



2021

First United Methodist Church

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A Healthy Thirst

When Kathy Jo and I made our last trip west to the Black Hills and on to Chadron, NE visit Kathy's mom, we decided to make a side trip to Pierre, the capital of South Dakota. Neither of us had even been there, and—since we're considering retiring in South Dakota someday—we decided to visit the capital.

While there, we ate at the Cattleman's Club Steakhouse just east of town, set on the north side of the Missouri River (*thanks for the great recommendation, Laura Williams!*). The steaks were simply amazing—tender, juicy, full of flavor with every mouthwatering bite. The taste of every bite made you anticipate how good the next bite was going to be!



Part of that great steak flavoring was good old, simple salt. It's really one of God's miracle creations, as salt just does something wonderful for a recipe—or a great cut of steak! And of course, salt has been used for centuries (*before refrigeration*) to keep meat from spoiling; when enough salt is used it doesn't allow the infestation of worms—maggots! Yuck!

That well-seasoned steak did something else as well; it created thirst! Whatever your favorite beverage, after a couple bites of that wonderful steak, quenching your thirst was part of the joy and experience of the meal!

Salt creates thirst. We might think that's a bad thing, but some thirst is a good thing. Thirst tells us we need water; we need fluids to keep things balanced; we need a drink to restore what's missing in our bodies.

Jesus says, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13). You, as a follower of Jesus, are salt in your world—in your family, in your community, on the job, with your neighbors and friends. You can create a thirst in others to make them realize they need a drink; and that drink is Jesus, the "Living Water" (John 4:10).

I want to invite you to be salt—to create a thirst in others for living water. How? By creating a "Cattleman's Club dining experience" here at First UMC on Sunday mornings! On Cattleman's website it says, "Our goal is provide you with an awesome experience from the minute you walk through our door. We hope to see you soon!"

That's our goal at First UMC! To provide those who make the effort and take the time to join us with an awesome experience of God's love from the moment they walk through our door.

You can help us do that this coming year—by volunteering to serve on one of our hospitality teams—as an usher or a greeter. Your smiling face and words of welcome can make our guests feel "at home". Your connection with them can prepare them for a "great meal"—*it can make them thirsty*, so that they are ready for a drink of living water in worship!

You can also volunteer by training to be a sound booth tech, power point or camera tech. These volunteers help people hear and see the message and engage God more deeply and powerfully. You will create thirst! And you will help them be able to drink the living water Jesus offers!

If someone invites you to be part of our hospitality team this fall, I hope you will say "Yes" to that opportunity to help us provide an awesome experience for everyone who walks through our doors! Thank you for being salt—it's a good thing!

—Pastor Mike



Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays

9:00am Worship

9:00am streamed on Facebook
www.facebook.com/firstumcwindom
or www.windomfumc.org

11:30am KDOM Radio AM 1580

August worship services will be held outdoors in the church's back yard, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chair; lots of shade is provided by the trees.

We recently had technical problem that caused the failure of the Facebook streaming, but keep checking back, as we do plan to keep streaming our services.

Looking ahead— worship services will begin at 10:30am starting September 12th.

Church Family News

Congratulations to Dalton and Hallie (Will) Smith, who were married July 3rd at First UMC!

We rejoice with the family of Luca Richard Sebring, who was baptized on July 11th. Luca's parents are Cody & Erin Sebring. His proud grandparents are Lauren & Jackie Thiessen and Steve & Aniessa Sebring; his great grandparents are Paul & Sandra Sebring and Joel & Beverly Bruse.

A service to celebrate the life of Barb (Mrs. Kenny) Hunter was held July 26th.



Dear Friends,

A person never actually realizes the amount of true friends that he has, until he witnesses an event such as the drive by conducted by two groups very dear to my heart; the Windom United Methodist Church, and the Windom Lions! I have to admit that I struggled a bit to keep dry eyes at seeing such a showing of support.

All that I can do is give a sincere Thank You, to God and to all those involved, Thank You!
Dan (& Terri) Jones

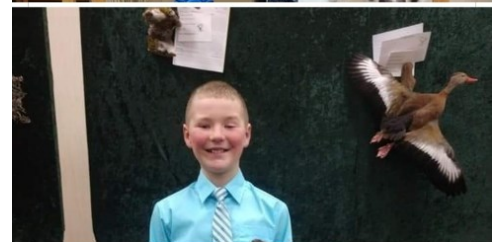


Minnesota Taxidermy Guild

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Dagen and Hyatt Hansen with some of the most impressive small mammal work I've ever seen at our show. These boys cleaned house and won Best of Category Novice and Best of Category Jr. Novice. Looking forward to seeing these young men's work in the years to come.





Mark your calendars! Friendly Fellowship potluck and program returns on Tuesday, September 12th, and will be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at noon.



The United Methodist Women invite all women of our congregation to a Women's Coffee Wednesday, August 18th at 2:00pm. Please come!

Our Church Softball Family League plays Sundays through August 1st, and tournament games will be played August 6—8th.



If you have any questions, call Robin at 831-3284 or email umcyouth@windomnet.com.



First UMC has 2 part-time job openings for treasurer and janitor. If you are interested, please apply as soon as you can. Applications are on the lobby information wall, and by email. To have an application sent to you, contact the church office at 831-3284 or umcoffice@windomnet.com. Please submit completed applications to the church office, as well.

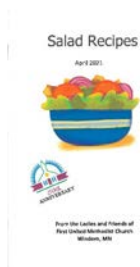


Dear Church Family,

Please join us on **Sunday, August 15th** right after church (10:00 a.m.) to honor Laura William's retirement! Laura has served First Church faithfully for 12 years and will be officially retiring on August 18th.

Come help us celebrate with coffee, cupcakes, mints and nuts in the Fellowship Hall right after church! We can't wait to see you for Laura's celebration on Sunday, **August 15th!** Don't miss it!

Kathy Jo



If you haven't yet purchased your Salad Recipe book, they are still available in the church lobby for \$7.00. This is a fundraiser for our sanctuary air conditioning rehab.



Our Nursery is taking a summer break, and will resume on Rally Day, September 12th. In the meantime, please bring your children to worship services.



First Things Radio Ministry airs Sundays at 11:30am on KDOM AM 1580. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, there are forms on the information wall in the church lobby, or contact the church office. The cost is \$34, payable to First UMC Memorials. As of our newsletter publishing date, there are sponsorship openings August 15, 22, and 29. In September there are openings September 19 and 26th. Thank you to everyone who has made this radio ministry outreach to our community possible.

Amazing Grace
how sweet the sound

Save the date!

Our congregation will celebrate its 150th anniversary on October 10th!



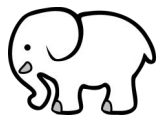
Church Office Schedule

Monday—Friday

9:00am—Noon and 1:00—4:00pm

But closed Friday, August 6th

& 9-11am Thursday, August 12th



White Elephant Sale

United Methodist Women will hold a White Elephant Sale fundraiser Saturday, September 18th, so they invite you to bring your gently used, clean donation items to the church...

- Decorations & art
- Plants
- Kitchen items
- Books, Movies, Music
- Jewelry
- Bedding
- Toys
- Most household items

Please do not bring clothing, footwear, and please **no electronics**.

Donated items are collected in the east coat closet, next to the sanctuary, and are requested to be brought in by Tuesday, September 14th.

Thank you for helping with this UMW fundraiser!



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
- Give + app
- Thrivent Choice Dollars

GIVE+
Electronic Giving Options



Bible Quiz

How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

- A. once
- B. twice
- C. three times
- D. four times

Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)

CHURCH ON A MISSION



Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way with serving or providing funds for The Dinner Table since its beginning in 2019. This meal is available to anyone who comes, and is served on the 4th Tuesday of each month. At this time we are still doing drive-through meals in the alley behind the Presbyterian Church. Our next event will be Tuesday August 24th, starting at 5:30pm. There are no qualifications, and everyone is welcome.

Noisy Collection August 29th

When there is a 5th Sunday of the month, our Missions Team collects coins and paper money for a mission. On August 29th, the funds collected will go to The Dinner Table. Checks can be made payable to First UMC, with The Dinner Table in the memo, if you would like to donate to this effort.



The Cottonwood County Sharing Center is a local nonprofit charity that provides food to local people in need. They don't receive any government support, and they rely on the generosity of our community. They are happy to accept packaged food items, as well as money. They prefer to receive money donations because they have resources where they can purchase food items for much less than what we can purchase them for. We collect donations for them from our congregation, we combine the money and we send a check to them from the church. The Sharing Center is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm, and is located at 1156 4th Avenue in Windom.

Due to Covid -19's persistence in other countries, H4KI has established a Crisis Fund to help the children and communities where they serve. For instance, there is food scarcity in Uganda, and they are in lockdown. Children normally receive their meals at school. If you would like to donate to this mission, you can make your check to First UMC and note it for H4KI Crisis Fund, or you can go to their website at www.H4KI.org to donate directly to them. Thank you for your generosity for these children.



If you would like to make a donation to any of our missions, please make it payable to First UMC and designate it for the mission of your choice. Donations are combined and sent to each mission.



**2021
RE-NEW**

Isaiah 43:19

7 S. US Highway 71
Arnolds Park, IA

SATURDAY JULY 31—FRIDAY AUGUST 6

*For more information, go to www.OkobojiConference.org, or
Get a conference schedule from our church lobby.*

The Okoboji Bible Conference is a wonderful yearly event where people from far and wide gather for an uplifting time of worship, renewal, and learning. Many opportunities are available from morning Bible studies and workshops to evening worship music and renowned speakers. The conference speakers come from around the region, and sometimes from around the world. If you haven't experienced this gem of a conference before, please make a point of checking it out. There is no registration for this free conference; they operate solely on free will donations. Registrations for school-age children are available in advance online or at the conference. And if you have been there before, you know what a wonderful opportunity this is.

The schedule includes...

Weekday mornings: Morning Bible Hour with Skye Jethani,
an award-winning author, speaker, consultant, and ordained minister.
Adult Christian Life Workshops* (see below)

Weekday evenings: Worship Music Team
Special Speakers
Fellowship and refreshments on the Terrace

The opening night concert Saturday, July 31st features Selah and The Skit Guys for an evening of comedy and worship.

For more information on special Concerts, see the schedule online or in the church lobby.

**Adult Christian Life Workshops* (each workshop is held Monday—Friday 10:30—11:45 am)

- *Renovation of the Heart: Becoming Like Jesus* with Ryan Harmon, pastor at Lincoln Berean Church, Lincoln, Nebraska
- *Acts: Awakening to God in Our Everyday Lives* with Melissa Spoelstra, Bible study author
- *The Enneagram: a Christian Perspective* with Lisa Vischer, Certified Enneagram coach/consultant, Chicago, Illinois

The Conference will end on Sunday August 1st at 7:15pm with a Sanctus Real concert on the Arnolds Park green space on the lake by the amusement park (bring your lawn chairs/ blankets). The concert is by freewill donation, and we encourage donations to OCBM through their website at www.okobojiconference.org.

If you have questions, you're welcome to check with our church office, or you can visit www.okobojiconference.org, or contact the OBC: office @okobojiconference.org or 712-332-2883. There are some OBC schedules on our lobby's info wall.



Other Area Ministries and Services

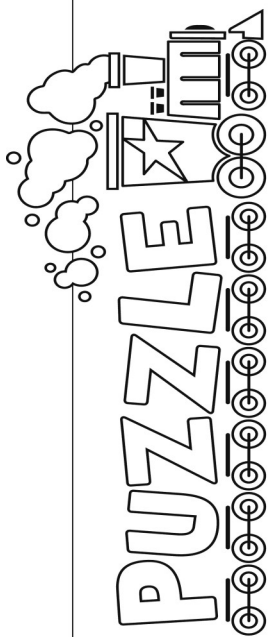


Ruby's Pantry, America's Rural Food Shelf, will have a food distribution on Monday, August 16th, from 5:30—7:00pm at the Regional Worship Center, 2 Crossroads Drive, Sherburn MN.

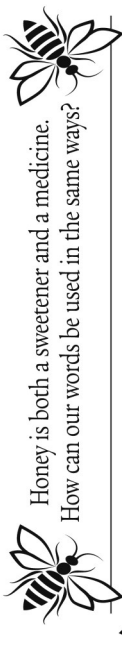
For a \$20 cash donation you receive a food bundle that will be placed in your trunk. Find them on Facebook: Ruby's Pantry-RWC-Sherburn. Ruby's Pantry is for anyone who is looking to extend their monthly grocery budget. There is no income or residency requirement. All are welcome.



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As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine.
 How can our words be used in the same ways?



Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.



Groccoss words
 Oro o honoccomb,
 SWot to tho sol
ond holong
 to tho bons.

PROVERBS 16:24, NIV



Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV



August 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.

Day 1-Philippians 1: 21-24
Day 2- Philippians 1: 25-27
Day 3-Philippians 1: 28-30
Day 4-Galatians 5:13-15
Day 5- Galatians 5:16-18
Day 6-Galatians 5:19-21
Day 7- Galatians 5:22-26

Day 8-Romans 7:4-6
Day 9- Romans 7:7-8
Day 10- Romans 7:9-12
Day 11- Romans 7:13-15
Day 12- Romans 7:16-20
Day 13- Romans 7:21-25
Day 14-John 15: 1-4

Day 15- John 15: 5-8
Day 16- John 15: 9-14
Day 17- Mark 2:15-17
Day 18- John 8:12-14
Day 19- John 8:15-18
Day 20- John 8:19-20
Day 21- Romans 2:1-3

Day 22- Romans 2:4-6
Day 23- Romans 2:7-11
Day 24- Romans 2:12-16
Day 25- 2 Corinthians 4:1-3
Day 26- 2 Corinthians 4:4-6
Day 27- 2 Corinthians 4:7-12
Day 28- 2 Corinthians 4:13-15

Day 29- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
Day 30- Proverbs 21:1-3
Day 31- Choose Your Own Verse

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



Youth & Christian Education News

AUGUST 2021

The LifeLight Festival is coming back to Rock Valley, IA! Join us August 14th for an awesome time of worship and unity at the Rock Valley Sports Complex

2107 17th St. Rock Valley, IA 51247



LifeLight is a Family friendly Christian music festival. This year they are returning to Rock Valley, IA at the Sports Complex on Saturday, August 14, 2021. About an hour and a half away. This is a FREE event with live music. This year's performers are Rhett Walker, Phil Joel, and White Ribbon Day. The stage performances run from 5pm-10pm. This is a great family event to check out!



We will be having a backpack blessing and special blessing for all those who work in education during our worship on Sunday, August 29th. We have a special gift for students. Students, please bring your backpacks to Worship on that day.



We are having a Church- wide pool party!

Sunday, August 8th from 11:30-1:30pm at the Windom Pool.

Bring your swimsuits/trunks and enjoy some summer sunshine! Guests are welcome!

See you at the Pool!

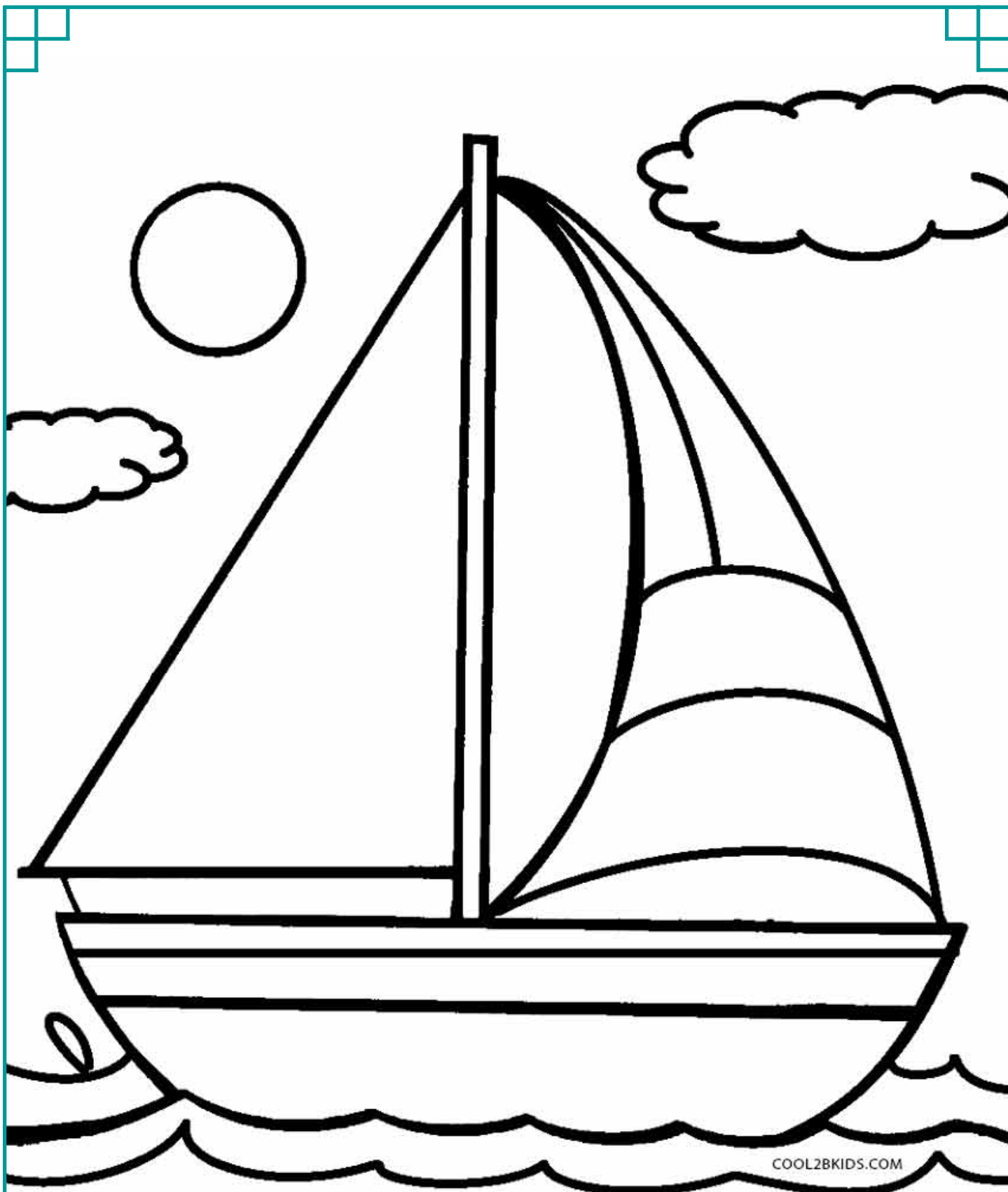
This August we are collecting back to school supplies for our Sunday School's mission project; Operation Christmas Child. We need colors, markers, glue sticks, paper, fun pens, rulers (that fit in a shoebox), and pencil sharpeners. At this time we have plenty of pencils for this project. You may bring your items to the OCC collection box in the church lobby.



Save the Date!

Rally Sunday, September 12th at 9:00am
Come sail into a new Sunday School year with us!





COOL2BKIDS.COM

***Complete the coloring page and bring it to Sunday School on September 12th and receive a treat from your Sunday School teacher!

Name:

Age:

Important Dates:

- **August 2nd**—Night to Unite on Windom's square. 5-7pm. Come see us!
- **August 8th** — Church pool party! 11:30-1:30 at the Windom Pool.
- **August 22nd** — Youth Group photo scavenger hunt ~ after Worship, approximately 10:00. RSVP to Robin
- **August 29th**—Backpack and educator blessing during Worship. Bring your backpack to Worship that day!
- **September 12th**—RALLY SUNDAY! Classes resume at 9:00am!



Help is needed in our Christian Education Department! If you are interested in helping teach some pretty awesome kids about God and his wonderful glory on Sunday mornings, please contact Robin Snyder!



We are also in need of an adult volunteer for McPrayer. McPrayer is on Friday mornings during the school year at 6:30am. What is better than hanging out with teenagers at 6:30am??? All kidding aside, this is a great group of kids and you will leave McPrayer feeling like you were the one being blessed, instead of the one doing the blessing. Please see Robin Snyder or Jody Derickson if you would be interested in helping!



Youth Group!

Let's do a photo scavenger hunt!
Sunday, August 22nd.

Fun starts after Worship (Approximately 10am).

We will break into teams and each team will have a driver.

You will do as many photo challenges you can in a certain time frame.

We will enjoy pizza together as we count the points and find our winning team.

Prizes to the winning team!

RSVP to Robin for driver counts.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00a Summer Worship 11:30 First Things 6:45p Softball @ Eagle Field Okoboji Bible Conference	2 Night to Unite Downtown Okoboji Bible Conference	3 9:30a UMW Executive Mtg Okoboji Bible Conference	4 Okoboji Bible Conference	5 6:30a Men's Breakfast Okoboji Bible Conference	6 Church Closed Church Softball Tournament Okoboji Bible Conference	7 Church Softball Tournament
8 9:00 Summer Worship 11:30 First Things 11:30 All-Church Pool Party Church Softball Tournament	9	10	11	12 6:30a Men's Breakfast Church Office Closed 9 – 11a Open 11a-noon & 1 - 4p	13	14 Lifelight Music Festival Rock Valley IA
15 9:00 Summer Worship 10:00 Retirement Party for Laura Williams 11:30 First Things	16 Ruby's Pantry – Sherburn MN	17	18 2:00p Women's Coffee 7:00p Finance 7:00p Trustees 7:30p Staff Parish 8:00p Ad Council	19 6:30a Men's Breakfast	20	21
22 9:00 Summer Worship 10:00 Youth Photo Scavenger Hunt 11:30 First Things	23	24 5:30p The Dinner Table Served	25 6:30p Greeter Training	26 6:30a Men's Breakfast	27	28
29 Noisy Collection for The Dinner Table 9:00 Summer Worship with Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday School Teachers School Employees 11:30 First Things	30	31				

First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Collin Inman	2	3 Tammy Crowell Mabel Schunk Tim & Robin Snyder	4 Joy Greiner Barb & Floyd Axford Lauren & Jackie Thiessen	5 Sherry Miller	6 Carol Krueger	7 Madison Burton Brad & Katie Schlomann
8 Shirley Hobbs	9 Ray & Pat Elston	10 Deloy King Joel & Dawn Luitjens	11	12 Don & Gail Olson	13 Rick & Sue Frederickson	14 Alyssa Reisdorfer Nestor & Patti Palm
15	16 Cormac Raderstorf Gary Vanderwerf	17 Alex Altman Kaitie Luitjens	18 Laura Williams	19 Paul Crowell Denise Francis Spenser & Abby Kipfer	20 Adeline Anderson Bradley Brown Gary & Jody Vanderwerf	21
22 Karla Ambrose	23 Emma Burton Pat Rupp Ron & Sue Visker	24 Ellen King	25	26 Joel LaCanne Blaine Larson	27 Ann Curry Richie Donchez Dolores Peters Dalton Smith Pauline Wiebe	28 Pete Bartelt Ray Elston Shirley Lyons Daron & Jody Buresch
29	30 MacKayla Garrison	31			Black = Birthday Blue = Anniversary Corrections? Additions? Please let the office know.	