Happy Birthday!

30	Ben Lopez	2	Eagan Hietbrink
	Colby Nickel		John Soderholm
31	Dorothy Hector	3	Jim Pierce
1	Brooklyn Klaassen		Lorraine Carstensen
	Stacy Lee	5	Beth Habicht

Happy Anniversary!

May 30 Kyle & Andrea Johnson

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.

Holly (Bushard) Ailts
Sharon Algood
Matthew & Kristin Amundson
David Anderson
Walter & Alice Kellen
Cory & Heidi Klingenberg
Kevin, Cody, & Kory Klooster
Scott & Shelley Klooster
Kristin Nielsen & Aryah Marsh
Jeremy Roelfs
Jim &b Julie Shore

Prayer Corner

Prayers for immediate health concerns:

David Hibma	Rhoda Flinck
Gary Hibma	Diane Yahnke
Bob Shore	Etta Schroeder

Persons impacted by COVID 19:
Mary Prins COVID 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	
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
Nancy Hyink	John Clease
Claribel Grussing	Bruce Lease
Elaine Mess	Dianne Dalrymple
Henry Mess	Rick Dalrymple
Weston Erlandson	Steve Timmons
Monica Veil	Ken Bipes
Phil Glembin	Ajulo Ochala
Ariana Lopez	Casen Hotzler
Aiden Remme	Bill Carlberg
Mike Miller	David Carstensen
Emma Schnyders	Gerald Fisher

Giving thanks & praying for:
Local farmers…
Our teachers, administrators, students…
Front line health care workers…
Law enforcement & emergency workers…
Service women & men and their families…

For those dealing with grief and loss…
The family of John Lillie

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.

First UMC Worthington

Sunday, May 29, 2022
Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Full HD 1080 livestream links

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PASTOR:	Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck	BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Brenda DeSmith
FAMILY LIFE:	Gretchen O'Donnell	TECH TEAM:	Kari & Claire Meyer
ACCOMPANIST:	Jolene Kuhl	FINANCE MANAGER:	Sue Johnson
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The Ascension of Christ

Sunday, May 29, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck
Accompanist: Jolene Kuhl

Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS [1]

Wait to be clothed with power from on high.
The one who ascended will come to us again, bringing new life and new hope.

PRELUDE - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE — TFWS #2164 - *"Sanctuary"*

CALL TO WORSHIP [2]

You have called us, O Lord, by name,
and we are here to worship our awesome God.

We give God praise and thanks.

You have given us, O Lord,
the spirit of wisdom and strength.

We give God praise and thanks.

You have blessed us, O Lord,
and we look forward as your kingdom comes closer and closer.

PRAISE — TFWS #2088 - *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

OPENING PRAYER [3]

God of mystery, part the veil that keeps us from seeing your full glory and might. Open our eyes to behold the risen Christ, who ascended to you in glory. Open our hearts this day, that our spirits may ascend to you as he ascended that day. Focus our thoughts on the power of your salvation, that we may move beyond the mundane to contemplate mysteries and wonders worthy of

Memorial Day Observances...

Memorial Day observances in Worthington are scheduled as follows:

8:30 a.m.	Memorial Gardens
9:30 a.m.	Worthington Cemetery
10:00 a.m.	Freedom's Shore Veteran's Memorial
11:00 a.m.	Chautauqua Park

Pastor Daren will be leading the prayer of invocation at each location. Please set aside this time of gathering to remember our fallen loved ones who gave their lives for their country.

Vacation Bible School:

Due to lack of volunteers, we will not have a Vacation Bible School program physically at our church this year. We are encouraging all of our youth to join in the program being offered at First Lutheran. We have partnered with them during this last year for Encounter and other events, so your children may already know some of their youth and some of our adults may be helping with the program as well. Here are the details:

The Food Truck Party Vacation Bible School is coming June 12-15 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church. We will start each evening with dinner and then have TONS of fun learning, singing, making and playing. Also, we are in need of volunteers. If you would like to help out, with decoration, meals, stations, or shepherding kids, please contact: Mark at 507-376-6148.

Go to felcwgtn.mycokesburyvbs.com to register!

High School Grad Scholarships:

The First UMC Foundation once again is offering scholarships for young people who are considering entering college or tech school. The awards are $600.00 for the first year, $800.00 for the 2nd year and $1,000.00 for the third year. First & Adrian (and former Emmanuel) UMC students may apply each year. Applications may be picked up in the church office or emailed to the student upon request. The deadline for applications is July 31st.

Administrative Position @ First United Methodist Church:

First UMC has a part-time position open for someone willing to help the ministry of the congregation by tending to different office and administrative tasks. Duties include general office management, scheduling use of the facility, processing communications and working with social media. The position is posted as Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., but those hours can be negotiated. Pay compensation is set beginning at around the $18.00 per hour range, commensurate with experience level. If you know someone who may be interested in this opportunity, have them contact the church office (507.329.2939 or email: methodistoffice@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Operation Christmas Child:

We are collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes which will be packed in November. From now until 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 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 June and July we will be collecting WOW items for boys and girls. A WOW item is a bigger gift that is added to box with the other items. Ideas for girls are a baby doll with accessories, Barbie doll, small musical instrument (recorder or harmonica), backpack, stuffed animal. Ideas for boys are a toy truck or car, soccer ball with pump, small musical instrument (recorder or harmonica), backpack, stuffed animal.

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.

our meditations. May we be found worthy of your great gifts, and may we be clothed with your power on high. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON — Acts 1:1-11

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON — Luke 24:44-53

MESSAGE — *"Commitment to Freedom"*

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 — UMH #368 - *"My Hope Is Built"*

THE BENEDICTION - POSTLUDE

[1] *The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Acts 1 and Luke 24.*
[2] *The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Luke 24.*
[3] *The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Acts 1 and Luke 24.*
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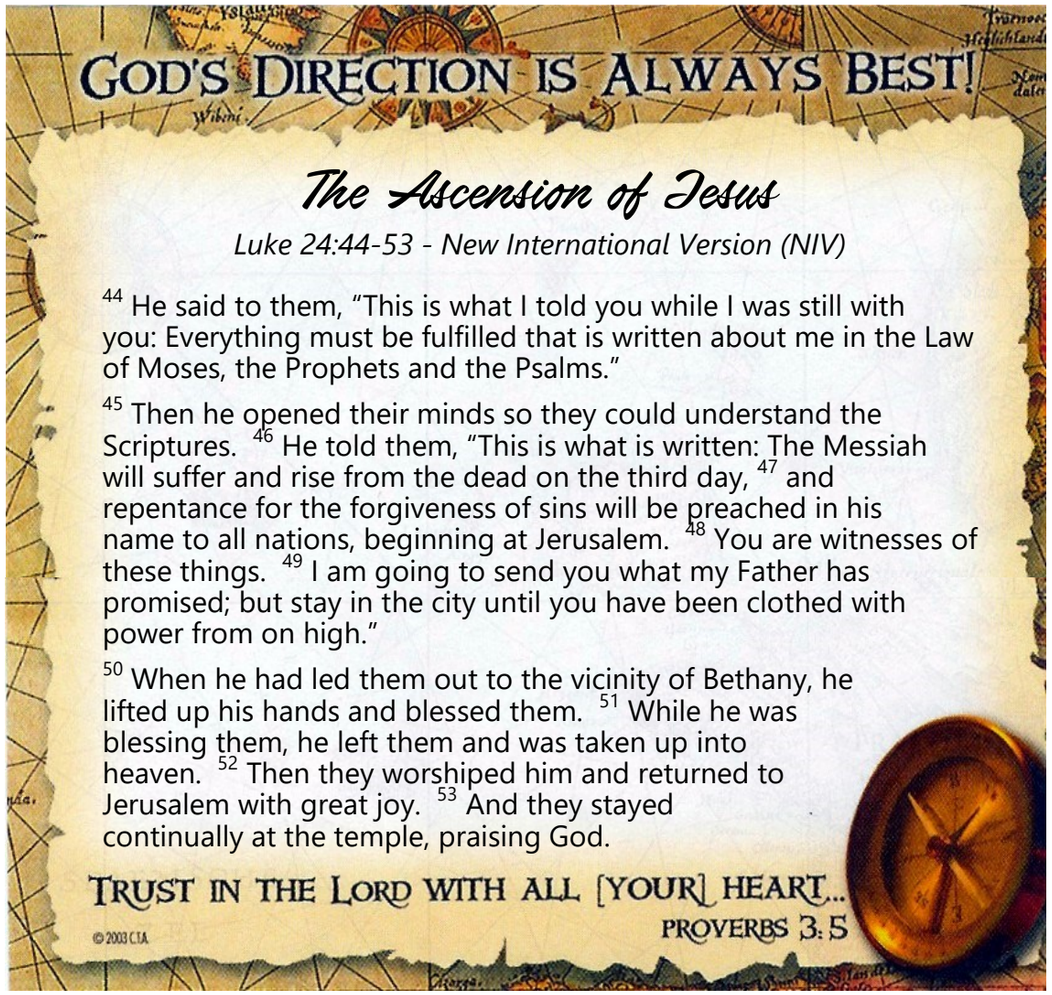
Worship Attendance	Last Sunday		
IN PERSON FIRST	112	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	143
IN PERSON ADRIAN	21	TOTAL	276



First UMC Worthington

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

Last Week's Offering:	$4,956.00
Carry Over Revenue (2021):	$32,515.90
Year-to-date Revenue*:	$151,316.51
Year-to-date Expenses:	$134,267.29

Thank you for your faithful giving!

This Week

SUN	**May 29**
	Memorial Sunday
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
10:00 am	Coffee Fellowship @ First
10:30 am	Worship @ First
12:30 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda Worship
MON	**May 30**
	Memorial Day Services
8:30 am	@ Memorial Gardens
9:30 am	@ Worthington Cemetery
10:00 am	@ Freedom's Shore
11:00 pm	@ Chautauqua Park
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on WGTN TV3
TUES	**May 31**
9:30 am	Ladies Coffee Hour First UMC @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on WGTN TV3
WED	**June 1**
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
SUN	**June 5**
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
10:00 am	Coffee Fellowship @ First
10:30 am	Worship @ First
12:30 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda Worship

Care Center Residents:

South Shore Care Center
First UMC:
Lois Carlberg

Good Samaritan Windom
First UMC:
LaDee Grant

Mary Jane Brown Center
Adrian UMC:
Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage
Adrian UMC:
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:

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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.

Sunday Coffee Fellowship:

Come to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings before church to enjoy a cup of coffee or juice and a roll along with some fellowship; we begin at 10:00 A.M. We are looking for persons to help serve on a rotating basis. Please contact Pam Soderholm if you are willing to help.