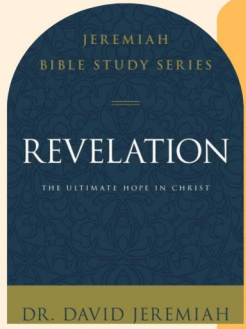
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Bible Study

Join us Mondays
Beginning
Sept 8, 2025
10:00 -11:30am

We will be studying the book "Revelation -The Ultimate Hope in Christ" and viewing the series The Coming Golden Age by Dr David Jeremiah

Books will be available in the Church office. For more information please contact Tami Rehbein



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First United Methodist Church Council

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.

MINUTES 11.18.2025 (Tuesday, 7pm)

Attendees: Pr. Jay, Tina Sparby, Emily Honerbrink, Rebecca Ervasti, Dari Ferguson, Barb Prindle, Andy Wilkerson

Devotion & Prayer Matthew 11:28 (Ervasti)

Committee Reports

Outreach: *Not a lot to report, did a wrap up at last meeting as to what was completed as far as goals and objectives.*

Foundation: *Foundation has agreed to make contribution to community dinner*

Adult Discipleship: *Continuing Revelations study and John study, both going really well. Pr. Jay going to introduce a short daily Advent Season study for everyone.*

Lay Leadership: *Set up a time to assemble the stable for Living Nativity (after Church Nov. 23rd), going to put something up on Community Page for Nativity. Looking for volunteers from the community. Side note, Tina Sparby had reached out to someone who had wanted to help in the past, both signed up to be Angels. Debbie Lee making additional Angel costumes.*

SPRC: *Rule of Christ training had great turnout, created Rule of Christ policy. Have final reading of that, want final approval tonight because it has to be submitted within a year. Sent proposal for budget to finance.*

Old business

Directory Updates: *Erin and Pr. Jay keep updating together. Can be removed from old business.*

Living Nativity: *Cheryl leading, have a list of locations for posters, and have a quote for press in lawn signs (6 events in area where we can put the signs out near those events). Will send Outreach signs to Community Meal. Will look into large sign requirements from City.*

Council Secretary still needed

Nomination Committee: *Had first meeting to prepare for Charge Conference, decided to keep committees the same for this year and continue nomination process throughout the full year.*

Some committees have not been following 3 year rotations, such as SPRC and Trustees. Two categories of committees, administrative (trustees, Council, finance) and programs (outreach, discipleship) no 3 year rotation. Will work to get on rotations.

Baptism schedule: *December 7th will be first baptism with new schedule*

Meals on Wheels - Driver Schedule

Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

December 1 - Paul Robinson

December 2 - Mike & Lenora Madigan

December 3 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

December 4 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

December 5 - Duane & Debby Lee

December 8 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

December 9 - Carol Carlson

December 10 - Fred Prindle

December 11 - Greg McCarthy

December 12 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

December 15 - Michelle Gillespie

December 16 - Grace Schmidt

December 17 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

December 18 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

December 19 - Duane & Debby Lee

December 22 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

December 23 - Mike & Lenora Madigan

December 24 - Greg McCarthy

December 25 - Closed - Christmas

December 26 - Jeff & Sue Meinholz

December 29 - Paul Robinson

December 30 - Fred Prindle

December 31 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

Thankful for Volunteers!

Happy Birthday!

JIM HOLWEGER.....DECEMBER 6

GARY GERKE.....DECEMBER 13

TINA FORCIER DECEMBER 13

KNOWEL AUCHTERLONIE..... DECEMBER 14

MADELYN TOMCZAK.....DECEMBER 16

CAROL LUNDBERG.....DECEMBER 22

SHIRLEY HULTMAN.....DECEMBER 31

We're Hiring!

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR*

SCAN ME!

This position provides Christ-centered leadership for our mid-week children's ministry program (grades K-5). This role ensures that Wednesday programming is Biblically based, engaging, safe, and welcoming, helping children grow in their relationship with God and one another. Wednesdays 2:30-6:00 pm up to 5 hours per week. Hourly wage commensurate with position and experience. *FULL DESCRIPTION available at www.lindstrommethodist.org/about

Those interested may email their resume & references to office@lindstrommethodist.org ATTN: Children's Coordinator



MN ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2025**

featuring
TASHA LAYTON



Join Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge for our 17th Annual Christmas Concert, featuring [Tasha Layton](#)! Hear 350 clients share stories and songs of hope. The concert will be held on Saturday, December 13 at 3pm and 7pm at [Grace Church](#) in Eden Prairie. Online ticket sales will close on Saturday, 2 hours prior to each concert start time. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

www.mntc.org/event/christmas/

THE LIVING NATIVITY

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SAT. DEC 6, 2025

Show Times at 6:00, 6:30, & 7:00pm



Event is Outdoors, Dress Warm!
Bonfires, Cookies and Cocoa
Bring the whole family!

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CHILDREN'S SHOP DAY

2025

THANK YOU!

