***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 Scott Lecy

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship

+Hymn #77  *How Great Thou Art*

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 #381 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Bible Reading Romans 8:5-8; 12:1-2

Message *Through His Eyes*

Paul Prokosch

+Hymn #539  *O Spirit of the Living God*

Offering

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

Prayer

+Hymn #664  *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*

+Benediction

+Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!

**This Week’s Calendar…**

**Monday, January 15**

Pastor Dan on vacation today

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

NO Bells

**Tuesday, January 16 Newsletter Deadline**

7:00p Finance - office

7:00p Staff/Parish Relations Committee – lounge

NO Trustees

8:00p Church Council - lounge

**Wednesday, January 17**

5:00p Family Dinner

5:15p Youth Bells

6:00p Adult Bible Study

NO Choir

NO Worship Team

**Thursday, January 18**

Men’s Unidos en Cristo weekend begins, ending Sunday, January 21

Pastor Dan will be participating at this weekend

**Friday, January 19**

**Saturday, January 20**

**Next Sunday, January 21**

**Mission Sunday – East Central Habitat for Humanity**

**A Brush with Kindness**

9:00a Worship / Sunday School

Pastor Don Eslinger preaching

10:15a Fellowship

Last week’s offering: $3,235 Budgeted Weekly: $3,510

Monthly giving (Jan.): $3,235 Budgeted Monthly: $15,208

Attendance last Sunday: 65

Carpet Project Giving (Phase Two): $22,880

**Carpet Project:** We are currently short $2,747 to complete this project.

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

First UMC, marking “carpet project” in the memo.

**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.

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

Babe Anderson; Jon Determan; the family of Floyd Paurus

**Here’s What’s Happening…**

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

**Our Mission Focus this month: East Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity A Brush With Kindness** is a Christian home preservation service that offers exterior as well as minor interior repair services for homeowners in need. Learn more at <http://www.ecmabwk.org/>, or visit them on Facebook

**“Puzzles, Pie and Potato Soup”:** Friday, January 26; 6-9 PM. To join in the fun: Enter a team of 4 in the jigsaw puzzle contest. $20 entry fee and fabulous prizes for the winners. Deadline to enter is TODAY, January 14.

**Women’s Bible Study:** Women's Bible Study will be held Tuesdays, 9:15 - 11:00 in the lounge. We will be studying the Book of James. All women are welcome to join. Questions? Contact Cindy Kopp,651-257-8526.

**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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**Unidos en Cristo:** Pastor Dan will be participating in an Unidos en Cristo weekend January 18 – 21. Pastor Don Eslinger will be preaching January 21.

If you need pastoral assistance, please call the church office, 651-257-4306.

**Our Deepest Sympathy:** to the family of Les Palank, who passed away Dec. 30. Les was the son of Valeta Palank, a long time member of First UMC.

A Celebration of His Life will be held Saturday, Jan. 20 at 4:00 p.m. at Grandstrand Funeral Home, with a visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m.

**Giving Statements:** Giving Statements for 2017 can be found on the table in the foyer. You will need this statement before completing your taxes. Statements not picked up by January 28 will be mailed. If you have questions, please see Linda Ploog.

**Youth led Service:** Get ready for the first ever "Youth led Superbowl Sunday Worship Service"! The youth at FUMC will be leading the entire worship service on Sunday, February 4th. In addition to leading the service, the kids will be serving soup (Soup-er Bowl) during fellowship time as a fundraiser for camp. Come dressed in your favorite team attire and get ready for some fun! Please see Erin Thorvaldson or Wendy Vanderwerf if you have any questions.

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***January 14, 2018***

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