

June 2023 Newsletter



Windom Methodist Church

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GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome to the Global Methodist Church! If you are reading this after June 1st, then **Windom Methodist Church** (*our new legal name*) has been received into the Global Methodist Church (“GMC”) denomination, which includes churches across the U.S. and around the world.

By the time you read this, the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will have voted to release us (*along with 13 other Minnesota congregations*) from our membership in the UMC. This includes three congregations that disaffiliated last year, and some more who will disaffiliate later this year (*on November 13, 2023*).

We will be part of the Upper Midwest Conference of the GMC, which includes churches in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska and Northern Missouri. I don’t have total numbers yet, but probably around 200 churches will be part of this conference initially. In the future, as our conference grows (with new churches and larger membership), we will likely become a smaller geographic area.

Kathy Jo and I recently attended an Upper Midwest Conference event in Fargo (*with Rick and Sue Frederickson*). It was refreshing to be at a church gathering where the focus was on “New Hope” and looking to the future in a new Methodist denomination! Many of the churches joining the GMC are seeing new people attending because they are interested in a Methodist church that isn’t mired in political agendas and drifting along in the cultural current.

This is a reminder that when we share the good news about Jesus Christ, people respond. There is spiritual hunger in our world (*our town, our neighborhood, our schools and businesses*) that only real truth can address. When asked about the way to heaven by one of his disciples, Jesus said, *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him”* (John 14:6-7).

Jesus gives us a clear, 20-20 picture of who God is. Just as Jesus was known in person by those men and women who walked with him, he says God the Father can be known—through him. That isn’t arrogance on Jesus’ part. It’s the Truth (capital “T”). Truth isn’t found in propositions, Truth is found in a person. Jesus is Truth personified, because Jesus is God in human flesh. When you hear the voice of Jesus in the gospels, you are hearing the voice of God. When you see the heart of Jesus, you see the heart of God.

People today are hungry for truth, because it’s so rare. Politicians lie to us. Business leaders sell us false hopes in their products. The media has become known as “fake news”. Celebrities’ public images don’t match their private lives.

Where is truth you can trust? It is in a Person, Jesus. When people know Jesus—the Truth—he sets them free from all the deceptions, lies and fake news in their lives. If we continue to be people who are the body of Christ, we will embody Truth. And people will notice, and they will respond, and they will connect with him through you and me. Relationships get healed. Lives get restored. God’s family grows.

This is our mission: ***Connecting people to God and to each other through Jesus Christ.***

Let’s continue to pursue that mission together as Windom Methodist Church. —Pastor Mike



Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00am—Noon

1:00—4:00pm

Worship Schedule

Summer Schedule

Now thru September 3rd



*With the exception of June 11th.
June 11th join us for the Community
Worship Service at 10:30am at the BARC.
(more info in the newsletter)*

Sundays

8:30am Coffee Fellowship

9:00am Worship

9:00am streamed on Facebook

www.facebook.com/firstumcwindom

or

www.windomfumc.org

11:30am KDOM Radio AM 1580

Church Family News

Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, June 4th during our worship service.

Congratulations to Justin and Kati Axford on the birth of their daughter, Lainey Jean, born on April 29th.

Thank You for contributing toward the "Paid in Full" fund. We made our goal of \$99,578.42.

VBS Meeting on May 31st at 6:00pm at the church! All volunteers for VBS please attend!

Join us on June 11th at 10:30am at the BARC for a Community Worship service. We will not have our regular 9:00am worship service at First UMC, 974 6th Street, that day. We will be at the BARC. Join us! Invite someone!

Thank you to Judi Ray, Emma Snyder, & Vay and Arleen Rodman for planting our outdoor flowers! They are beautiful. Thank you to everyone who donated to our outdoor flower fund!

Thank you to Robin Snyder for all of the joy she brings to us every day, especially during our Sunday School year! Your encouraging thoughts and care that you give our Sunday School children and teachers is priceless! We appreciate you and all that you do!

Church family, please continue to pray for the families who have had to say goodbye to loved ones this past month:

The Family of Beverly Kyrk
(Laura Williams' mother)

The Family of Dolores Peters

Summer Opportunities for the Ladies!

Join us for these individual one night studies—one Tuesday per month (June, July, August), no homework, and no cost!



Table Talks

Bianca Juarez Olthoff
Have you ever thought about the central role

the table plays in the lives of Christians? The Bible is full of references about food, drink, eating, and fellowship. Jesus knew the power of the table and used it to teach and embody truth about himself. And when we sit down for a meal with others, we get to know them better while we nourish our bodies and souls. Bianca Juárez Olthoff leads us through Jesus's interactions around the table, inspiring us to invite people into our homes, open the Word of God, and break bread together.

Join us June 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Before Amen

MAX LUCADO



We all pray . . . some. We pray to stay sober, centered, or solvent. When the lump is deemed malignant. When the money runs out. When the marriage is falling apart. But wouldn't we like to pray . . . more? Better? Stronger? With more fire, faith, and fervency?

In this study, Max Lucado reveals his struggles with prayer and how he discovered that it is not a privilege for the pious or the art of a chosen few but a simple tool everyone has been given to have a conversation with God. He shows you how to let go of uncertainties about prayer, trust that God hears you, and embrace a prayer life that brings peace and rest.

Join Max Lucado on a journey to the very heart of biblical prayer and the power unleashed with five simple sentences: "Father, you are good. I need help. They need help. Thank you. In Jesus' name, amen."

Join us July 11th at 6:30 p.m.



All the Places to Go, How Will You Know?

John Ortberg

Very rarely in the Bible does God command someone to "stay." He opens a door, and then he invites us to walk through it—into the unknown. And how we choose to respond will ultimately determine the lives we will lead and the people we will become.

John Ortberg opens our eyes to the countless open doors God places before us every day, teaches us how to recognize them, and gives us the encouragement to step out in faith and embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities that await.

So go ahead—walk through that door. You just might do something that lasts for eternity.

Join us August 8th at 6:30 p.m.



Some people write a bucket list, you know... things they want to do and check off before they die. Honestly? Dying doesn't seem half as scary as the big-O birthday that's hunting me down. So I've made my own list. Things I want to do and check off before I eat that birthday cake. So far, it's not going too well."

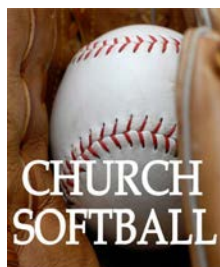
Heart-felt and funny, Meg's list-crossing quest takes her so far out of her comfort zone, she may never find her way back.



**Join us when we talk about "The Cake List" by Dianne Wilson
June 20th at 6:30pm
(Hoping to meet on the patio-bring a lawn chair if you have one.)**



Join the guys at Hardee's on Thursday mornings at 6:30am for a time of fellowship, breakfast and a short devotion. Invite a friend.



The **Church Softball Family League** is back! Games are on Sundays in June and July, with the tournament in August. People are also needed to cheer our team on from the bleachers! A signup sheet is in the church lobby for those interested in playing. **WE NEED PLAYERS.** When the game schedule is received, we'll share it right away.



A Note from Trustees We are at the end of the life expectancy of the church roof. It has come time to replace the roof, to maintain the integrity of this beautiful church. Construction will begin after VBS to replace the entire lower roof. We have contracted with Schwickert's of Mankato to take care of our roofing needs. This project should be done by the end of June. The cost of the project will be about \$320,000. We secured a loan last August at a lower interest rate at Bank Midwest. When payments on the loan begin, we will need to make a monthly payment of approximately \$8,000. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the roof loan fund. If you would like to contribute to help pay for the roof replacement, please make note on your payment for "Roof Loan". Thank you for your support of this project.



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, June 27th. Dinner Table volunteers serve members of our community a meal on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Sign up in the church lobby to volunteer.

Celebrating 4 years of serving our community!

Ruby's Pop-up Pantry is America's Rural Food Shelf. This is for anyone! The next distribution date is Monday, June 19th. Bring \$25 **cash** to the Regional Worship Center located at 2 Crossroads Drive in Sherburn MN from 5:30—7:00pm. Volunteers will place food in your trunk. Please make sure you have made room in your trunk for your food share. More information about Ruby's Pantry is available on their Facebook page at Ruby's Pantry-RWC-Sherburn.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

& Youth News

JUNE 2023

WE HAD A GREAT END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Stellar!**
Sunday, June 4th–
Thursday, June 8th
from 6:00-8:30
each night.
- **Parents & Church
Family**, please join
us for the Cosmic
closing on
Thursday, June 8th
at 8:00. We will
have a special
treat for everyone
following the
closing.
- **June 11th
Community
Worship Service**
at 10:30 am at
BARC. Children
will sing, children
please meet in the
BARC library at
9:45am.
- **June 14th Senior
High Bible Study**
begins at 6:00pm.
For students
entering grades 9-
12. We will meet
in the kitchen.
- **June 24th Youth
Car Wash** at
Crystal Clean
Carwash from
9am-4pm
- **June 25th** join us
on the patio after
Worship for fun
children's
activities.



What a great year!! We ended our Sunday school year with teacher appreciation and awards breakfast on May 21st. Thank you to everyone who gathered with us to celebrate! One last **THANK YOU** to our dedicated Sunday School teachers, KFC, McPrayer, and youth volunteers! They are;

Lisa Ambrose
Tammy Crowell
Rhonda Crowell
Sarah Jeffrey Sena
Keith Schroeder
Jody Derickson
David Derickson
Peggy Roll

Marcia Smith
Tori Vesey
Emma Snyder
Ellen King
Kathy Jo McInnis
Nicole Inman
Nikki Schowalter
Dane Nielsen

Our substitute teachers
And thank you to our students!!
Counting our Blessings...

Robin Snyder



Youth Carwash Fundraiser

June 24th



Don't Miss It

Purchase a carwash from Crystal Clean Carwash and support the youth, and they will dry off your car after the wash for a free-will donation.

All proceeds will go to our July 2024 mission trip to North Carolina

Open 9am - 4pm

Our youth mission team will receive a donation from Crystal Clean Carwash for EACH carwash that is sold from **9am-4pm** on Saturday, June 24th. ! Plus ! The youth will be there to dry your car after the wash for a free-will donation. Please stop by and support our youth on June 24th!



Picture Left: Collin Inman, Sam Fast, Kaige O'Brien, Emma Burton, Victoria Fester, Claire Fast, Jody Derickson

The 4th graders worked this last half of the year on learning the Lord's Prayer and the meaning of the prayer. They led the congregation in prayer during Sunday Worship.

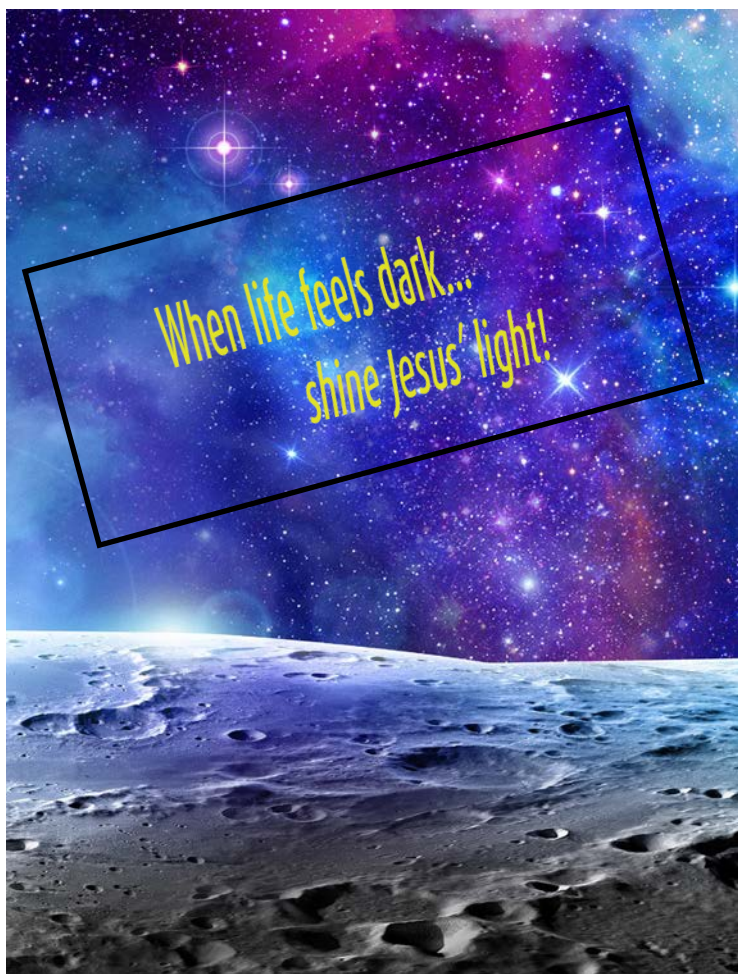
4th Grade Happenings

Picture Right: Sam Fast, Claire Fast, Emma Burton, Collin Inman, Kaige O'Brien, Victoria Fester

The 4th Graders have had a busy year! They have been working throughout the year to earn enough chicks (bulletin board) for us to purchase baby chicks through Samaritan's Purse. They earned a chick for different tasks that was asked of them. Together we have supplied a family with a dozen chicks, a coop and basic veterinary care in Jesus' Name!

Great Job 4th Graders!





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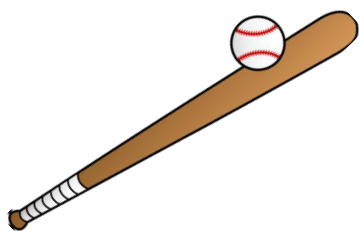
Shine Jesus' Light!

June 4th-8th from 6:00-8:30 each night.
Open to kids in Pre-school through 5th grade.

At Stellar VBS, kids discover what it means to shine Jesus' light in everyday life. Stellar is filled with awesome Bible learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and sturdy shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God's sightings. We will participate in a hands-on mission project, through a program called Operation kid-to-kid, that will provide Bibles to kids around the globe!



For the month of June, our Sunday School students are collecting water bottles and re-useable plastic cups for our Operation Christ mas Child collection! Items can be left in the OCC box in the lobby. Our students thank you for your help with this mission project!



Softball sign-up is in the church lobby!
Our FUMC team is in need of more players!

See you all out on the field!



Kids of ALL ages!

Join us on Sunday, June 25th
after our Worship Service,
on the front patio for fun summer activities.
(Smaller children will need parent guidance)

MAY MEMORIES





June

Abide


- Day 1: John 15:1-3
- Day 2: John 15:4-5
- Day 3: John 15: 7-8
- Day 4: Galatians 2:20
- Day 5: Colossians 3:1-3
- Day 6: 1 John 2:28
- Day 7: John 14:21
- Day 8: John 15:10
- Day 9: Galatians 5:22-23
- Day 10: 2 John 1:9
- Day 11: Colossians 1:27
- Day 12: Revelation 3:20
- Day 13: Romans 8:9-10
- Day 14: Ephesians 3:17-20
- Day 15: John 3:6-9
- Day 16: John 14:17
- Day 17: 1 John 2:27
- Day 18: 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Day 19: Romans 8:11
- Day 20: John 10:28-29
- Day 21: 1 John 3:6
- Day 22: 1 John 4:13
- Day 23: 1 Corinthians 3:16
- Day 24: Psalm 91:1-2
- Day 25: Philippians 3:9-10
- Day 26: John 6:56
- Day 27: John 17:23-24
- Day 28: 1 John 2:24-25
- Day 29: Revelation 21:3-4
- Day 30: John 17:21-22

"The fruit of the Spirit is the outward
evidence of the inward reality of a
heart "abiding" in Christ."

Richard J. Foster

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June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	29	30	31 6:00pm VBS Volunteer Meeting	1 6:30am Men's Breakfast @ Hardees	2	3
4 Communion 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 9:00am Summer Worship 11:30am KDOM First Things 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	5 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	6 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	7 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	8 6:30am Men's Breakfast @ Hardees 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	9	10
11 Community Service 10:30am Community Service @ BARC 11:30am KDOM First Things	12	13 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	14 6:00pm Sr. High Summer School 7:00pm Trustees 7:30pm Finance 7:30pm SPRC 8:00pm Ad Council	15 6:30am Men's Breakfast @ Hardees	16	17
18 Father's Day 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 9:00am Summer Worship 11:30am KDOM First Things	19 5:30pm Ruby's Pantry- Sherburn MN	20 6:30pm Book Club	21 6:00pm Sr. High Summer School	22 6:30am Men's Breakfast @ Hardees	23	24 9am-4pm Youth Car Wash at Crystal Clean Carwash
25 Baptism Children's Activities 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 9:00am Summer Worship 11:30am KDOM First Things	26	27 5:30pm Dinner Table @ FUMC	28 6:00pm Sr. High Summer School	29 6:30am Men's Breakfast @ Hardees	30	1

WMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Dori Hansen Kaylee Walklin Wayne & Becki Wormstadt	2	3 Nick Espenson Rick Bretzman Curt & LuAnn Giese
4 Mary Franz	5	6 David Derickson Jacob & Missy Edmundson George & Carolyn Paulson	7 Juane Elston Perry Olson	8 Hannah Buresch Vay Rodman Deann Steele	9	10 Oliver Jandera
11 Peggy Pfeffer	12	13 Dennis & Priscilla Bonde	14 Zach Wormstadt Marv & Margaret Grunig	15 Karson LaCanne Joel & Shannon LaCanne	16	17 Stella Ferguson Melissa Pletcher John & Jan Duscher
18 Darrel & Joyce Stevens	19 Darris Snelling Bill & Nicole Inman	20 Mick & Barb Christians	21 Liesel Buresch	22 George Bramstedt Millie Burton Keith & Pauline Buresch Perry & Shirley Hosei Vay & Arleen Rodman	23	24 Marcia Smith Walt & Jan Falk
25 Kaylan Donchez	26 Paulette Hayenga	27	28 Madison Green	29	30 Bentley Hansen	Black = Birthday Blue = Anniversary