



The Window

April 2019 Newsletter



Jesus said to her,
"I am the *resurrection* **LIFE**
and the **LIFE**.
Whoever believes in me,
though he die,
YET SHALL HE LIVE,
and everyone who lives and believes in me
SHALL NEVER DIE.
John 11:25-26

Pastor Michael McInnis

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Easter and New Beginnings

Can anything new be said (*or preached*) about Easter? Probably not – but that’s probably okay. It’s not so important to *say* something new about Easter, as it is for Easter to *do* something new in me and you.

So, rephrasing the question: *Can Easter do anything new?*

You bet! The whole point of Easter is to create “new”! Easter’s power and purpose is to turn things upside down (or right-side up!); it is to reverse the inevitable; it is to undo what’s been called “done.” When Jesus said, “It is finished” on the cross, he was actually starting a whole new world—a new creation, a new hope, a new beginning.

If you take the promise of Easter seriously, you stop looking (and living) back; you start looking and living forward—with hope, expectation and anticipation.

As we get older, there can be a tendency to stop learning, stop growing, stop expecting much of anything “new” to cause wonder and surprise in us. We get stale and predictable—we start to *like* stale and predictable!

But if we believe that this earthly life is only the prologue to a story that will never require an epilogue, then we will start thinking and living with wonder, expectation and even purpose—seeking to learn, grow and accomplish new things. God is not finished with us because through Jesus he has given us the gift of a life that never ends. It will be changed, but it will never have to end once we experience our resurrection into the new heaven and the new earth!

Easter can—and will—do something new! If you believe, if you have hope, if you have faith.

That means the church—full of people who have hope and faith—ought to be a place where new things are expected and actually happening all the time. And we’re planning on that here at First UMC Windom!

That’s why we (your Administrative Council leaders) voted recently to be part of a *Missional Church Consultation Initiative*...a long, fancy name for engaging in a 3-year process of coaching, training, planning -implementation and evaluation. It’s an intentional season of focusing our ministries, upping our game and becoming a more fruitful church fulfilling God’s mission.

You will be hearing more about this in the next few weeks and months, and many of you will be engaged somehow in this consultation process. As it helps us become more engaged, focused and effective, it will raise up new persons into ministry leadership. More people will be using their gifts and talents to serve. Many things will change. Things will die; things will be born.

There will be new beginnings. Because God is always a God of the future! I know you will want to join us there!



Pastor Mike

National Volunteer Week April 7-13

Jesus' sacrifice—our response

**Thank
You!**
Volunteers



Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are being invited to create PowerPoint slides for worship services. Experienced PowerPoint users are welcome, and also experienced computer users who are willing to learn PowerPoint would be great. Our goal is to have a number of people on a rotating team, so that each volunteer would make the slides approximately once a month. Please contact Becki Wormstadt at umcvolunteer@windomnet.com or the church office.

Volunteers!

Always Needed

FOREVER APPRECIATED!

You are
Appreciated



Volunteer Pianist Needed

One Wednesday morning a month Pastor Mike leads a service at the Good Samaritan Sogge home. If you are available to play for these services occasionally, or regularly, please contact our church office. The services are at 10:30am, and are usually the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Did you receive our email invitation?

If you would like an invitation, just let the church office know.

Have you created a password yet?

Please setup your password, even if you don't have time to use it at that moment. This Christian video library is a wonderful resource! There is no charge to you; our church has a subscription to share with all who have a relationship with our church.



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over 3,500 discipleship videos for kids, youth and adults





Project Night April 16th at 6:30 pm

Join us on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 pm to work on our scarf projects for an hour or so. If you are a crafter and working on something other than a Lydia scarf, and want to join us for a night of conversation while working on your projects, please join us!

If you have any questions call Jody at 831-3284.



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UMW
April
Calendar

Tues. 9th 9:30am Exec Meeting
Wed. 10th 2:00pm Friendship Circle
Wed. 10th 3:30pm Lois Circle
Sat. 13th Southern Prairie Spring Gathering—
Slayton UMC

Potluck
Friendly Fellowship

Potluck & Program
@ Noon Tuesday, April 30th

Join us for a good lunch and great company. Our program will be provided by Linda Carruthers, Hy-Vee Nutritionist. Bring food to share and join us for a friendly lunch on the 30th.

HELPING

HANDS

"Helping Hands"

Bob Mayden and Jerry Moon are forming a team to provide 'Helping Hands' to people in our church who need help with small household jobs. If you can help on this team, or if you have a small job that you need help with, please contact Bob Mayden or Jerry Moon.



TV Broadcast

Our weekly church service broadcast is Tuesdays on Windomnet cable channel 3. The City has moved our broadcast time from 6:00pm to 5:00pm due to other scheduling changes.

Salad Luncheon

First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
974 6th Street, Windom MN

Thursday, April 25, 2019

11:00am—1:00pm



\$6.00

Take out is available

White Elephant Sale
9:00—1:00

Bring your friends and
enjoy a great lunch!
Men are welcome!



Fundraiser
Volunteers
Welcome

Sign-up sheets to help with our salad luncheon and white elephant fundraisers will be at the signup center in the lobby by April 1st for:

Kitchen Help Wed & Thurs
April 24-25

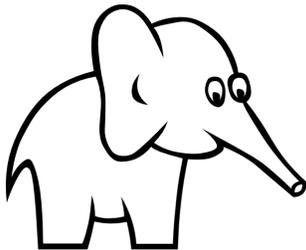
White Elephant Helpers
Wed-Thurs April 24-25

Food donations
Salads & Coffee

Money donations for
purchased items

Please sign up to help if you
are able. Thank you!

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!



The Dinner Table Mission



Most of us are familiar with “The Banquet” in Sioux Falls, the food mission that helps people with a meal. We are getting ready to start a similar food mission in Windom, on April 30th at 5:30pm at the Presbyterian church. At the beginning we are offering the meal once a month. After it is launched, we will seek other churches and organizations to take turns sponsoring the meal. We say a big Thank You to everyone who has been involved in planning this!

Volunteers will be needed to serve, visit with diners, do cleanup, and greet. Youth are welcome! Volunteers must be age 13 or older to work in the kitchen or pour beverages. Contact the church office to be notified when volunteers are needed.

Cookies for The Dinner Table

Cookies are needed for when our church serves meals at The Dinner Table mission. Donated cookies will be collected in the church freezer. Please mark them for Dinner Table, or check for a box marked for that mission.



Windom Area Sharing Center Kidz Closet

Our local Sharing Center provides more than food to those in need; it also provides clothing. Due to space limitations at the Sharing Center, children’s clothing is provided to those who need it at the nearby Presbyterian Church. If you have gently-used children’s clothing to donate, please take it to the Sharing Center Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm, or by appointment: you can call Judy at 822-1882.



Volunteers Needed

Our church delivers Meals On Wheels in April, and volunteers are needed to deliver the meals Monday & Tuesday April 29 & 30. To volunteer, or if you have questions, please call Shirley.

Thank you to our April Coordinator Shirley Lyons, and to everyone who is serving Meals on Wheels for the month of April!

Hope 4 Kids Baseball Mission!



Glen Francis, Tom Eggum, and myself recently showed a team of much younger Cuban baseball players the finer skills of the game of baseball. As we did one thing became obvious early on – there was only one baseball bat and very few baseball gloves – barely enough for one team so we shared gloves every time on and off the field.

Many of the players talked about playing baseball almost every day – albeit with meager equipment – a major source of entertainment for young men.

What I would like to do is ask for the donation of (or I would personally buy) good quality used baseball gloves (mostly for men ages 16 -35) and good quality used baseball shoes with rubber cleats – maybe even a used aluminum baseball bat or two.

As Glen and Denise found out, a suitcase filled with new equipment is a target for confiscation by the Cuban immigration authorities – Cuba is still a communist country and it is against the law for Americans to bring into Cuba items for perceived resale – real or not – even if you say it is a going to be a donation for kids.

My thought is if we can get 10-12-15 used baseball gloves we can disperse them throughout the luggage of those who are going to Cuba and present them to one of H4KI clerical partners in Cuba. We have some time as the Hope 4 Kids Group does not go back to Cuba until fall, but when you are cleaning your garage for those rummage sales this spring and find your kids baseball equipment they will not use any more, think about this cause and if you have something to contribute, please consider dropping at the church or my house.

Thank you, Don Olson 507-920-6935



MISSIONS

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Christian Education News

April 2019

JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL “ROAR” COMING TO FUMC!



Mark your calendars

Special Points of Interest:

- April 3rd—Kids For Christ. 6:30-7:30
- April 3rd, 10th, & 17th *The Easter Experience* Wednesday study at 9:00am or 6:30pm
- April 7th & 14th *The Easter Experience* Life group study on Sunday mornings at 9:00am.
- April 7th—Youth group meets, Junior high 4:00-5:30 Senior high 5:30-7:00
- April 28th—BOTH youth groups will meet from 5:00-6:30pm.

Mark Your Calendars:

May 19th: Graduation Recognition!

Last day of Sunday School. Join us for breakfast and teacher/student recognition during the Sunday school hour. More details coming soon!

Reminder:
No Sunday school on
Easter Sunday,
April 21st!

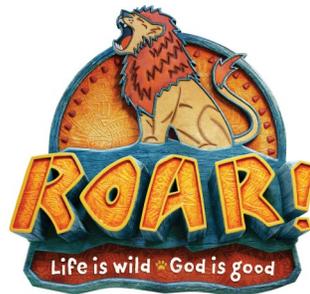
Plans are being made for Vacation Bible School! Mark your calendars! We will have this wonderful event on **Sunday, June 9th—Thursday, June 13th**. We hope that you and your family can attend. Please see the registration form in this month's newsletter.

We will be working with Group Publishing again this year. We are excited to offer their program — *Roar, Life is Wild, God is Good!*

We will meet each night from 6:00 PM—8:30 PM.

On Thursday—our last night at VBS—we invite **everyone** to the closing. Children will be able to show you all that they have learned throughout the week, and share all

the new songs that they have been singing. We will then have treats for everyone to enjoy. What a great way to end our time together with singing and something sweet to eat!



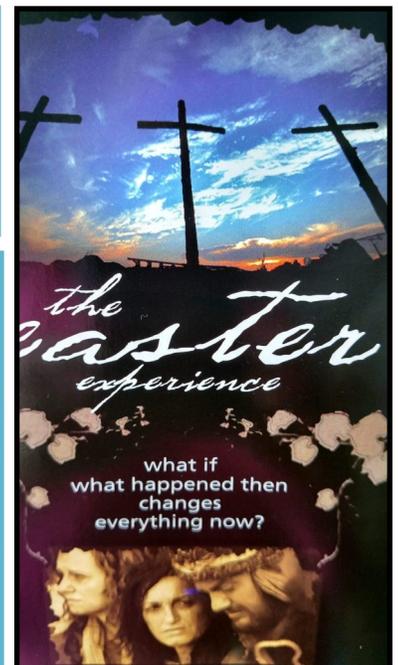
JOIN US FOR VBS—
JUNE 9th-13th
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

VOLUNTEERS are needed to make this program happen. I will be putting sign-up sheets out soon. Adults and youth—We need you! Check out the sign up sheets—there is something for you. There are many areas in which you can help—decorating, snack helper, crew leader, preschool helper, station leader—games, imagination station, storytelling and many other things.

I will also have a list out for decorating items we will need. Take a look at these sign-ups to see if you are able to help in any way! It takes our entire church family to make this happen and any help you can give is appreciated!

Hope to see you there!

Our Pre-school-kindergarten class has been busy in 2019! Here they are buzzing about “Beeing” content with what we have and loving each other. Keep up the great work Sunday School Students!



The "Mane" Event



The best week of the summer!

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games
Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Location: _____
(church name)

VBS will last from: _____
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at: _____
(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at: _____
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: _____
(church phone number)

Register online here: _____
(web address)

Please return registration to church office by May 20th. Cost: \$10.00 donation which includes t-shirt. Please select size at bottom of form. If mailing, return to: FUMC, 974 6th Street, Windom, MN 56101



Registration Form

(One Per Child)

All students in grades Preschool-5th grade are welcome!
June 9th-13th 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: _____

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

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____



BREAST CANCER

BENEFIT

FOR

SHARON EVERS

Saturday, April 6

11 am - 1:30pm

JEFFERS SENIOR CENTER

PULLED PORK SANWICH, CHIPS,
SALADS, BARS, BEVERAGE

PLEASE JOIN US!

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL HELP THE FAMILY WITH MEDICAL BILLS AND EXPENSES



United States™
Census
Bureau

The US Census Bureau has reached out to us to help spread the word that they are hiring for the 2020 census.

If you are interested in checking out the job details or applying, go online to: www.2020census.gov/en/jobs.

First United Methodist Church ~April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 5:00p Cable Ch 3 Service Broadcast	3 9:00a Bible Study Noon Presby Service 6:30p Kids For Christ 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Trustee Mtg	4 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	5 6:30a McPrayer @ McDonald's	6
7 9:00a Sunday School 9:00 Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:30 First Things 4:00p Jr Hi Youth 5:30 Sr Hi Youth	8	9 9:30a UMW Executive Mtg 5:00 Cable Ch 3 Service Broadcast	10 9:00a Bible Study Noon Presby Service 2:00p Friendship Cir 3:30 Lois Circle 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Finance Mtg 7:30 SPRC Mtg 8:00 Ad Council	11 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	12 6:30a McPrayer @ McDonald's	13 UMW District Spring Gathering - Slayton
14 Palm Sunday 9:00a Sunday School 9:00 Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:30 First Things	15	16 1:00p Missions Team 5:00p Cable Ch 3 Service Broadcast 6:30 Lydia Project	17 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation	18 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's 6:30a McPrayer 6:30p Holy Thursday Service	19	20
21 Easter 10:30 Worship 11:30 First Things	22 Easter Monday Church Closed	23 5:00p Cable Ch 3 Service Broadcast 6:30 Dinner Table Meeting	24 White Elephant Sale Setup	25 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's 9am-1pm White Elephant Sale 11:00am - 1:00pm Salad Luncheon	26 6:30a McPrayer @ McDonald's	27
28 9:00a Sunday School 9:00 Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:30 First Things 5:00p All Youth	29	30 12:00p Friendly Fellowship 5:30 Dinner Table Launch @ Presbyterian Church		Please notify the church office if there are any updates.		



First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Elvin Thiessen	2 Nancy Meyer Rachel Raverty Mike & Marlene Simon	3 Ryan Vesey	4	5	6
7	8 David Elston	9 Haley Ambrose Madison Dahna	10	11	12 Pat & Mary Lee Raverty	13 Justin Axford Pat Elston
14 Bruce Rhoda	15 Luke Buresch	16 Sarah Jeffrey Sena	17 Loren & Glenda Defries	18 Janet Bramstedt Kathy Glidden Finley Pletcher Rylie Jo Raverty Leroy & Pauline Wiebe	19	20 Kole Curry
21	22 Kami Visker	23 Dawn Luitjens	24	25 Mike Eichner	26 Johanna Elston	27 Aren King
28	29	30		Black: Birthdays Purple: Anniversaries	Please let the office know if we are missing anyone 831-3284	 <p>He has been raised, Mortuus est</p> <p>REJOICE!</p>