



# GRACE COURIER

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## Feed My Starving Children Mission Focus for August

A Christian non-profit founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children tackles world hunger by sending volunteer-packed, nutritious meals to 70 countries, where they're used to operate orphanages, schools, clinics and feeding programs to break the cycle of poverty.

Last year, FMSC welcomed nearly 1.1 million volunteers to pack more than 284 million meals to feed more than 779,000 kids daily for a year. The Minnesota-based charity spends more than 90% of total annual donations directly on feeding kids.



### The Power of Food

Nutritious food equips kids to learn in school, build their communities and grow up strong in body and spirit.

Food paves the way for education. Food builds a solid foundation for communities to become strong and self-reliant. Food makes it possible for children to gain physical and spiritual health. Food delivers hope in the name of Jesus.

Turn hunger into hope with your own two hands.

You can give any time during the month with envelopes in the pews.

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## Rev. John C. Blackford Scholarships

Four young people were awarded a Rev. John C. Blackford Scholarship July 15.

Congratulations to:

**Thomas Braski**

**Emelie Caldwell**

**Zach Caldwell**

**Jacob Domogalla**



## Charge Conference

A Charge Conference has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, 8:00 p.m. (just before the Church Council meeting) with the purpose of approving the pastor's salary for 2018. All members are encouraged to attend and vote.

## Thank you



The Trustees would like to give a big "Thank You!" for all the donations made for the upgrade of our parking lot. With all the donations we were able to meet our projected goal and pay for the parking lot in full!

Also we would like to thank **Irv Lecy** and his crew (**Donn Arnold, Dick Berglund, Gerry Gaudette, Tom Lundberg, Ed Oswald and Tim Ploog**) for their hard work in putting down black dirt and seeding the edges of the new blacktop. Once again thank you very much.

**Lloyd Jones**  
Trustee Chair

### Dates to remember:

August 2, 3 & 6-10  
Carol Schmidt on vacation

August 12 & 26  
Adult Study

August 19  
Mission Sunday  
Feed My Starving Children

August 21  
Newsletter Deadline

August 22  
Hope Circle @ Panola Gardens

## ***From the pastor...***

Dear Friends,

Recently, while driving, I saw a billboard advertising a new church. In big bold letters that stretched across the entire billboard it read, ***“A Great Church for a Fresh Start!”***

It is apparent to me that church wants to attract people who have either had negative experiences in their previous churches or who perhaps are un-churched and have never had a church home. Maybe they are trying to reach those who feel as if their church has let them down, or that their church is no longer meeting their needs. They want to send the message that *“if you come here you can start fresh”,* or *“this isn’t like your old church”,* or *“this church will give you what you’re looking for!”*

As I began to think more about that motto I realized how misleading it is. Any church that faithfully and truthfully preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ ought to be a great church for a fresh start. That is the purpose of The Church - whether for first time visitors or lifelong members. Every Sunday that you sit in your pew and worship the Lord with gladness and open hearts and minds, it is my hope that you leave that experience renewed, filled, and energized for a fresh start to a new day, a new week, or even perhaps, a new way of life!

In my short time as your pastor I have already discovered that this congregation is an exceptionally warm and accepting congregation. ***“First United Methodist Church - A Great Church for a Fresh Start!”*** That could be our tagline! As we head into the final days of summer and prepare for fall programming, I encourage you to reach out to your friends, family members, coworkers, or neighbors, who you know might be looking for a fresh start in a new church. I hope to have a formal reception of new members in September, but I need your help to make that happen. Spread the word. Invite. Encourage.

I can’t help but wonder, however, what church that faithfully follows Jesus Christ is not a great church for a fresh start? Shouldn’t all churches be able to proclaim that message about itself on a billboard? The Church of Jesus Christ provides us all with the ability to live our broken lives as forgiven, loved, and blessed children of God. Thanks be to God for that!

So come. Come to worship the Lord on Sunday.

Come to be renewed. Come to be loved. Come to be comforted, encouraged, and challenged. Come to be accepted. Come to praise God. Come to celebrate our community. Come to give thanks. Come to witness the glory of the Lord. Come and receive new life - and a fresh start.

See you in church! Bring a friend!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dale

## **Offering counters needed!**

Two counters are required each Sunday. One counter takes the lead role while the other person assists.

Commitment would be about 45 minutes one Sunday per month after the service. We will train!

If you are interested please contact **Linda Ploog**, 651-257-3323.

## **Worship Attendance in July**

July 1—127

July 8—75

July 15—98

July 22—91

Newsletter mailed before July 29.....

## **FREE!**

The church has a hide-a-bed couch and a desk to give away.

Please call the office, 651-257-4306, if you or anyone you know may be interested in the items.

They can be seen in Room 5, upstairs.

## In Our Prayers...

Cole Anderson; Doris Brand; Sandy Danielson

## Thank you!

Thanks to Adopt-A-Highway volunteers:

**Gary Gerke**

**Sue Hernick**

**Scott Braski**

**Marvin Hultquist**

Good Job!

**Lois Anderson**, Coordinator

## 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.

## 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

During the summer months, there is no Nursery Attendant, but you are welcome to use the room, if needed.

Children are always welcome in the worship service.

## Birthdays!



Carol Vanek.....August 3  
Gary Beringer.....August 10  
Lynne Hultman.....August 10  
Jesse Figueroa.....August 11  
Sue Meinholz.....August 12  
Sue Harvey.....August 16  
Cyndi Keesee.....August 21  
Lynne Wilkerson.....August 23  
Susan Hernick.....August 27



## Happy, happy day!

## 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.

### 2018

#291 Men: July 19-22  
#292 Women: July 26-29  
Held at The Well Church, Rosemount MN

#293 Men: October 18-21  
#294 Women: October 25-28  
Held at Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka

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 2018 is \$185,145. which becomes \$15,429 per month.

General Fund giving for June was \$12,258.86.

*Thank you for your support of our ministries!*

# Church Council Minutes

July 17, 2018

**Present:** Lloyd Jones, Juanita Morgan, Terry Keesee, Donn Arnold, Pastor Dale, Erin Thorvaldson, Scott Lecy, Cheryl Lecy

Meeting opened with a prayer from Pastor Dale

**Finance:** We are currently on track regarding income and expenses. This is good news for this time of year. Year to date all bills have been paid and things are looking good. Our congregation has really stepped up in the midst of our pastoral transition. We are grateful. Funds came in this month for the parking lot project that pays it in full. Thanks to all who contributed to this very worthy cause. This month, funds are coming in well for the Mission of the Cemetery fund.

**Adult Ministries:** Pastor Dale is planning on resuming the Wednesday evening adult Bible study in September. He plans on using a curriculum entitled, "Daily Discipleship" that is based on the upcoming Sunday preaching text. Currently Scott Lecy has been doing small group discussions on "Why I Believe" every other Sunday night. An average 10 people have been in attendance. This topic will be ending in September and replaced with something new. All are encouraged to attend.

**Worship and Music:** Pastor Dale has been in conversation with Beth, Kay, Sue, and Carol regarding worship planning and order of service. He is thankful for everyone's patience as he learns our worship style and format. Dale will continue to select weekly hymns and will consult with Beth on the selection of praise songs.

**Children's and Youth Ministries:** No plans in place yet for Children's ministry this Fall. Pastor Dale will meet with interested members to brainstorm and come up with a plan for Children's Ministries this fall. Contact him if you are interested in that conversation. Youth have been going to Camp Lebanon. Feedback is they are having lots of fun and learning much. 14 youth will be attending camp again this year. On August 18 the youth will serve at Feed My Starving Children and play mini-golf at Lily Putt. Pastor Dale is planning to offer Confirmation on Wednesday nights this fall. More information about this will be available soon.

**Trustees:** The blacktop of the parking lot is completed and paid for. Many positive comments from all. Great job to all who contributed in any way to this project. Irve Lecy and others have been working hard

on seeding and watering the lawn after black-topping. Thanks to all for their help. Room #13 in the basement has been cleaned and is once again under control. Thanks to all who helped make this happen. Cleaning and organizing will continue throughout the summer.

**Foundation:** The Foundation recently awarded the following individuals a \$1000 scholarship for the upcoming year: Thomas Braski, Emelie Caldwell, Zach Caldwell, and Jacob Domogalla. Congratulations to these exceptional students for their continued hard work in pursuing their educational goals. Foundation continues to work on their Mission Statement. Donn indicates that it should be completed next month.

**Publicity and Social Media:** Pastor Dale will post a weekly blog on our church website on Tuesday of each week. This will include preparatory thoughts on upcoming Sunday sermon along with any important church announcements. Pastor Dale has also made some positive changes to the church website. Erin, along with Pastor Dale, will continue to update and post on our church facebook page. Online publicity and Social Media are important tools of ministry.

**Hospitality:** Juanita indicated that people are really stepping up this summer on the Sunday fellowship after worship. Thanks to all for helping. Fellowship after the service is a great time for all. Name tags will continue to be used on Communion Sundays. They are working well, especially for new people attending our church. Hope Circle is planning an outing to Pano-la Gardens for a Tea Party on August 22.

**Mission:** Donn Arnold was present to update us on A Brush With Kindness (ABWK). They are currently working on arranging all their Stewards and Volunteers for churches involved. Updated forms are going out to all churches for updated information.

**Lay Leader:** No Report

**SPRC:** No Report

**Upcoming Events/New Business:** Donn Arnold discussed the possibility of forming a group similar to Trinity Lutheran's group, "Spit & Shine", that would be willing to work on various property and grounds projects needing to be done at the church. Donn would appreciate any and all thoughts on such a group. Pastor Dale expressed his appreciation for our Church Council and the work that we do on behalf of the congregation. He and his family have felt warmly welcomed and he looks forward to our future together.

Meeting ended with a Prayer from Pastor Dale

# Names for Jesus

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Alpha and Omega

Bread of Life

Chief Cornerstone

Chief Shepherd

Christ

Good Shepherd

High Priest

Immanuel

Jesus

King of Kings

Lamb of God

Lord

Lord of Glory

Lord of Lords

Mediator

Prophet

Rabbi

Rabboni

Savior

Son of David

Son of God

Son of Man

Word





## Meals on Wheels Deliverers

August 1—Marvin Hultquist  
August 2—Michelle Gillespie  
August 3—Greg McCarthy

August 6—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie  
August 7—Ron & Juanita Morgan  
August 8—Gary & Marna Gerke  
August 9—Harold & Jan Lovaas  
August 10—Bonnie Vasatka

August 13—George Hultman  
August 14—Cindy Kopp  
August 15—Larry & Shirley Knopf  
August 16—Donn & Sharlene Arnold  
August 17—Harold & Jan Lovaas

August 20—Georgia Burg  
August 21—Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker  
August 22—Jon Glader  
August 23—Bonnie Bielicki  
August 24—Jim & Joyce Stafki

August 27—Phil & Joan DeMunck  
August 28—Jan Gravelle & Diana Westrum  
August 29—Lois Anderson & Judy Pierre  
August 30—Jim & Joyce Stafki  
August 31—Irv & Dorothy Lecy

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

## Tech Ministries Schedule

August 5 – Sound:  
Accompanist: Kay Oien

August 12 – Sound: Bruce Larsen  
Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

August 19 – Sound:  
Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

August 26 – Sound: Scott Lecy  
Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

## Hope Circle meeting...

Hope Circle will be meeting Wednesday, August 22, at 1:45 p.m. at Panola Gardens. 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 Dale** 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:  
[office@lindstrommethodist.org](mailto:office@lindstrommethodist.org)

**Pastor Dale's** email address:  
[dale@lindstrommethodist.org](mailto:dale@lindstrommethodist.org)

## Sunday Messages available online

Pastor Dale's Sunday messages are posted to our website: [www.lindstrommethodist.org](http://www.lindstrommethodist.org) the week following the service.

# August 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:00a – 2:30p			1  ***Pastor Dale	2 7p Worship Team  on vacation***  ***Carol Schmidt	3 Pastor's Day Off   on vacation***	4
5 9:00a Worship  10:15a Fellowship	6   ***** ***Pastor Dale	7   Carol Schmidt  on vacation	8   on  Aug. 6-8***	9 NO Hope Circle  7p Worship Team  vacation	10 Pastor's Day Off   Aug 6-10***	11
12 9:00a Worship  10:15a Fellowship  6:30p Adult Study	13   ***Pastor Dale	14   on vacation	15   Aug 13-16	16 7p Worship Team  Carol Schmidt out of office  *****	17 Pastor's Day Off	18
19 9:00a Worship  10:15a Fellowship  <b>Mission Sunday Feed My Starving Children</b>	20	21 7p Trustees 7p Finance 8p Charge Conference/ Church Council  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	22 1:45p Hope Circle Afternoon Tea at Panola Gardens	23 7p Worship Team	24 Pastor's Day Off	25
26 9:00a Worship  10:15a Fellowship  6:30p Adult Study	27	28 	29	30 7p Worship Team	31 Pastor's Day Off	I will call upon the Lord!

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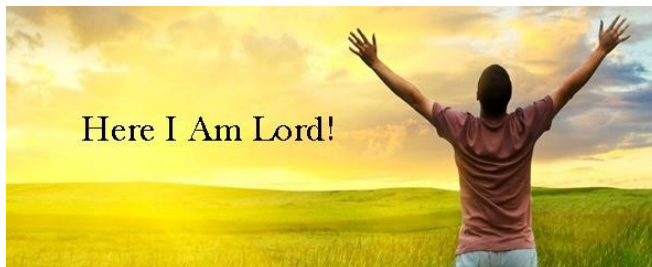
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## First United Methodist Church Pastor Dale Stiles

### 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...	Dale Stiles
Administrative Secretary / Treasurer...	Carol Schmidt
Children's Coordinator...	
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
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