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November 2019 Newsletter





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What's in Your Wallet?

What if you were a Union soldier at the end of the Civil War, and while fighting in the south, you had accumulated quite a bit of Confederate money. What would you do with it? You know that when you return home up North these Confederate dollars will be worthless!

If you're smart, there's only one answer. Immediately cash in everything for U.S. currency. It's the only money that will have any value after the war is over!

Jesus tells a parable about a man who found a treasure buried in a field. It was more money than he'd ever seen in his life—or could ever earn in one lifetime!

What does he do? Jesus says he reburied the treasure, then went and sold everything else he owned so that he could purchase that field—then that buried treasure would legally be his!

He is making a priority decision. And Jesus is saying we each have to make the same decision. Will we choose to value this world's wealth or "treasure," which will all be gone someday? Or will we value the eternal treasure that can only be found in God's kingdom values—in living for God and his kingdom?

We each have to choose. We have to decide, "What will my life's priorities be? Live for today, or live for eternity?" If we're smart, like the Union soldier, there's only one right answer!

Alfred Nobel had used his talents and time to become a rich man. Now, according to the newspaper he just put down, he was a dead man.

It was 1888. Nobel was a Swedish chemist who made his fortune inventing and producing dynamite. His brother Ludvig had died in France. He had just read the obituary in a French newspaper—only it wasn't his brother's obituary, it was his!

An editor had confused the two brothers, and the French headline read, "The Merchant of Death Is Dead." Alfred Nobel's obituary described a man who had gotten rich by helping people kill one another. Troubled by this description of his life's work, Nobel resolved to use his wealth to change his legacy. When he died eight years later, he left more than \$9 million to fund awards for people whose work benefited humanity. The Nobel Prize was born.

Alfred Nobel had a rare opportunity—to look at the assessment of his life at its end and still have the chance to change it.

How will others assess your life? How do others see you—really? More importantly, how does God see your life's work—the way you've invested the resources God has entrusted to you over the years? What kind of headline will God write someday when you stand before him?

Do you need to make some changes now? November's message series will challenge and encourage you to assess your life from a different perspective—the only one that will matter in the end. It will also help you and me rediscover God's principles for living—and giving—that brings greater meaning and happiness to our life—and the most blessing and life change to those around us.

I look forward to discovering God's way of blessing with you these next few weeks!

Pastor Mike



November





Just a reminder.... set your clocks back Saturday night November 2nd!



Remembrance Sunday November 3 10:30am Worship Service

Changes?

Does the church have your *current* contact info?
Address—phone—email?
Please let us know of any updates—yellow pew cards work well, or contact the office by email or phone.



Our Friendly Fellowship

potluck will be held *Tuesday*, *Nov. 19th at noon*. Our program will be by Pastor Rick Frederickson and Pastor Mike, who will talk about the differences between a Licensed Local Pastor (Rick) and an Elder (Mike). Please join us for a good meal and friendly company. Bring some food to share, and feel free to come and go as your schedule permits.

We welcome your program ideas! If you have a program suggestion, please contact Darris Snelling.





Congratulations to Delaney Smith and Jadyn Wormstadt, who were received into membership in the National Honor Society! They join other members, including Andrew Steen of our congregation.

Thank You

We would like to thank you for your words, notes, and prayers of kindness to us during Pastor Appreciation month. It's a joy to serve with you and we look forward to what God has for all of us in the future. Bless you and thank you!

Pastor Mike and Kathy Jo

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

-Ephesians 3:20



Thank you to everyone who provided items to decorate our patio, and to Pat Elston and Peggy Roll who used them to make it beautiful!







Sunday November 24th

11:30am All-Church Lunch Stewardship Celebration



After lunch:

Church Conference

The lunch will be provided for no charge. Everyone is welcome.

We will then be presented with items to approve as a church body for 2020. This is a once-a-year meeting, which will not be long. All members are encouraged to take part.

Please sign up in the lobby so we can get a handle on how much food to order.



Just in case!

Weather Announcements

Please check with the following media for weather-related church announcements:

Jackson KKOJ radio 1190AM

Windom KDOM radio 1580AM

Windom TV cable channel 3



Facebook.com/FirstUMCWindom

When school is canceled due to weather, the church office may also be closed.

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00am—Noon

1:00-4:00pm

Closed for Thanksgiving

Wednesday Nov 27 at noon

Thursday Nov 28

and Friday Nov 29



Please join us to decorate the church for the Christmas season beginning Monday December 2nd at 9:00am.

Your help is welcome, even if you can only come for a limited time. Men are needed, as well as ladies. All help is appreciated!



November

Tues. 5th 2:00 Executive Meeting

Wed. 6th 3:30 Lois Circle

Wed. 13th 2:00 Friendship Circle





Food shelf items and monetary donations are needed to help people in our county who are in need of food through the Cottonwood County Sharing Center. Checks can be made payable to the church, with "food shelf" in the memo. Thank you for supporting this local mission!

A **Comfort Cupboard** has been created at the Middle/ High School in Windom to provide students in need with personal hygiene items. If you would like to donate, please bring items to church and put them in the Comfort Cupboard tote. Items will be taken to the school periodically. The needs are (full or travel size):

Deodorant Dental Floss
Tampons Sanitary Napkins
Toothpaste Toothbrushes
Shampoo Conditioner
Body Wash Bar Soap
Hand Lotion Body Lotion
Laundry Detergent Dryer Sheets

This is a joint project of First UMC and American Lutheran Church.
Thank you!



30 Days—30 Ways To Be the Neighbor

In November, we celebrate and give thanks for all the food we eat and blessings in our lives. LSS is promoting an activity to raise awareness about our aging neighbors and how everyone in our community can help them live healthy lives in their homes. Our Senior Nutrition Program prepares and delivers hot, nutritious meals here in Windom. These meals help seniors maintain their healthy and independent lifestyles. A calendar is attached for participating in this fundraiser during November. Thank you for helping to keep this program alive. And LSS needs dining customers too!

Opportunity to Volunteer

Our local Salvation Army needs Bell Ringers for the upcoming holiday season. Funds raised go right back into our community.

Volunteers can include families, youth groups, school organizations, businesses, friends, etc. Children are very welcome, but anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Funds raised help people in our community.



To sign up on line, go to RegisterToRing.com to schedule what day and time you or your organization would like to ring the bell to help the community out. Or, call BARC at 831-2375 to schedule a day and time with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Coordinator.





Hello from The Dinner Table!

We're on the move providing our 8th meal for the Community through "The Dinner Table!" We have a couple of things to note:

- 1) For the month of November, we had a generous donor give us a Thrivent Financial gift towards turkeys for the Thanksgiving meal on Tuesday, November 26th at the Presbyterian Church. We are delighted and want to remind you that we take donations any time! Just make sure you designate "Dinner Table" on your giving! Thanks so much.
- 2) We will start this Sunday collecting rice/pasta/potato side dishes to give to our guests when they leave The Dinner Table for home. This could be boxes of macaroni and cheese, Rice-a-Roni, or instant mashed/scalloped potatoes. Anything where you just add water or butter! Kindly put the donations in the basket by the sign-up sheets.
- 3) We try to create a loving and warm atmosphere at every **Dinner Table** meal, but for Thanksgiving we really want to pour on the hospitality! We need 12 pies and 8 green bean hot dishes to complement our Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy meal. Would you consider baking or buying a pie or a green bean hot dish (you don't know how badly I want to say casserole!!) We would need these pies and hot dishes baked and ready by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26th. You can sign up at the Sign-In area by the church office.

And finally, THANK YOU! Your partnership in supporting this ministry through prayer, baking, and serving are very much appreciated. You will never know the impact you have for good. Thank you and Blessings to you all from **The Dinner Table**. Happy Thanksgiving!

"I thank my God every time I remember you." -Philippians 1:3

Warmly, Kathıy Jo



Ruby's Pop-up Pantry is America's Rural Foodbank. The next distribution date is Monday, November 18th. Bring 2 empty baskets or boxes and \$20 cash to The Regional Worship Center, 2 Crossroads Drive, Sherburn MN. Doors open for registration at 5:00pm, and distribution is from 6:00—7:30pm. More information about Ruby's Pantry is available in the church's west hall.

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Education

THANK YOU TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO HELPED MAKE THE CHILI AND SOUP. AND WHO HELPED SERVE AND CLEAN UP AFTER OUR HOPE 4 KIDS LUNCH ON OCTOBER 13th.

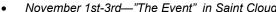
Christmas program Dec. 8th

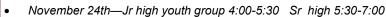
Parents...Prek-6th grades will start preparing for the Christmas program soon. The Christmas Program will be on December 8th. If your child will NOT be here that weekend for the program, please let Miranda Schunk or Robin Snyder know as soon as possible.

Call Robin at 831-3284.

Upcoming Dates:

- November 1st-3rd—"The Event" in Saint Cloud
- November 6th—KFC meets from 6:30—7:30pm in the art room.





Sunday School Mission Project Operation Christmas Child



The Sunday School classes are gearing up for a mission project. Operation Christmas Child. This is a unique project of Samaritan's Purse that delivers gift-filled shoe boxes to hurting children around the world. This simple hands-on mission project gives our entire church family, especially children, a tangible way to demonstrate the true meaning of Christmas-God's gift of His Son.

There is a drop off box in the sign -up area of the church lobby if you would like to donate items

to be packed by Sunday school children. The age groups for giving are 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14. Items are needed for both boys and girls. Most things are accepted but the following items are not: Used or damaged items; war-related items; chocolate or food; out of date candy; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions: medications or vitamins: breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans. Please bring your items to church prior to

November 17th. There is also a cost of \$9.00/box to ship these gifts. If you would like to help with this cost, please make your check payable to the church with Operation Christmas Child in the memo line. These boxes also need your prayers. We will pray over them in church before we send them off.

Perhaps you would like to fill your own box?? There are empty boxes by the collection box. Please feel free to grab one and fill it up. If you have any questions, please see Robin.



KFC KIDS FOR CHRIST

KFC IS OPEN TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-5. WE MEET THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 6:30-7:30 (UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE) IN THE ARTS AND CRAFTS ROOM. FOR NOVEMBER WE WILL MEET ON THE 6TH. STUDENTS, PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR BIBLES!! AND THIS MONTH, PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO PACK IN THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES.



Please pray for our youth and their chaperones as they embark on their annual trip to The Event. Youth and chaperones attending are:

Levi Bramstedt

Braydon Kreofsky

Aren King

Saydie Raverty

Rylie Raverty

Ava Caviness

Tatum Bramstedt

Lukas Ingram

Teigen Wormstadt

Madison Green

Hannah Anderson

Robin Snyder

Danny Martinez

We are still in need of a female chaperone for The Event. Please see Robin if you would like to join us!





District Day Cookies

Our congregation is hosting all the churches in our district on Saturday, November 16th, and we will be offering our hospitality. Cookies are needed to serve this day—can you help? A signup sheet is in the lobby.



After School Bible Club

Starts Thursday, November 7th after school at Winfair School, and goes until 4:30pm. The group is led by John Gardiner. Volunteers are needed; please call John with questions or to volunteer: 822-6777.

Medicare Classes

Free classes for people who are new to Medicare are held in Slayton the second and third Mondays of each month. Call the Senior LinkAge Line to register: 1-800-333-2433. Classes are at the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging, 1939 Engebretson Ave, Slayton MN www.mnraaa.org



Sunday November 24th

Youth Bake Sale

&

All-Church Dinner



Area Happenings

Borscht Supper

Saturday, November 2nd 4:30—8:00pm

Mountain Lake Christian School Fundraiser

Homemade Vegetable Beef Soup (Borscht) Homemade Bread & Homemade Pie Adults \$8, take home available

Turkey Dinner

Wednesday, November 6th 4:30—7:00pm

Springfield UMC Fundraiser

Turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw, cranberries, dessert

Adults \$11, take out available

Hearts & Pines Holiday Fair

Saturday, November 9th 9:30—1:30pm

American Lutheran Church Fundraiser

Lunch Lefse Crafts Baked Goods New and nearly new unique treasures





Kinship Radio Shareathon 90.9 FM

Join them for music, conversation and Friendship November 12, 13, 14

KINSHIPRADIO.ORG Listen on-air or online

Poinsettia Order Form

It's time to order poinsettias to beautify the church!

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone, please provide the information below. Orders are needed by **Sunday**, **November 3rd** please. These poinsettias will be used to beautify the sanctuary and other areas of the church, and may be taken home after the last Christmas Eve service. Thank you!







Red

Jingle Bells

White

Size	Color	Qty	Price	Total
Single 6.5"	Red		\$14.00	
	Jingle Bells		\$15.00	
	White		\$14.00	
Double	Red		\$24.00	
	White		\$24.00	
Triple	Red		\$35.00	
	White		\$35.00	
		Grand	Total	\$

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By:	

Thank you!



30 Days -30 Ways to Be the Neighbor



November 2019

During November, we give thanks for our food and our health. 18,000+ aging neighbors across Minnesota count on LSS

for their main meal each day to maintain their health.

How Can You Help Your Local Neighbors?

- 1. Follow the instructions on the calendar below. Make your deposits in a lunch sack or similar container.
- 2. Talk about your "deposits" as a family over meals—what other blessings are you grateful for? Who do you know who may not have some of these blessings listed and how could you help them?
- 3. At the end of the month, bring your collection back to church/group or to your local LSS Meals site. All contributions will support your local community's meal program.

We will feature your church/group's collection on our Facebook page at the end of the campaign!

For the average household, your "deposits" may add up to \$15.

For your family, this may be an order of pizza or half a tank of gas. \$15 for our program will purchase 5 blizzard meals for an older adult or **\$15 will buy 4 meals for someone who cannot afford to contribute for their meals**.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
or call toll-free 1-8 LSS Meals is made possi through an award from	org/nutrition for m 800-488-4146 ble in part under the Feder on Area Agencies on Aging u by the Minnesota Board on	ral Older Americans Act under an Area plan ap-			Donate \$1 if you eat more than toast and coffee for breakfast	2 Donate 25¢ if you don't have any problems chewing your food
3 If you eat 5 servings of fruit/ vegetables a day, donate 25¢	If you are able to get around without a cane/ walker/ other device, donate \$1	If you connect with friends or family via email or social media, donate 25¢ for each way you connect	6 Donate 50¢ if you have not had to change the way you eat because of an illness or a condition	7 If you can take care of your finances without assistance, donate \$1	8 Donate \$1 if you have enough money to buy the food you need	If you eat more than 2 <u>complete</u> and nutritionally <u>balanced</u> meals a day, donate 50¢ for each meal you eat
10 If you are not on a special diet ordered by your doctor, donate 50¢	11 Donate 10¢ for every social group or club you belong to	If your sense of smell or taste hasn't diminished, donate 25¢	13 If you can feed yourself without help, donate 50¢	14 If you take less than 3 prescriptions a day, donate 25¢	15 Donate 50¢ if you can clean up after preparing a meal	16 If you have a driver's license, donate 50¢
17 Donate 50¢ if you can shovel your own sidewalk or mow your lawn	18 Donate 10¢ every time your family calls you this month	19 If you can shower or bathe without any help, donate 25¢	20 If you have 2-3 servings of dairy products each day, donate 25¢.	If you can see well enough to read a newspaper, donate 25¢.	22 Donate \$1 if you live in your own home	23 If you can clean your own home without any help donate \$1
24 Donate 50¢ if you own a car	25 Donate 10¢ every time your family calls you this month	26 Donate 10¢ for each meal that you eat with other people	27 Donate \$1 if you don't eat the same thing every day	28 If you don't live alone, donate 50¢	29 Donate 25¢ if you can do your own grocery shopping	30 If you can stand long enough to prepare a meal, donate 50¢

SPRE Keynote Speaker

Rev. Fred Vanderwerf, District Superintendent Southern Prairie District

CONNECT Information Booths

MN Walk to Emmaus Lay Servant Ministries MN UMCOR Early Response team Earthkeepers

MN Annual Conference Finance and Administration Wesley Foundation at MNSU-Mankato

Schedule:

8:15-9:00am Registration/Coffee Time 9:00am Message: DS Fred Vanderwerf

9:45am Break

10:00am Breakthrough Session #1

11:30pm Lunch

12:15pm Breakthrough Session #2
2:00pm Worship/Church Conference*

3:00pm Depart

*The annual business of your local church will be cared for during the closing worship service (please come prepared with your church conference forms).



Location:

First United Methodist Church 947 6th Street Windom, MN 56101

Register:

Online at www.minnesotaumc.org (see Events-Southern Prairie District Day 2019) Register by Nov. 1: \$15.00 per person

Contact person: Cheryl Daschner 507-387-3767 cheryl.daschner@minnesotaumc.org

Breakthrough Workshops

Revitalizing the Rural Church

Cory Thrall and Marty Martens lead a conversation on revitalization that includes a "love first" approach to rural culture. Topics include: potential changes to Sunday worship, the use of technology and outreach to children and youth. Strategies will be offered for dealing with the unique challenges a multi-point charge can face when implementing changes.

Network Churches: A new way to reach your community for Jesus

Are people excited to invite others to your church to hear the message? What if you could show messages from a thriving church to free your time to care and develop your people? Come to this breakout session led by Rick Post and learn how being an Embrace Network church could help you be more effective in your ministry!

Boots on the Ground: Identifying a Signature Ministry

If someone asked a person in your community what your church was known for, what would it be? As you look outside the walls of your church, what does the world around you need that you can give? Explore with Erica Koser the who's, what's, why's, and how's of having a signature ministry in this interactive workshop.

Establishing Financially Vital Congregations

Learn best practices of financially vital congregations including annual audits, budgeting, financial reporting, transparency, internal controls, and investment management. Discussion led by Conference director of finance Barb Brower, and UM Foundation director Sheri Meister.

Reversing Our Thinking for Leadership Growth

The church is here to raise up Christian Leaders and launch them into the world. Conference director of leadership Jody Thone will share resources, tools and processes for town and country congregations to develop leaders and stop the bait and switch trap in church leadership.

Can Your Church Restart?

What if you started all over? Letting go of maintenance ministry, Vineyard UMC in Hutchinson opted to "soft close" on July 1, 2018 and have been executing a relaunch strategy for the past 15 months. Pastor Jim Hein will share lessons they have learned along the way and share strategies your church might employ to reinvent or reinvigorate itself.

Keeping a Hopeful Earth

Minnesota Conference's first environmental justice intern Isaiah Friesen grew up on a family farm in Indiana, which taught him the importance of weather patterns, soil conditions, and the state of water for raising crops and animals. This has informed his calling to help churches identify how they might re-center themselves and restore a more hopeful relationship with the earth.

Support and Accountability the Key's to the Church HR department

This workshop seeks to train up your Staff Parish Relations Committee with best practices, so they can shift from being merely the complaint department, but rather lead in healthy ways through conflict and into hope-filled mission and vision. Led by Big Waters District Superintendent Susan Nienaber.

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	Give Thanks Lord Psalm for He is 118:1 good.				1 6:30a McPrayer at McDonalds The Event Youth Retreat Oct. 1-3	2 The Event Retreat Fall Back DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
3 Remembrance Sunday 9:00a Sunday School 9:00a Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee Fellowshp 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 First Things Poinsettia Orders Due The Event Retreat	4	5 9:30a UMW Exec Meeting 5:00p Worship Broadcast on Cable Channel 3 6:30 The Dinner Table Meeting 7:00 MCCI Team	6 9:00a Bible Study 3:30p Lois Circle 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 KFC 7:00 Trustees Mtg 7:00 Finance Mtg 7:30 SPRC Mtg 8:00 Ad Council	7 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	8 6:30a McPrayer at McDonalds	9
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First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Give Thanks Lot the Lord Psalm for He is 118:1 good.		Missing anyone? Corrections? Please let the church office know. Black = Birthdays Orange = Anniversaries		1 Barb Christians	2
3 Hunter Dahna	4	Robby Anderson Steve & Laura Fresk Bob & Laura Williams	6 Terry Anderson Tanner Diemer Mary Kuehl	7	8	9
Casey & Amanda Jandera	11 Dennis Bonde Clyde Moret	12	13	14 Lloyd Greiner Nestor Palm	15	16
17	18 Bob Williams	19 Danny Martinez	20	21 Joshua Hedman	22 Chad Hobbs	23
24 Nathan & Kaitie Luitjens	25 Emery Piotter Larry Stevens	26	27 Jerry Ambrose Robin Snyder	28	29 Henry Visker	30