

First United Methodist Church  
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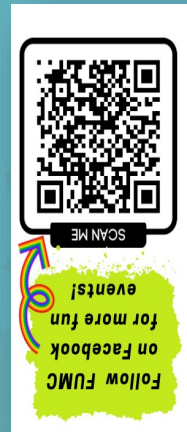
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Join us for Worship!

Worship with us in-person every  
Sunday morning at 9am.

Watch our Sunday service LIVE on our  
Facebook page.

Sunday Service is available to view on  
our website the following Tuesday at  
lindstrommethodist.org



We are here to help!

Church Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

9am - 2pm

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# Grace Courier

## First United Methodist Church

SEPTEMBER 2024 | 30828 IRENE AVE | PO BOX 688 | 651-257-4306

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## Mission Focus:



Orphaned and vulnerable children in Africa and India are living in extreme poverty, are abused, sick and isolated from their community. Through Zoe Empowers children who once lived in poverty become entrepreneurs, providers, and leaders in their community who know their worth and abilities. The Zoe Empowers model is distinctive and effective because of its focus on self-sufficiency to serve children to have stronger families. The organization equips children to overcome poverty by addressing all areas of life including child rights, food security, health and hygiene, secure housing, community connections, education, income generation, and spiritual strength with opportunities and support. Most importantly, children learn that God loves them and experience the gospel in action.

First United Methodist Church will help Zoe Empowers to make an impact when you designate a portion of your offering to "missions" in April. A little bit makes a big difference! It costs less than \$300 to equip one child to overcome extreme poverty and become part of a strong and healthy community in just three years. Be even more connected by signing up for encouraging stories of orphan empowerment to be sent to your email inbox or to become an official ministry [prayer partner](#) and receive weekly updates on the [Zoe Empowers website](#).

## CHURCH EVENTS

Church Offices Closed  
Labor Day Sept 2nd

- Sept 8 1-5:00pm - Sacred Sites Tour
- Sept 9 10:00am - Fall Bible Study Begins  
- meeting each Monday  
4-6:00pm - CLCM Fundraiser  
@Zion Lutheran Church
- Sept 10 5:30pm - Worship Team  
6:30pm - Trustees  
7:00pm - SPRC
- Sept 11 6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal
- Sept 17 6:30 - Finance  
7:00 - Church Council
- Sept 15 Rally Sunday! Potluck!
- Sept 18 6:00pm Parent Meeting -  
Confirmation (Gr 6-8)  
6-7:00pm - KICK (Gr K-5)
- Sept 25 5-7:00pm Confirmation  
6-7:00pm KICK



Meals on Wheels - Route 2 September 2024

Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

September 2 - Closed Labor Day

September 3 - Mike & Lenora Madigan

September 4 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy

September 5 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

September 6 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke

September 9 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

September 10 - Carol Carlson

September 11 - Fred & Barb Prindle

September 12 - Paul Robinson

September 13 - Duane & Debby Lee

September 16 - Michelle Gillespie

September 17 - Carol Carlson

September 18 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

September 19 - Grace Schmidt

September 20 - Mike & Lenora Madigan

September 23 - Phil & Joan DeMunck

September 24 - Greg McCarthy

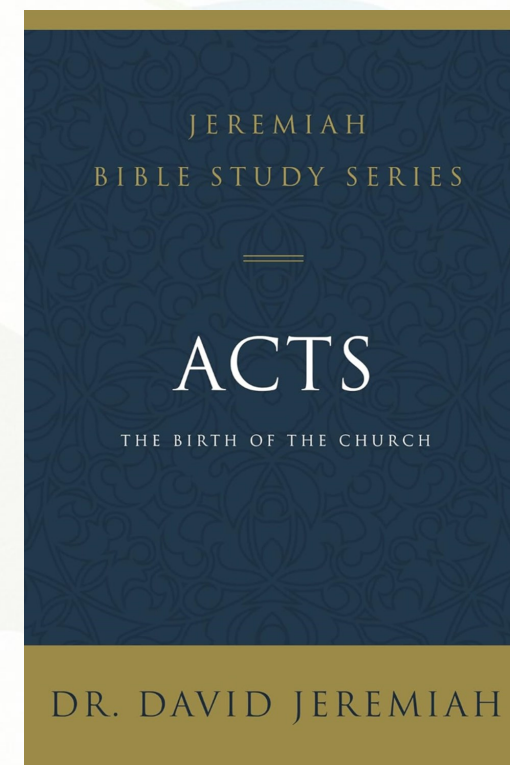
September 25 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

September 26 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

September 27 - Duane & Debby Lee

September 30 - Fred & Barb Prindle

Thank you for Volunteering!



**Fall Bible Study - God guides our witness and our walk...** Follow Dr. Jeremiah through the book of Acts in a chapter-by-chapter study that will help you understand what it meant to the people at the time it was written, and what it means to Christians today. *The Jeremiah Bible Study Series captures Dr. David Jeremiah's forty-plus years of commitment in teaching the Word of God. In each study, you'll gain insights into the text, identify key stories and themes, and be challenged to apply the truths you uncover to your life. By the end of each study, you'll come away with a clear and memorable understanding of that Bible book.* Join us for **ACTS: The Birth of the Church** Study group will meet **Mondays beginning Sept 9th at 10am. Books available outside of the FUMC Fellowship hall. For more information see Tami Rehbein.**

## Sacred Sites Tours

The Sacred Sites Tours are part of [Healing Minnesota Stories](#)' effort to create dialogue and healing between Native and non-Native peoples (a program of the Minnesota Council of Churches). Join us to gain a greater awareness and understanding of the Dakota people, the original people of this area, who too often are invisible in their homeland.

We will visit three outdoor sites near the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, what the Dakota refer to as Bdote, or "meeting place of rivers." These sites are the Fort Snelling State Park, the Dakota Internment Camp, and Pilot Knob Hill.

Hear Dakota stories *on the land itself* about some of our nation's violent and unjust history and the devastating impact on our fellow human beings.

Being together in this space as people of faith and conscience will support our ability to promote healing, justice, and reparations. It will build our power to be part of the larger movement for a just and sustainable future.

**All tours meet at Church of St. Peter, 1405 Sibley Memorial Highway, St. Paul, MN 55120.**

**Date:** Sunday, September 8, 2024, 1:00 pm – 5:00pm, snack provided.

**Cost:** \$35 per person. All funds will be directed in support of Healing Minnesota Stories.

**Sign up:** on sign-up sheet. Give checks made out to FUMC Lindstrom to Rebecca Ervasti

### Sacred Sites

We visit sites located around confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, what the Dakota refer to as Bdote, or "meeting place of rivers," including:

Fort Snelling State Park

Dakota Internment Camp following

The Dakota-U.S. War

Pilot Knob Hill, a traditional burial ground





# FUMC Committee Reports

## SPRC Committee Meeting Agenda August 13, 2024

"As followers of Jesus Christ, we will proclaim the message of God's kingdom and bring hope to a hurting world beginning in Chisago County."

- Prayer~ Andy
- Devotional~ Dorothy
- **Highs and Lows**

### OLD Business

- Decon Opportunity/Mentorship
- Church Directory Update
- Updating Background Checks for Volunteers
- Social Media Policy Framework

### NEW Business

#### Active Conflict Review

- Update on meeting about basketball concerns

#### Book Club~ Chris

- Chapters 1-3 (1 was covered but 2-3 was not this summer)

#### Staff Check-In Follow Up

Pastor Chris~ Angela

Admin~ Tina

Other~ Tami

**Next Meeting: September 10th**

Meeting Devotional~ Emily

Pastor Check-in~ Andy

Admin Check-in~ Dorothy

## Board of Trustees First United Methodist Church August 2024 Report

- 1. Lloyd is working with a surveying company and Dan from the City of Lindstrom to see what is required on selling the land north of Church.**
- 2. New windows have been installed, trimming out windows and staining should be done in the next couple weeks.**
- 3. Lloyd has received one bid for outdoor digital sign and is in the process of getting two more.**
- 4. Word needs to get out that if you come into church after hours to make sure doors are locked when you leave, we have had several times of the north door left unlocked.**

**Lloyd Jones**

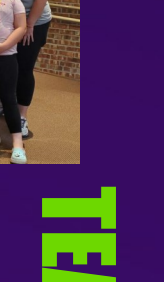
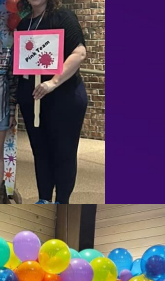
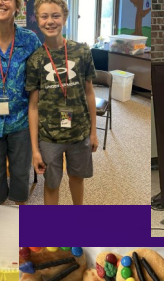
**Trustee Chair**

A very special  
Thank you to Greg  
Anderson for  
installing our New  
Water Heater for  
the Dishwasher!



# WHAT A MESS! VBS

# TEAMS!





## Adult Discipleship Committee Agenda and minutes – July 16, 2024

Seed Keepers, by Diane Wilson, book study in August - need to select dates  
Study group will meet on Sundays in August (4, 11, 18, 25) at the Ervasti's. 25 copies of the book were ordered by Erin G. The books will be paid for with the grant money received from the Methodist Conference. **Potential to host Diane Wilson as a speaker or do an interview – pending.**

Promoting the Sacred Sites tour on Sunday, September 8  
A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall, and flyers have been dropped off at the Northwoods. The event will be listed on the website and Facebook page. The event will be advertised in the Chisago Press for 3 weeks beginning August 21.

### Fall and Winter studies

Discussion around the following upcoming opportunities.

- Study on the book of Acts, videos with Dr. David Jememiah. This will run on Mondays at 10am beginning on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Tami Rehbein is facilitating.
- Advent Study using the devotional The Angels of Christmas, Susan Robb – will take place at 10:30am on December 1, 8, 15, & 22. Led by Pastor Chris.
- Lenten study – John, The Gospel of Light and Life written by Adam Hamilton. This study will take place on March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6 and 13 at 10:30am.

### Other potential study areas:

- Study on Decency – Bret to take as an action item (Church of the Resurrection, #Love your Neighbor campaign, The Hidden Option by Jonathan Malm, The Rock Church, Leslie Weatherhead;
- Winter - Jan - Feb: Learning about the African American experience - a single event or series of talks with a field trip. Rebecca to take as action item
- Other resources and ideas: With by Sky Jethani, book and discussion group at the Northwoods Coffee Shop?

See note and link about the Overcoming Racism Conference - we could be a host site this year or in 2025 - possibly an annual event.

### Be an Overcoming Racism Satellite Site November 9, Your Campus

Every year the Facilitating Racial Equity Collaborative holds a November conference with keynote speakers focused on advancing racial justice. In its 16th year MCC Co-Directors of Racial Justice Rev. Pamela Ngunjiri and Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs will offer the morning keynote on "Reparations in Action." The Minnesota Council of Churches is in the midst of a ten year focus on Truth and Reparations. The Minnesota Council is a sponsor of this year's Overcoming Racism Conference. While the conference is held at Metro State you don't need to drive to Saint Paul to attend. You can host a satellite site!

Satellite sites livestream the morning conference and invite in local resources for afternoon presentation and conversation. In exchange for the morning content and co-promotion, satellite sites agree to use Overcoming Racism materials, develop an afternoon workshop, and provide a post-conference summary. Satellite sites are already planned in Wright County, Rochester, Bemidji, Marshall and Moorhead but we hope to add more. If your congregation is in Duluth, Winona, Mankato, Grand Rapids, Faribault or anywhere else and you're ready to help overcome racism, email us at [info@overcomingracism.org](mailto:info@overcomingracism.org)

Next Meeting is August 20, 2024, at 6pm.



VBS 2024

## OUTREACH MEETING August 11, 2024

### RECAP

Tina Forcier, Barb Prindle

We worked at Setting Agenda for Fall (Note---anything in Red Needs to be confirmed by 8/20 if we are going to have a handout ready for the 25<sup>th</sup> (Backpack Blessing Sunday)

**Rally Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> or September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Should rally Sunday be the 7th and Sunday school start on the 15th?

\*Banner for outside church?? **Need to order ASAP**

\*Finding Jesus in our church Kids activity (see sheet)

\*Potluck following service

**KICK Start** September 18<sup>th</sup>

**Confirmation Start** September 18th

**Fika** October 27

**Kids Shop Day** **November 16, 2024 10:00am-12:30pm**

**Sermon Series for September-November? <Standing on Promises runs until end of October>**

**Mission for September/October/November**

**September: Zoe Empowers** **October: FMSC (October 26, 2024 in Coon Rapid, MN)** **November: Safe Haven Foster Shoppe**

**Field Trip for Grown Ups** (barb to figure out---location--  
-Confirm September 30<sup>th</sup>)

**The following are activities after November**

\*Advent Adventure (Barb and Tina) Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

\*Living Nativity Finalize Date

\*Make A Joyful Noise Caroling" Finalize Date

\*Sermon Series for Christmas TBD

\*Christmas Services Times/Date

## Chisago Lakes Community Meal Anniversary Fundraiser -

September 9th 4-6pm at Zion Lutheran Church Chisago. CLCM will be holding an Anniversary Fundraising picnic to aid in the expenses of the free community meal held each Monday night. Join us for Fun, food, fellowship, music and more!