



Grace Courier

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July Mission Focus is MN Adult and Teen Challenge

From their website:

For over 30 years, MN Adult and Teen Challenge has been restoring hope to people struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. In addition to our effective and affordable shorter-term programs, Life Renewal, and our distinctive long-term faith-based recovery program, we have extensive prevention and transitional/aftercare services.

We offer a full range of services including:

- Intensive licensed Rule 31 treatment programs: both residential and outpatient
- Long-term faith-based recovery programs
- Extensive aftercare programs for graduates

- Prevention programs for middle and high school students

These offerings allow us to effectively serve individuals with a broad spectrum of addiction issues; from those seeking treatment for the first time, to those who have been struggling with addiction for many years.

The MNTC Choir will be at First UMC Sunday, July 9. Come and listen to their powerful testimonies.

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.

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Dates to remember:

July 3 & 4
Office Closed

Tuesdays
Men's Softball!

July 9
Mission Sunday—
MN Adult & Teen
Challenge

July 16
Presentation of Rev.
John C. Blackford
Scholarships

Thank you to all
who helped make the
Family Praise Fest
a GREAT community event!

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From the pastor...

So this month of July is the month when we celebrate Independence Day. The Fourth of July commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. The original 13 colonies declared themselves a new nation: the United States of America. There will be fireworks and parades and barbecues and picnics and family reunions. Family reunions? Yes! July is also family reunion month. Just thought I would toss in that fun fact.

Jesus has set us free. Paul wrote to the Galatians, "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." The Galatians accepted the good news of grace. They were saved by grace. But then they got it into their heads that they had to start adding obedience to their faith in order to be made right with God. Paul told them they had been set free from that burden. They were set free to live in freedom.

I remind us this month that our salvation is a gift. We are saved by grace through faith. This is the gift of God. The thing about a gift is it is a gift. We do not earn a gift. Earning can be a burden. That burden has been lifted. So as we celebrate and observe freedom this month, let's remember that Jesus has set us free...free indeed. A gift is a thing we receive that has been paid for by someone else. Jesus paid for the gift of our freedom from sin and death.

Then Jesus said, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free...So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:31-31, 36)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan



Visit with a missionary July 16

Duane Lunsford's brother, **Wayne**, is a missionary with Wycliff Bible Translators.

He will be joining **Duane & Beth** in church Sunday, July 16. He would like to invite anyone who would be interested in speaking with him about Wycliff Bible Translators and his work to join him during coffee time in the fellowship hall following the church service that Sunday.

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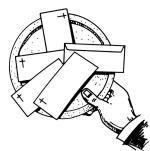
#287 Men's: November 9-12
#288 Women's: November 16-19
Held at Rochester Evangel Church, Rochester

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!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Prayer Requests from the bulletin:

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

Worship Attendance in June

June 4—115
 June 11—57
 June 18—101
 June 25—100



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.

Birthdays!



Anna Brohaugh.....July 1
 Pat McDermott.....July 1
 Jessie Johnson.....July 1
 Carroll Keller.....July 3
 Allen Kask.....July 3
 Weston Stegmeir.....July 6
 Tim Clark.....July 9
 Irene Orton.....July 11
 Beth Lunsford.....July 15
 Doris Brand.....July 16
 Jackie Stegmeir.....July 16
 Linda Ploog.....July 18
 Glenn Polzine.....July 18
 George Hultman.....July 19
 Nora Hess.....July 22
 Phyllis Perry.....July 23
 Vicki Palmer.....July 23
 Kristin Anderson.....July 28
 Verna Hultman.....July 28
 Jack Danielson.....July 28
 Lauren Youngquist.....July 31



Happy Birthday!

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

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.



Meals on Wheels Deliverers

July 3—Marvin Hultquist

July 4—HOLIDAY

July 5—Gary & Marna Gerke

July 6—Michelle Gillespie

July 7—Greg McCarthy

July 10—Joan DeMunck

July 11—Carroll Keller & Grace Schmidt

July 12—Larry & Shirley Knopf

July 13—Bonnie Vastka

July 14—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

July 17—George Hultman

July 18—Cindy Kopp

July 19—Lois Anderson & Judy Pierre

July 20—Donn & Sharlene Arnold

July 21—Jim & Joyce Stafki

July 24—Georgia Burg

July 25—Jan Gravelle & Diana Westrum

July 26—Jack & Sandy Danielson

July 27—Marvin Hultquist

July 28—Harold & Jan Lovaas

July 31—Ron & Juanita Morgan

Meals on Wheels Co-Coordinators:

Carroll Keller, 257-2225

Juanita Morgan, 257-9268

Tech Ministries Schedule

July 2 – Sound: Craig Stockel

Accompanist: Sue Harvey

July 9 – Sound: Scott Lecy

Accompanist: MN Adult & Teen Challenge

July 16 – Sound: Bruce Larsen

Accompanist: Kay Oien

July 23 – Sound: Scott Lecy

Accompanist: Sue Harvey

July 30 – Sound: Bruce Larsen

Accompanist: Kay Oien

Hope Circle meeting...

Hope Circle will NOT meet in July.



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.

JULY 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship	3 Office Closed	4 Independence Day! Office Closed 	5	6 Pastor Dan out of the office	7 Pastor Dan out of the office	1 <hr/> 8
9 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship Mission Sunday~ MN Adult & Teen Challenge	10	11 6:30p Men's Softball— Ki-Chi-Saga Park field 3	12	13 NO Hope Circle	14	15
16 9:00a Worship Presentation of Rev. John C. Blackford Scholarships 10:15a Fellowship	17 6:30p A Brush with Kindness	18 6:30p Men's Softball— Ki-Chi-Saga Park field 1 7p Trustees 7p Finance NO Church Council Newsletter deadline	19	20	21	22
23 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship	24	25 6:30p Men's Softball— Ki-Chi-Saga Park field 2	26	27	28	29 8a Men's Softball Tournament
30 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship	31		Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:00a – 2:30p			

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First United Methodist Church Pastor Dan Doughty

Practicing Grace Until We Are Perfected In Love

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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.

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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