

Happy Birthday!

- 24 Diane Dybevic
25 Janet Jeppesen
Cody Klooster
Kory Nickel
26 Weston Erlandson
Liz Spiegelhoff
27 Claire Ludes
Roger Rye
Conrad Schmidt
28 Shea Klooster
Ian Ruppert
Jenna Winselman

Happy Anniversary!

- 25 James & Amy Stefferud
27 Aaron & Nicole Bonsma

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
Aiden Remme Ariana Lopez

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...
The family of Shirley Lerohl
(Gary Bjoltes' sister)

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



Sunday, September 24th, 2023
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



livestream links

The Boxcast TV Channel
First UMC YouTube Channel
First UMC FaceBook Channel
First UMC Website
(<http://firstumcworthington.com/>)

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FAMILY LIFE:	Gretchen O'Donnell	CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:	Brenda DeSmith
CUSTODIANS:	Sarah & Chad Nickel	BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Brenda DeSmith
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The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 24th, 2023
10:30 a.m.

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

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS - The Faith We Sing

⤴ Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

*God showers us with blessings, even when we complain.
Perhaps especially when we complain. This is good news indeed!*

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

TFWS #2224 - "Make Us One, Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Give thanks to the Lord!

Call on God's holy name!

Sing praises to our God!

Tell of God's wonderful works!

The Lord offers bread from heaven to satisfy our hunger.

God issues water from solid rock to quench our thirst.

Give thanks to the Lord!

Let everything that draws breath praise God!

⤴ PRAISE

Insert - "Sing to the King"



Speaker During Coffee Fellowship

Next 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 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.

Adult Bible Study

An Adult class will be offered starting on October 8th, taught by Gretchen and others. This six-week study is titled, *Called - Hearing and Responding to God's Voice*, by Susan Robb. We will meet in the Fireside Room at 9:00a.m.

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.

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!

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	109
ADRIAN UMC	24	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	20
FIRST UMC	64	TOTAL	217

C3-Christians Connecting at Church

Join us for C3! C3 is the new name for our Wednesday evening meals and activities. C3 stands for "Christians Connecting at Church" and it is our hope that you choose to connect with us there each week for a meal and, twice a month, an activity. Barbeques will be served from 5:15-6:00 on Wednesday, September 27th. Activities for Middle and High Schoolers will follow. Please join us! We'd love to have you there!



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.

Fields of Fun

Our church family - anyone of any age - is invited to join us for a fun afternoon at *Fields of Fun* in Sioux Center, IA, on Saturday, September 30th. Activities include a Corn Maze, petting zoo, and playground area. We plan to rent a van so that everyone can ride down together. We will meet at the church at 12:30p.m. Church will cover the entrance fee, but food, hayrides for all ages, a barrel train for kids and craft vendors would be up to individuals to cover.

In order to determine the size of van needed, we do need RSVPs by TODAY SUNDAY, Sept 24th. Please call the church to let us know you'll be coming!

Prayer Time

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

		Last Week's Offering	\$ 4,906.00
		Carry Over Revenue (2022):	\$ 31,543.00
		Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 233,897.08
		Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 239,166.77
Thank you for your faithful giving!			



✠ OPENING PRAYER ³

Guide our way, Loving God, in the wilderness of our lives. Offer us the bread of heaven, that we may taste your Spirit and be nourished in body and soul. Reveal your presence among us and show us the tender mercies of your love. In joy and jubilation, we pray. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAISE

"Chariot's Comin'!"

First UMC Chancel Choir

Directed by Jeanette Jenson - Accompanied by Brenda DeSmith

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN FAVORITE

UMH #454 - *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

MESSAGE

"Walking the Pathway: Arch Supports"

We Respond to God's Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

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

✠ DOXOLOGY

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

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

✠ PRAISE

UMH #374 - *"Standing on the Promises"*

✠ THE BENEDICTION - ✠ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Exodus 16, Psalm 105, and Matthew 20.
² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Psalm 105 and Matthew 20.
³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Exodus 16 and Psalm 105.
All are based on (or taken from) "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023", edited by Mary J. Seifres and B.J. Bau



Sing To The King

♩ = 108

VERSE

1. Sing to the King Who is com - ing to reign.
2. For His re - turn - ing we watch and we pray;

Glo - ry to Je - sus, the Lamb that was slain. Life and sal -
We will be read - y the dawn of that day. We'll join in

-va - tion His em - pire shall bring, and joy to the
sing - ing with all the re-deemed, 'cause Sa - tan is

na - tions, when Je - sus is King. Come, let us sing -
van - quished and Je - sus is King.

— a song, a song de - clar - ing that we be - long to Je - sus;

He is all we need. Lift up a heart of praise.

Sing now with voic - es raised to Je - sus;

Sing to the King.

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!

Children's Winter Clothing Monetary Donations

The Missions Team would like to help with a need for winter clothing—coats, snow pants, hats, gloves, mittens, and boots at Worthington Prairie Elementary School. They are asking for monetary donations to purchase items for the children who are in need of winter clothing. As needs are identified by the school staff clothing will be delivered to the school. Please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church with Winter Clothing on the memo line. Thank you for your consideration of this local mission.

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.



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.

Thank You

A big thank you to Craig & Madonna Carlson for their fantastic work in heading up the turkey day meal last Saturday. And thanks to all of the many volunteers who helped to make that happen.



This Week

SUN

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

MON

9:00 am Ladies' Bible Study (FR)
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
7:00 pm Adrian Council (FH)

TUES

9:30 am Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
5:05 pm Safety Meeting (HR)
7:00 pm Book Club (FR)
7:00 pm Chamber Singers (Sanctuary)

WED

7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
11:30 am Prayer Time (Chapel)
4:00 pm KFC (First Lutheran)
5:15 pm C3 meal (FH)
5:45 pm Bell Choir Practice
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

THURS

7:00 pm WASO practice

SAT

10:00 am Fresh Expressions Workshop
Sunnycrest UMC in SF
12:30 pm Corn Maze Trip
Meet at First UMC

SUN

6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:00 am Sunday School (FH)
9:00 am Missionary Speaker (FH)
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship
10:30 am Worship @ First
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

Sept 24

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
Worship @ Adrian
Rally Sunday (FH)
Coffee Fellowship
Worship @ First
Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

Sept 25

Ladies' Bible Study (FR)
Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
Adrian Council (FH)

Sept 26

Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee
Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
Safety Meeting (HR)
Book Club (FR)
Chamber Singers (Sanctuary)

Sept 27

Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
Prayer Time (Chapel)
KFC (First Lutheran)
C3 meal (FH)
Bell Choir Practice
Chancel Choir Practice

Sept 28

WASO practice

Sept 30

Fresh Expressions Workshop
Sunnycrest UMC in SF
Corn Maze Trip
Meet at First UMC

Oct 1

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
Worship @ Adrian
Sunday School (FH)
Missionary Speaker (FH)
Coffee Fellowship
Worship @ First
Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

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..

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

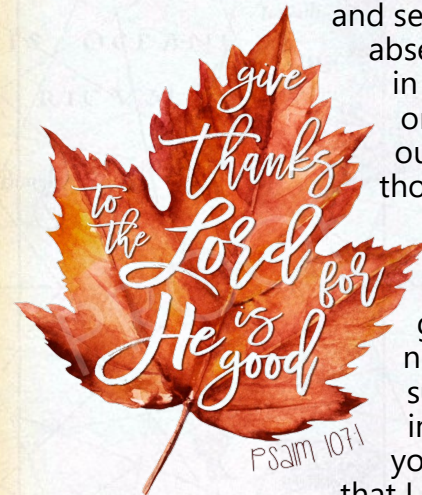
Living a Life Worthy of the Gospel

Philippians 1:21-30 NIV

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved - and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.



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

PROVERBS 3:5

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Welcome
TO OUR CHURCH

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.

A Note to Our Guests....

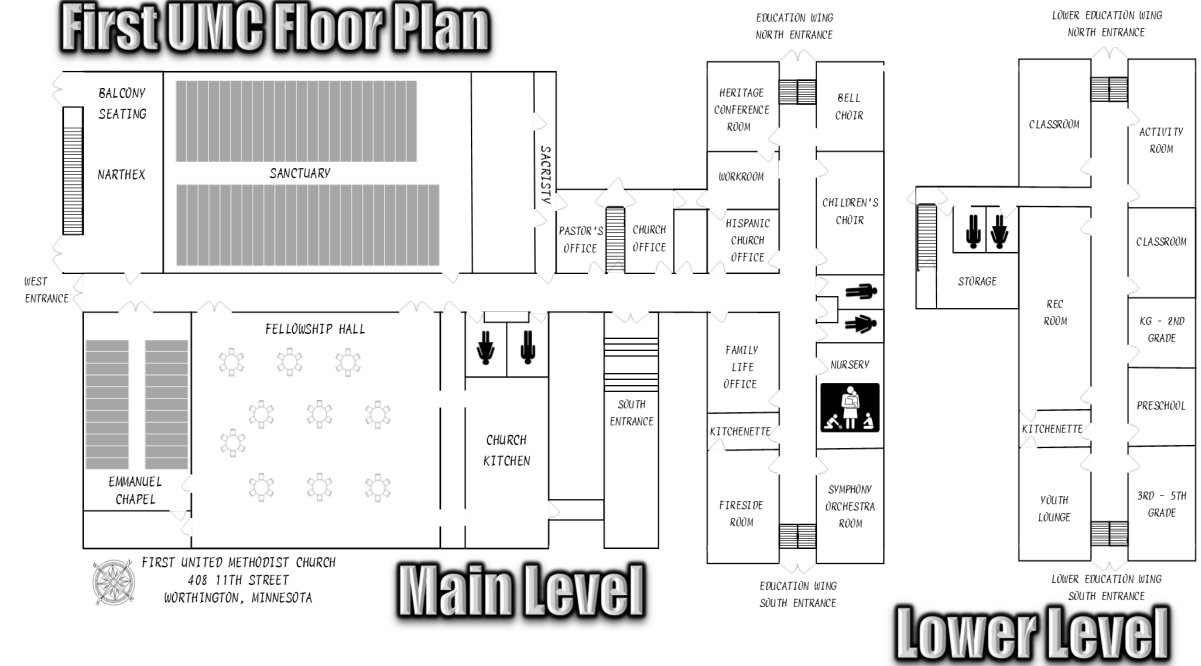
Thank you for taking the time to
worship with us this Sunday!

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!

First UMC Floor Plan



Main Level

Lower Level

