

# Newsletter

April 2021

## First United Methodist Church

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*“Why  
do you  
seek the*

*Living* among  
the  
**DEAD?**

*He is not here, but has risen.”*

LUKE 24:5-6, ESV

## Easter Versus Covid: And the Winner Is...

Believe it or not, Easter and the Covid-19 virus have some things in common! Let's consider a couple ways that Easter and Covid have influenced our lives:



- **Easter and Covid are both real, whether you like it or not.**
  - ◇ *Easter happened 2,000 years ago, **changing everything**.* God broke into history in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in order to save us from our foolish lives in which we ignored God and lived selfishly. This is the best news ever, even if you don't see it in the mainstream media every day. God's love for you is real; the question is, have you accepted his gift in Jesus Christ?
  - ◇ *Covid happened in 2020, and whether you like it or not, it **changed everything**.* No matter where you live, no matter who you vote for, no matter what your religion, race or creed—Covid upset your apple cart! You can try to ignore it, but that's pretty impossible these days.
- **You ignore Easter and Covid at your own peril.**
  - ◇ *Let's start with **Covid**:* While we've learned that Covid is not fatal for most people, it can still make you sick, get you quarantined for 14 days, and in rare cases (often in combination with other serious "co-morbidities") cause death. And—no matter who you are, the Covid mandates will affect your daily life.
  - ◇ *What about **Easter**:* Easter has the potential to affect (infect?) everyone, if they are willing to believe its message that God raised Jesus from the dead! This will definitely affect your daily life, because you now realize that no matter what else happens do you—even Covid—God has promised you eternal life!

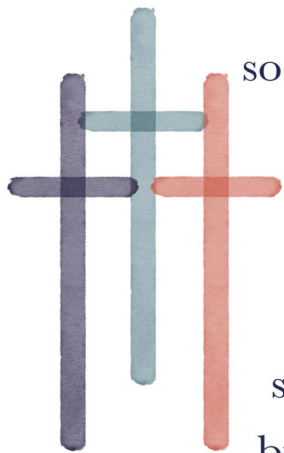
**Because of Easter, we can put Covid 19 (and every other disaster, defeat or danger) in proper perspective.**

Easter is God interrupting our Covid-driven lives to create a new normal—a new life! We live in a world obsessed with the latest disaster, defeat or danger. Covid is really nothing new; it's just the latest bad news that tries to defeat us. Someday it will be a distant memory (yes, it will!).

**But Easter will continue to be "good news" that gives us hope, peace and a future!** So join with us, and "Find Hope This Easter"! Because God has interrupted our messy world, and in his power he is making all things new!

*Happy Easter!*  
*Pastor Mike*

# APRIL



For God  
so loved the world,  
that he gave  
his only son,  
that whoever  
believes in *him*  
should not perish  
but have *eternal life*.

John 3:16

## Church Memories to Share?

Our congregation is noting its 150th anniversary this year! If you have a memory from our church over the years, would you please share it with us (one or many!). We would like to share these memories with all the congregation. It can be an occasion at the old church building or our current one; about family memories or about how the church looked different in past decades; a memory of a pastor or anyone else. A couple of sentences or a page - all your remembrances are welcome. Please send your memories to us as soon as you are able.



Our Daily Bread large print devotionals for April through June are now available in the church lobby. Regular size print devotionals are also available for March through May. If you would like to have one mailed to you, just let the church office know, and we'll be happy to send it to you.



## Maundy Thursday, April 1

6:30pm

Service with Holy Communion

## Good Friday, April 2

7:00pm

Simulcast with Michael W Smith

## Easter Sunday, April 4

9:00am

Traditional worship with organ

10:30am

Contemporary worship with praise band

11:30am

KDOM Radio AM 1580

## Sundays After Easter

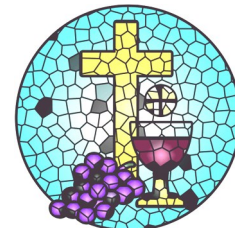
10:30am Worship

11:30am KDOM Radio AM 1580

Services also stream on Facebook Sundays at 10:30 and Maundy Thursday at 6:30.

[www.facebook.com/firstumcwindom](http://www.facebook.com/firstumcwindom) or

[www.windomfumc.org](http://www.windomfumc.org)



## Communion Maundy Thursday, April 1

April 1st we will celebrate Holy Communion in person and from our homes. The service will be at 6:30pm in person, and streaming on Facebook.

Sealed Communion elements will be available at the church's Welcome Center for you to pick up starting Monday, March 29th, if you would like to participate from home.

## 7:00pm Good Friday April 2

An evening of worship in the sanctuary of First UMC

Free



Bring  
your  
friends

If it doesn't work for you to come to the church, you can also watch this from your home— sign up to receive a link at [PHMLive.org](http://PHMLive.org).



McPrayer is in need of an adult volunteer for the next school year. They meet at 6:30am on Friday mornings (or the last school day of the week). This has been a fabulous time for the youth of our community, not just FUMC kids. Please let Robin know if you would be interested in helping with McPrayer! We also want to thank Dana Krumrey for her years of dedication to this program. It takes a lot of heart to love our teenagers at 6:30am! Thanks Dana!!!



One popular item in our church library is Angels On Earth magazine, which is published bimonthly by Guideposts. If the current magazine is 'checked out' when you come, there are many back issues available to read until it returns. Online you can find articles at [www.guideposts.org/angels-on-earth](http://www.guideposts.org/angels-on-earth).

We invite you to come and take a look around our church library, and to check out items for child through adult, men and women.

### Church Office Schedule

Monday—Friday

9:00am—Noon and 1:00—4:00pm

Closed Easter Monday April 5

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### Part-Time Paid Position

Our Staff Parish Team has announced that they are taking applications for church janitor. The job averages 15 hours per week.

Applications are available on the lobby's information wall, or in the church office, or by email.

If you are interested in this position, please turn in an application at your earliest convenience to the church office.



## Ruby's PANTRY

Ruby's Pantry is America's Rural Foodshelf, sharing the love of Christ through food. The next distribution is Monday, April 19th at the Regional Worship Center, 2 Crossroads Drive, Sherburn MN from 5:30—7:00pm (or until the food is gone). Please have your trunk emptied out so their volunteers can put your items directly in there. This is available to everyone; there are no income or residency requirements. For a \$20 cash donation you will receive an abundance of groceries. The variety and amount of food varies each month. All are welcome.



### Exchange Students Available

If you are curious or interested in hosting an exchange student this fall, Nacel Open Door has students who would like to come to Windom. There are two girls and three boys, and their profiles are in the church's west hallway. Or contact the church office, and they can be emailed to you. Questions? Call Julienne Antes, Nacel Coordinator, at 507-304-2143.



Thank you for supporting this ministry with your gifts, your prayers, your service, and your Christian witness.

Ways to give...

- Lobby Collection Boxes
- Postal Mail
- Direct Deposit
- [www.windomfumc.org](http://www.windomfumc.org)
- Give + app
- Thrivent Choice Dollars

## GIVE+

Electronic Giving Options



## Missions



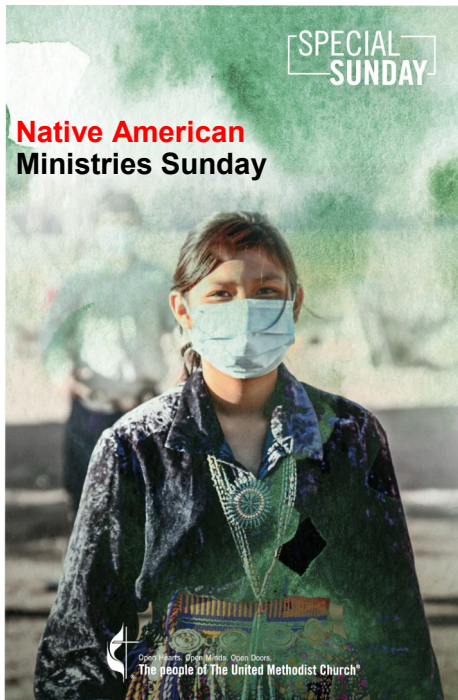
Minnesota local food shelves benefit from 'Foodshare Month' in March, which has been extended to go through April 11th. Food and monetary donations received by The Cottonwood County Sharing Center receive some matching funds during this time. Thank you for your support of our local food shelf through donations, and also through volunteering. The Sharing Center is in need of volunteers. If you can help, please call The Center at 507-822-7210.



Thank you for supporting The Dinner Table food mission with your prayers, your financial gifts, and your volunteer service. The next serving date will be Tuesday, April 27th, with another drive-through meal in the alley behind the Presbyterian Church.



Thank you to all our volunteers who are delivering Meals On Wheels for the month of April, and to Shirley Lyons who has coordinated the volunteer schedule. We appreciate you, and so do all the people receiving the meals.



### Native American Ministries Sunday April 18th

This Special Sunday offering donations help to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the Annual Conferences, Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities relating to the General Board of Global Ministries. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology. This fund is distributed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministries and The General Board of Global Ministries.

If you would like to contribute to this mission, please make your checks payable to First UMC, noted for Native American Ministries on the envelope or in the memo.



## SUNRISE SURPRISE

The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

### What you need:

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

### What you do:

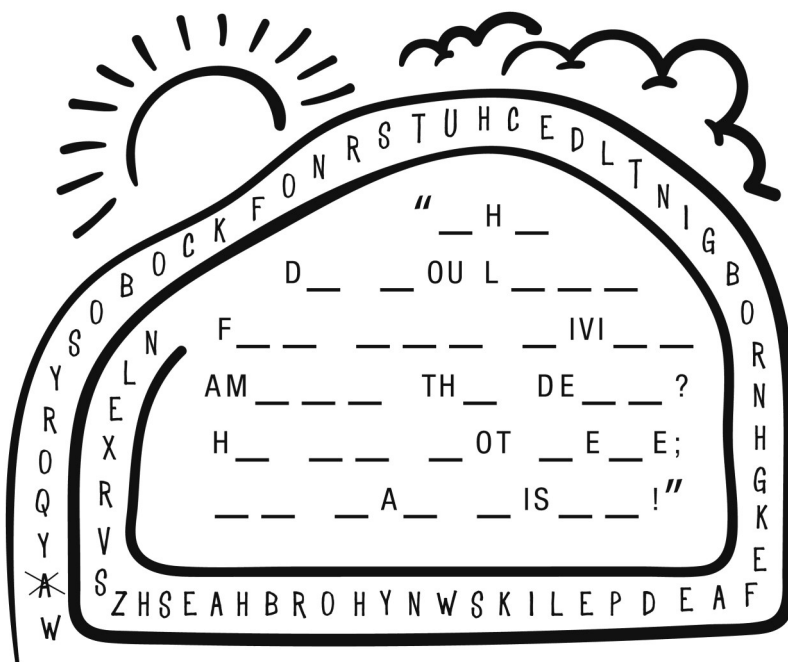
1. Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center — just like Jesus' empty tomb!



## EASTER MORNING message

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

*Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.*



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV

### Bible Quiz

What seemingly small act did Jesus specifically say would be rewarded?

- Giving a child a toy
- Giving a lost traveler directions
- Giving someone a cup of cold water
- Giving a sad person a hug

Answer: C (See Matthew 10:42.)



# April

## 30 DAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

EACH OF THE SCRIPTURES BELOW TAKES TEN MINUTES OR LESS TO COPY OUT. COMMIT TO SPENDING TEN MINUTES EACH DAY LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE AS YOU SIMPLY COPY THESE TEXTS OUT OF YOUR BIBLE.

### Week 1

DAY 1- MATTHEW 16: 24-28  
DAY 2- JOHN 11: 25-26  
DAY 3- MATTHEW 21:1-11  
DAY 4- LUKE 23: 26-30  
DAY 5- LUKE 23: 33-38  
DAY 6- LUKE 24: 36-49  
DAY 7- PSALM 25: 1-6

### Week 2

DAY 8- PSALM 25:7-14  
DAY 9- PSALM 25: 15-22  
DAY 10- PROVERBS 3:3-12  
DAY 11- JOSHUA 1:7-9  
DAY 12- ROMANS 3:21-26  
DAY 13- PSALM 16:1-5  
DAY 14- PSALM 16: 6-11

### Week 3

DAY 15- ROMANS 5:6-11  
DAY 16- ISAIAH 66:12-14  
DAY 17- JAMES 5:7-11  
DAY 18- ISAIAH 43:1-3  
DAY 19- PSALM 66:8-12  
DAY 20- HEBREWS 4:15-16  
DAY 21- 1 JOHN 5:1-5

### Week 4

DAY 22- 1 JOHN 5:6-12  
DAY 23- PSALM 105:1-5  
DAY 24- PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11  
DAY 25- COLOSSIANS 3:1-3  
DAY 26- HEBREWS 12: 1-2  
DAY 27- MATTHEW 6:25-27  
DAY 28- MATTHEW 6:28-34

### Week 5

DAY 29- JOHN 14:1-4  
DAY 30- PSALM 150: 1-6

*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.  
Psalm 119:18*



# Christian Education News

April 2021

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



Mark your calendars

### Special Points of Interest:

- April 4th No Sunday School! Happy Easter!
- April 7th KFC meets after school. Please RSVP by April 5th.
- April 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th—McPrayer meets at FUMC at 6:30am
- April 11th—Youth groups meet. 4:00-6:00pm
- April 18th— Muffins with Moms (Grandmas, aunts, teachers, friends) at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall
- April 19, 20, 21— youth group deliver care packages after school.
- April 25th— youth group meets immediately following Worship service.

### Mark Your Calendars:

#### May 23rd: Graduation Recognition!

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

Plans are being made for Vacation Bible School! Mark your calendars! We will have this wonderful event on **Sunday, June 13th—Thursday, June 17th**. 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 — *Treasured! Discovering you are priceless to God!*

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!

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to make this program happen. Sign-up sheets are out! 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 snack 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!



JOIN US FOR VBS—  
JUNE 13th-17th  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!



**KFC  
KIDS FOR CHRIST**

**WE WILL MEET WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH  
AFTER SCHOOL.—5:30PM  
SUPPER IS PROVIDED!**

**PLEASE RSVP TO ROBIN (SO SHE CAN  
ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION FROM  
SCHOOL) BY MONDAY APRIL 5TH!**

**Reminder:  
No Sunday school  
on  
Easter Sunday,  
April 4th!  
Classes resume on  
Sunday, April 11th!**



This month for Operation Christmas Child, our students are collecting notebooks and coloring books. Please keep in mind the size of our shoeboxes when you are choosing books to send along. The Sunday School classes thank you for your help with this mission project!



**Calling all Moms!!!  
(or aunts, grandmas,  
neighbors, teachers and  
friends)**



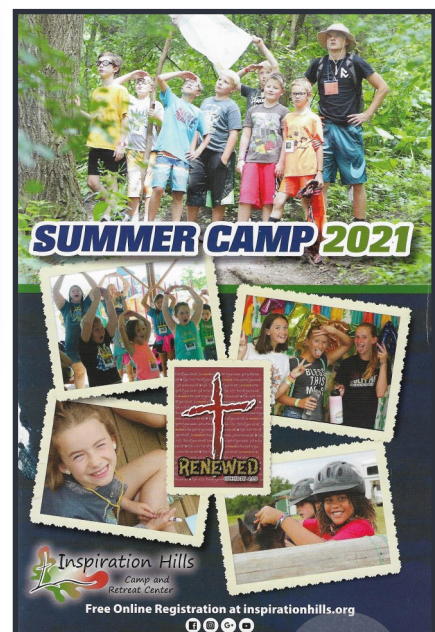
We will be having Muffins with Moms on Sunday, April 18th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

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

**Hey Parents** ~ Check out all the summer camps available for our students! We have camperships available. Applications are on the church information wall. For more information and to find the camp that is right for your student, please check out these websites, or talk to Robin!  
[campminnesota.org](http://campminnesota.org)  
[okobojicamp.com](http://okobojicamp.com)  
[inspirationhills.org/summer-camp.html](http://inspirationhills.org/summer-camp.html)

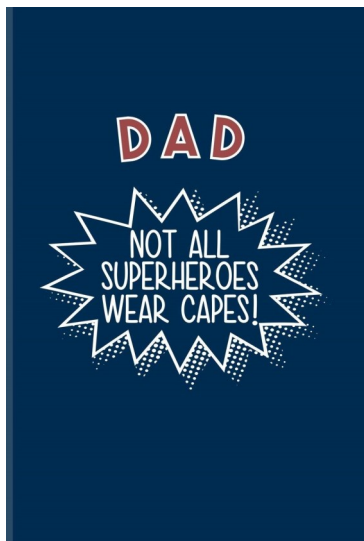


**LAKE OKOBOJI**  
UNITED METHODIST CAMP & RETREAT CENTER



Inspiration Hills  
Camp and Retreat Center  
Free Online Registration at [inspirationhills.org](http://inspirationhills.org)

On March 18th, Dads were invited to join their Sunday School students for “donuts with dads”. It was a fun way to show our kids that they matter to us! During our time together, we enjoyed donuts while we played bingo, and learned some interesting facts about the importance of our fathers in our families, as well as our church families! Thank you to all who joined us!



**Thank you to Dana Krumrey** for all her years of volunteering for McPrayer! She has been a faithful leader for many years.

If you would be interested in volunteering to help Dana and Jody with McPrayer on Friday mornings (or the last school day of the week) at 6:30am, please contact Robin.

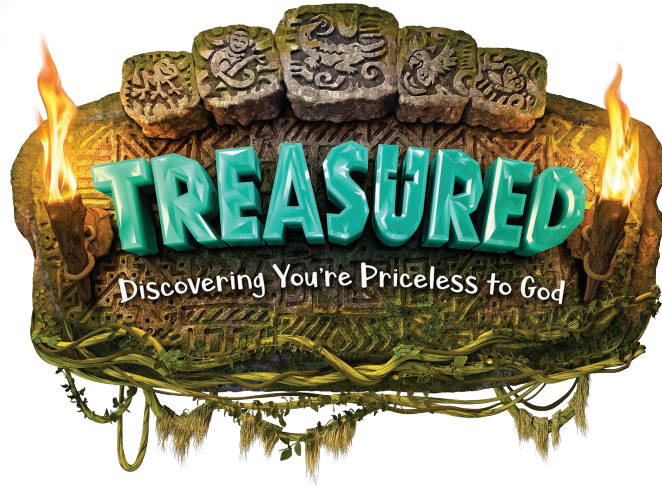
**In March, our youth group assembled and delivered care packages to the County Highway Maintenance Department, Fortune Transportation, and our local daycare providers. This was to show our appreciation for the extra miles they have gone to help us maneuver through the Covid pandemic. Be on the look out, you may see these kids show up at your work-place!**

**Way to go FUMC youth!**





# Hop into...



## 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 the Church Office by May 24, 2021. Cost: \$10.00 donation which includes a T-Shirt. Please select a size at the bottom of the form. If mailing, return to: FUMC, 974 6th St, Windom.



# Registration Form

(One Per Child)

**All students in grades Pre-School - 5th Grade are welcome!  
June 13th - 17th 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): \_\_\_\_\_



# First United Methodist Church ~April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 6:30a Men's Breakfast 6:30p Holy Thursday Service with Communion	<b>2</b> 7:00p Simulcast with Michael W Smith at First UMC	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Easter</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship 10:30 Contemporary Worship 11:30 First Things KDOM	<b>5</b> Easter Monday - Church Closed	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> After School: Kids For Christ	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30a McPrayer	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30a Adult groups 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:00p Youth	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study 7:00 Trustees 7:30 Finance 7:30 Staff Parish 8:00 Ad Council	<b>15</b> 6:30a Men's Breakfast	<b>16</b> 6:30a McPrayer	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:30a Adult groups 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Muffins w/Moms 10:30 Worship	<b>19</b> 5:30p Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution - Sherburn	<b>20</b> 1:00p Missions Team	<b>21</b> 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study	<b>22</b> 6:30a Men's Breakfast	<b>23</b> 6:30a McPrayer	<b>24</b>
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# First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~April 2021

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