***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

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship

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

+Hymn #64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Special Music *Come Thou Font* Ernie Kertzscher

 Brooke Harvey, Katelyn Espe

Blessing of the Backpacks

Bible Reading Mark 7:1-23

Message *Understand This*

*Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said,*

*“Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.” Mark 7:14*

Hymn #340 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Anthem *My Sweet Lord*  Choir

Offering *Amazing Grace* Bell Choir

+Offering Response #99 *My Tribute*

Prayer

+Hymn #261  *Lord of the Dance*

+Choral Benediction

+Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!

**This Week’s Calendar…**

**Monday, August 31**

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

**Tuesday, September 1**

**Wednesday, September 2**

Pastor Dan vacation day

**Thursday, September 3**

Pastor Dan vacation day

 7:30p Worship Team Rehearsal

**Friday, September 4**

**Saturday, September 5**

**Next Sunday, September 6**

10:00a Worship

 Message based on John 1:35-42

11:15a Fellowship

11:30a Intercessory Prayer – chapel

**Monday, September 7** Labor Day – office closed

**Beginning Sunday, Sept. 13 our worship time will be 9:00 a.m.**

Last week’s offering: $1,273 Budgeted Weekly: $3,676

Monthly giving (August): $10,160 Budgeted Monthly: $15,833

Attendance last Sunday: 82

Carpet Project Giving (Phase Two): $6,894 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; Janice McCafferty;

Hannah Irvin; Chuck Loula; Connie Buelow; Pat McDermott; Kimberly Carlson; Doris Brand; Erin Thorvaldson’s cousin, Charlie; Pat Videen;

Roger Anderson

**Here’s What’s Happening…**

**Fellowship:** Join us for a potluck in the fellowship hall following the service.

**Our Mission Focus this month: Feed My Starving Children**

[Founded in 1987](http://www.fmsc.org/history), Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit.

With God’s help, Feed My Starving Children will strive to eliminate starvation in children throughout the world by helping to instill compassion in people to hear and respond to the cries of those in need.

**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.

**Denim:** Please note denim collecting has begun for Hope Circle. A box is available in the foyer to drop clean used items for Project Blue jeans Go Green, a company that recycles denim into insulation.

**2015 Hootenanny:** This year’s Hootenanny (Saturday, Sept. 19, 6:00 p.m.) requires an entire production company. Needed: Production Committee; Script Writers; Costume Designers; Music Director; Choreographer; an Entire Dance Troupe; Actors; Musicians; Set Designers; Lighting Technicians. If you want to be involved, plan on several meetings and work projects over this summer. Talk with Terry Kopp to volunteer!

**Volunteer needed:** a server is need for the Monday Community Meal, 3:45-6:15p. Please let Carroll Keller or Nancy Grossmann know if you are able to serve.

**Club Rock Volunteers:** If you'd like to volunteer to help with Club Rock this year contact Cheryl 651-210-9839. Beginning September 18th through May we meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 2:30-5:00pm. Come hang out, play games, be part of a skit, lead a talk, or make treats. You don't have to commit to every Club Rock meeting. We're having a volunteer party (potluck) on Sunday August 30th, 5:30 pm at Scott and Cheryl Lecy's. Volunteers are encouraged to bring spouses to the party.

**Thank you!:** a huge “thank you!” to Linda Ploog and Katie Leadholm for shampooing the pew cushions.

**Needed for Living Nativity:** Gallon ice cream buckets (preferably with handle). Place on pew by the office or give to Linda Ploog.

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***August 30, 2015***

 ***10:00 a.m.***