

Grace Courier

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Mission
Focus



SAFE HAVEN FOSTER SHOPPE

May is foster care awareness month! Did you know that on any given day, there are approximately 8,500 children in foster care in MN. Most of these children enter into foster care with only the clothing on their backs. This puts them in an awkward situation having to ask strangers for personal items such as a toothbrush or underwear during an already stressful time. Foster families must provide for their needs with little or no notice. The Safe Haven Foster Shoppe is a local non-profit that provides essentials to children in foster care, helping to support these children and their foster families.

Essential items can include backpacks/diaper bags, socks, underwear, clothing, pajamas, shoes, jackets, toiletries, blankets, school supplies, and entertainment items. The bags provided are unique in that they are age, gender and size specific. Safe Haven Foster Shoppe hand delivers each and every bag donated to the children through a network of private and county agencies or directly to foster homes. Bags are provided as they are needed, usually within 24 hours of placement.

You can help!

Donate by indicating Safe Haven Foster Shoppe or Missions with the amount on your May giving. Just \$75 can fill an entire bag of items hand picked by staff, providing a child of any age from infant to teen with all the items they will need to transition well.

Purchase essential items to be distributed through Safe Haven Foster Shoppe as they are needed. Donate these items in the bin next to the food shelf donations in the foyer or at the Safe Haven Foster Shoppe Distribution Center drop box in downtown Lindstrom.

Volunteer your time by signing up online at <https://safehavenfostershoppe.org/volunteer/> or joining the "Safe Haven Foster Shop volunteer's group" on Facebook. Just 2 hours of your time makes an impact! Choose a time to serve that's convenient for your schedule.

Donations go directly to supporting local foster families and the children in their care.



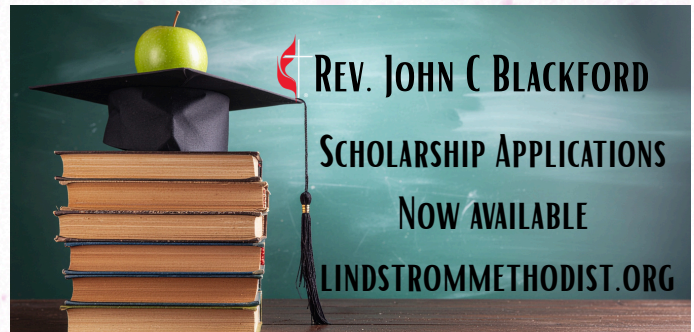
Meals on Wheels - Driver Schedule Coordinator:

Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

May 1 -Phil & Joan DeMunck
May 4 -Fred Prindle
May 5 -Carol Carlson
May 6 -Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie
May 7 -Irve & Dorothy Lecy
May 8 -Mike & Lenora Madigan
May 11 -Michelle Gillespie
May 12 -Greg McCarthy
May 13 -Carol Carlson
May 14 -Jeff & Sue Meinholz
May 15 -Jennifer Bielicki
May 18 -Duane & Debby Lee
May 19 -Mike & Lenora Madigan
May 20 -Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie
May 21 -Grace Schmidt
May 22 -Paul Robinson
May 25 -Closed - Memorial Day
May 26 -Greg McCarthy
May 27 -Fred Prindle
May 28 -Paul Robinson
May 29 -Jennifer Bielicki



**Cindy Anderson May 5
MaryAnn Jindra.....May 11
Angela RempelEwert May 14
Karen Bruss.....May 21
Reese Jones.....May 22
Kendrick Jones.....May 22
Tami Rehbein.....May 23
Cailey RempelEwert.....May 25**



**VBS -
Save the Date!
Out of this World
with Jesus!
June 15-19**

Joint Chisago Lakes
Area Churches
VBS 2026



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

CHAIRPERSON: REBECCA ERVASTI

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 7, 2026

**National Day of Prayer Observance –
Thursday, May 7, 3:45 – 6:15pm**

First United Methodist Church of Lindstrom is inviting other believers and the general public to join us for a time of personal and corporate prayer. We will pray for our community, our state, our nation and our world. We will especially pray for our leaders, our children, the vulnerable and the disenfranchised. The main sanctuary will be open for individual and personal prayer time; printed prayer guides will be provided.

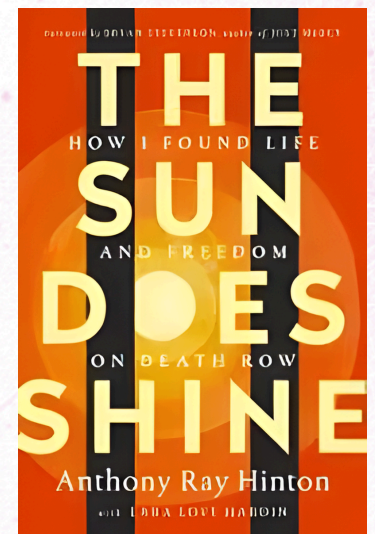
We will join together and be led in prayer by the pastor or a lay leader at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm.



May 12 th - Book Club

First United Methodist Church will be hosting Community Conversations: Book Clubs with an Impact, in partnership with the East Central Regional Library. Our goal is to foster thoughtful discussion, build community, encourage learning, and promote change. Beyond simply reading together, we choose books that spark conversation around important social issues and inspire each other to take meaningful action make a positive impact in our communities. **This is part outreach and part friendship evangelism – please consider joining us at Chisago Lakes Library.**

May 12, 2026, 6:30 - 8pm – The Sun Does Shine, How I Found Life, Freedom, and Justice, by Anthony Ray Hinton. Arrested and charged with capital murder in Alabama for a crime he did not commit, 29-year-old Hinton spent thirty-nine years in solitary confinement on death row. His story reveals the legacy of racial bias in America, especially in the criminal justice system. His story, even though he was released and exonerated, could have led him to a life of anger and bitterness. Instead, Hinton's story is one of forgiveness, friendship and triumph.





The Trustees have engaged PEI Roofing to replace the shingles on the roof. PEI Roofing estimates the cost to replace the shingles on the roof will be approximately \$73,000. The actual replacement cost could exceed this estimate. The Trustees account contains cash in the amount of \$24,000, from an insurance payment, which the Finance Committee will use toward the roof project. The remaining funding to replace the shingles will come from a loan from MidWest One Bank in the amount of \$58,000. The loan requires monthly payments of \$450, bears interest at 7% per year, and matures in 2033.

To ensure the Church can repay the loan, the Finance Committee is asking for your help by making a pledge. Pledge funds received will be segregated in the Trustees account and will be used to repay the principal and interest on the loan. We are asking for pledges from our members totaling \$60,000, to be paid over five years. If you decide to make a payment towards your pledged amount, please write “roof” or “trustees” on the memo line of your check or on your offering envelope.



Congratulations

CONFIRMANDS

2026

Brody Thorvaldson

Bryson Honerbrink

Nathan Clark

“May the Holy Spirit strengthen you in faith and love.”

First United Methodist Church Council Minutes 4.21.16

Attendees: Pr. Jay, Tina Sparby, Verna Hultman, Dari Ferguson, Bret RempelEwert, Barb Prindle, Andy Wilkerson, Emily Honerbrink

• Committee Reports

- Foundation: Scholarships now available, handing out scholarships July 19

- Outreach: The Easter Carnival was held the Saturday before Palm Sunday, Led by Debby Lee with support from the Outreach team. The event was well supported, with approximately 30 volunteers and 56 children in attendance. About 1,200 treat-filled eggs were prepared, two Easter baskets were raffled, and approximately 30 people entered the drawing. VBS follow-up was requested for 13 children, and families will receive additional VBS information. The previously approved May fundraiser/luncheon will be postponed, as the Outreach team determined it was too soon after the Easter Carnival. The event may be rescheduled for September or October. Postcard mailings have begun. The first ten were mailed April 15, with additional mailings planned monthly from May 15 through January 15, 2027. Outreach also provided a fantastic list of potential teen/youth engagement opportunities, please reach out to Barb if you would like to learn more.

- Finance: Hadn't met as of the council meeting, but noted that roof pledges were coming in strong

- Trustees: Roof loan signed; also noted strong pledges. Thank you to all who have submitted so far!

- SPRC: Working on boundaries/issues around office printer, office in general, and keys

- Adult Discipleship: Presented four categories of activities, Monday morning Bible study ongoing. National Day of Prayer coming up (see Facebook for details), looking at doing congregational needs assessment.

• Upcoming budget requests (All budget requests must be pre-approved before purchasing or committing) No requests submitted

• 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)

- Memorial Day Special worship service: approved for May 24th, Legion will be invited

- Midsommer Festival: approved, need volunteers, Barb to reach out to Janet

• Old business

- Committee Charters: Charters presented by Adult Discipleship, Foundation, Worship: All approved

• New business:

- Barb presented potential outreach events for youth at Church, designed to have them invite friends. Noted that could use Leader for actual events; Barb willing to take lead on legwork. Do have some overlap with inreach and nomination teams; potential for Foundation funding as it is educational-based.

• Pastor Report

- VBS: Met Thursday prior to Council; still need volunteer from our Church, will continue to make announcement on Sundays.
- Charge Conference follow up: Looking at discipleship; starting traditional small group meetings. Not a bible study; each group's goal is to grow in spirit and numbers. In vision phase for now, but want to get started.
- Middle School Outreach: Pr. Jay, Adrienne, and Verna scheduled to meet with Middle School principal Friday following Council meeting.
- Motion to support Pr. Jay's exploration of mission trips for youth: approved
- WoW stakeholders decided to continue WoW past confirmation Sunday, to end of May (5/20). Will then have one monthly WoW congregational picnic in July and August. WoW to continue 9/16, confirmation to begin 9/30. Rally Sunday 9/13.
- June 16-18 is Annual Conference in St. Cloud, need one lay member from SPRC to attend to report back.
- Graduation service planned for June 7th, big thanks to Angela!
- Graduates from Wesleyan University in Mitchell SD July 13th (we're super proud of you Pr. Jay!)

Next meeting: May 19th, 7pm

• Approved Charters:

- Adult Discipleship: To create disciples of all FUMC members through an intentional approach patterned after Jesus' ministry nurturing a living and growing relationship with God, studying the Bible, fostering community, and making new disciples by sharing the gospel. Key actions include studying the word and exploring its implications and applications, encouraging prayer, participating in missions, service and outreach, and mentoring and training congregants. The Adult Discipleship Ministry actively partners with both Missions and Outreach Ministries.
- Foundation: Direct funds towards initiatives that support personal enrichment of its Church family and community, thus moving towards a more Christ-centered life
- Worship: The worship committee facilitates Sunday morning worship (and other special services) by: Coordinating all elements of the worship service:
 - Scripture, sermon, music, visual arts, A/V and communion
 - Assigning a lead musician for each Sunday who practices and prepares congregational songs, as well as background music during prelude/postlude, offering and communion.
 - Organizing and preparing special music either by choral groups or the bell choir.
 - Organizing a volunteer rotation for sound and slides/stream.
 - Plan and execute visual elements including altar decorations, banners and special displays that align with service themes.
 - Preparing for communion and other sacraments and adapting these sacraments to the needs of the congregation if possible.

OUT OF THIS WORLD WITH JESUS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

JUNE 15-19




9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

 **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**JOIN US FOR A FUN,
FAITH-FILLED ADVENTURE!**

Explore, learn, and grow as we journey
out of this world with Jesus!

DETAILS:

-  Cost: \$20 per child
-  Please bring a sack lunch each day
-  Friends are welcome!

REGISTRATION:

Forms available on
participating
church websites



HOSTED BY:



For more information,
please contact any of the church offices.

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SENT WITH A PRAYER TO:

 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:
revjyeong@gmail.com

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