***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

Words of Welcome/Attendance Registration

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship

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

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 #528  *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

Bible Reading Matthew 5:1-12

Message Tom Lundberg

*Hunger and Thirst*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Matthew 5:6*

+Hymn #700  *Abide with Me*

Offering  *Above All*

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

Prayer

+Hymn #593  *Here I Am, Lord*

+Benediction

+Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!

**This Week’s Calendar…**

**Monday, September 25**

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

6:00p Bell Choir

**Tuesday, September 26**

**Wednesday, September 27**

7:00p Choir

8:00p Worship Team

**Thursday, September 28**

**Friday, September 29**

**Saturday, September 30**

**Next Sunday, October 1**

9:00a Worship / Sunday School

Message based on Exodus 17:1-7

10:15a Fellowship

10:15a Intercessory Prayer – chapel

Last week’s offering: $1,935 Budgeted Weekly: $3,510

Monthly giving (Sept.): $10,315.25 Budgeted Monthly: $15,208

Attendance last Sunday: 98

Carpet Project Giving (Phase Two): $20,025 Goal: $23,500

**Carpet Project:** If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check out to First UMC, marking “carpet project” 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

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

Char Loula’s father

**Here’s What’s Happening…**

**PRE-HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Three months from today is Christmas Eve Sunday. Because many of our worshipers are out-of-town at that time we are having a "taste of Christmas" TODAY. Enjoy Christmas treats, courtesy of Wilma Smith, Sara Clark, and others. Wish "Merry Christmas" to snowbirds and travelers. Enjoy the fellowship. Juanita

**Our Mission Focus this month: Our Mission Focus this month: NOMADS**

**N**omads **O**n a **M**ission **A**ctive in **D**ivine **S**ervice. NOMADS provide volunteer labor for United Methodist organizations and demonstrate God s love through their work and by listening to the people with whom they work.

**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.

**Sanctuary Improvements:** October 1st work will begin on the installation of the new carpeting in the sanctuary, the remodeling of the front of the sanctuary, and the installation of the new sound system. The plan is for this project to be completed by the end of October. TODAY, Sept. 24th, there will be a question and answer session following the worship service. The Trustees will detail the plan, and be available to answer any questions.

**Food Shelf Volunteers Needed:** The Food Shelf, located at 10586 Liberty Lane, Chisago City has a need for volunteers Monday/Tuesday/Thursday in three hour increments between 9 a.m. & 6 p.m. Call 651-257-1308, if you can help.

**Highway Clean-Up:** FUMC is an official part of the Adopt-A-Highway project. Our highway is County Rd 19, from County Rd 14 to Karmel—2 miles.

This fall we will be heading out to our highway on Saturday, October 14. Meet at church at 1:00 p.m. to get official vests and bags, which we must use. Volunteers are needed. Questions? See Lois Anderson.

**Contribution Envelopes for 2018:** We are getting ready to order contribution envelopes for 2018. If you not currently utilizing envelopes for your weekly or monthly financial gifts to the church and would like to, please put a note in the offering tray or let the church office know. The use of envelopes assist the counters and entering contribution information into our computer system. Any questions, please contact Linda Ploog.

**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.

**Cradle Rocking #95:** Sunday, Oct. 8, 9:00 a.m. This event is based on a Swedish custom of rocking babies one year and under in a cradle while children sing songs over them. If you or anyone you know would like to have their baby rocked, please contact Sandy Gaudette, 651-213-3127.

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***September 24, 2017***

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