***Celebrating the Richness of God’s Grace***

***Proclaiming the Kingdom: beginning in Chisago County***

*+ Please stand if you are able*

*To enhance our worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

*Hearing devices are available at the sound booth.*

Prelude and Silent Prayer *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Bell Choir

Words of Welcome/Attendance Registration

Announcements and Greeting

Mission Moment Red Bird Mission, Kentucky

Call to Worship

Praise and Worship (please stand or sit as you wish)

Reception of New Members Erik & Adrienne Stegmeir

Children’s Moment

\* Children 2 years- 8th grade are invited to go to Sunday School at this time

Grades 3rd -8th do not have Sunday school the first Sunday of the month

+Hymn #140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Bible Reading Genesis 9:8-17

Message *Sign Of The Covenant*

*So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me*

*and all life on the earth.” Genesis 9:17*

+Hymn #714 *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

Offering *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Bell Choir

+Offering Response #95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer

+Hymn #467  *Trust and Obey*

+Benediction

+Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!

**This Week’s Calendar…**

**TODAY, February 18**

10:15a Staff/Parish Relations Committee - lounge

**Monday, February 19**

Carol Schmidt out of the office

4 – 6p Community Meal – Zion Lutheran Church, Chisago City

6:00p Bells

**Tuesday, February 20 Newsletter Deadline**

9:15a Women’s Bible Study – lounge

7:00p Finance – office

NO Trustees

NO Church Council

**Wednesday, February 21**

5:00p Family Dinner

5:15p Youth Bells

6:00p Adult Bible Study

NO Choir

7:00p Worship Team

**Thursday, February 22**

**Friday, February 23**

**Saturday, February 24**

**Next Sunday, February 25**

9:00a Worship / Sunday School

Message based on Mark 8:27-38

10:15a Fellowship

Last week’s offering: $1,495 Budgeted Weekly: $3,561

Monthly giving (Feb.): $6,188 Budgeted Monthly: $15,429

Attendance last Sunday: 104

**Parking Lot Project Giving:** Needed: $64,000

If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check out to

First UMC, marking “Parking Lot” in the memo.

**Children at First**

* ‘Worship Bags’ are in the foyer for children to borrow
* A Nursery for babies and toddlers is available every Sunday

**Here’s What’s Happening…**

**Fellowship:** Join us for coffee & treats in the fellowship hall following the service.

**Our Mission Focus this month: Red Bird Mission, Kentucky**

Red Bird Mission, Inc. and Red Bird Clinic, Inc. have been providing ministries in a region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area of Kentucky.

**Mission Envelopes:** Mission Envelopes can be found in each pew rack. You are welcome to give to our monthly Mission Offering throughout the month using the designated envelope. Please make your check out to FUMC, marking “Missions” in the memo.

**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)

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

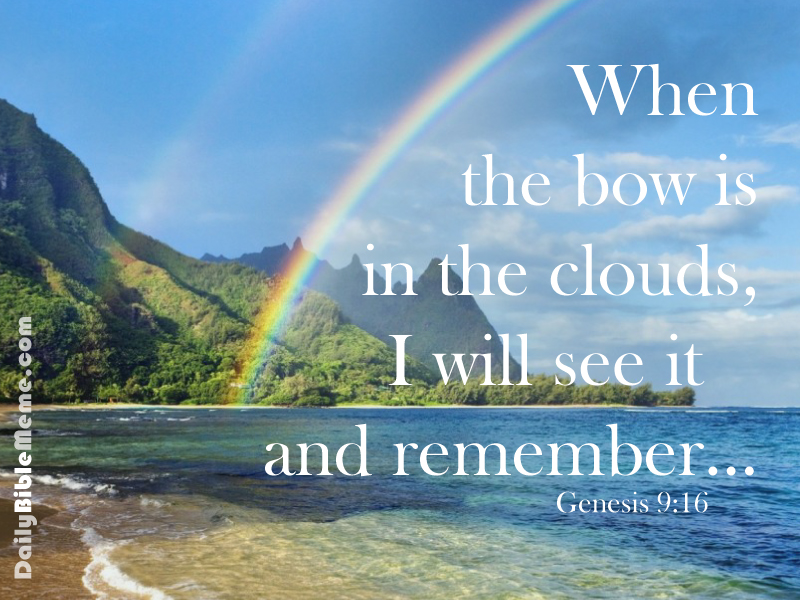
**Easter Carnival:** The Easter Carnival is on Saturday March 24th. We are looking for new games this year and need the congregations help and creativeness. If you have a game idea that you would like to make for this community event please put your game on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall and speak with Katie Leadholm. We also will need many volunteers and eggs filled for the event so put it on your calendars!

**Needed:** Toilet paper rolls are needed for the carnival. See Katie Leadholm.

**Family Pathways Food Shelf:** The annual Easter Dinner basket collection has begun. They plan to help feed 150 families. First UMC has been asked to donate jars of **pickles** and **olives** for the baskets. There is a cart in the foyer for your donations. Deadline March 9.

**Please Pray For:** Cole Anderson; Doris Brand; Olga Determan;

Jon Determan

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***February 18, 2018***

***9:00 a.m.***