

First United Methodist Church
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MISSION FOCUS!



Many families in our community face financial hardship and food insecurity. Family Pathways offers healthy food through 9 food shelves in Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine Counties in Minnesota and Polk County in Wisconsin. Families and individuals may shop once a month and at additional weekly visits to choose fresh fruits, vegetables, bread, and dairy. The food pantries also provide mobile food, doorstep delivery, and a school backpack program that sends food home with children for their families to eat on the weekend. With the support of the community Family Pathways actively works to correct disparities to ensure all people have what they need to achieve and maintain health, well-being and prosperity.

Throughout March, we'll be participating in the Minnesota Food Share March campaign by collecting food and financial donations to provide hope and stability to those in need. Our collection theme is "The Great Methodist Bake Off." We will be collecting baking and cooking ingredients and mixes. Prefer to give financially by donating to our monthly mission focus? Did you know Family Pathways can turn \$1 into \$7 worth of food? 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.

Join us for Worship!
Worship with us every Sunday
morning at 9am &
Wednesday at 4:30pm (WOW)
Watch our Sunday service LIVE
on our Facebook page.
Previous Sunday Services are
available to view on our website
lindstrommethodist.org

First United Methodist Church
We are here to help!
Church Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9am - 2pm
Church Office Email:
office@lindstrommethodist.org
Pastor Jay's Email:
revjjeong@gmail.com



Meals on Wheels -
Driver Schedule

Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki
651-470-8806

- March 2 - Fred Prindle
- March 3 - Carol Carlson
- March 4 - Duane & Debby Lee
- March 5 - Phil & Joan DeMunck
- March 6 - Mike & Lenora Madigan
- March 9 - Paul Robinson
- March 10 - Greg McCarthy
- March 11 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie
- March 12 - Jeff & Sue Meinholz
- March 13 - Jennifer Bielicki
- March 16 - Michelle Gillespie
- March 17 - Carol Carlson
- March 18 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy
- March 19 - Grace Schmidt
- March 20 - Fred Prindle
- March 23 - Duane & Debby Lee
- March 24 - Greg McCarthy
- March 25 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie
- March 26 - Mike & Lenora Madigan
- March 27 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy
- March 30 - Paul Robinson
- March 31 - Jeff & Sue Meinholz

Thank you for volunteering!

Happy Birthday

Bonnie Bielicki.....March 1
Nancy Thalacker.....March 5
Pastor Jay Jeong.....March 9
Tyler Nelson March 12
Brody Thorvaldson.....March 13
Shirley Oswald.....March 27

JOIN US FOR AN
EASTER CARNIVAL
 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 30828 IRENE AVE - LINDSTROM, MN

FUN GAMES | PRIZES | CAKE
 WALK | FACE PAINT | AND MORE!!
 PERFECT FOR AGES 4-9

SATURDAY
MARCH 28, 2026
10:30AM - 11:30AM

SILLY RABBIT,
 EASTER IS
 FOR JESUS!

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Support Family Pathways Food
Pantry and Lindstrom FUMC missions
by donating baking and cooking
ingredients this month!



Suggested donations: flour, sugar,
oil, salt, baking soda or powder,
baking cocoa, baking mixes, spices



Mission Focus!



First United Methodist Church
has pledged to help Family
Pathways Food Shelf, provide
Easter Hams to those in need.
Please consider giving if you are able.

Please indicate
"Easter Ham"
on your donation
Thank you for your generosity!



Adult DISCIPLESHIP

Reading the Bible is crucial for spiritual nourishment, guidance, and growth, providing wisdom, comfort, and equipping believers for life, acting as a lamp for our path and a mirror to know God. As Rev. Billy Graham once said, "If you are ignorant of God's Word, you will always be ignorant of God's will." While we have all read many parts of the Bible, most of us have not read the entire Bible.

In 2026, First United Methodist Church is asking members to accept, and sign on to, a 2026 Bible Reading Challenge. We are offering a "Bible in a Year" reading plan to help you read the whole Bible in 365 days. There is no one way to approach reading the Bible, but some reading guides suggest reading the Bible chronologically, or from beginning to end. We are suggesting a reading plan that features daily portions from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs for variety.

"Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian." – A.W. Tozer

Palm SUNDAY
March 29, 2026
9:00 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 2, 2026
7:00 pm

Good FRIDAY
April 3, 2026
8:00 pm

Easter
April 5, 2026
9:00 am

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March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Worship 2nd Sunday in Lent	2 9:30am-1:00pm HELP 10:00am Adult Bible Study 4-6:00pm CLCM @Zion	3 2:00pm Point Pleasant Worship	4 9:30am-1:00pm HELP 3:00pm Confirm 4:00pm K-5 4:30pm Worship 5:00pm Meal	5	6 9:30am-1:00pm HELP	7
8 9:00am Worship 3rd Sunday in Lent	9 <i>Pastor Jay Birthday!</i> 9:30am-1:00pm HELP 10:00am Adult Bible Study 4-6:00pm CLCM @Zion	10 5:30pm - Worship Team 6:30pm Trustees 7:00pm SPRC	11 9:30am-1:00pm HELP No Youth Program or WOW service Spring Break	12	13 9:30am-1:00pm HELP	14
15 9:00am Worship 4th Sunday in Lent	16 9:30am-1:00pm HELP 10:00am Adult Bible Study 4-6:00pm CLCM @Zion	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day!</i> 5:30pm Finance 6:00pm Council	18 9:30am-1:00pm HELP 3:00pm Confirm 4:00pm K-5 4:30pm Worship 5:00pm Meal	19	20 Newsletter Due Date 9:30am-1:00pm HELP	21
22 9:00am Worship 5th Sunday in Lent	23 9:30am-1:00pm HELP 10:00am Adult Bible Study 4-6:00pm CLCM @Zion	24 Fellowship Hall reserved	25 9:30am-1:00pm HELP 3:00pm Confirm 4:00pm K-5 4:30pm Worship 5:00pm Meal	26	27 9:30am-1:00pm HELP	28 10:30-11:30am EASTER CARNIVAL
29 9:00am Worship Palm Sunday Lily Orders Due	30 9:30am-1:00pm HELP 10:00am Adult Bible Study 4-6:00pm CLCM @Zion	31				

First United Methodist Church Council Minutes - February 2026

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.

• **Attendees:** Pr. Jay, Verna Hultman, Tina Sparby, Barb Prindle, Rebecca Ervasti, Dari Ferguson, Emily Honerbrink

• **Devotion & Prayer** Ervasti; based on Jude 20

Committee Reports

- Finance: Meet upcoming Tuesday; biggest pending requests are Trustee's roof proposal and Outreach 2026 proposal

- Adult Discipleship: Meeting 2/15; will review draft plan at that meeting and discuss Charge Conference write-up. February's community conversation was well attended (22 people). Looking to do formal needs assessment survey to full congregation; looking for more committee members. Upcoming book club pending discussion and approval.

- Foundation: Updated forms, scholarships opening beginning of May, due in June.

- SPRC: Running agenda is new and old business, conflict resolution, Pastor and Staff support and check-in, and ongoing book club (current book: Boundaries).

• **Upcoming budget requests** (All budget requests must be pre-approved before purchasing or committing) - Outreach presented 2026 events and budget for discussion. Very well presented and documented by Barb; will head to finance next for approval.

• **Upcoming event requests** (All event requests must have paperwork pre-filled out and approved before committing to the event. No requests should be made through Erin G for printing or Facebook announcements until event is approved; council communicates)

- Easter Carnival approved; upcoming Outreach events approval pending Finance approval.

• **Old business** - Church Conference (February)

1. Approvals and importance of support from Council
2. Budgets, events, physical changes to Church approval process
3. Pr. Jay to provide packet with committee reports
4. "Envision the Vision" goal for Conference; topics include values, SWOT. Looking forward to small group discussion around branding strategy. Mission strategy and goal based around mission statement.

• **Pastor Report**

- Rule of Christ congregation-wide initiative; need to keep it top of mind at all times. Do no harm, Do good, Stay in Christ/Love of God.

- In-reach committee presented for approval; approved. Committee will focus on hospitality, membership, buddy program, historian.

• **Closing Prayer by Pr. Jay**



ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 22, 2026



GROWING
OUR
CHURCH!

