

Happy Birthday!

24 Connie Haberman
Jayden Maras

25 Christopher Nelsen
Jada Nelson

26 Aaron Bonsma

28 David Reisdorfer

Happy Anniversary!

No Anniversaries To Celebrate This Week

Church Family Prayer List

Each week throughout the year, we pray intentionally for families from all of our churches - please include these families in your prayer life this week.

Ben Spiegelhoff
Jill Spiegelhoff
Liz Spiegelhoff
Jim & Amy Stefferud
John & Deb Steinle
Cole, Even & Jade Swank & family
Norma Swenson
Betty Taarud
Joshua Taarud
Randy & Marjo Taarud
Corky & Ginny Tate

Let's remember to visit those who are in Care Centers or are homebound: especially reach out to Betty Taarud, Lois Carlberg, Margaret Loger, Mary Prins, LaDee Grant, and Norma Swenson

One visit goes a long way!



Prayers for immediate health concerns:

Virgil Buck
Mike Miller
Annika Hietbrink
Carol Oberloh
Dick Schlichte
Steve Leach
Navaeh Hietbrink
Ryan Hill

Prayers for those dealing with cancer

John Kellen
Shellie Williams
Janelle Johnson
Christopher Allen Brown
Margaret & Arlen (Thelma Yager's siblings)
Duane Enns

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:

Nancy Hyink	Bill Carlberg
Weston Erlandson	Ariana Lopez
Emma Schnyders	Tim Yager
Pat Huisenga	Larry Doeden
Aiden Remme	

For those dealing with grief and loss...

Giving thanks & praying for:

Our Bishop and District Superintendent...
Our teachers, administrators, students...
Front line health care workers...
Law enforcement & emergency workers...
Service women & men and their families...

If you have a loved one you would like to have added to the Prayer Corner list, or if any name needs to be removed from this list, please contact the church office:

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methodistoffice@gmail.com

THE MESSAGE OF JESUS

*Sunday, March 23rd, 2025
Worship - 10:30 a.m.*



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First UMC Website

(<http://firstumcworthington.com/>)

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Deb Steinle & Rick Dalrymple

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Sunday, March 23rd, 2025
10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. John Mitchem
Worship Leader: Elizabeth Bushard
Accompanist: Carolyn Beerman

PRELUDE

WELCOME

TIME OF FOCUS

We Come to Worship God

OPENING HYMN

UMH #368 - *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 119:1-2, 27, 29)

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are those who keep God's decrees, who seek God with their whole heart.

Make us understand the way of your precepts, O God, and we will meditate on your wondrous works..

Put false ways far from us, O God, and graciously teach us your law.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAYER HYMN

UMH #585 - *"This Little Light of Mine"*

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Thursday Community Lenten Lunch Schedule

Be sure to join us at our Community Thursday's Lenten lunch.

Thursday, March 27 – 12:00 pm- First Lutheran—Pastor Jeremy Hallquist preaching

Thursday, April 3 – 12:00 pm- Westminster—Pastor Jeanette McCormick preaching

Worship Services

April 13th, Palm Sunday – Worship at Adrian at 9:00 am and First UMC Worthington at 10:30 am

April 17th, Maundy Thursday – Joint Service at Adrian UMC at 6:30 pm

April 18th, Good Friday—Joint Service at FUMC 12:00 pm

April 20th, Easter Sunday- Worship at Adrian at 9:00 am and First UMC Worthington at 10:30 am

Minnesota Food Share March Campaign

The Annual Minnesota Food Share March Campaign is underway with both Manna Food Shelf and Worthington Christian Church Food Shelf participating; there will be a dollar for dollar match from the Worthington Regional Health Care Foundation.

Monetary donations will be taken until Sunday March 23rd. Please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church with March Campaign on the memo line. Monetary donations can be stretched further but the donation of non-perishable items is also welcomed; please put in the box in the narthex. Thank you for your considerations of helping those in need.

Kiwanis Community Prayer Breakfast

The Worthington Early Riser's Kiwanis group is sponsoring the 30th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 12th at 8:00 a.m. at the American Reformed Church in Worthington. The keynote speaker is Kris Langworthy. Kris is equipping us to navigate our own storms with clarity, resilience and purpose.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Fareway Foods, American Bank and Trust, HyVee, First Bank Southwest, FORWARD Worthington (Chamber of Commerce) and from any Early Riser Kiwanis member.



March Breakthrough Prayer

Bishop Lanette will offer a new breakthrough prayer each month throughout 2025, inviting the Holy Spirit to form and transform us through this communal reading experience. She encourages us to pray the prayer daily. The March prayer is:

Holy and Mighty God,

You have called us to follow you—to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and walk in the way of Jesus. Yet too often, we hesitate. We cling to comfort instead of courage, to control instead of trust, to complacency when we are called to challenge the sin of this age. But you are the God of abundance, the One who multiplies loaves and fish, who sends out disciples with nothing yet provides everything, who teaches us to engage

ministry with boldness and expectancy.

Lord, we seek your kingdom first and your righteousness. Therefore: Break through our fears with the power of your Spirit. Break through our doubts with the assurance of your love. Break through our complacency with the urgency of your mission. Teach us to trust you, to give us a way to walk forward in faith, knowing that you are already ahead of us.

Jesus, let our hearts be set on fire with the passion of your gospel. Let our lives be marked by generosity, humility, and holy boldness. Let your will be done in us and through us—on earth as it is in heaven.

May your Spirit move in ways beyond what we can ask or imagine. And when you call, Lord, may we answer, "Here I am, send me."

In the name of Jesus, our Savior and Guide, we pray. Amen.

Easter Lilies

Don't forget to order your Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday to decorate the sanctuary in memory of a loved one or special occasion. The cost per lily is \$11.00. The deadline for ordering is April 7th. Order on the church website or there are sign up sheets in the narthex.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship or visit our website <http://www.firstumcworthington.com/give>)

DOXOLOGY

UMH #94 - *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-16

Matthew 7:21-23

MESSAGE

"The World's Most Important Sermon"

We Go Forth to Serve God

✚ THE BENEDICTION

✚ CLOSING HYMN

MH #519 - *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

Feel Free to follow Pastor John on Social Media
<https://www.facebook.com/jdmitchem>



Care Center Residents:

First UMC:

The Shores

Lois Carlberg LaDee Grant

Sibley Specialty Care Center

Norma Swenson

Adrian UMC:

Mary Jane Brown Ctr (Luverne)

Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage

Margaret Loger

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FH = Fellowship Hall

FR = Fireside Room

This Week

SUN

March 23
6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV
9:00 am Worship @Adrian
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship @ First (FH)
10:30 am Worship @ First
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda
2:00 pm Ice Skating @ Ice Arena

MON

March 24
9:00 am Ladies Lent Bible Study (FR)
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

TUES

March 25
9:30 am Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

WED

March 26
8:00 am Men's Breakfast @Blue Line
5:15 pm NO C3 Meal
5:45 pm Bell practice
7:00 pm NO Lent Study with Pastor (ZOOM)

Thurs

March 27
12:00 pm Community Lenten Luncheon @ First Lutheran

SUN

March 30
6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV
9:00 am Worship @Adrian
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship @ First (FH)
10:30 am Worship @ First
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda

NOTE: Pastor John will be out of the office March 24 –28 on vacation in Northern Minnesota.

Children and Youth Ice Skating Event Today!

Our annual Children and Youth Ice Skating day will take place today Sunday, March 23. We will meet at the Worthington Ice Arena from 2:00-4:00p.m. Hot Chocolate will be provided! This event is for our children and youth, but if you'd like to attend as a chaperone, please let Gretchen know as we might have room for you! Skate rental is covered by the church.



Family Bingo Night



Twins Game



Community Kids' Camp

