



Grace Courier

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Feed My Starving Children Mission Focus for August

A Christian non-profit founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children tackles world hunger by sending volunteer-packed, nutritious meals to 70 countries, where they're used to operate orphanages, schools, clinics and feeding programs to break the cycle of poverty.

Last year, FMSC welcomed nearly 1.1 million volunteers to pack more than 284 million meals to feed more than 779,000 kids daily for a year. The Minnesota-based charity spends more than 90% of total annual donations directly on feeding kids.



The Power of Food

Nutritious food equips kids to learn in school, build their communities and grow up strong in body and spirit.

Food paves the way for education. Food builds a solid foundation for communities to become strong and self-reliant. Food makes it possible for children to gain physical and spiritual health. Food delivers hope in the name of Jesus.

Turn hunger into hope with your own two hands

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Rev. John C. Blackford Scholarships Energy Committee:

Seven young people were awarded a Rev. John C. Blackford Scholarship July 16. Congratulations to:

Emelie Caldwell

Zach Caldwell

Kelsey Perez

Eduardo Perez

Gage Hjulberg

Jesse Hanvey

Thomas Braski

To help with our electrical cost, we need to form an Energy Committee.

If you would like to be on this committee, please contact **Mark Vanderwerf** or **Lloyd Jones**.

Thank you!

Dates to remember:

August 15
Newsletter Deadline

August 15
Meeting Night

August 20
Mission Sunday ~ Feed My Starving Children

September 10
Rally Sunday!

Congratulations!

**Trustees ask for
your help!**

From the pastor...

“Jesus is the answer!” Many are the times I have heard that statement uttered. Are you dealing with troubles? Jesus is the answer!

Now, please do not misunderstand. One could say that Jesus provides the “answer” to the problem of sin in our lives. There is forgiveness and grace and mercy to be found in Jesus. Jesus has reconciled us to God. Jesus on the cross has shown us just how much God loves us...and the length to which God went to redeem us.

Still, I have meditated on that statement. Jesus is the answer...the answer to everything. (Allow me to insert here that I do not think I have had anyone ask me, “What is the answer to everything?” But you know what I mean.)

Consider the life of Jesus as we read about him in the Gospels. It seems to me there were times when Jesus did not answer some of the questions some folks had. Jesus said that he had no place to live, no place to lay his head. He certainly suffered tough times. That is an understatement. People lied about him. People abused him. In the end...an innocent man put to death. Not once did he use his power to improve his lot in life. He could have. He could have increased his wealth. He could have escaped the grip of Rome. Even he said he could call upon his Father, and his Father would send help in the form of many angels. Jesus did not do that. He loves us.

So I am just thinking here. We certainly can say “Jesus is the answer” if that is what sustains and strengthens us. But to that perhaps we should add, “Jesus is the example.” Jesus is the example of how to deal with all that comes our way. Jesus trusted God. Jesus was able to see beyond the cross to the joy that awaited. “Jesus is the example.”

But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. (1 Peter 2:20-21)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan

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.

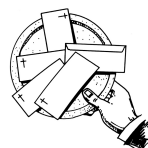
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#287 Men’s: November 9-12
#288 Women’s: November 16-19
Held at Rochester Evangel Church, Rochester

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 Charis Prison Ministry, please contact **Jim or Connie Buelow**, 651-465-3024.

Monthly Giving update



Our General Fund Budget for 2017 is \$184,405. which becomes \$15,208 per month.

General Fund giving for June was \$11,575.

Thank you for your support of our ministries!

Worship Attendance in July

July 2—68

July 9—118

July 16—96

July 23—75



Newsletter sent before July 30.



Birthdays!



Gary Beringer.....August 10
 Lynne Hultman.....August 10
 Jesse Figueroa.....August 11
 Sue Hanvey.....August 16
 Becca Ploog.....August 18
 Cyndi Keesee.....August 21
 Lynne Wilkerson.....August 23
 Susan Hernick.....August 27

Prayer Requests from the bulletin:

Cole Anderson;
 Doris Brand;
 Roxy Bahn;
 Olga Determan;
 Char Loula's father;
 Lynne Wilkerson's father;
 Glenn & Marlys Polzine

Offering counters needed!

Two counters are required each Sunday. One counter takes the lead role while the other person assists. Commitment would be about 45 minutes one Sunday per month after the service. We will train! If you are interested please contact **Linda Ploog** 651-257-3323.

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.

Purchased something for the church?

To get an accurate count of giving to the church, please let us know if you have purchased something for the church but have not asked for reimbursement. We will list that purchase on your giving statement as a "gift-in-kind" so it will show on your contribution statement and the church knows how much is being given.

If you have any questions, please contact **Linda Ploog** 651-257-3323.

Nursery

During the summer months, there is no Nursery Attendant, but you are welcome to use the room, if needed.

Children are always welcome in the worship service.

Have a GREAT day!

Missionary Evangelism to Corrections

MEC is presenting *Church of Felons*, a local documentary at Lakes Free Church, Lindstrom Friday, August 25, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

*Addiction Destroys
 Jesus Christ Heals*

Produced in Polk County Wisconsin just across the border from us. It follows the true stories of four men and the impact of addiction.

Tickets \$5.00 on-line at www.mecjailministry.com or send a check to "MEC" with the name, address & phone numbers of those attending to:

MEC
 P.O. Box 542
 Wyoming MN 55092
 651-408-1300

Freewill offering will be taken and merchandise will be available.





Meals on Wheels Deliverers

August 1—Marvin Hultquist

August 2—Gary & Marna Gerke

August 3—Michelle Gillespie

August 4—Greg McCarthy

August 7—Joan DeMunck

August 8—Ron & Juanita Morgan

August 9—Larry & Shirley Knops

August 10—Bonnie Vastka

August 11—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

August 14—George Hultman

August 15—Carroll Keller & Grace Schmidt

August 16—Lois Anderson & Judy Pierre

August 17—Donn & Sharlene Arnold

August 18—Jim & Joyce Stafki

August 21—Georgia Burg

August 22—Cindy Kopp

August 23—Jack & Sandy Danielson

August 24—George Hultman

August 25—Harold & Jan Lovaas

August 28—Carroll Keller & Grace Schmidt

August 29—Jan Gravelle & Diana Westrum

August 30—Jim & Joyce Stafki

August 31—Ron & Juanita Morgan

Meals on Wheels Co-Coordinator:

Carroll Keller, 257-2225

Juanita Morgan, 257-9268

Tech Ministries Schedule

August 6 – Sound: Bruce Larsen

Accompanist: Colleen Kopp

August 13 – Sound: Craig Stockel

Accompanist: Worship Team

August 20 – Sound: Scott Lecy

Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

August 27 – Sound: Needed

Accompanist: Kay Oien

Hope Circle meeting...

Hope Circle will NOT be meeting in August. Next meeting will be September 14.



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,
8:00 a.m. – 2:30 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:00a – 2:30p		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship	7	8	9	10 NO Hope Circle	11	12
13 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship	14	15 7p Trustees 7p Finance 8p Church Council Newsletter deadline	16	17	18	19
20 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship Mission Sunday~ Feed My Starving Children	21 6:30p A Brush with Kindness *** Carol	22 Schmidt	23 on	24 vacation	25 ***	26
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First United Methodist Church Pastor Dan Doughty

Practicing Grace Until We Are Perfected In Love

The *Grace Courier* is a monthly publication of First United Methodist Church.

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.

Coffee fellowship 10:15 a.m.

Our Ministry Team:

Pastor...	Dan Doughty (dan.d@usfamily.net)
Administrative Secretary / Treasurer...	Carol Schmidt
Children's Coordinator...	Laurie Doughty
Choir Director...	Kay Oien
Church Council Chairperson...	Terry Keesee
Custodian...	Cheryl Hultquist
Finance Chairperson...	Scott Lecy
Financial Secretary...	Linda Ploog
Foundation Chairperson...	Donn Arnold
Lay Leader...	Craig Stockel
Lay Member to Annual Conference...	Kay Oien
Mission Chairperson...	Nancy Grossmann
Staff/Parish Relations Chairperson...	Jim Caldwell
Trustees Chairperson...	Lloyd Jones
Worship Team Leader...	Beth Lunsford
Youth Coordinators...	Scott & Cheryl Lecy

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