



Grace Courier

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June Mission Focus ~ Reach * Renew * Rejoice



The Minnesota Conference's vision is for all congregations to live out God's call to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world.

The Minnesota Conference's seven-year plan for congregational development has two components: starting new churches and growing existing churches by equipping them to increase vitality.

We have an opportunity to help new people find and experience Christ while stirring our own hearts and aligning them with what God is calling us to do. Sustained prayer and generosity are need-

ed to accomplish the work that God has prepared for us.

Here's what the seven-year plan will make possible:

Each year for six years, we will start one new church where demographics and opportunity align, assist 20 existing churches in revitalizing their ministries, and partner with a vital parent church to multiply its ministry beyond its current site. These efforts will occur in every district within the Minnesota Conference.

Mission Sunday is June 18, but there are mission envelopes in each pew. Feel free to give to this mission anytime during the month of June.

Rev. John C. Blackford Scholarships

- ◆ Funded by the First United Methodist Church of Lindstrom Foundation
- ◆ All are eligible if a member or regular worshiper at the First United Methodist Church of Lindstrom, a relative of a church attendee, or a youth regularly involved in activities associated with the church
- ◆ Applications can be obtained through the church office, on the information table in the back of the church, or electronically on our website
- ◆ Applications will be evaluated by the Foundation team members and awarded on need and merit.
- ◆ A detailed, thoughtful application will

influence the final evaluation and selection. Please be as specific as possible.

Dates to remember:

June 9: All applications must be received

Late June/Early July: Recipients will be notified

July 16: Scholarships awarded

Scholarships may be obtained by contacting:

Carol Schmidt (office hours 8-2:30 M-F)

Administrative Secretary

firstmethodist@usfamily.net

651-257-4306

Or, you can find applications on the Information Table in the foyer, or on our website.

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Dates to remember:

June 9
Rev. John C. Blackford
Scholarship Deadline

June 18
Father's Day

June 19-22
Pastor Dan attending
MN Annual Conference

June 25
Family Praise Fest!

From the pastor...

A friend was recently working on a sermon. It was a sermon on the Church. He used Facebook to do a little research. He asked his Facebook friends, "I'd love to hear your answers to this question as I prepare for Sunday's message: what do you like best about the Church?"

As many of you know, I do not often respond to Facebook posts. But I thought about this. I responded. I said what I think I like most about the Church is it is made up of a bunch of very imperfect people, and somehow God uses these imperfect people to accomplish great things." Grace! (There is that clichéd thought: when I find the perfect church, I will join it. Then it won't be perfect any longer. Grace!)

There is one place in Scripture where I think we see Jesus at his most joyful. He sent out seventy-two of his followers. He sent them out in pairs. He sent them to preach the kingdom. He knew he was sending them out "like lambs among wolves". The seventy-two returned with joy. They reported to Jesus, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." Jesus told them the thing that should bring them the most joy was their names being recorded in heaven.

The account then says that Jesus was full of joy through the Holy Spirit. Jesus was full of joy. He prayed, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure."

Little children. God did not choose the high-falutin people of society. He chose fishermen and tax collectors and hotheads and zealots and other quite imperfect people. With them Jesus started the Church. God used them to do great things. The Church is still here. We, imperfect though we are, are the Church. God still uses us to accomplish wonderful things.

We are blessed to be the Church.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Dan



Men's Softball—June

Played Tuesday evenings at Ki-Chi-Saga Park, Glader Ave., Lindstrom.

All are welcome to come out to the ballfield to cheer on the home team!

June 6
6:30p—field 2

June 13
6:30p—field 1

June 20
6:30p—field 3

June 27
6:30p—field 3



MN Annual Conference

The MN Annual Conference will be held June 20—22. **Pastor Dan** and **Kay Oien**, Lay Member to Annual Conference, will be attending.

If you have a pastoral need, please contact the office, 257-4306.

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.

2017

#285 Men's: June 8-11
#286 Women's: June 15-18
Held at Arlington Hills UMC, Maplewood

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**,



Birthdays!



- Jon Pearson.....June 1
- Irve Lecy.....June 3
- Luke leadholm.....June 5
- Connie Buelow.....June 6
- Cheryl Hultquist-Auchterlonie.....June 9
- Ellie Stegmeir.....June 14
- Pam Bates.....June 21
- Sarah Clark.....June 25
- Gavin Lewis.....June 25



Prayer Requests from the bulletin:

Cole Anderson; Doris Brand; Roxy Bahn; Irene Orton; Char Loula's father

New Address

Gerry & Sandy Gaudette
12715 295th St.
Lindstrom MN 55045
651-213-3127

Thank you!

I would like to say a huge "Thank You!" for the card and gift I received for Administrative Assistant's Week! I so enjoy being here with you and hope to be here for many, many years to come. You are all such a blessing!

Carol Schmidt

Thank you!

Lois Anderson would like to thank you, all, who helped with Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up on April 29:

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dick Berglund | Marvin Hultquist |
| Jack Danielson | Sharlene Arnold |
| Donn Arnold | Gary Gerke |
| Dorothy Lecy | Irve Lecy |
| Nancy Grossmann | Scott Lecy |

We're glad for some kids who came to work with us:

- Rachel Tracy Andrew Tracy Maya Benesch**

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.

Monthly Giving update

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

General Fund giving for April was \$16,998.25.

Thank you for your support of our ministries!

Worship Attendance in May

- May 7—103
- May 14—114
- May 21—101
- May 28—121



DON'T MISS...

**FAMILY PRAISE
FEST**

**SUNDAY,
JUNE 25
1:00P - 6:30P**

**LOTS OF GREAT
MUSICAL
GUESTS**

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.

Church Council Minutes

May 16, 2017

Present: Erin Thorvaldson, Terry Keese, Nancy Grossmann, Scott Lecy, Cheryl Lecy, Donn Arnold, Pastor Dan

Meeting opened with a prayer by **Pastor Dan**

Adult Ministry and Worship-Pastor Dan: Adult Bible Study will end on May 17 and will resume in the Fall. There has been great attendance during the classes. Currently studying the Book of Hebrews. The Book of Hebrews will be finished when classes resume in the Fall. Wednesday night seems to be the best evening for the classes.

Worship Design: Pastor Dan indicated that we would be moving service outside for the July 2nd service. Time will remain at 9:00 am. Also, there will be another service outside scheduled for August.

Children's Ministry: Sunday School services will be ending May 21st for the summer. We will celebrate with ice cream floats and games at the playground. Middle School class will be joining in. It has been a good year and we have a few new families! We average a total of 16-20 children each Sunday, for 3 years old through 5th grade. We have several that will be moving up to the middle school age class next year. (Not to sound like a broken record, but at the rate we are growing, more classroom space will have to be discussed soon. What a nice problem!) Note of thanks to our teachers this year: **Katie Leadholm, Erin Thorvaldson, Adrienne Stegmeir, Brittney Glader, and Laurie Doughty.** Thanks to all from the Church Council for a wonderful job with all the children.

Club Rock – Youth Ministry: Club Rock is currently ending for this year. Funds raised to send our youth to camp this year reached its goal of 100%. 15 youth will be attending camp this year. Thanks to everyone who donated and made this possible to send our youth to this wonderful camp. Many of the kids going to camp are involved in service projects out of appreciation for all the funds raised to send them to camp. Several were involved with cleaning the church last week. **Great Job KIDS!**

Finance: April was a good time to catch up a little on Finance since we had 5 weeks during the month compared to 4 weeks last year. For the year, we are tracking consistent with last year. Discussion about a plan for Stewardship Campaign will be worked on during October.

Foundation: We are currently working on scholarships & applications. The scoring of applications will be revised slightly this year. Applications are due by June 9, 2017. Scholarships will be awarded on July 16, 2017.

Hospitality: Many people have been signing up to serve coffee and refreshments after the Sunday services. Everyone really appreciates the fellowship time plus the yummy treats. Thanks to all that make this possible.

Lay Leader: No Report

Missions: \$1,424 in mission offerings were raised for Praise Fest in April. During the month of May the mission offering will be for the MN Annual Conference Love Offering. June will be for the Reach, Renew, Rejoice mission.

Monday night meals seems to be going well. Brush of Kindness currently has 5 projects scheduled for the summer. There is a need to find a project manager for Brush of Kindness who would be responsible for reviewing possible projects and coming up with material dollar estimates, manpower, and time to complete the projects. This person would oversee the projects and make sure projects stay on course to completion. Also, there was discussion about finding more volunteers to work on the projects. If anyone would like to help, please call **Donn Arnold.**

Publicity and Social Media: We posted the upcoming Memorial Day Service on all social media outlets. We are getting many views with all of our posts. This is a great outlet to let people know what our church is doing. Thanks to Erin for doing a great job.

SPRC: No Report

Trustees: Last Sunday, the Trustees with the help of the youth group cleaned the church. Awesome job to all.

Meeting ended with a Prayer from Pastor Dan

Respectfully submitted by
Bob Determan

Angel Costumes for Living Nativity

We are making new angel costumes for the Living Nativity. If you have white bed sheets you no longer use, please consider donating to this cause. Donations can be left in the church office or given to **Cindy Kopp** or **Linda Ploog** by June 15th.

Youth Ministry

Summer Camp is around the corner

It's a JOY tell you that First UMC is sending fifteen kids grades 2nd through 9th to summer camp this year. These excited campers wish to say **THANK YOU** for your generosity. We reached 100% of our fundraising goals because of you.



Youth Service Projects

The young people at First UMC recently had fun helping with road clean up and... polishing pews and vacuuming for the annual church clean up. Great Job!

Blessings,
Cheryl & Scott Lecy



Children's Ministry

Laurie Doughty

May 21st was the last day of Sunday school classes for the summer. We enjoyed games and ice cream floats.

This year we had a great time and continued to grow as we welcomed new families.

Two years ago we had one classroom and now have three! Each room has an average of 5-7 kids each Sunday. How great is that!?

Have a great summer! Even though we will not be having Sunday school, church will be continuing—so worship together as a family.



“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

Ephesians 6:4



Meals on Wheels Deliverers

June 1—Michelle Gillespie

June 2—Greg McCarthy

June 5—Marvin Hultquist

June 6—Ron & Juanita Morgan

June 7—Gary & Marna Gerke

June 8—Bonnie Vastka

June 9—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

June 12—George Hultman

June 13—Carroll Keller & Grace Schmidt

June 14—Larry & Shirley Knopf

June 15—Donn & Sharlene Arnold

June 16—Jim & Joyce Stafki

June 19—Georgia Burg

June 20—Cindy Kopp

June 21—Lois Anderson & Judy Pierre

June 22—Darrell & Hazel Audette

June 23—Jim & Joyce Stafki

June 26—Carroll Keller & Grace Schmidt

June 27—Jan Gravelle & Diana Westrum

June 28—Gary & Marna Gerke

June 29—Ron & Juanita Morgan

June 30—Harold & Jan Lovaas

Meals on Wheels Co-Coordinators:

Carroll Keller, 257-2225

Juanita Morgan, 257-9268



Tech Ministries Schedule

June 4 – Sound: Craig Stockel

Accompanist: Kay Oien

June 11 – Sound: Bruce Larsen

Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

June 18 – Sound: Scott Lecy

Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

June 25 – Sound: NEEDED

Accompanist: Kay Oien

Hope Circle meeting...

Hope Circle will NOT be meeting in June.



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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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
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Worship Team Leader...	Beth Lunsford
Youth Coordinators...	Scott & Cheryl Lecy

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