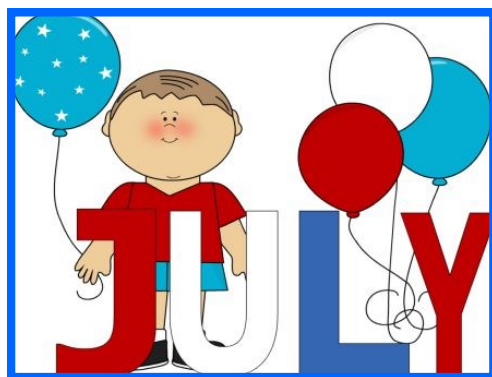


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God is my Refuge

Scripture Writing Plan
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- ☐ Day 1: 2 Samuel 22: 2-3; 17-20
- ☐ Day 2: 2 Samuel 22: 31-37
- ☐ Day 3: Deuteronomy 33: 26-27
- ☐ Day 4: Isaiah 4:6; 25: 4-5
- ☐ Day 5: Isaiah 32: 1-2
- ☐ Day 6: John 10: 25-30
- ☐ Day 7: Nahum 1: 7-8

- ☐ Day 8: Proverbs 10:29; 14:26;
- ☐ Day 9: Proverbs 18:10; 30:5
- ☐ Day 10: Psalm 2:10-12; Psalm 5:11-12
- ☐ Day 11: Psalm 7:1; Psalm 9: 7-10
- ☐ Day 12: Psalm 18: 1-3; 30
- ☐ Day 13: Psalm 27: 1-6
- ☐ Day 14: Psalm 27: 7-14

- ☐ Day 15: Psalm 31: 1-5
- ☐ Day 16: Psalm 31: 19-24
- ☐ Day 17: Psalm 34:4-8; 22
- ☐ Day 18: Psalm 37: 39-40
- ☐ Day 19: Psalm 46: 1-7
- ☐ Day 20: Psalm 57: 1-3
- ☐ Day 21: Psalm 59: 16-17

- ☐ Day 22: Psalm 61: 1-5
- ☐ Day 23: Psalm 62: 5-8
- ☐ Day 24: Psalm 71: 1-7
- ☐ Day 25: Psalm 91: 1-6
- ☐ Day 26: Psalm 91: 7-12
- ☐ Day 27: Psalm 91: 13-16
- ☐ Day 28: Psalm 94: 21-22

- ☐ Day 29: Psalm 118: 5-9
- ☐ Day 30: Psalm 139: 7-12
- ☐ Day 31: Psalm 141: 8-10; Psalm 144: 1-2

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Psalm 119:18



July 2018 News

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Through Labor Day weekend

8:30am Coffee & Visiting
9:00am Worship Service



Friendly Fellowship News

Federal Wildlife Area

Our **Friendly Fellowship** potluck and program will be at the Federal Wildlife Area Tuesday, July 10th at noon. We'll meet at the Federal Wildlife Area. A special tour will be provided for us by the summer students. Please bring food to share, your beverage, and table service for yourself. We provide lunch for the summer student workers. Please remember to bring a serving utensil if your food will need it. If you have any questions, please let the church office know. **Please join us for a great time!**



**AMERICAN
RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE**

Give blood. Help save lives.



Tuesday, July 3 1:30—6:30pm
Windom Community Center
You can make a difference in others' lives!

Church Family News

Just Married

Congratulations to Shane Bramstedt and Sarah Ingram who were married June 16 at First UMC. We pray for God's blessings on their marriage.

We rejoice with Lukas Paul Ingram and his family on the occasion of his baptism on June 17th. Lukas' parents are Sarah and Shane Bramstedt; his grandparents are George & Elaine Bramstedt, Bob Paplow and Al Ingram.



Celebration of Life

A service to celebrate the life of Doris Buhler was held June 21st.

A service to celebrate the life of Tom Bonneville was held June 30th.



New Address

Rick and Sue Frederickson have a new address: 414 Hoyt Ave
Springfield MN 56087

We congratulate Rick and Sue as they begin a new life chapter. Rick begins his ministry at Springfield UMC on July 1.

Thank you to Rick and Sue for their lay ministry at First UMC for many years!



United
Methodist
Women

UMW News....

UMW Executive Committee will meet Tuesday, July 3rd.

Circles will not meet this summer.

Mission U Friday July 13—Sunday the 15th at the Kelly Inn in St Cloud

Looking ahead...

Wednesday, August 1 there will be a **Unit Meeting**, all women of the church are invited.



The church office will be closed **Wednesday**, July 4th for Independence Day.

Regular office hours are
Monday - Friday
9am - noon & 1—4pm.



THE BANQUET Sioux Falls SD Wed Aug 22, 2018

Serving at The Banquet!

Our Missions Team has announced that our church will be serving a meal at The Banquet food ministry in Sioux Falls this summer. This is an all-church project, and everyone who is able is encouraged to take part in it.

We will be sponsoring and serving a meal on Wednesday, August 22nd at The Banquet in Sioux Falls. We will meet at the church and carpool together, leaving at 3:00pm and returning around 9:00. Lots of volunteers are needed, please sign up in the church lobby if you can help.

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:16



Operation Kid To Kid

Thank you to all who participated in our Vacation Bible School mission fundraiser for Operation Kid To Kid. We raised \$87.15 to help families in Haiti with draught-tolerant seeds, and to help them with farming practices.

Christian Education

July 2018



Mark your calendars.

Special points of Interest:

- **Wednesday evenings, July 11th-August 1st** please join us for *Made to Make a Difference*. We will meet from 6:30-8:00pm each session. This study will be led by Pastor Mike and Kathy Jo.
- Supper will be served the first night, Wednesday, July 11th. Serving from 5:30-6:00pm.

Please remember that George's life group meets during the summer. Please join us after church in the library. We are studying Jonah, Joel and Amos.

Thank you to Everyone who helped with
Shipwrecked—2018

Keith Schroeder
Emma Snyder
Sarah King
Sarah Bramstedt
Darla Deutchman
Terri Jones
Jody Buresch
Emily Buresch
Rhonda Elston
Kathy Jo McInnis
Jeremiah O' Brien
Stacia Hetterich
Lisa Ambrose
Jerry Ambrose
Becki Wormstadt
Rachel Derickson
Jody Derickson
Laura Williams
Pastor Mike
Julie Donchez
Nyah Visker
Alyssa Reisdorfer
Braydon Kreofsky
Barb Hunter
Everyone who donated snack items!

Miranda Schunk
Kaylan Donchez
Sami Bartelt
Sarah Smith
Jadyn Wormstadt
Jessica Ambrose
Shane Bramstedt
Mary Franz
Ashlyn Altman
Madison Berhow
Lindsey O' Brien
Heather Olsem
Maci Ambrose
Chloe Snyder
Rylie Raverty
Hayden Hedquist
Erin Thiessen
Missy Edmundson
Briana Visker
Grace Olsem
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Kaleb Curry
Phyllis Kuehl



**JESUS RESCUES!
SHIPWRECKED
2018**



Can you really change the world?

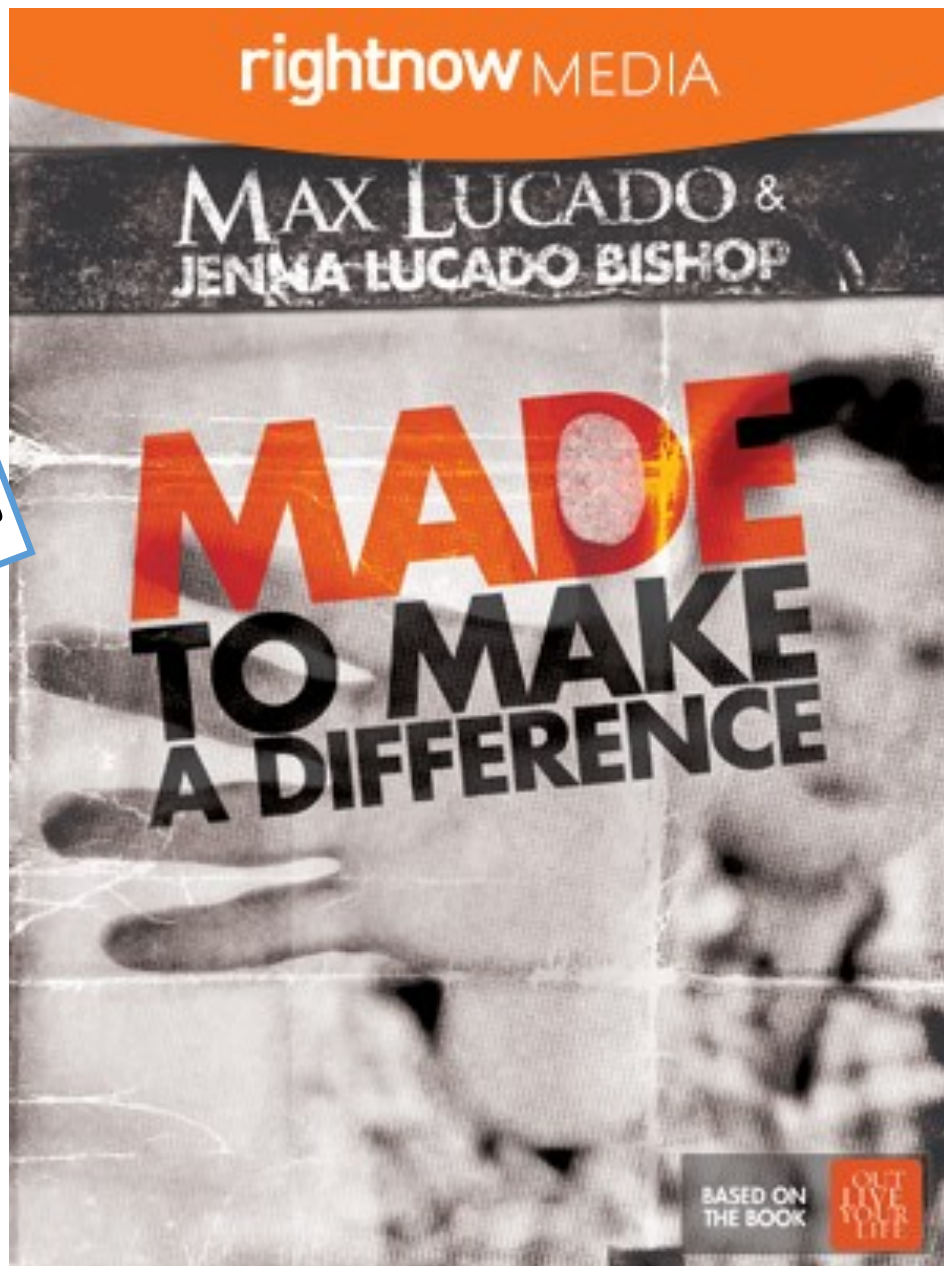
Deep down, everyone wants to make a difference. But it is difficult for us to get past our own issues, problems, and distractions to see that our lives can count right now.

In these four challenging sessions, Max Lucado offers Biblical insight into how God has uniquely created us with certain passions, talents, and interests to impact the world for Christ. People share real-life stories on how they've spoken up, stepped out and made a difference around them.

This thought provoking study will be led by Pastor Mike and Kathy Jo! It is for EVERYONE!

Women, Men, and Youth!

Please join us beginning Wednesday, July 11th-August 1st from 6:30-8:00pm each night.





Our congregation serves Meals on Wheels for the month of August! Typically, teams of two people deliver meals for one week of the month. If you are willing to help, or if you have questions and just want to get more information, please contact Becki Wormstadt. This is a great opportunity to serve others.

Church Softball!



New players are always welcome on our church softball team. This is a fun family activity! If you would like to play on our team, just come to a game.

Game schedules are on the info wall, or can be sent to you.

Come out & play or cheer our team on!

July 1 Bergen Field 8:00p

July 8 Eagle Field 6:45p

July 15 Bergen Field 8:00p

July 22 Bergen Field 6:45p

July 29 Eagle Field 6:45p



Youth Lifelight!

Wednesday, August 8th at Marshall MN
Leave the church at noon
For Youth going into 7th –12th grade
Watch for signup sheet!



In God, whose word I praise—
in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?

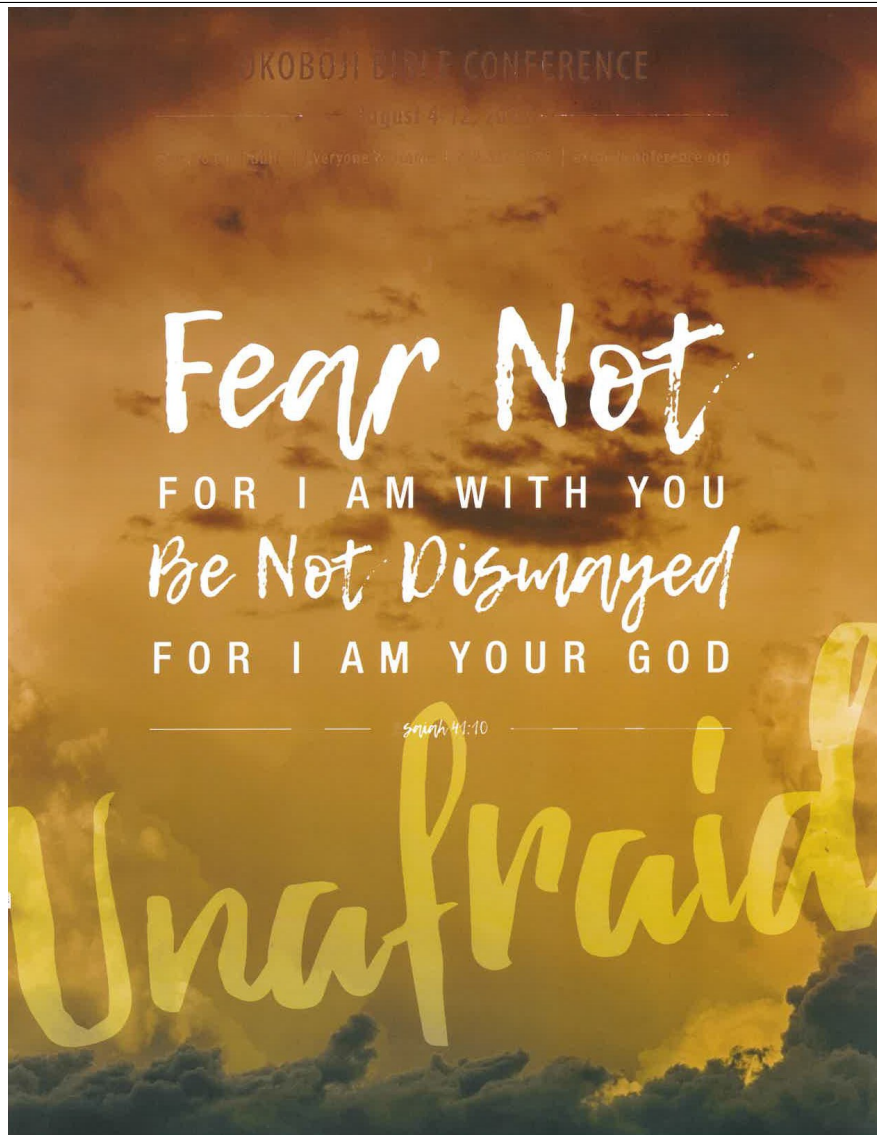
Okoboji Bible Conference

Saturday, August 4 — Sunday August 12
Arnolds Park, Iowa

This year's conference kicks off with a concert August 4th by Christian contemporary band *I Am They* in concert is at 7:15pm. It's always a good idea to get there a little early, as there are no reserved seats. No tickets are needed; a free will offering is taken each night.

For all of this year's conference schedule, pick up a booklet in our church lobby, or find it online at okobojiconference.org. Come and go as it works for you, there are no registrations or fees.

Make plans now to experience the Okoboji Bible Conference!



The Jesus Film

Dear Friends,

You may have heard that the Windom area churches are uniting together behind an exciting project: creating of version of **The Jesus Film** for a people group in South America who have never heard the gospel!

Recently we learned more about this from Matt Johnson, who is a local representative of **The Jesus Film Project**, and has worked with the Windom Ministerial Association to envision and implement this mission project.

Other churches, individuals and businesses have already made significant financial gifts to the Windom project: here is where we are to date (*see graphic below*):



Here is some GREAT NEWS: an individual has agreed to **a matching gift of \$5,000** if we can raise that much more between now and Labor Day! This means that if we raise \$5,661 dollars through local community gifts by Labor Day, we will reach our goal of **\$17,000** and **FULLY FUND** this project!

Now it is our turn at First United Methodist Church. I hope you will prayerfully consider a generous gift this Sunday (*or in the near future*) - remember - your gift will be matched, so your gift is worth double what you give!

There are two short online videos (*around 4 minutes each*) to learn more about the impact of The Jesus Film on those people who see and hear the story of Jesus for the first time. You'll see that this is a powerful tool for evangelism and starting new churches among unchurched tribes and people groups! **Our financial gifts can be part of helping to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission to his Church!**

The Jesus Film among the Gamo people

Global Frontier Missions / The State of the World

Pastor Mike

"Connecting people to God and each other through Jesus Christ."

Update: Our congregation has raised over \$2,000 so far for this mission, which includes a gift designated by our Missions Team.

Southern Prairie Transitions

Please pray for Holy Spirit Breakthroughs particularly within these congregations and their ministers as they embrace new faces and places in these days. Pray God's blessing on the building of new relationships in these churches that are experiencing changes. Transitions are taking place in the following churches:

Hutchinson: Bethlehem	Paul Woolverton and Trevor Maine, begin July 1, 2018. Paul Baker transitioning to Montrose and Annandale UMC (Big Waters District).
Hutchinson: Vineyard	James and Sara Hein, begin July 1, 2018. Deb Walkes transitioning to retired status.
Marshall: Cornerstone	Josh Doughty, begins July 1, 2018. Dave Johnston transitioning to Inver Grove Heights: Mt. Bethel (River Valley District)
Pipestone: Peace/Salem, & Jasper	Velda Maine, begins July 1, 2018 from .25 time Pipestone: Salem & Jasper to .75 time Pipestone Peace/Salem & Jasper. Judith Miller-Qualley transitioning to retired status.
Arlington & Church in the Maples	Eli Sommers, begins July 1, 2018. Rod Stemme transitioning to retired status.
Open Doors: Wells/Kiester	Chris Leistra, begins July 1, 2018. Paul Woolverton transitioning to retired status, appointed interim Hutchinson: Bethlehem.
Slayton/Lake Wilson UMC	Ethanie Schmidt appointed after serving as interim.
Springfield UMC	Rick Frederickson, begins July 1, 2018. Josh Doughty transitioning to Marshall Cornerstone UMC.
Adrian/Magnolia	Kristi Franken transitioning to retired status.
Winnebago	Durene Cornell transitioning to retired status.

Senior Citizen Friday



REINBOWS
INC.

**Open House on Friday, July 6th
9:00a-Noon at Rainbows!**

**Fun with horses, crafts, BINGO, cookies &
refreshments, music, garden tours led by
Rainbows' Pay-it-Forward Kids!**

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Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

CONFERENCE CONNECTIONS

2018 Annual Conference Special

All Minnesota United Methodist churches are connected through shared mission and ministry and united in efforts to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world. Check out these highlights from the 2018 Minnesota Annual Conference Session, which took place May 30-June 1 in St. Cloud; 800 clergy and laity were there to learn, listen, discern, worship, and celebrate.

- **Bishop Ough: Love First:** In his Episcopal Address, Bishop Bruce R. Ough said Jesus' big idea—around which all his praying, teaching, healing, miracle-working, dying, and rising is aligned—is about loving God and loving neighbor. “Let us make the first and essential commandment of Jesus the very core of our lives, and the very core of our congregations,” he said. He explored what it means to be Love First congregations—focused on loving God and loving our neighbors. Their three most distinctive characteristics are that they live the United Methodist way, tell their Jesus stories, and generate Love First fruit, he said.
- **Rev. Olu Brown on staying connected to the vine:** In two teaching sessions, Rev. Olu Brown—lead pastor of Impact Church near Atlanta—explored the importance of claiming, and reclaiming our personal “why” stories and underscored the critical task of staying connected to the vine so we can be inspired to transform the world. “One of the worst things that can happen to you is to become a professional Christian—we simply do church and we do worship and we do prayer by the numbers,” he said. “If you just

discover Jesus again and again, you would be amazed at the life that comes from the vine.”

- **New leaders:** At a Celebration of Life in Ministry worship service on June 1, nine people were ordained, two transferred in from other denominations, four were commissioned as provisional members, and 17 became licensed local pastors.
 - **Love Offering:** Annual Conference attendees rejoiced in having given nearly \$70,000 to the 2018 Love Offering—an annual offering that churches collect. This year's Love Offering will go to Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery Trips (65 percent), Park Avenue UMC Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools Program (20 percent), and NUMAS Haus (15 percent), which provides emergency shelter and services to homeless single women.
 - **Listening and sharing:** Two clergywomen shared TED-style “Vine and Branches Talks” related to living with love, compassion, and respect. Rev. Carol Zaagsma focused on the importance of listening to others, saying: “No matter where you place yourself on any given issue...we could all stand to listen better to one another. Can we not see past the argument to see the person...maybe try to see the other as Christ would?” Meanwhile, Rev. Rachel McIver Morey talked about our obligation to share our stories and to listen to other people tell theirs as they would have them be told.
 - **Legislation:** Annual Conference members approved changing the location of the 2020 Annual Conference to Sioux Falls, South Dakota so that the Minnesota and Dakotas Annual Conferences can engage in two shared days of learning, worship, and celebration, and they approved raising the minimum clergy salary. They also approved resolutions to prevent gun violence and advocate for the rights of children living under Israeli occupation.
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STAY CONNECTED!

“Like” the Minnesota Annual Conference on Facebook, follow the conference on Twitter and Instagram (@MinnesotaUMC), and sign up (at www.minnesotaumc.org) for e-newsletters. For more information about any of the items listed above, visit www.minnesotaumc.org.

Monday, July 2 4 oz. Beef Tips/Gravy 1/2 c. Noodles/1/2 Peaches 1/2 c. Country Blend Veg Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, July 3 3 oz. Hamburger 1/2 c. Pasta Salad 1/2 c. Baked Beans Bun/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk 4TH OF JULY PICNIC	Wednesday, July 4 CLOSED	Thursday, July 5 COOKS CHOICE 8 oz. Sausage Jambalaya 1/2 c. Green Beans 1/2 c. Fruit Cocktail Cornbread/butter Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, July 6 3 oz. Tuna Salad on Bun 1/2 c. Creamy Cucumber Salad 1/2 c. Fresh Fruit Bun/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, July 9 3oz. Country Steak/ Gravy 1/2 c. Whole Potatoes 1/2 c. Squash Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, July 10 4 oz. Meatloaf/Catsup 1/2 c. MashedPotatoes 1/2 c. Corn Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk \$2 TUESDAY	Wednesday, July 11 Chef Salad 1 oz. each Turkey,Ham, Cheese on 1 cup Lettuce/Salad Drsg. 1/2 c. Tomato & Cucum. Slices Muffin/Marg./Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, July 12 5 oz.Oven Crispy Chicken 1/2 c. Sweet Potatoes 1/2 c. Mixed Vegetables Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, July 13 4 oz. Swedish Meatballs/Gravy 1/2 c. Paprika Potatoes 1/2 c Creamed Spinach Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, July 16 Chicken & Rice Casserole 1/2 c. Broccoli 1/2 c. Cole Slaw Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, July 17 3 oz. Roast Pork 1/2 c. Whole Potatoes 1/2 c. Buttered Cabbage Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, July 18 3 oz. Liver or Pepper Steak 1/2 c. Buttered Boiled Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, July 19 5 oz. Parmesan Chicken Baked Potato/Sr. Crm. 1/2 c. California Blend Veg Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, July 20 4 oz. Salmon 1/2 c. Rice Pilaf 1/2 c. California Blend Veg 1/2 c. Fruit Salad Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, July 23 4 oz. Lemon Pepper Fish 1 med. Baked Potato/Sr. Crm. 1/2 c. Creamed Peas Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, July 24 3 oz. Roast Beef 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Carrots Dinner Roll/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk \$2 TUESDAY	Wednesday, July 25 8 oz. Mandarin Chicken Salad 1/2 c. Fresh Fruit 1/2 c. Tomato Cucumber Salad Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, July 26 4 oz. Pork Chop/Gravy 1/2 c. Buttered Boiled Potatoes 1/2 c. Green Bean Bake Dinner Roll/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, July 27 6 oz. Lasagna 1/2 c. Country Blend Veget. 1/2 c. Lettuce Salad/Drsg Garlic Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, July 30 6 oz. Chicken Tetrazzini 1/2 c. Broccoli 1/2 c. Cole Slaw Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, July 31 3 oz. Salisbury Steak 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Corn Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk BIRTHDAY LUNCH	 WIDOM SENIOR DINING 831-6161	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or EBT/Food Stamps) payment is accepted in lieu of donation. Contact Site Manager for more information.	GIFT CERTIFICATES for meals available at your site or purchase on line at www.lssmn.org/nutrition

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Posted menu is regular diet & provides average of 700-800 calories. Diabetic, sodium and fat restricted menus available upon request.

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

First United Methodist Church ~July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 Coffee 9:00 Worship Service 11:30 First Things 8:00p Softball @ Bergen Field	2	3 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting 6:00p Worship Service Cable Ch 3	4 Independence Day Church office closed	5 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	6	7
8 8:30 Coffee 9:00 Worship Service 11:30 First Things 6:45p Softball @ Eagle Field	9	10 Noon Friendly Fellowship potluck at Federal Wildlife Area 12:30 Missions Team 6:00 Worship Service Cable Ch 3	11 5:30p Supper Kickoff for Make a Difference 6:30p Make a Difference Group 7:00p Trustees 7:30p Finance 7:30p Staff Parish	12 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	13 UMW Mission U St Cloud	14 UMW Mission U
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First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Kim Anderson	3 Barb Axford Becki Wormstadt	4 	5 Ralph Sweigard Greg & Cathy Peterson	6 Anna Zamzow Steve & Sharon Glidden	7 Cathy Peterson Jeremy & Renee Green Rob & Briana Visker
8	9 Travis Mattson Anthony Berghorst Luke & Emily Buresch	10	11	12 Megan Luitjens Mathiowetz	13 Jason King	14
15 Madison Berhow Jody Derickson Carolyn Paulson Barb Torkelson	16 Lisa Ambrose Lauren Thiessen Harold & JoAnn Caviness	17 Daron Buresch	18 Nyah Visker	19 Missy Edmundson Judi Ray	20	21 Bruce & Judy Rhoda
22	23 Sharon Glidden	24 Tori Vesey	25 Greg & Peggy Pfeffer	26 Shannon LaCanne Patti Palm	27 Charles Elston	28 Floyd Axford
29 Chad Branch	30	31 Holly Larson Isaac Steele				Black: Birthday Blue: Anniversary