

The Window

March 2020 Newsletter



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CHANGED BY LENT

How are you different from one year ago? One month ago? Last week?

In other words, *how are you becoming more like Jesus because you are one of his disciples?*

If you can't give specific ways you've changed recently because of your walk with Christ, it's time to get recharged! You can "jump start" your tired spiritual "battery" by focusing—for just a few minutes each day during Lent—on some quiet time with God.

We've created a book of Lenten devotions for you based on the journals of Audrey Youngren, a faithful member and disciple of Jesus here at First UMC who died recently. Her family graciously allowed us to use her journals to create these devotions for you. *Here's a sample:*

WORDS

Read Matthew 12:33-37

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

(English Standard Version)

We use words every day. We speak to others using many words. Some people speak more words than others. As the saying goes, "some talk, but don't say anything."

We must use our words to encourage, to uplift and to give hope to those who are feeling low. There were times when someone spoke gentle words to us at just the right time. These words can help us and restore us.

Jesus spoke words of hope and encouragement. In him we have hope for the future, which makes today better. We can find much hope by reading the Bible, God's word to us.

Dear Jesus, your words to me that I read in the Bible give me hope for the future. You never discourage; you always encourage. Thank you, thank you.

Prayer Focus: Someone who needs an encouraging word.

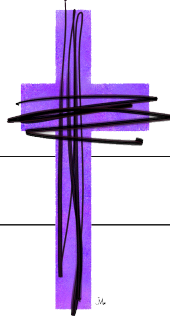
How easy is that? You can do this! And if you do, you will begin to see God working in your life.

These devotional booklets will be available at church this Sunday, March 1st (devotions start on Monday, March 2nd). Pick one up after worship, or stop by the church to get one.

Join us on this intentional Lenten discipline, with the goal that your spiritual batteries will be recharged, and even those closest to you will start to recognize a new you—that is evidence of true change!

*For a Christ-filled Lent,
Pastor Mike*

March



FORTY Days OF LENT

Community Lenten Services

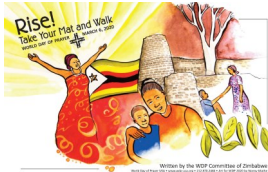
Noon Wednesdays through April 1

at [First Presbyterian Church](#)

Come for a 30-minute Lenten service, followed by lunch at 12:30. A number of Windom churches take turns providing the message and the meal.

Our congregation will provide the service and the lunch on March 11th. You are invited to join us!

World Day of Prayer



Friday March 6
9:30am
First United Methodist
Church Windom

Church Family News

A Celebration of Life service was held for Don Meyer on February 1.

A Celebration of Life service was also held for Robert Hobbs on February 11th.

May God bless the families of these dear ones, who are missed.

Potluck

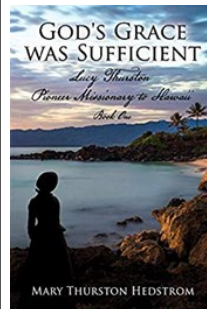
Friendly Fellowship Potluck & Program

@ Noon Tuesday, March 26th



PASADENA
TOURNAMENT
of ROSES

Join us for a good lunch and great company. Our program will be by Pastor Kathy Brandt. Pastor Kathy and Charles went on a recent adventure, which involved working on a Rose Parade float as volunteers, and they also went to the Rose Parade. Please bring food to share, come for a fun program, and share a lunch with our church family.



Dear Ladies of First UMC,

We want to invite you to join us **Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 pm** in the Fireside Room for a guest speaker! Mary Thurston Hedstrom, from Lakefield, is a pastor's wife, mother of 7 children, and now a new author. She has just released her book, "**God's Grace was**

Sufficient; Lucy Thurston, Pioneer Missionary to Hawaii."

Won't you kindly join us as Mary shares this true story about the first missionaries to Hawaii?

Unexpected marriage. Perilous voyage. Startling immersion in a primitive culture. How far would you go for God?

You will be encouraged by Mary, by our fellowship together and by the Holy Spirit! So please join us Wednesday, March 11th in the Fireside Room at church at 6:30 pm for this special time together. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Hope to see you there!

All-Church Ski Trip!

Round 2!

Sunday, March 15
After worship



Everyone is invited to come on a ski trip to Mount Kato! We'll leave after the worship service, and stop for lunch on the way there. Please sign up—forms are in the church lobby, or available by email. Payment is due in the church office by 5:00pm on Thursday, March 12th. Fun for the whole family!
Discounted prices for this trip!

Spring Forward



Saturday
night
March 7th

Easter Lilies & Flowers

Our church will be ordering Easter flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 12th. Flowers can be taken home after the Easter service, or if you'd like, they can be left until April 19th to be enjoyed another week in the sanctuary.

The deadline to place orders with the church office is noon, **Monday March 16th**.

Your name _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

_____ Easter Lily plants at \$14.50 = _____

_____ Daisy Mum flowering plants at \$17.50 = _____

_____ Hydrangea flowering plants at \$28.50 = _____

In MEMORY or in HONOR of (please indicate which one)...

Please note that we are not able to specify flower colors for the mums and hydrangeas, but they will be pastel colors.

Please make your check payable to First UMC Memorials and turn it in with this form. Orders may be put in the offering plate, turned in to the church office, or mailed to 974 6th St, Windom MN 56101.



Weather Announcements



Please check with the following media for weather-related service cancellation announcements: Windom KDOM radio 1580AM, Windom TV cable channel 3, Jackson KKOJ radio 1190AM. Like us on Facebook for service cancellation info: facebook.com/FirstUMCWindom. When school is canceled due to weather, the church office may also be closed.

Volunteer at General Conference



What is General Conference? The worldwide gathering of United Methodist representatives which happens every 4 years for legislation that affects the world-wide church.

When and where is the next one? May 5—15, 2020 in Minneapolis.

What kind of volunteers are needed? Greeters, Drivers, Prayer room hosts, Skyway guides, Off-site venue hosts, translators (especially French), and Administrative support.

Most Host Team volunteers will select three-hour shifts during some or all of the 10 days of General Conference. There will also be opportunities to help with General Conference preparation and training prior to the event itself.

Where can I get more info? By going online to: gc2020welcome.org.



the Dinner Table

There will be a meeting for planning the next *The Dinner Table* meal be on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room. Volunteers will be needed for serving the meal, washing dishes, and for visiting with dinner guests. Signup sheets will be in the lobby by mid-March. The next serving date will be Tuesday, March 24th.



NOTICE - Upcoming April Project

After Easter, a special mission project will be held in our church called “Dress a Girl Around the World.” Dresses will be sewn, blessed and distributed to young girls from third world countries. Sewing dates will be during the last couple weeks of April. Watch for more information about this fun project in the April newsletter. For more information now, contact Cathy Peterson or Terri Jones. Volunteers and donations will be needed.

Sponsored by the Missions Committee

Our congregation serves Meals On Wheels in April and August.

If you would like to volunteer to help deliver in April, please call Shirley Lyons, our April coordinator. Our volunteers spend less than an hour a day Monday—Friday to deliver meals, and typically deliver for one week. This is a great opportunity to serve others!



Did you know.....that the Windom meal site not only delivers meals, but also serves meals at the Windom Community Center, and offers take-out meals? *deliver a difference*

“**Windom Senior Dining**” is run by Lutheran Social Services, and performs a very important service in the Windom area. Windom Senior Dining’s numbers have been declining in recent years, and they are encouraging people to come for a good meal at a very reasonable price. Meals are discounted for anyone over 60 (\$4.50), and adults of any age can take part in their meals (\$7.40 under age 60). The food is delicious, served Monday—Friday (except holidays) promptly at 11:30am. Call to reserve a meal at 831-6161, or if you have any questions. Menus are available at our church.

STRETCH YOUR DONATION

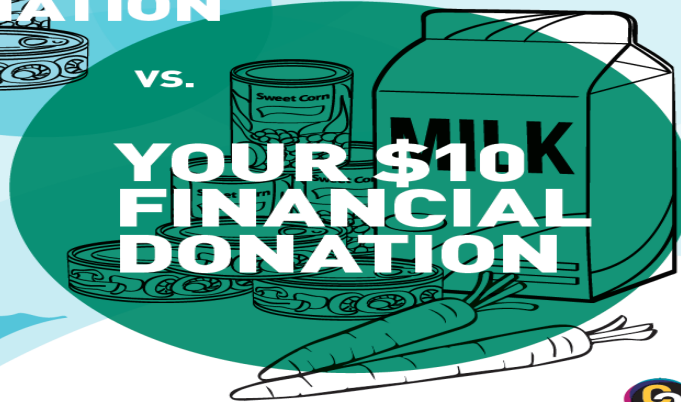


Food shelves can stretch cash donations further than donations of food because of their access to discount products and programs. Help us feed more Minnesota families by donating cash to your local food shelf today.



YOUR \$10 FOOD DONATION

vs.



YOUR \$10K FINANCIAL DONATION



follow us @mnfoodshare



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UMCOR Sunday March 22

The special offering received on UMCOR Sunday helps support the small but impactful UMCOR staff who are specialists in disaster response and recovery. Funds also ensure adequate training for emergency response coordinators and other specialized help. This makes it possible for 100% of other UMCOR donations to go directly to designated disaster relief throughout the year. Please mark donations for this special offering for "UMCOR Sunday". Special envelopes may be available by March 22.



Noisy Collection March 29, 2020

On the 5th Sunday of March, our Missions Team will collect coins and paper donations for *Dress A Girl Around the World*.

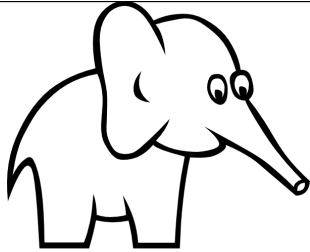
Do you have a heart for kids?

Hope 4 Kids International helps kids in need in a number of countries. Each year they have about 200—300 Sponsored Kids who, for some reason, lose their sponsor. And there are also many more who are in need of sponsors. Are you interested in sponsoring a child? The cost is just \$31 per month. You can directly sponsor a child, or donations are also accepted that will go to the support of children as needed. Online go to www.h4ki.org/childsponsorship, or you can call their organization in Phoenix, AZ at 623-979-5516. Thank you for being a part of the Hope 4 Kids family.



March UMW Calendar

3 UMW Executive Meeting
6 World Day of Prayer
here at First UMC
11 Lois Circle



White Elephant Items Welcome

Our annual salad luncheon and white elephant sale fundraiser will be held April 25th, so please bring your gently used, clean items to the church...

Decorations, plants, kitchen items, books, jewelry, movies, music, bedding and most household items.

Please do not bring clothing, footwear, or electronics.

If you have a large item, furniture, or have a question, please contact JoAnn VanNorman.

Sale items are collected in the east coat closet, next to the sanctuary.

Thank you for helping with this all-church fundraiser!



Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you have Thrivent life insurance or investments, you may be able to direct 'Choice Dollars' each year. Our church is now eligible to receive these dollars from Thrivent. We can also receive Thrivent grant funds for specific fundraiser events through individual Thrivent customers. For more information, see Thrivent's website or talk to your Thrivent rep.



Friday, March 20th!



For as the earth
bringeth forth
her bud,
and as the garden
causeth the things
that are sown in
it to spring
forth;

so the Lord GOD
will cause
Righteousness and
praise to
spring forth
before all the
nations.

Isaiah 61:11

Opportunities to check out...



Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers

If you...

- ♦ Help someone with medications
- ♦ Attend doctor appointments with another person
- ♦ Assist with grocery shopping, laundry or other household chores
- ♦ Provide care for someone in their home or yours...

**You are a
caregiver**

"After taking this class I am a more confident caregiver! Having tools to resolve problems is a definite advantage in becoming a better caregiver and a happier, wiser, healthier me... in a healthier 'us'!"

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational program designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves. You will benefit from this class whether you are helping a parent, spouse, or friend.

Participants will learn to:

- Reduce stress
- Improve self-confidence
- Better communicate feelings
- Increase their ability to make tough decisions
- Locate helpful resources.

When: Beginning: March 4th, 2020 at
1:00 – 3:00pm. *Wednesday*

This class meets once a week for 6 weeks.

Where: BARC Library, 1012 5th Ave. Windom, MN

Please call Brenda Skrove at 507-831-1803 or email
ace.cottonwood@co.cottonwood.mn.us to
register.

Open to all!!!



Free Tax Help

United Community Action Partnership's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides tax preparation to individuals and families. Call 507-537-1416 to schedule your appointment for the Windom and Jackson sites, or schedule your own appointment online at www.unitedcapmn.org. Appointments are available now through April 15 at Riverview Apartments each Tuesday, 10:00am—4:00pm.



The Mountain Lake Area Mennonites are planning a community concert to raise funds for people who are suffering in Ukraine. They invite all who are interested in taking part. Contact Art Carlson if you are interested at 507-830-3550 or artnbev@frontiernet.net.

The benefit concert will be held at Bethel Mennonite Church in Mountain Lake on Sunday, April 19th. Practices are Monday evenings at 7pm in the new choir room at Mountain Lake Public School. The first weekly rehearsal will be Monday, March 2 at 7:00pm. To access the new choir room, enter on the SE side of the school (the old pool door). They hope to see you there!

Ruby's PANTRY

Ruby's Pantry is America's Rural Foodshelf, sharing the love of Christ through food. The next distribution is Monday, March 16th at the Regional Worship Center, 2 Crossroads Drive, Sherburn MN from 6:00—7:30pm (or until food is gone). Registration begins at 5pm; **bring \$20 cash and 2 large boxes or totes for your food.**



YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Thank you to everyone who donated toothbrushes and dental floss last month for our Sunday School mission, Operation Christmas Child. This month we will be collecting Washcloths and Loofahs to send in our boxes this November. If you are able to help us with this month's donation, please leave items in our collection box in the church lobby. We are so excited and **THANKFUL** for all the help that has been offered for this project from our church family!

March 2020

Special points of interest:

- Youth group on Sunday, March 1st. *The Amazing Race* for BOTH youth groups after worship, 11:30.
- KFC meets Wednesday, March 4th from 6:30-7:30.
- Sunday, March 15th *Danishes with Dads* (or Grandpas, uncles, neighbors, etc...) at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.
- March 22nd Senior high youth group from 2:00-4:00. A self defense class with Scott Ralston. Junior high youth group from 5:00-6:30pm.



**Graduate Recognition will be
Sunday, May 17th.**

COMING THIS SUMMER.....



**May 31st—June 4th.
From 6:00-8:30pm
each night!**



**"For I can do everything through Christ,
who gives me strength."**

(Philippians 4:13)

Senior High Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Scott Ralston will be leading a Self Defense workshop on Sunday, March 22nd from 2:00-4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. He will discuss how to avoid certain situations, how to be alert in situations, and some things you can do if you find yourself in these situations you are trying to avoid. This is a great opportunity for these young adults, and they are starting to see themselves in more and more activities that take them away from home, parents, and even their buddies. If you would attend, please sign up on the youth bulletin board. Space is limited, and we are opening this class up to other youth groups, so sign-up early if you plan to attend!!



**Calling all Dads!!!
(or uncles, grandpas,
neighbors, teachers or
friends)**



We will be having Danishes with Dads on Sunday, March 15th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

Please join your favorite student(s) in the Fellowship Hall for a special treat and FUN activities until worship starts at 10:30!



Camp information booklets and applications are available in church information area in lobby. Our church offers camp scholarships, applications are in the same area or see Robin if you have any questions.

Please return registration to the Church Office by May 17, 2020. Cost: \$10.00 donation which includes T-shirt. Please select a size at the bottom of the form. If mailing return to: FUMC; 974 6th ST; Windom, MN 56101



Registration Form

(One Per Child)

All students in grades Pre-School - 5th Grade are welcome!
May 31st - June 4th from 6:00-8:30pm each night

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

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T-Shirt Size (Please Circle one):

S (6-8)

M(10-12)

L(14-16)



2020 Camping Scholarship Application Form
Windom First United Methodist Church

I. Personal Information:

Camper Name _____ Parent's Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

II. Camp Information:

I am attending Camp(camp title) _____

Is this a Methodist Church Camp? _____

Camp Location _____ Dates of Camp _____

Cost of Camp _____

Is this the only camp/retreat event this camper will attend this calendar year: **YES** **NO**

Please share briefly why you would enjoy going to this camp?

*I understand that funds are limited and I will be notified of my actual campership award.



Parent Signature

Date



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Girl Scout Sunday 9:00a Sun School 9:00 Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Youth – Amazing Race 11:30 First Things	2	3 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting 5:00p Cable Ch 3 Service Broadcast	4 9:00a Bible Study Noon – Community Service Presbytrn Ch 6:30p Confirmation 6:30p KFC 6:30 Bible Study	5 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	6 6:30a McPrayer 9:30 World Day of Prayer - here	7 Tonight 
8 9:00a Sun Sch 9:00 Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 First Things	9	10 5:00p Cable Ch 3 Service Broadcast 6:30 Dinner Table Meeting	11 9a Bible Study Noon – Lenten Svc @ Presb – We serve 3:30p Lois Circle 6:30p Confirmation 6:30 Author Speaks 7:00 Congr Trust 7:00 Trustees 7:30 Finance 7:30 SPRC	12 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's 5:00p Ski Trip Money Due	13 6:30am McPrayer	14
15 9:00a Sun Sch 9:00 Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee 10:00 Danishes with Dads 10:30 Worship 11:30 Ski Trip 11:30 First Things	16 Noon Easter Flower Orders Due 5:00p Ruby's Pantry - Sherburn	17 St Patrick's Day 1:00p Missions Meeting 5:00p Cable Ch 3 Service Broadcast	18 9a Bible Study Noon – Service at Presbyterian Ch 6:30p Confirmation 6:30 Bible Study 7:30 Confirmation Pictures	19 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	20 6:30am McPrayer	21
22 9:00a Sun School 9:00 Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 First Things 2:00p Sr Hi Youth 5:00p Jr Hi Youth	23	24 Noon Friendly Fellowship Potluck 5:00p Cable Ch 3 Service Broadcast 5:30p Dinner Table Served @ Presbtn	25 9:00a Bible Study Noon – Service at Presbyterian Ch 6:30p Confirmation 6:30 Bible Study 7:30 MCCI Team	26 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	27 6:30am McPrayer	28
29 9:00a Sun School 9:00 Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 First Things	30	31 5:00p Cable Ch 3 Service Broadcast			Corrections? Please let the church office know	

First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~ March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Betty Crowell Chloe Snyder	3 Darrel Bramstedt	4 Nancy Jenkins Braydon Kreofsky	5 Marian Torkelson	6 Klay Walinga	7 Pastor Art Miller Jaden Schowalter
8 Jody Buresch	9 Ashlyn Altman Cliff & Betty Crowell	10	11 Sami Bartelt	12	13 Kyle Curry Sue Nelson Jackie Thiessen	14
15	16	17 Emily Axford Jon Diemer	18	19 Sharon Diemer Norm & Mary Kuehl	20 Don Gillam	21 Lloyd & Joy Greiner Larry & Becky Stevens
22 Emily Buresch Pauline Buresch Elsbeth Showman Leroy Wiebe	23	24 Dick Jeffrey	25 Renee Green Arleen Rodman	26 Edith Johnson Pat Raverty	27 Irene Bochman Donn Nelson	28
29	30	31 Phyllis Woodcock		Black = birthdays Green = anniversaries	Please let the office know if we are missing anyone.	