

Happy Birthday!

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| 10 | Scott Mogck
Karen Rye
Betty Taarud |
| 11 | Louise Dreasher
Angel Franco
Kenli Geertsema
John Mead |
| 12 | Matthew Yager
Shellie Williams |
| 13 | Matthew Erlandson
Sharon Jones |
| 14 | James Jenson |
| 16 | James Stefferud |

Happy Anniversary!

- 14 Conrad & July Schmidt

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.

Jerry & Terry Perkins
Iris Pierce
Mel Platt
Kevin & Lesa Polson
Darren Ponto
Steven Potts
Loren & Shala Prins & family
Mary Prins
Dave & Linda Reese
Arnold Renken
Ariel & Shelby Rivera
Jeremy Roelfs

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

One visit goes a long way!



PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for immediate health concerns:

Jack Christoffersen (Galen & Sherry Benton's great grandson)

Mary Prins (recovering from hand surgery)	
Sharlene Hohensee (Paula Behren's mother)	
Henry Mess	Tim Yager
LaDee Grant	Marlene Wieneke
Pat Huisenga	Steve Potts
Janelle Johnson	Ajulo Ochala

Persons impacted by COVID 19:

Covid long-haulers

Prayers for those dealing with cancer:

Laurie Blume	Scott Klooster
Christopher Allen Brown	
Connie Bremer (Betty Taarud's daughter)	
Makenzie Gist (Nancy Galland's niece)	
George Dinsmore (Cheryl Dinsmore uncle)	

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:

Emma Schnyders	Nancy Hyink
Gerald Fisher	Mike Miller
Kristi Johnson	John Clease
Weston Erlandson	Bill Carlberg
Steve Timmons	Monica Veil
Ken Bipes	Phil Glembin
Karen Schulz	Ariana Lopez
Aiden Remme	

For those experiencing change in locations...

Tom and Diane Vagt, to Lennox, SD...
Iris Pierce, to Mississippi...
Robyn Silver, to Jackson, MN...

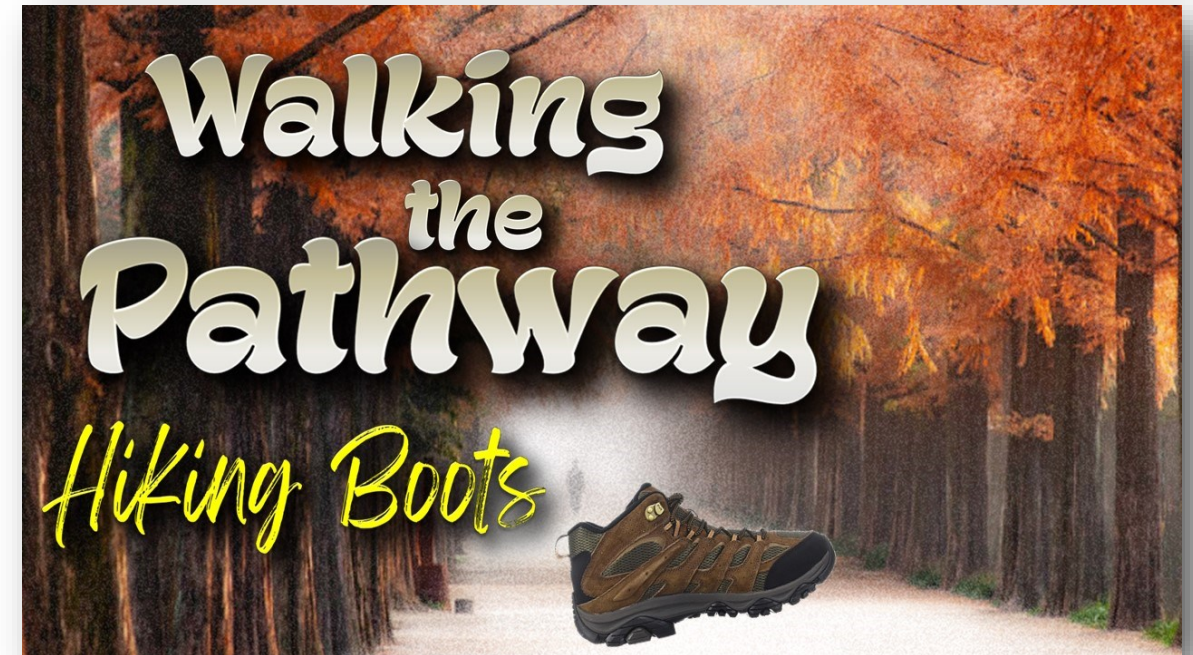
For those dealing with grief and loss...

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:

507.372.2939 methodistoffice@gmail.com



Sunday, September 10th, 2023
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



The Boxcast TV Channel

First UMC YouTube Channel

First UMC FaceBook Channel

First UMC Website

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

PASTOR:

Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST:

Carolyn Beerman

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Lori Nienkerk

CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Jeanette Jensen

FAMILY LIFE:

Gretchen O'Donnell

CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:

Brenda DeSmith

CUSTODIANS:

Sarah & Chad Nickel

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Brenda DeSmith

GREETERS:

Rick & Dianne Dalrymple

TECH TEAM:

Rick Dalrymple & Claire Meyer

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The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 10th, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck
Accompanist: Carolyn Beerman

TFWS - The Faith We Sing

 Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

*Place your hope and trust in the Lord, whose faithful love
watches over your homes in times of greatest need.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

INSERT - *"The Greatest Thing"*

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Welcome to this community of faith.

We come seeking hope and courage for the future.

Here you will find peace, hope, love and joy.

We come weighed down by difficulties in our lives.

Here you will find Jesus who will take your burdens on himself.

Lord, we come to you this day in need of your mercy and love.

 PRAISE TFWS #2031 - *"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"*

TFWS #2270 - *"I Will Enter His Gates"*

INSERT - *"We Bow Down"*

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Please consider if you'd like to take part in a six-week commitment to teaching or assisting with our children's Sunday School! Our 2023/2024 school year will be broken up into four, six-week teaching sessions, and we need teachers and helpers for our elementary age group. Please contact Gretchen or Pat Grimmus if you have any questions or feel led to be a part of this ministry.

Rally Sunday

Sunday, September 24 is Rally Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We hope all of our Sunday School kids can come and start off the year with some fun activities as they learn about how God created our world! Join us!

Adult Bible Study

We would love to have an adult Bible study time on Sunday mornings. If anyone would be willing to facilitate such a group, please let Gretchen know!

Women's Bible Study

Ladies, please join us this fall for a six-week study on the Attributes of God. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays in the Fireside Room. Cost of the books is \$10. If you're not able to attend, you are welcome to purchase a book and study on your own. We will begin on Monday, September 25th and go through Monday, October 30th. Please see Gretchen as soon as you can to sign up in case more books are needed. Looking forward to this excellent study!

Fireside Book Club

The next Fireside Book Club meets Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing *The Light Between Oceans*, by M. L. Stedman.

Speaker During Coffee Fellowship

On Sunday, October 1st Delbert and Sandy Groves, will be speaking to us about their experiences in Zambia, Africa. We supported the Groves for many years when they served as missionaries over there. They have now retired but spend part of the year in Zambia and have a non-profit organization, New Life International Mission. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:00 A.M. Coffee, juice and rolls will be served.

Prayer Time

Every Wednesday morning at 11:30 a.m. in Emmanuel Chapel. Please join us if you are interested.

King Turkey Sandwich Revival

Be a part of the King Turkey Day sandwich revival! Turkey sandwiches will be served in the First Fellowship Hall from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on King Turkey Day, Saturday, September 16th.

Please be a part of this great community outreach by volunteering to prepare the meal or serve the meal or clean up after the meal. More details will follow in the weeks to come with sign-ups and exact duties for the three shifts. Please contact Madonna Carlson for more information. Thank you!



C3 - Christians Connecting at Church (Wednesday Evening Meal)

September 20th will be our first Wednesday evening meal, now called "C3" which stands for Christians Connecting at Church. Meal will be served from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m..



Kids for Christ

Wednesday afterschool program starts September 20 @ First Lutheran Church 1200 4th Ave. from 4:00 -5:45 p.m. for 3 yr old - 7th grade.

For more information contact FLC 507-376-6148 or Brenda Richards cell phone and email 712-230-7157, tinymustardseed1720@gmail.com.

Adrian Pie Social Sunday!

As September begins, fall is not far behind! Adrian UMC invites you to join with them at Nystrom's Orchard (south of Worthington) on Sunday, September 17th at 3:00 p.m. (The Vikings play the Thursday game that week!) There is a 45-minute walking tour of orchard at 4:00 p.m. (sign up in advance).

Reservations are required. Contact Cindy Hokeness [507 329-2655] for a reservation. Car pooling options are available, if you desire. The cost will covered by the Adrian Dream Team.

Corn Maze

Come get lost with us on October 1st! All ages invited! Watch for more details coming soon!

OPENING PRAYER ³

Ancient of days, we enter your presence to remember and rejoice. We come looking for your steadfast faithfulness and your loving care. May we be a people who seek reconciliation and genuine forgiveness with one another. In remembrance and gratitude for your mercy and your grace, we pray. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAISE

"The Wonder of His Care"

Solo by Elizabeth Bushard - Accompanied by Carolyn Beerman

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

MESSAGE

"Walking the Pathway: Hiking Boots"

We Respond to God's Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship)

✠ DOXOLOGY

UMH #95 - *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

✠ PRAISE

INSERT - *"Make Me, Lord, a Channel"*

✠ THE BENEDICTION - ✠ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Romans 13.

² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Exodus 12, Psalm 149, Romans 13 and Matthew 18.

³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Exodus 12, Romans 13 and Matthew 18.

All are based on [or taken from] "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023",
edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu



The Greatest Thing

Words and Music by
Mark Pendergrass

1. The great-est thing in all my life is know - ing You. _____
(2. lov - ing)
(3. serv - ing)

_____ The great-est thing in all my life is know - ing You. _____
(lov - ing)
(serv - ing)

_____ I want to know You more, _____ I want to know You
(love)
(serve)

more. The great-est thing in all my life is know - ing You.
(lov - ing)
(serv - ing)

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Last Week's Offering	\$ 3,792.00
Carry Over Revenue (2022):	\$ 31,543.00
Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 223,132.55
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 232,138.65

First UMC provides numerous opportunities to get connected and stay connected, especially for those families who are on the go. Check out a few of these ways to connect with schedules, events, and chances to increase and strengthen your faith!



Our Church App

Download our free app on your smartphone or iPad. You can see the upcoming church schedule, interact by listening to previous Sunday messages or sending a question for the pastor. You can even give online - it's that easy and secure. You will find the app in the App Store - search for First United Methodist Church Worthington.

Our Facebook Page

We have an active Facebook page that often promotes the ministry of our church. Announcements, events, and sharing stories takes place on our Facebook page. We also make special announcements via our page to keep you up to date on schedule changes. Use the following link to add our page to your favorites: facebook.com/worthingtonfirstumc.

Pastor Daren's or Gretchen's Blog

Pastor Daren and Gretchen have blogs that provide insights and behind the scenes reflections on our busy lives today. Here is the link to Pastor Daren's blog - subscribe to it today (no cost): revdaren.blogspot.com and here is the link to Gretchen's blog: <http://furirstumcworthington.com/gretchen-s-blog> - check them out today!

RightNow Media Library

RightNow Media Library is an online video resource that you can utilize at home right from your computer. Over 10,000 Christian growth and learning videos are available to you - right now! First UMC provides this service at no cost to all of its members and friends to use in their Christian growth and learning. It's like Netflix for Christians. There are sections for every member of the family, including over 3,000 videos for kids - all with a Christian theme and message! Set up your personal account today at no charge! Contact Pastor Daren at the church office for help in setting up your account!

Online Directory

The official church directory is accessible to members from First on computer or other smart devices. The digital version is just like a printed one, with links to phone numbers, addresses, email addresses and pictures. The online site allows updating to be done by each member to their own profile. We also have a printable option for persons who do not use the internet. You can download this digital Church Directory from the App Store. You will need a current email address. It will need to be listed in the church directory under your profile. Contact Pastor Daren for more details.

Care Center Residents:

First UMC:

The Meadows Memory Care Unit
Karen Lawrence

South Shore Care Center

Lois Carlberg LaDee Grant

Adrian UMC:

Mary Jane Brown Ctr (Luverne)
Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage

Margaret Loger

Live Streaming...

You can catch our live stream broadcast on your smartphone, iPad, Smart TV or computer at on any one of four different app channels or online websites:

[The Boxcast TV Channel](#)

[First UMC Website](#)

[First UMC YouTube Channel](#)

[First UMC FaceBook](#)

Please note that all of our services can be viewed at the above locations even after the service is over. For questions about our broadcasts, please contact the church office.



This Week

SUN

6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship
10:30 am Worship @ First
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

MON

3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

TUES

9:30 am Women's Coffee @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
5:30 pm Trustees Meeting (Parsonage)

WED

7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
11:30 am Prayer Time (Chapel)
12:00 pm Finance Meeting (HR)
7:00 pm Choir Practice

SAT

11:00 am Turkey Sandwich Meal @ First

SUN

6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship
10:30 am Worship @ First
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First
3:00 pm Pie Social @ Nystrom's Orchard

Sept 10

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
Worship @ Adrian
Coffee Fellowship
Worship @ First
Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

Sept 11

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

Sept 12

Women's Coffee @ Hy-Vee
Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
Trustees Meeting (Parsonage)

Sept 13

Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
Prayer Time (Chapel)
Finance Meeting (HR)
Choir Practice

Sept 16

Turkey Sandwich Meal @ First

Sept 17

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
Worship @ Adrian
Coffee Fellowship
Worship @ First
Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First
Pie Social @ Nystrom's Orchard



We Bow Down

Words & Music by Twila Paris

Verse

1. You are _ Lord of cre-a - - tion and Lord of my _ life, Lord of the land.
2. You are _ King of cre-a - - tion and King of my _ life, King of the land.

— and the _ sea. You were _ Lord of the heav- - ens be - fore there was _
— and the _ sea. You were _ King of the heav- - ens be - fore there was _

Chorus

time, and Lord of all lords You will be. We bow _ down _
time, and King of all kings You will be. We bow _ down _

— and we wor - ship You, _ Lord. We bow _ down _ and we wor - ship You, _
— and we crown You the _ King. We bow _ down _ and we crown You the _

Lord. We bow _ down _ and we wor - ship You, _
King. We bow _ down _ and we crown You the _

Lord. King. Lord of all lords You will be! _
King. King of all kings You will be! _

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Make Me, Lord, A Channel

Gently Flowing (♩ = ca. 68)

Words and Music by
Lyndy Zabel
Arr. by Nylea L. Butler-Moore

1. Make me, Lord, a chan-nel of your will.
2. Make me, Lord, a chan-nel of your peace.

I hear your voice in-side my heart. It's still. Mold me with your
— Where there's ha-tred, I will help it cease. Where there's in-jury,

Spir-it, Lord, un-til you've filled me with your love.
bring your heal-ing pow-er, I pray to you this hour.

3,4. Spir-it, grant that I may nev-er find as much to fear as to

share. Liv-ing life in an-swer to your call, I will fol-low;

and I dare to say: { 3. Make me, Lord, a chan-nel of your love.
4. Make me, Lord, a chan-nel of your will.

Where there's des-pair, send an-gels from a-bove. Where there's dark-ness
I hear your voice in-side my heart. It's still. Mold me with your

fill-ing up the night, I'll try to bring your light.
Spir-it, Lord, un-til you've filled me with your love.

last time

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MN West Food Pantry

Minnesota West offers a Pop-up Food pantry for their students who are on campus or off campus. Your financial donations will help to purchase gift cards that will be given to the college to purchase food items that are needed for students. Please make your check to First United Methodist Church with Pop-up Food Pantry on the memo line. Thank you for your consideration to help this local mission!



Coat Closet

Love INC provides for those who need warm clothing during the winter months, taking donations of new or clean, gently used coats and snow pants for all ages. They also accept donations of new hats, scarves, mittens and boots for all ages. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to the church and place them in the collection spot in the hallway. These items will be taken to First Lutheran Church Coat Closet for them to distribute to those in need. Thank you for your consideration as we reach out to help others during the cold winter months.

Operation Christmas Child

We will again be collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes that will be packed in November. Over the last three years with the generous monetary donations and items that have been donated we have been able to pack many boxes. Starting in March and through October, each month we will highlight an area of items that are needed; you may give a monetary donation (make your check payable to 1st UMC and put OCC on the memo line) which will go toward buying additional items that are needed or for postage to help ship the boxes overseas.

There is a list available in the narthex of the items that are needed and will be collected throughout the next months; you can donate any of those items at any time. You will still have the option to pack a box on your own, if you wish. The age groups that the boxes will be packed for are ages 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14 for both boys and girls.

For September we will be collecting any items that can be put in the boxes. Ideas are: school supplies, toys for boys and girls such as yo-yo's, slinkies, stuffed animals, small Etch a Sketch, small foam balls, finger puppets, tennis balls, hacky sacks, toy cars and trucks, and small dolls, personal care items like toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, nail clippers, stick deodorant, washcloths, bars of soap, clothing for boys and girls, games and activities for boys and girls such as watercolor paint set, play doh, travel-size games, marbles, playing cards, blocks, and small boxed puzzles. We also continue to collect monetary donations to help purchase additional items for the boxes. The Mission Committee thanks you for your interest and consideration in this project. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Soderholm.

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

The Missions Team will be setting up for the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, October 30th & Tuesday, October 31st. They will be setting up and will be occupying part of the room for those days into Wednesday, November 1st. The Packing Party will take place on that day from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m..

Southern Prairie DS Rev. Dr. Woojae Im...

Does God really exist? At age 13, Rev. Dr. Woojae Im couldn't stop pondering that question. He'd been baptized and gone through Vacation Bible School at his church in Korea, but he wasn't sure he believed. When he learned that a classmate was wrestling with the same question, the two decided to lean into their curiosity by going to church every day for six months and praying together.

About three months in, the friend decided he was done - but Im continued. One night, he came home feeling empty and knelt down to pray, vowing that it would be his last prayer and he'd leave the church if nothing happened.

"All of a sudden, my heart was so in peace with God," Im said. "I felt like I didn't need that proof anymore. I can believe in God." John 3:16 became real to him, as though he was hearing it for the very first time. Not long after, Im decided to become a pastor.

It's a decision that he's never regretted. Im came to the U.S. when his Korean church sent him to Garrett-Evangelical Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, and he's been living in this country ever since. After spending 19 years pastoring three churches in the Minnesota Conference, Im was appointed as the Southern Prairie District Superintendent on July 1, succeeding Rev. Dr. Fred Vanderwerf, who is transitioning to the role of clergy assistant to the bishop for transitions and development.

"We live in a unique era after the pandemic and disaffiliations," said Im, who has been at Church of Peace in Richfield since 2018. "I want to be a pastor for pastors. They need someone who understands them and their stress. I'm very excited to be on a journey with my colleagues."

Within the Minnesota Conference, Im has served as a member of the Transitional Table, the Administrative Review Team, the Elected Leader Team, and the Twin Cities Strategy Team. He is also a 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conference delegate. He has two master's degrees, a doctoral degree, and he completed Dakota Wesleyan University's Practical Church Leadership Program last year.

Im strongly believes in the importance of spiritual disciplines. He has especially appreciated Disciple Bible Study, the Walk to Emmaus that he participated in this spring, and a two-year academy for spiritual formation that he completed in 2007. He's a spiritual director certified by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, as well as a certified health coach.

His greatest hopes for the Minnesota Conference as he looks ahead: fullness of personal piety and social holiness (love God and love neighbor), inclusion of all people, achieving the conference's four values, innovation in ministry, collaboration, connection, and unity.

Rev. Dr. Woojae Im will be preaching the message on Sunday, October 22nd in both Adrian and First Churches. He will then meet with the PSPRC to learn from them what their hopes and expectations are for the future.

Food Shelf Donations

Your donations for the local food shelves of non-perishable food items are accepted throughout the year, please place your items in the wagon located in the narthex. Please be aware of the "best by" or "use by" dates on the items that you donate. Items are taken alternately to the two food shelves in town several times throughout the year. Thank you for your donations!

UMCOR: Helping the People from Hawaii

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the people in the wake of the disaster in Hawaii may contribute to Advance #901670, UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in need of relief from the wildfires in Maui. Learn more about how to support the people of Hawaii at this link:

<https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670/>

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause. The United Methodist community in Maui is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Your help is appreciated.

Grief Recovery

Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. This group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help others through the difficult days ahead. The group meets on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church beginning September 5th until November 28th. Contact First Lutheran Church to register (you may join at any time) at 507.376.6148. Or give Gretchen O'Donnell a call - she can fill in some of the details of how this group works. We know it hurts - we want to help. Call us today.



Women's Coffee

The women's weekly coffee group meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at HyVee in the Starbucks serving area. All women are invited to come and join this fabulous group!

Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast group meets every Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. at the Blue Line Cafe. The men discuss shared concerns, solve the problems of the world, and make sure the rain gauges are up to speed. All guys are welcome to join us each week!

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

Love Fulfills the Law

Romans 13:8-14 (NIV)

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...

PROVERBS 3:5

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Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	137
ADRIAN UMC	21	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	20
FIRST UMC	57	TOTAL	235

Our nursery is open,
but is not staffed at this time.

A baby changing station is available in the nursery and also in the women's restroom located in the education wing.

Worship activity bags
for children are in the narthex.

Thank you for taking the time to
worship with us this Sunday!

We hope and pray that this worship experience will increase your faith and help you develop more resources for growing in Christ.

Remember to join us for coffee
fellowship each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.

We welcome you to First Church!

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