***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 *Christmastide* Bell Choir

Words of Welcome/Attendance Registration

Announcements and Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Chad Lewis Family

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

Children’s Moment

\* Children 3 years – 8th grade are invited to go to Sunday School at this time

Hymn #230 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Bible Reading Luke 2:1-7

Message *To Bethlehem*

*So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. Luke 2:4*

+Hymn #224 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Offering *Come Emmanuel* Choir

+Offering Response #234 Chorus only *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Prayer

+Hymn #220  *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

+Benediction

+Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!

**This Week’s Calendar…**

**Monday, December 22**

Pastor Dan out of office

 4 – 6p Community Dinner at Zion Lutheran Church, Chisago City

**Tuesday, December 23**

**Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

 4:30p Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Thursday, December 25**

 **Merry Christmas!**

Office closed

12:00 – 1:15p Christmas Dinner served

**Friday, December 26**

Office closed

**Saturday, December 27**

**Next Sunday, December 28**

9:00a Worship/NO Sunday School for children and youth

 Message based on Galatians 3:26-4:7

10:15a Fellowship

10:30a Intercessory Prayer – chapel

Last week’s offering: $1,581 Budgeted: $3,676

Attendance last Sunday: 115

Carpet Project Giving (Phase Two): $3,362 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

**Prayer Requests:** Cole Anderson; Chuck Zimmerman; Roxy Bahn;

Hannah Irvin; Chuck Loula

**Here’s What’s Happening…**

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

**Thank you:** so much for loaning us blankets, extension cords, urns, baskets, etc. for the Living Nativity. You will find your items on the pew across from the music office. Please take them home today.

**Our Mission Focus this month: Wycliffe Bible Translators.** Duane Lunsford’s brother, Wayne, and his family serve Wycliffe. This mission "is dedicated to translating and delivering Biblical Scripture to people around the world in a language and form they understand best."

**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.

**New Year’s Eve Potluck Luncheon: A Potluck Luncheon will be held December 31 from 11:00 – 3:30 p.m. at First UMC. A sign up is located on the table by the fellowship hall door. Join us!**

**Commitment Cards: Commitment Cards** are available on the table in the foyer for anyone who has not had an opportunity to identify their commitment to the church for the year 2015. Please place your completed card in the offering plate or give to Linda Ploog or Patsy Berglund.

**Defibrillator Purchase:** The church would like to purchase a Defibrillator.

The cost is $1800.00. If you would like to donate to this, please write a check to the church and put “Defibrillator” in memo area.

**Year End Giving:** If you wish to make an end-of-the year charitable donation to First UMC, it will need to be received NO LATER than Sunday, December 28 to be included in your 2014 contribution. Thank you for supporting the ministries of First UMC!

**Christmas Dinner:** The annual Christmas Dinner will be held Christmas Day from 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. at First UMC. Please call 257-4306 to let us know you’ll be coming, or feel free just to stop in. Merry Christmas!

**Celebration of the Lakes event:** **“Puzzles, Pie and Potato Soup”**

at First United Methodist Church, Friday, January 30; 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 Sunday January 11. Call the church office to sign up, 257-4306 OR Come to watch the contest, participate in other games AND Enjoy a bowl of homemade potato soup and pie.

Admission fee: $2 per person at the door.

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***December 21, 2014***

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