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Mission Focus this month for YWAM ~ Erik & Ele Brohaugh

YWAM (Youth With A Mission)-

Erik & Ele live among a minority tribal people group in West Africa.

They work towards seeing a multiplying, indigenous church established there. There are about 100 believers within the 2 million strong people group. The rest adhere to Islam officially, but daily lives is very much a mix of that with the animistic beliefs that preceded their conversion to Islam- so best described as "folk Islam". Erik & Ele look for every opportunity to share personal testimony and scripture with the people around them to lead them towards an understanding of Jesus.

They do this in the context of community development projects. Erik works with the men and government in tackling the local erosion problem. He also has a tree nursery and works with and encourages villagers to plant trees in the deforested land which he also farms. He has a welding and fabricating workshop and works with a number of young men there on tree protectors and other village projects. He continues to promote earth blocks five years on from the construction of their house by making and maintaining presses

All Church Potluck October 15

Following the worship service on October 15th, there will be a potluck brunch in the fellowship hall.

Sign up to bring a dish to share and visit with **Erik & Ele Brohaugh** and their three children and hear more about their lives in the Gambia.

and training block makers.

Ele has the huge task of schooling their kids! She also takes care of them (and Erik) in many ways including cooking a nutritious evening meal to supplement the local meals. She spends time with the women and lovingly looks after the cuts and sores of the 20+ children of the extended family that she has lived with for more than 16 years.

Their children **Asaph, Anna and Khara** are linguistic geniuses and a big asset to the ministry.

Erik grew up in Lindstrom as part of 1st UMC and met Ele, who is from England, working in the village where they still live while he was doing a training school with YWAM in 2002.

Erik and Elle will be with us on Mission Sunday, Oct.15, and an all church potluck will follow the worship service.



*October is
Pastor Appreciation
Month!*

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Dates to remember:

- October 4
Supper & Study to begin
- October 6
CLUB ROCK
- October 8
Cradle Rocking
- October 14
Highway Clean-Up
- October 15
Mission Sunday—Erik & Ele Brohaugh + Potluck
- October 29
Stewardship Sunday

From the pastor...

My granddaughter recently had a cross country meet. I went to it. I have gone to a few. She is on the junior high team. At this cross country meet—as with most—the varsity boys ran first. That race was followed by the varsity girls, junior varsity boys, junior varsity girls, junior high boys, and then the junior high girls. So I waited through those other races to watch my granddaughter run. Even then, I pretty much saw only the start and the finish.

You know, I am not telling you anything new here. Only one “wins” the race. But all the runners finish. The one who is the final person to cross the finish line is up to twenty minutes behind the first person to cross the finish line. In fact, the junior varsity girl’s race might be started before the final junior varsity boy has finished his race.

Here’s the deal, and this never ceases to move and humble me. There are always people at the finish line cheering on that final runner. People are there ringing their cowbells and encouraging that last runner. The race is not over when the “winner” crosses the finish line. It is not over until that final runner crosses the line. And there are people there to encourage that runner.

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus.... (Hebrews 12:1-2)

We will resume our study of the book of Hebrews, Wednesday, October 4, 6:00 PM.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan

Annual Highway Clean-Up scheduled

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**.

Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday night dinners will resume this fall!!

Starting October 4th, please join us for a family style meal every Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Free will offering.

There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall for anyone who would like to cook and serve a meal on a Wednesday night.

Please see **Mark or Wendy Vanderwerf** for more information.

All are welcome!!!

Contribution Envelopes for 2018

Offering Envelopes



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**.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Prayer Requests from the bulletin:

Cole Anderson; Doris Brand; Olga Determan; Char Loula's father

Cradle Rocking to be held October 8

Children will be celebrated at our annual Cradle Rocking Service held on Sunday, October 8, at our 9:00 a.m. worship service.

The Cradle Rocking Service is based on a Swedish custom of rocking babies one year and under in a cradle while children sing songs over them.



If you know of anyone who would like their baby (one year and under) rocked, please contact **Sandy Gaudette**, 763-954-9394, or the church office, 257-4306.

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.

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.

Birthdays!



- Shirley Knopf.....October 2
- Keith Green.....October 2
- Pat Kertzsch.....October 4
- Bob Christie.....October 7
- Lloyd Jones.....October 10
- Will Caldwell.....October 11
- Matthew Anderson.....October 12
- Kelsey Olson.....October 15
- Rylan Tomczak.....October 17
- Rowan Tomczak.....October 17
- Nancy Grossmann.....October 19
- Judy Green.....October 23
- Sharlene Arnold.....October 24



hope your birthday is as awesome as you are!

Foundation Notes

The Foundation Board would like to inform you that if you are involved with a church related activity and need some funds to help finance an event, we may be able to assist you. To get more information, talk to **Donn Arnold** or any other board member.

Applications for the grants are available in the church office or from **Donn Arnold**.

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.

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

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

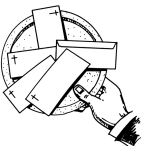
If you would like to participate in an Unidos en Cristo weekend or would like more information, please contact **Scott or Cheryl Lecy**, 651-462-5725.

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 August was \$9,230.



Thank you for your support of our ministries!

Worship Attendance in September

Sept. 3—53

Sept. 10—100

Sept. 17—98

Sept. 24—103



Club Rock

Club Rock starts Friday October 6th and it's a new way to rock this year!

We're meeting the first Friday every month.

Supper at 5:30p

Games and Random Crazyness from 6:00 to 8:00p

See You Soon! **Cheryl and Scott Lecy**

Youth Ministry Sunday School Classes

Calling all young people- Sunday School grades 6-8. Class meets weekly through mid-May EXCEPT the first Sunday of the month.

See You Soon! **Cheryl and Scott Lecy**

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

6 Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Handbells

Handbell practice will be on Mondays from 6-7pm in the sanctuary.

We play during the service on the third Sunday of each month. Anyone interested in playing, please join us. We ask that you be able to read music. We'll teach the rest!

If you have any questions. Please see **Patsy Berglund** 651-408-9642.



Church Council Minutes

September 19, 2017

Present: Pastor Dan, Terry Keese, Lloyd Jones, Nancy Grossmann, Laurie Doughty, Erin Thorvaldson, Juanita Morgan

Meeting opened with a prayer from Pastor Dan

Trustees: Upcoming construction to the sanctuary including new carpet, and sound system will begin on October 3. Work is projected to be completed on October 22. The trustees are asking for help on October 1 and October 15 to move things out for the construction and carpeting to begin. There will be a sign-up sheet available for people to sign-up for helping. Also carpet that is staying has been cleaned.

Adult Ministry: Bible Study will begin on October 4 with a meal prior to the study. Help is needed for the meal prior to the Bible Study. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall.

Worship Design: October 8 is cradle rocking Sunday. October 15 Erik Brohaugh will be preaching, November 30 decoration for Advent, December 24 normal morning church service and a service at 4:30pm on December 24.

Children Ministry: Sunday school has started with 3 classrooms. All teacher positions are filled and everything is going very well. Teachers are using the "Dig-In" on line curriculum. The new curriculum is very user friendly allowing teachers to offer the kids several options for great Bible Study. Pastor Dan is planning on speaking to the kids about Communion in the near future. There are currently 29 children on the roster for Sunday school.

Club Rock: The first Club Rock meeting is scheduled for October 6 in the evening.

Finance: No Report

Foundation: No Report

Hospitality: Name Tag Sunday went very well. Everyone seemed to enjoy. Also there will be a children's table set up in the fellowship hall after services for kids to sit together and enjoy the fellowship time together. September 24 there will be a Christmas Cookie party for all the snow birds that go south for the winter.

Lay Leader: No Report

Missions: August offer was for Feed the Starving Children. \$520 was collected for Feed the Starving Children. September current offering is for the Nomad program. On September 10 a special offering was collected for UNCOR to aid hurricane victims. \$520 was collected for these victims. In October we will be collecting offers for YWAM.

Brush with Kindness has completed the 5 projects they had scheduled. 2 additional applications have been received. The project coordinator position for Brush with Kindness is still vacant. If anyone knows someone that would like to fill this position please contact Nancy Grossmann. Community Meal group will be meeting on September 25 to go over next year's budgeting. This program has been a great success in the community.

Publicity and Social Media: Current pictures have been posted on social media from the Hootenanny night at Church.

SPRC: No Report

Hope Circle: Hope Circle had their first fall meeting. They are currently planning a New Year's Eve day party.

Women's Bible Study: They will be starting in January 2018.

Upcoming Events: December 16 is scheduled for the Live Nativity. An alternate date of December 20 is scheduled in case Live Nativity has to be cancelled on December 16.

New Business: New sound system has been approved and installed soon. Also a new Laser projection system will also be installed.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Determan



"Draw near to God and
He will draw near to you."

James 4:8 NKJV

Sanctuary Improvements Schedule



The Trustees would like to inform the congregation of the schedule for the Sanctuary Improvements:

Beginning Sunday, October 1—7

- Remove everything from front deck
- Demolition of front deck
- Framing new deck
- Begin rough-in of electrical/sound

October 8—13

- Framing new deck, electrical/sound system
- Flooring installed on new deck



October 15—21

- Front deck completed
- (Sunday) 4:00p.m. pews will be removed to fellowship hall
- Lights will be changed to LED
- Removal of old carpet
- Installation of new carpet
- Completion of sound system, electrical system
- (Saturday) 9:00 a.m. Pews installed back into Sanctuary

Help will be needed Sunday, Oct. 1 to remove everything from the front deck, Sunday, Oct. 15 to remove pews and also Saturday, Oct. 21 to replace pews. Sign up in the foyer to help.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Laurie Doughty

We are so lucky to have the following dedicated people working in Children's Ministry. Thank you for sharing your talents.

3-4 year olds:

Katie Leadholm & Sarah Sandgren

K-2nd Grade:

Erin Thorvaldson & Emily Honerbrink

3-5th Grade:

Adrienne Stegmeir & Nicole Oehme

Children's Sermons: Terry Kopp

These teachers love what they do and the kids love them.

The 3-5th Grade will be worshipping in church the first Sunday of each month with their family and will be having class the rest of the Sundays.

October 29 will be Children's Ministry Dedication and Presenting of 3rd Grade Bibles.

SAVE THE DATE! Children's Shop Day

Saturday, November 11

10am-1pm

Blessings!

AIRCOMPRESSOR	MAINTENANCE
CABIN	MATTE
CARPORTS	MOPBOARD
CLAMP	NAILS
CLAPBOARDS	PAINTING
COMMERCIAL	PATIO
CONSTRUCTION	PLUMBING
CROWN	PLYWOOD
CUSTOM HOMES	RADON MITIGATION
DECKS	RENOVATION
ELECTRICAL	SANDER
ENERGY EFFICIENT	SAWZALL
EXTENSIONS	STEP
EXTERIOR	SCREWS
FASCIA	SHEETROCK
FIXTURE	SHINGLE
FORM	SOFFITS
FRAMING	SPEED SQUARE
GABLE	STAIRS
GARAGES	STEEL
GUTTERS	STRAPPING
HAMMER	TABLE SAW
HANDYMAN	TOOL
GRANITE	TRIM
GREEN	TRUSS
HEATING	WINDOW
INSULATE	WOOD FLOORING
INTERIOR	2 X 4S
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Word Find Challenge!



Meals on Wheels Deliverers

October 2—Marvin Hultquist
October 3—Ron and Juanita Morgan

October 4—Gary & Marna Gerke
October 5—Michelle Gillespie
October 6—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

October 9—Jim & Joyce Stafki
October 10—Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker
October 11—Larry and Shirley Knopf
October 12—Bonnie Vastka
October 13—Greg McCarthy

October 16—George Hultman
October 17—Cindy Kopp
October 18—Lois Anderson & Judy Pierre
October 19—Donn & Sharlene Arnold
October 20—Jim and Joyce Stafki

October 23—Georgia Burg
October 24—Jan Gravelle & Diana Westrum
October 25—Jack & Sandy Danielson
October 26—Joan and Phil DeMunck
October 27—Harold and Jan Lovaaas

October 30—Marvin Hultquist
October 31—Ron & Juanita Morgan

Meals on Wheels Co-Coordinator:
Juanita Morgan, 257-9268

Tech Ministries Schedule

October 1 – Sound: Scott Lecy
Accompanist: Kay Oien

October 8 – Sound: Bruce Larsen
Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

October 15 – Sound: Craig Stockel
Accompanist: Kay Oien

October 22 – Sound: Terry Keesee
Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

October 29 – Sound: Scott Lecy
Accompanist: Kay Oien

Hope Circle meeting...

Hope Circle will be meeting Thursday, October 12 at 9:30 a.m. at **Marilee Fredrickson's** residence Vindauga View in the Bee Hive Room, 10910 282nd St., Chisago City. Questions, call **Dorothy Lecy, 651-260-3048**. All women of the church are invited!



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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October 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship	2 6p Bell Choir	3	4 5p Family Dinner 5:30p Children's Bells 6p Adult Bible Study 6:30p Memorials 7p Choir 8p Worship Team	5	6 5:30p CLUB ROCK	7
8 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship Children's Sabbath Cradle Rocking	9 6p Bell Choir	10	11 Pastor Dan out of office-Conference Mtg. 5p Family Dinner 5:30p Children's Bells 6p Adult Bible Study 7p Choir 8p Worship Team	12 9:30a Hope Circle	13	14 1p Highway Clean-Up
15 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Potluck Mission Sunday ~ YWAM Erik & Ele Brohaugh	16 6p Bell Choir 6:30p A Brush With Kindness	17 7p Trustees 7p Finance 8p Church Council Newsletter deadline	18 5p Family Dinner 5:30p Children's Bells 6p Adult Bible Study 7p Choir 8p Worship Team	19	20	21
22 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 10:15a Foundation	23 Pastor Dan out of office- Covenant Group 6p Bell Choir	24	25 5p Family Dinner 5:30p Children's Bells 6p Adult Bible Study 7p Choir 8p Worship Team	26	27	28
29 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship Stewardship Sunday Third Grade Bibles Teacher Dedication	30 6p Bell Choir	31			Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:00a – 2:30p	

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We welcome you to worship with us!

Worship 9:00 a.m.
Children leave for Sunday School during Worship
Coffee fellowship 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Activities:

5:00p Family Dinner
6:00p Adult Bible Study
7:00p Choir

Our Ministry Team:

Pastor...	Dan Doughty (dan.d@usfamily.net)
Administrative Secretary / Treasurer...	Carol Schmidt
Children's Coordinator...	Laurie Doughty
Choir Director...	Kay Oien
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Finance Chairperson...	Scott Lecy
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