

Grace Courier

Mission Sunday—April 21—Family Praise Fest



Family Praise Fest will be our mission focus for April.

This started as an idea five years ago and has grown into a great event and a community outreach program. Not only does it showcase our local Christian musical talent, it also brings the community together for an afternoon of fun, food, fellowship and praise.

Please plan on attending service on Sunday, April 21st to hear more about this year's Family Praise Fest and the dedication of a new outdoor performing arts pavilion. Please contact **Terry Keesee**

(teebob@citlink.net) if you have any questions.

Family Praise Fest will be held Saturday, June 29 here at First UMC in our NEW pavilion to be built on the grounds north of the church building!



Please give generously to this community outreach ministry April 21st!

Children's Ministry



Thank you to everyone that helped with the Easter Carnival! Many children enjoyed fun and games while hearing the Easter message.

Thank you to **Roger and Helen Anderson** for making a beautiful sandwich board sign for the church. Children's Ministry will be getting some signs made that we can velcro on to advertise events as they happen. Feel free to use the sign for any event that happens at the church.



Fellowship with a Mission

Although there will not be a Fellowship with a Mission night in April, this outreach ministry is hosted by the Children's Ministry and is for the WHOLE congregation. This is intended to be a night for everyone to come out and enjoy a little fun and get to know each other better - with an emphasis on giving to our community.

Please plan on joining us the second Friday of each month. What a fun way to invite a new family to meet our family.

Watch for details about May's Fellowship with a Mission night!

Lynne Wilkerson & Laurie Doughty

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Dates to remember:

- Wednesdays ~ Wednesday Night LIVE!
- April 13 Crafters' Gathering/ Loving Needles Club
- April 16 Newsletter Deadline
- April 18 Church Council meets
- April 21 Mission Sunday
- April 24 Last Wednesday Night LIVE!

From the pastor...

The Bible.

I am talking about the so-called epic mini-series that has been airing on the History Channel. Film makers have attempted to bring the entire Bible to the screen.

Now there have been stories from Scripture that have been made into movies. There is the classic *The Ten Commandments*. Charlton Heston played a very good Moses. There have been many attempts at putting the life of Jesus on screen. In 2004, Mel Gibson made the popular *The Passion Of The Christ*.

The History Channel's *The Bible* is the Bible—from the story of creation to the end—on screen. As of this writing, I believe I have seen six hours. Some of it has been good. Some of it...well.... I guess a good deal of dramatic license has been taken. Large portions have been omitted. For example, there is no mention of Joseph. The story of Joseph is good, not to mention important. We go right from Isaac to Moses. A few incidents are included that I do not recall reading. Some details have been changed. A fact or two may have been tampered with. Still, I would recommend the series.

I would also recommend something else. We have all read a book and then seen the movie that was inspired by the book. How often have we thought the book was better than the movie? More often than not, the book is better than the movie. So when it comes to the Bible, I would recommend reading the book. There is no doubt the book is better than the movie.

The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan



Trustees are moving ahead with projects

The Trustees are making plans to update front entry doors—look for changes in near the future.

We are also getting prices for replacing tile in men's bathroom.

The carpet project is moving forward. Watch for further information.

Spring clean up day will be announced next month.

Lloyd Jones

Trustee Chairperson

Special Music Sunday, April 14

Please mark **Sunday, April 14th** on your calendars and invite your family and friends to a music-filled service at the FUMC.

THE BOYS (Kevin Brink, Dan Cavanaugh, Bruce Cross, Pete Grundhoefer, Terry Keesee, Karl Kornowski and other musical guests) will be leading us.

Prelude music will begin at 8:45 AM.

If you have a special music request, please contact **Terry**, 257-1943. See ya then.....



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Our deepest sympathy to...

the family of **Ken Anderson**, who passed away March 1. A Memorial Service was held at First UMC March 15.

and

Rusty Johnson, who's father, **Russell**, passed away March 11. A Memorial Service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church March 16.

From the bulletin...

Stella Lindstrom

Dennis Fossum (Pam Fossum's husband)

Chris Bjorklund

Cole Anderson

Pastoral Care

Hospitals no longer telephone churches, because of the privacy act, to let us know that one of our members have been admitted.

Please notify the church office, 257-4306, if you desire pastoral care for illness, hospitalizations, or surgeries.

Worship Bags for entertaining children

Little ones restless during the worship service?

Worship Bags are located in the foyer for your children. Please feel free to use and return to the "tree" when finished.

Nursery

We are pleased to be able to provide a Nursery during the worship service. It is designed for infants through 2 years.

Children are always welcome in the worship service.

Birthdays!



- Kyle Sparby.....April 1
- Cheryl Lecy.....April 3
- Michelle Vitali.....April 7
- Dianne Hagenstad.....April 10
- Kathy Larsen.....April 10
- Icy Kask.....April 13
- Tim Ploog.....April 13
- Benjamin Sackett.....April 15
- John Hanson.....April 16
- Scott Lecy.....April 17
- Gordon Schulz.....April 18
- Jim McDermott.....April 19
- Dan Bates.....April 19
- Cole Anderson.....April 20
- Colleen Kopp.....April 23
- Karen Hanson.....April 24
- Marlys Polzine.....April 24
- Danielle Vitali.....April 24
- Dorothy Lecy.....April 27
- Jacqueline Vitali.....April 27
- Pauline Heilig.....April 28
- Dana Flanders Turman.....April 28
- Marna Gerke.....April 30

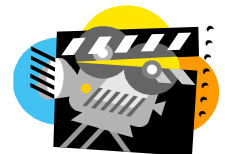


Happy Birthday!



Wednesday Night LIVE!

An evening for the entire family!



5:00p Light Supper (free will donation)

6:00p Kids Time

6:00p PHISH (youth)

6:00p Adult Bible Study

7:00p Choir

Our LAST WNL! for this year will be held April 24.

Unidos en Cristo weekends Experience New Testament Christianity

Unidos en Cristo (formally Cursillo) is a 3-day learning, sharing and inspirational experience of living in a Christian community. During the three days of a week-end, a person experiences authentic Christian fellowship and the joy of being part of a genuine Christian community.

2013

#261 Men's: June 20—23
#262 Women's: June 27—30
Held at Excelsior Covenant, Excelsior

#263 Men's: October 3—6
#264 Women's: October 10—13
Held at Plymouth Covenant, Plymouth

If you would like to participate in an Unidos en Cristo weekend or would like more information, please contact **Scott or Cheryl Lecy**, 651-462-5725.

Prison Ministry...if you're interested in Prison Ministry, please contact **Jim or Connie Buelow**, 651-465-3024.

Monthly Giving update



Our General Fund Budget for 2013 is \$188,423 which becomes \$15,702 per month.

General Fund giving for January was \$11,640.

Thank you for your support of our ministries!

Worship Attendance in March

March 3—75

March 10—70

March 17—92

March 24—125

Newsletter mailed before March 31



Online Bill Pay

Do you use your computer to pay your bills on-line?

If you do, you may want to send your church offering/pledge through the same on-line bill pay service. You can set up an automatic payment plan or a one time contribution.

It's easy:

- * First, login to your bill pay account
- * Select *Add a Bill*
- * Select *Create an account without an account number* (use the address and phone number below)
First United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 688
Lindstrom, MN 55045
651-257-4306

Please see **Greg Oien** or **Scott Lecy** if you have any questions.

You can help Red Bird Mission

Red Bird Mission participates in product label redemption programs for financial support for the Red Bird Mission School. Please save the product labels, or boxtops for education so we can send them to Red Bird Mission.

Don't worry about trimming the label. Just save the whole label that includes the bar code and "label for education" symbol.

See the list provided. Drop the labels and boxtops in the box on the table outside the church fellowship hall. THANK YOU!

See **Nancy Grossmann** if you have questions.



News from our NOMADS

We had an interesting time with a mission group that came from a church in North East Iowa.

We've worked with a Hispanic pastor before who pastors a small UMC in McAllen. He also has two small groups of worshipers that he leads two different times a month. These groups have their time together in local homes, using the outside on a large patio, weather permitting for their services. This mission group worked on two homes in this poor community. One where the church is held had a small storage shed on the property. Our group moved this shed and adding electric service and plumbing to it. It will now serve as a bathroom for the church group. The mission group then built a large shed to store the group's chairs and other items. The church showed us pictures of their fellowship and there were so many young families with children.

The second house the group worked on was across the street and they built a 12 x 12 ft addition to a trailer for their extended family. To save some room in their kitchen in the trailer the owners had cut a hole in the wall and pushed the refrigerator through the hole, adding a brace on the outside. The only part of the refrigerator in the kitchen then was the door. (pretty ingenious for saving space, wouldn't you say?).

From this same area of Iowa a semi trailer filled with household furniture, bedding, mattresses and much misc arrived which our mission group helped unload at the Pharr UMC. The organization that sponsors these trips (which are made twice a year to Pharr and also other parts of the US) is Justice for our Neighbors (JFON). When this first started a couple of years ago the items that were brought down were a give away. It now works out better to charge a small price for the items. Pharr UMC is struggling financially and this serves a double purpose.

This past week there were 86 High Schoolers from Kansas on their Spring Break. We didn't work with this group. In view of the negative publicity you hear all sorts of things about teens and it's so refreshing to see these kids in action. As far as we know right now, this is the last mission group to come this year.

It's been a good winter and hard to imagine how you have all felt with the cold and snow when our weather has set record highs.

My knee is healing nicely and I drove for the first time yesterday after my last Dr appointment. (Irv was very brave as my passenger). Thank you all for your prayers of support for our ministry and my healing.

See you all soon,
Dorothy and Irv

(Dorothy & Irv are NOMADS, Nomads on a Mission Active in Divine Service through the United Methodist Church) volunteering in Pharr, TX.

Highway Clean-Up scheduled

Mark Saturday, April 27, 1:00 p.m. on your calendar for the annual Spring Highway Clean-Up.



We are officially part of the Adopt-A-Highway project for cleaning highways.

Meet at church at 1:00 p.m. to get official vests and bags, which we *must* use. Our portion of the highway is Cnty Road 19, from Cnty 14 to Karmel – 2 miles.

Thanks to all who are willing to come out to help make our community clean and pleasant.

Questions? Call **Lois Anderson**, 213-1036.



"Penguins are walking on the snow
you're never seen... like your feet!"



Meals on Wheels Deliverers

April 1—Joe Rystrom

April 2—Ron & Juanita Morgan

April 3—Jean Anderson

April 4—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

April 5—Greg McCarthy

April 8—George Hultman

April 9—Roger & Helen Anderson

April 10—Larry & Shirley Knopf

April 11—Joan Stoltz

April 12—Ted Vastka

April 15—Joan DeMunck

April 16—Jack & Sandy Danielson

April 17—Lois Anderson & Marna Gerke

April 18—Russell Anderson & Gary Ostrom

April 19—Marvin Hultquist

April 22—Gary Gerke & Jim McDermott

April 23—Sara Otto & Gordy Schulz

April 24—Jan Gravelle & Diana Westrum

April 25—Bonnie Vastka

April 26—Jim & Joyce Stafki

April 29—Gary Gerke & Jim McDermott

April 30—Carroll Keller & Grace Schmidt

Meals on Wheels Co-Coordinators:

Carroll Keller, 257-2225

Juanita Morgan, 257-9268

Tech Ministries Schedule

April 7 – Computer:

Sound: Scott Lecy

Accompanist: Colleen Kopp

April 14 – Computer:

Sound: Craig Stockel

Accompanist: The Boys

April 21 – Computer:

Sound: Craig Stockel

Accompanist: Kay Oien

April 28 – Computer:

Sound: Bruce Larsen

Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

Hope Circle meeting...

Hope Circle will be meeting Thursday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m. All women of the church are invited!



Prayer Chain

If you would like a request for prayer to go out on our Prayer Chain, please call **Connie Buelow**, 651-465-3024, or **Lois Anderson**, 651-213-1036, or the church office, 257-4306.

Would you like to be a part of the Prayer Chain? Please call the church office for more information.

Can we be of help?

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday,

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Pastor Dan is available to help you with your spiritual journey and the door is open most mornings. Please give us a call at 257-4306 if we can be of help to you in any way.

Church email address:

firstmethodist@usfamily.net

Pastor Dan's email address:

dan.d@usfamily.net

Printed Sunday Messages available

Pastor Dan's Sunday messages are printed each week following the Sundays on which they have been delivered. You may pick up a printed copy in the church foyer.

Please contact the church office, 257-4306, if you'd like a copy of a previous message not available in the foyer.

You can also read previous Sunday messages online at www.lindstrommethodist.org.

April 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:00a – 3:30p	1 12p Middle School Staff Emergency Drill NO Bell Choir	2 9:15a Women's Bible Study @ church	3 Pastor Dan out of office Wednesday Night LIVE! 5p Supper 6p Kids Time 6p PHISH (youth) 6p Adult Class 7p Choir	4 7p Worship Team	5	6
7 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship	8 Pastor Dan out of office- Covenant Group NO Bell Choir	9 9:15a Women's Bible Study @ church 7p Finance 7p Foundation	10 Wednesday Night LIVE! 5p Supper 6p Kids Time 6p PHISH (youth) 6p Adult Class 7p Choir	11 9:30a Hope Circle 7p Worship Team	12 NO Fellowship with a Mission Night	13 6p Crafters' Gathering 6p Loving Needles Club
14 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 4:00p Unidos en Cristo Ultraya	15 6:45p Bell Choir	16 9:15a Women's Bible Study @ church 7p Trustees Newsletter deadline	17 Wednesday Night LIVE! 5p Supper 6p Kids Time 6p PHISH (youth) 6p Adult Class 7p Choir	18 7p Worship Team 7-8p Cub Scouts— fellowship hall 7p Church Council	19	20
21 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship Mission Sunday~ Family Praise Fest	22 6:45p Bell Choir	23 9:15a Women's Bible Study @ church	24 LAST Wednesday Night LIVE! 5p Supper 6p Kids Time 6p PHISH (youth) 6p Adult Class 7p Choir	25 7p Worship Team 1p Newsletter folded for mailing	26	27
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in the
LORD!

First United Methodist Church Pastor Dan Doughty

Practicing Grace Until We Are Perfected In Love

The *Grace Courier* is a monthly publication of
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**Deadline: the third Tuesday of each month
for inclusion in the next month's publication.**

Articles received after this date will not be printed.
Place articles in the secretary's mailbox, on the desk
in the office or email them to the church. The editor
reserves the right to edit any material submitted for
publication.

We welcome you to worship with us!

Worship 9:00 a.m.
Children leave for Sunday School during Worship
Coffee fellowship 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Night LIVE!
5:00p Supper; 6:00p classes for all ages;
7:00p Choir

Our Ministry Team:

Pastor...	Dan Doughty (dan.d@usfamily.net)
Administrative Secretary/Treasurer...	Carol Schmidt
Worship Coordinator...	Kay Oien
Kids Time Coordinators...	Laurie Doughty & Lynne Wilkerson
Youth Coordinators (PHISH)...	Jesse & Tammy Figueroa
Choir Leader...	Kay Oien
Praise Band Leader...	Beth Lunsford
Church Council Chairperson...	Greg Oien
Finance Chairperson...	Scott Lecy
Financial Secretary...	Linda Ploog
Lay Leader...	Craig Stockel
Lay Member to Annual Conference...	Beth Lunsford
Mission Chairpersons...	Roy & Karen Brohaugh
Staff/Parish Relations Chairperson...	Terry Keesee
Trustees Chairperson...	Lloyd Jones
Custodian...	Jesse Figueroa

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