

Happy Birthday!

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| 14 Virgle Buck | 17 Kipton Jenson |
| Jeremy Johnson | Donna Eseman |
| 15 Sadie Nickel | 18 Dave Johnson |
| Cole Swank | 19 Dana Oberloh |
| 16 Timothy Yager | 20 Deb Horne |
| MaKenna Nickel | Kinley Kurtz |

Happy Anniversary!

- 17 Roger & Karen Rye
 18 Steve & Anita Leach
 19 Rick & Diane Honermann

Our Church Family

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.

Chad & Sarah Nickel & family
 Jim Nickel
 Tina Nickel & family
 Trevor & Erin Nickel & family
 Lori Palaschak & family
 Mary Prins
 Dave & Linda Reese
 Kevin & Brenda DeSmith & family
 Jean Doeden
 Larry Doeden

If you have a loved one you would like to have added to the Prayer Corner list (on the back of the bulletin), or if any name needs to be removed from this list, please contact the church office.

PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for these persons dealing with a fall:
 Anita Carlson (recovering)...
 Sally Ann Johnson (recovering)...
 Le Ann Donovan (recovering)...

Persons impacted by COVID 19:
 Mary Prins
 Persons who are long haulers

Prayers for those dealing with cancer:
 Glen Crowley
 Bruce Boltjes (Gary's brother)
 Connie Bramer (Betty Taarud's daughter)
 Anthony Tate (Corky & Ginny's grandson)
 Laurie Blume
 James Krosch
 Scott Klooster
 Kristi Johnson (Dave/Linda Reese's daughter)
 Sheryl (Thelma Yager's sister)...
 Makenzie Gist (Nancy Galland's niece)...

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:

Marlene Wieneke	Tim Yager
Mary Rydeen	Nancy Hyink
Bob Shore	Claribel Grussing
Elaine Mess	Dianne Dalrymple
Henry Mess	Rick Dalrymple
Weston Erlandson	Shellie Williams
Henry Mess	Monica Veil
Phil Glembin	Ajulo Ochala
Ariana Lopez	Casen Hotzler
Aiden Remme	Bill Carlberg
Mike Miller	David Carstensen
Emma Schnyders	Gerald Fisher
Albert Matthiesen	Steve Timmons
Bruce Lease	Ken Bipes
John Clease	

For those dealing with grief and loss...
 The family of Donna Hieronimus
 The family of Walter Vogt

Giving thanks for:

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



Sunday, March 13, 2022
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/>)

PASTOR:	Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck	BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Brenda DeSmith
ACCOMPANIST:	Jolene Kuhl	TECH TEAM:	Deb & John Steinle
CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Jeanette Jenson	CUSTODIANS:	Sarah & Chad Nickel

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Sunday, March 13, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck
Accompanist: Jolene Kuhl
Communion Stewards: Gary & Sally Hibma

⋈ Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

The Holy One is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE UMH #405 - "Seek Ye First"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

The Holy One calls us to trust and pray.

God is our light and salvation, the stronghold of our lives.

The Holy One calls us to take courage, as we travel the path with Jesus.

Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on our journeys.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Behold the beauty of the Holy One, and bless God's holy name.

⋈ PRAISE UMH #139 - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

⋈ OPENING PRAYER ³

Lord of all nations, you promised Abraham and Sarah that their descendants would be more plentiful than all the stars in the night sky. You made a covenant to guide them throughout the ages. Just as you guided our ancestors in faith, guide us here today, and teach us your ways. Help us remember the ancient stories, even as we place our trust in you and exalt your name. Bless us as we follow the path that leads us to the cross with Jesus. Amen.

Lenten Series:

Pastor Daren invites you to participate in a Lenten Series event continuing **today, March 13th at 4:00 p.m.** The six week study will actual be the presentation of "Patterns of Evidence: The Exodus", which unlocks the mystery of the ancient saga, combining a scientific investigation with a retelling of the Exodus story to reveal an amazing pattern of evidence matching the biblical account that may challenge our understanding of history. Featuring stunning animations and a cast including Narrator, Kevin Sorbo (God's Not Dead, Hercules: The Legendary Journeys), interviews with leading archaeologists including Israel Finkelstein, Kent Weeks, and David Rohl, and guest appearances by Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu and Shimon Peres.

The Sunday afternoon showing will be **either in person at the Fellowship Hall or you may join in with the study on the Zoom Channel.** Dig Deeper into this riveting evidence for the Exodus out of Egypt and the Conquest of the Promised Land. This Lenten study includes thought-provoking questions that will help you explore key scenes from the film and why it matters to our faith. Contact Pastor Daren if you have any questions about this Lenten Study.

Easter Lilies:

Now is the time to order your Easter Lily in honor of someone special or remembering loved ones. Please fill out the form below and return it to the office as soon as you can. Orders must be finalized by Palm Sunday, April 10th. The cost for an Easter Lily is once again \$10.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

☐ In Honor of: _____

☐ In Memory of: _____

_____ # of Lilies @ \$10.00 each *** Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

(Make check out to First UMC - Easter Lily in the memo line)

A Filmmaker's Journey

PATTERNS
of EVIDENCE
-EXODUS-

This Week

SUN	March 13
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
9:30 am	Sunday School @ First
10:30 am	Worship @ First
12:30 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda Bible Study
4:00 pm	Patterns of Evidence (in person @ FH or Zoom)
6:30 pm	Encounter Youth at Hy-Vee
MON	March 14
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on WGTN TV3
TUES	March 15
9:30 am	Ladies Coffee Hour First UMC @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on WGTN TV3
WED	March 16
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
11:30 am	Finance Team (Library)
5:00 pm	PSPRC (Library)
5:30 pm	Youth @ First
6:00 pm	Bell Choir
6:15 pm	G1 @ Adrian
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
THUR	March 17
12:00 pm	Community Lenten Series @ First Lutheran
4:30 pm	Missions Team (Library)
5:30 pm	First Council (FH)
SUN	March 20
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
9:30 am	Sunday School @ First
10:30 am	Worship @ First
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Care Center Residents:

South Shore Care Center

First UMC:
Lois Carlberg

Mary Jane Brown Center

Adrian UMC:
Mary Prins

Minnesota Veteran's Home

Adrian UMC:
Marvin Klooster - Luverne, MN

Adrian Country Living Cottage

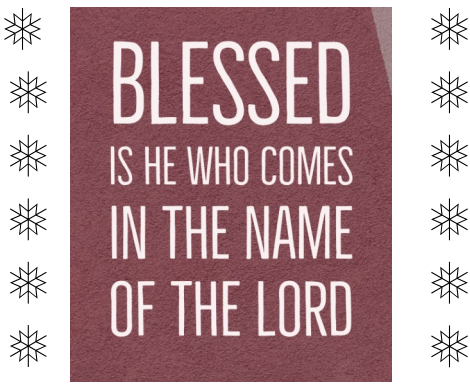
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Margaret Loger

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. If you have any questions about our broadcasts, please contact the church office.



PRAISE "There's Something About That Name"
First Chancel Choir - By William & Gloria Gaither

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE PSALM Psalm 27
THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 13:31-35
MESSAGE "The Fox in the Hen House"

We Respond to God's Word

COMMUNION HYMN TFWS #2269 - "Come, Share the Lord"

HOLY COMMUNION

All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive the bread and cup.

Everyone is welcome to the table of the Lord.

When you come forward, please bring your offering and place it in the plates located near the railings.

We Go Forth to Serve God

⬆ PRAISE UMH #419 - "I Am Thine, O Lord"
⬆ THE BENEDICTION - ⬆ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Psalm 27.
² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Psalm 27 and Philipppians 3-4.
² The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Genesis 15, Philipppians 3-4, and Luke 13.
All are based on [or taken from] "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022",
edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Bau

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	Ash Wednesday Attendance (In person & Livestream)	327
IN PERSON FIRST	11	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	329
IN PERSON ADRIAN	0	TOTAL	340

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

Jesus' Sorrow for Jerusalem
 Luke 13:31-35 || New International Version (NIV)

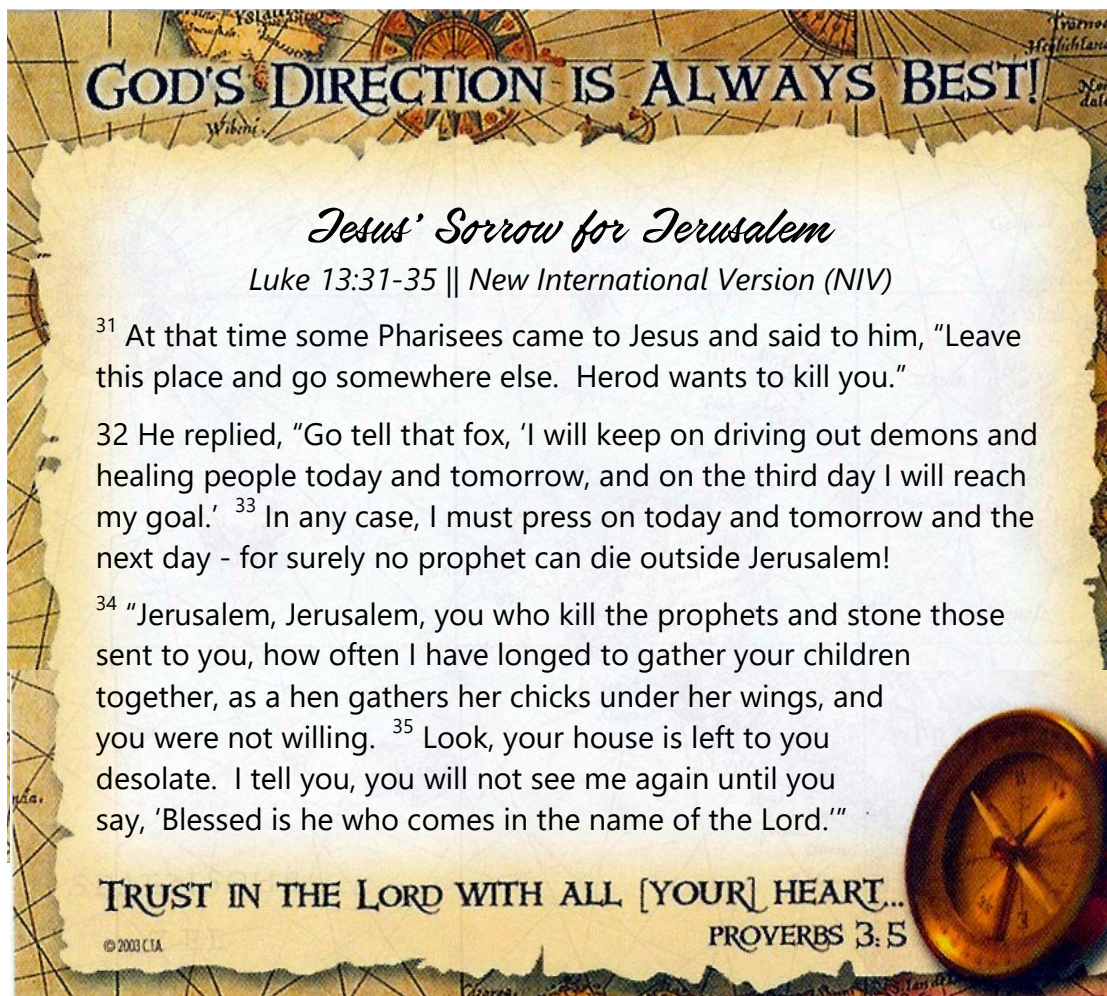
³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."


³² He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day - for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!"

³⁴ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...
 PROVERBS 3: 5

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Last Week's Offering:	\$1,036.00
Carry Over Revenue (2021):	\$32,515.90
Year-to-date Revenue:	\$66,584.82
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$61,670.69

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Family Life Coordinator Position Open at First Church:

First United Methodist Church is looking for a dynamic, faith-filled person to serve as the full-time Family Life Coordinator. The person will work in coordination with the pastor and the church leadership to meet the faith development needs of all ages and levels of our parishioners.

Specific responsibilities will focus on providing overall leadership for Children's Ministries, Christian growth and direction to team volunteers who are committed to discipling and shepherding children from birth – fifth grade. The Family Life Coordinator also provides overall leadership for Youth Ministry and provide Christian growth and direction to youth, staff, and team of volunteers who are committed to discipling and shepherding youth from sixth – twelve grade. In addition, the Family Life Coordinator provides leadership for family ministry events which include the above groups. Evening and weekend work required.

Previous ministry experience preferred. To fill out a job application and/or to submit a resume, contact the church office (507.372.2939 or email to methodistoffice@gmail.com). Contact James Jenson or Pastor Daren Flinck if you have any questions.

Thursday Community Lenten Series:

The Annual Community Lenten services will continue on Thursday, March 17th at noon. This year's theme is "Searching for Sanctuary". During these challenging days of pandemic confusion, we are all on the same journey - the quest for peace and tranquility. Come and learn about each participating church's history of their sanctuary and connect to the biblical narrative that helps us to find peace and serenity during these volatile times. A fellowship meal will be offered at each location except during the first week.



Remember, each service begins at noon.

Thursday, March 17th @ First Lutheran Church
 Rev. Anne Hokenstad, preaching

Thursday, March 24th @ American Lutheran Church
 Rev. Galen Smith, preaching

Thursday, March 31st @ Westminster Presbyterian Church
 Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck, preaching

Manna Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:

Needed at Manna Food Pantry - "door greeters" & substitute distribution room volunteers. If interested, please contact Linda at: 507-329-1951.

Mobile Meals:

Our church's turn for Mobile Meals will be from April 11 to April 30. Our term of service is only three weeks and we will be partnered with the Westminster Presbyterians. Sign up sheets will be available each Sunday in the narthex or contact Sally Hibma at 507.360.5601. Thanks!

Cristo En Tu Ayuda Begins Sunday Bible Study...

Pastor Angel Franco announces that the Hispanic Church is starting a new Hispanic Bible Study, beginning this Sunday, March 13th at 12:30 p.m. in Emmanuel Chapel at First Church. Of course all are welcome - but it will help if participants can speak Spanish. Many blessings in this early stage of Pastor Angel's ministry to begin a new Hispanic Church in this area! (Note: *Cristo En Tu Ayuda* means "Christ at Your Aid")

General Conference Delayed Again...

The United Methodist Church has delayed its General Conference meeting for a third time due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. General Conference organizers announced Thursday evening (March 3) they are postponing that meeting to 2024 because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Obtaining vaccines and travel visas remains a challenge for delegates traveling outside the United States, according to the Commission on General Conference.

Ladies Coffee @ HyVee...

Ladies CoffeeTime meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at Hy-Vee. We discuss everything under the sun, updates on concerns and celebrations, and the best recipes are shared. Hope to see you there!

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, pray for one another and make sure the rain gauges are up to speed. All guys are welcome to join us each week!

Interested in Membership?...

If you are interested in joining the church, contact Pastor Daren for more information on how that can happen. We look forward to celebrating our vision and mission with any new members!

Operation Christmas Child:

We will begin to collect items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes which will be packed in November. In March through October, each month we will highlight an area that we will be collecting items for that can be packed in the boxes. These items can be brought to the church and put in the collection box that is in the narthex. The age groups that the boxes will be packed for are ages 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14 for both boys and girls. You will still have the option to pack a box on your own if you wish.

For March we will be collecting personal care items. Suggestions for items to donate are: toothbrushes, combs, bars of soap, washcloths, hairbrushes, stick deodorant, nail clippers, non-liquid lip balm, nail files, band-aids, plastic cups and bowls, water bottles and blunt edged plastic utensils.

Monetary donations will also be accepted which will go toward purchasing additional items for the boxes and also to help with the postage to send the boxes overseas.

The Missions Committee thanks you for your interest in this project. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Soderholm

Minnesota Food Share Campaign:

The Annual Minnesota Food Share Campaign is now going on until April 10, 2022. Manna Food Pantry will receive matching funds from the Greater MN council of Church for both monetary and product donations.

Donations collected will be given to Manna Food Pantry and Worthington Christian Church Food Shelf. If you wish to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to 1st UMC with March Food Share on the memo line and place in the offering plate, send to the church or drop off at the church office. Product donations of non-perishable items can be brought to the church and placed in the donation box which is located in the narthex.

Both food pantries are very appreciative of our donations. Every donation - large or small - is a blessing to the families that are served in Nobles County.

The Coat Closet:

The Coat Closet is an outreach ministry of Love INC of Worthington. It's goal is to meet the winter clothing needs of our community by providing coats to men, women, and children. First UMC is collecting new and gently used winter clothing of all sizes, including coats, boots, hats, snow pants, gloves and mittens. The highest need is for children's sizes. You may drop your donation off at First Church. The Missions Team will distribute the donations to the Coat Closet, housed at First Lutheran Church. Thank you for your donations!





First UMC, our nursery has been temporarily closed. A baby changing station is available in 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.

We welcome you to First Church!

Our Church App:

Download our free app on your smartphone or iPad. You can see the upcoming church schedule, interact by listening to or watching any previous Sunday messages. We also have our monthly newsletters and weekly bulletins for viewing on the app. 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".

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 - he can help you set up your account to get started!

Online Directory...

First and Adrian Churches have an online church directory, which still has all the features of a printed directory. The directory is accessible to members 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! It also has a printable option for persons who do not use the internet. We can easily (and cost-effectively) print an up-to-date directory with all of the normal activity pages we desire. Lastly, it is updatable - almost instantly!

The online directory is safe and secure (all the available protections and practices to safeguard our data). However, you may not be comfortable with having your information in such an online setting, but are okay with having that information printed in a normal church directory. If this is the case, please contact the church office to have your information removed from the online directory.

A handy companion app is available for smartphones or iPads. Phone numbers link directly to immediate dial, addresses link to maps, in addition to many other features we haven't even thought about yet. You can access your version of the online directory today - as stated above, you will need an active email address which has already been connected to your online information. Contact Pastor Daren in the church office for more details or if you are in need of assistance to get connected!

