



# First Family

*We welcome all people... are guided by the teachings and unconditional love of Jesus... are inspired to participate as faithful disciples of Christ.*

June 2018

## Father's Day is Sunday, June 17!

*Honor your father or other men who  
have been a mentor to you.*



HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY

**First United  
Methodist Church**

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## Our First Family

**Thank you**, First UMC Family, for your condolences, prayers, hugs, and cards following the unexpected death on April 18 of our son-in-law, Erik, and the subsequent passing on May 8 of our brother, Randy. Your support helps to lighten the way.

*~Marilyn and Jerry Skansgaard*

## Rummage Sale Update

The proceeds from the May 4/5 Rummage came to over \$7,100 and will benefit the Capital Campaign! Thank you to everyone who donated items to the sale! Thank you to the over 30 people who gave of their time to create a fun and successful event! The consensus of the working group was to wait at least two years to have another one.

## Capital Campaign Update

We estimate we have about \$100K left to raise to complete the remaining project list, which includes Upper Windows, Parking Lot, Update Restrooms, Organ Refurbishment, and Trustees Building Endowment. Mark your calendars for these upcoming events: July 25, Rock the Lot, and September 29, Dinner/Auction. In the meantime be sure your pledge is up to date, and if you have any questions, stop in to visit with Anne Gustafson in the office. Thank you for investing in our future on the Skyline.

## On the Journey With You

I remember some years back, when I was living in the cities, I was upset with my brothers because they organized a family dinner in Duluth and didn't tell me about it. It was on a Sunday, so it was unlikely I could have come, but I still would have liked to have been invited. So I texted my brothers and told them how I was feeling. They both responded back immediately. They could have explained that it was a Sunday and I live in the cities, so they assumed I couldn't come. They could have said that they can have a meal with my parents without me (after all, I often have meals with my parents without inviting them). But they didn't say anything like that. They both told me that they understood how I was feeling, were sorry they didn't include me, and that they loved me. Their response was not defensive at all, but instead showed care for my feelings. They put the relationship first rather than trying to offer explanations. And immediately I felt better, and all was well between us.

How important it is for us to remember to put the relationship first — to think about the feelings and needs of the person and show understanding and care rather than needing to prove a point, be justified, or be right. The Bible says it this way in Proverbs 15:1: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Ephesians 4:2 gives us this guidance: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Let's decide to put the relationship first in all situations, but especially in ones where there is conflict or pain. Let's ask God to help us know what the gentle answer is and to help us humbly be patient and loving with each other. It will make our relationships better, and we will find new peace.

On the journey with you!

*~Pastor Jeanine*

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# Family News

## Ways You Can Help

### **Grandma's Marathon Water Station or Green**

**Team:** June 16—Sign up at the Opportunities Table at church or call the office for details.

### **Playful People Needed for Early Childhood**

**Ministries:** If you love babies, toddlers, or preschoolers, this ministry is for you! Adults and teens (8<sup>th</sup> grade or older) are needed to love, nurture, and assist in toddler/two groups on Sunday mornings. Specialized training is required. Flexible scheduling fits your availability and interest.

### **Tuesday Thrillz Volunteers Needed:**

- **Game Safety (adults and teens):** 6-7:30pm on Tuesdays, June 12, July 10, and August 14. Training is required.
- **Friendly Flyer Distribution Volunteers (any age):** Gather with a FUMC group to post flyers in the area around Grant Rec and to hand flyers to neighbors who are visible in the area. Time and date to be determined. Contact Cynthia Coffin-Langdon or Laura Stahl.

## Family Ministry

### **Tuesday Thrillz—June 12—Grant Rec area**

Rising 3<sup>rd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grade kids will find Thrillz on the second Tuesdays of the summer months. We'll play outdoor games, worship, and connect with each other and our friends. It's like a summer BTwixt experience with Cynthia, Laura, and Kelby! Join us Tuesday, June 12, at Grant Rec near Myers-Wilkins Elementary School from 6-7:30pm. Parents/caregivers can drop off and pick up their child at the park. There is a playground nearby for younger sibs to enjoy if parents want to hang out.

### **Wee Wonder Teen Leaders—6<sup>th</sup> grade and older**

Students rising to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older are eligible to train as a Wee Wonder Teen Leader. Contact Laura to schedule a training date.

### **Scripture Reading Team—5<sup>th</sup> grade and older**

Students rising to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older may want to join the Scripture Reading Team. Coppertop

designated and trained coaches work with the student to prepare for reading scripture in worship. Coaches help the students to understand the context of the scripture, help them find an effective "voice" for the reading, and mentor them through the entire process, right up to the podium!

## Camping Registration

It's time to register for camps and invite your friends to join the summer fun! At First UMC we encourage every child to consider a summer camp opportunity. Registration information can be found in the Church Office, at the Family Worship Resource Table, and soon will be on the church website. Invite your child's friend or register your niece or nephew to join in the fun of summer.

## Habicht Fund Campers Rebate for First UMC Kids & Youth

When you register your child online for one of the Dakota-Minnesota UMC Camps, please bring a copy of your confirmation email to the church office. All First UMC children who attend UMC camp, Adventure Day Camp, Preschool VBS, or other eligible camps will be part of the Habicht Fund rebate at the end of the summer. This rebate will return some of the camping costs to your family. Although this fund is for active church families, scholarships based on need are always available by other means. We don't want money to stand in the way of children and youth experiencing God in nature!

## Tale Blazers—Tuesdays in June

Preschool through early readers use their active bodies and curious minds in this weekly reading camp. Engaging Guest Readers share exciting and funny books. Kids will play games, create fun art projects, and blaze the Adventure Trail. Parents and caregivers are welcome but not required. 10-11:30am, Tuesdays, June 12, 19, and 26. Free. Registrations appreciated by Tuesday, June 5.

## Super Heroes Preschool VBS

July 23-26, Register by July 16.

### My Family Camp

July 23-26, Register by July 16.

### Adventure Day Camp

July 23-26, Register by July 9.

## Garden Care

- Geranium Planting Day—June 2 (rain Date: June 4)
- General Garden Planting Day—June 5 (rain date: June 6)
- General Watering, Weeding & Deadheading—times and frequency to be determined by need

## Getting Your News Out There

Wondering how to get information in First Family, on the church website, or the church Facebook page? We want to help, and it's simple:

- Write an article or announcement about your event
- Send it to Bill Alexander at [connect@fumcduluth.org](mailto:connect@fumcduluth.org)
- Let him know in which publication or publications you would like to see them displayed
- If you are asking to have something placed online, we would love to include your color photos or artwork
- We would also like to post your video and audio files
- Include your contact information

That's it! We're looking forward to hearing from you.

## Mission and Social Justice

### Western Lake Superior Habitat for Humanity

**Mission:** Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, community, and hope.

**Vision:** A world where everyone has a decent place to live. We build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter.

**Mission Principles:** Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ; focus on shelter; advocate for affordable housing; promote dignity and hope; support sustainable and transformational development.

The Western Lake Superior Habitat for Humanity is alive and well, working to carry out the HfH mission and vision in the Twin Ports through three programs:

- Home Building (June in Superior; August in Duluth; October in Superior)
- Home Repair "A Brush With Kindness" program—assists lower income families, especially elders, who struggle to maintain the exterior of their home, providing minor exterior repairs and yard clean-up and landscaping
- Re-Store (store at 1621 Broadway in Superior which provides discount furniture and home improvement items and hardware)

**How You Can Help: Donate your aluminum cans!** For many years FUMC has been collecting aluminum cans (bagged in plastic bags) in the little building on the far end of the East parking lot. David Grant takes them to a repository—the money goes to Habitat!

**How You Can Serve: Volunteer!** Donate money or items for the store. For specifics, visit the website.

**Contact Information:**

218-722-3875

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

~Karen Alseth, Mission and Social Justice Team

# 2018 Graduates

## 2018 High School Graduates

### **Sannah Marie Arvidson-Hicks**

Duluth East

Attending St. Olaf in fall 2018

### **Oscar Flaherty**

Superior

### **Elise Elizabeth Hintzman**

Superior

Attending St. Scholastica, double majoring in Secondary English Education and Vocal Performance

### **Shelby Elizabeth Johnson**

Denfeld

Attending Carleton College (MN), majoring in Math

### **Nakiah Christine Lanthier**

Duluth East

Attending University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, majoring in Nursing

### **Josephine Katherine Peterson**

Duluth East

Attending University of Wisconsin-Madison, pre-med track focusing on Cellular Molecular Engineering

### **Augustus "Gus" Boehm Kjolhaug**

St John's University (Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, with Philosophy minor)

Gus has joined the Benedictine Volunteer Corps for a one-year mission experience at a Benedictine prep school in Newark, NJ, where he will gain experience in the counseling department, teach a class, and coach a sport. Future plans include graduate school.

### **Laura Ruth Hauschildt**

UMD (Bachelor of Arts, English-Literary Studies)

Laura seeks a library position in the Duluth area.

### **Mariah Madden**

UMD (Bachelor of Applied Science, Psychology, and Bachelor of Arts, Criminology)

### **Jana Picotte**

UMD (Bachelor of Arts, Communications, with Psychology minor)

### **Amy Schroeder**

Concordia University-St Paul (Master, Early Childhood Education)

Amy seeks a position in the Duluth area.

### **Amanda Seefeldt**

University of Wisconsin-Superior (Bachelor of Arts, Music Education—Instrumental and General Music)  
Amanda is seeking a band teacher position in Wisconsin or Minnesota.

### **Felicia Walker**

Lake Superior College (Associate in Arts, Liberal Arts & Sciences)

### **Mary Kate Wheeler**

MCPHS University-Boston (Master of Physician Assistant Studies)

Mary Kate will practice in primary care in San Francisco, CA.

## 2018 University Graduates

### **Alyssa Diaz**

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology)

Alyssa will take a gap year and then enter graduate studies.

### **Culley Fairchild**

UMD

Culley works for Fairchild Realty Group.

## Calling All Softball Players

Join Methodists from across the city in a co-ed recreational family softball league! All abilities welcome! This is a 10-week league. Games start in early June and are typically held on Tuesday evenings at Wheeler Field (near Lincoln Park Middle School). Practices are scheduled when the majority of the players are available.

Contact: Charley Korsch, [charley.korsch@gmail.com](mailto:charley.korsch@gmail.com), 218-340-9190

## Save These Dates

**June 5** Garden Planting Day

**June 13-14** Wisconsin Dells Twin  
Ports Youth Trip

**June 20-23** FUMC Youth Mission  
Trip

**June 30** Strikepoint Homecoming  
Concert, 7pm

**July 25** Rock the Lot Concert,  
5:30pm

**August 8** Outdoor Worship Service,  
6pm

## Summer Sermon Series

### The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss

A sermon series looking at the spiritual truths through the lens of scripture and Dr. Seuss books. An engaging spiritual growth opportunity for all ages. A great series to invite friends to join you in worship.

- June 10—McGilliot's Pool (the journey is often more important than the destination): Kids will have the opportunity to "fish" before and after worship.
- June 17—What Was I Scared Of? (Facing our fears)
- June 24—Horton Hears a Who (Every person is worthy)
- July 1—The Cat in the Hat (Responsibility matters)



## Oh What a Night—A God-Kissed Event!

Thank you to all who were a part of this very special roast beef dinner—special in a way we could have never planned.

The Spring Roast Beef Dinner turned from being a fundraiser to a mission. The explosion in Superior at the Husky Refinery happened the same day as the roast beef dinner. As one of our members said, "Who else in the community is preparing a meal for 900 guests? We need to help our Superior friends with food."

The Duluth Police delivered 75 meals to the hardworking and hungry Superior firefighters and police officers. They loved the home-cooked meals.

Fifty meals from the leftover food were delivered to the Solid Rock Mission and 25 meals to CHUM.

We had 70 more pounds of beef this spring than 2017, and we served fewer guests: 650 compared to 875 in the spring of 2017. Every move that night was led by God. Thank you for the prayerful support.

The final number for FUMC's church ministries is \$6,297.44! This is the most money ever raised for a roast beef dinner! (Last spring we raised \$5,169.76 for church ministries.) We were blessed two times. Praise the Lord!

You are all loved and appreciated,  
~Cindy and Scott Hedlund

## New Book Study

### Adam Hamilton's *Unafraid*

We know Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid," but with everything going on in the world, how is it possible not to be anxious? In this five-week study based on his book *Unafraid*, Adam Hamilton (author of *Making Sense of the Bible*) explores the worries and fears most of us experience. This is a five-session study with video, discussion, and teaching. Sign-ups will be available in the Common Area. Please plan on attending all five sessions. Books will be available for purchase.

Facilitators: Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

- Sunday June 3: 8:30-9:30am (before worship)
- Sunday June 10: 8:30-9:30am (before worship)
- Sunday June 17: 8:30-9:30am (before worship)
- Sunday June 24: 8:30am-9:30am and 11:30am-12:30pm (a "retreat" day with one session before worship and one session after, including a potluck meal)

## Blessed Ramadan May 15-June 14

Ramadan is the month of the Islamic lunar calendar during which Muslims abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset. Fasting during Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam and is performed to learn compassion, self-restraint, and generosity.

## CHUM Rhubarb Festival

**Saturday, June 23**

### First Lutheran Church

Last year this community festival raised about \$70,000 for the work of CHUM: people of faith working together to provide basic necessities, foster stable lives, and organize for a just and compassionate community. They provide many services such as a food shelf, a homeless shelter, a drop-in center, a regular church service for people with developmental disabilities, and much, much more. FUMC is one of the 40 faith communities working together through CHUM—in fact, we were one of the founding congregations.

## United Methodist Day With the MN Twins

United Methodist Day will be coming back to Target Field on July 30 at 7:10pm. Here's your chance to join family, friends, and other United Methodists across Minnesota for a night of big-league action and fun.

Call the Conference office at 612-870-0058 for more details.

## From Our Parish Nurse

### Ministry of Caring

God is the source of all caring. Is it the will of God that people should feel alone and/or trapped in their hurt? It is God's will that in the midst of pain, suffering, or struggle, people will have hope for peace and will discover resources in their faith that will enable them to learn and grow from their experiences.

Our faith community is a caring one. I know that we are committed to helping one another when the need arises. Many people in our church provide care and resources to people that are hurting, provide transportation, provide home communion, provide food during Ruby's pantry, provide child care, visit and listen to those in extended care facilities or at home, help to prepare meals, do bible studies, and pray with one another. The list goes on and on. I know that people who have experienced God's care in the midst of pain have become channels through which God's love and care touches the lives of others.

All of us are called to a ministry of caring. As Christians we are called to love as Jesus Christ has loved. We are called to service as Jesus Christ served. We have the responsibility to minister to those in need. In the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:37-40), Jesus invites the righteous (the sheep) to receive their inheritance by entering the kingdom which has been prepared for them because of their faithful service and unselfish, compassionate giving ("I tell you the truth: whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me"). We should all strive to be sheep.

### Homebound Communion Service and Luncheon

August 14 will be the homebound luncheon and communion service. The half-hour service will begin at 11:30am and will be followed by lunch. Invitations will be sent and transportation will be provided. If you can lend a hand in providing a ride, preparing food, serving, or dining and conversing with our guests, please let me know.

Walkers! Are you still walking with Jesus or with Abraham and Sarah? Do you need to restart or get going more? Remember, it takes 90 days for a new activity or life change to become a habit. It's beautiful weather. Get out and enjoy our fantastic surroundings. What's in bloom now? Maybe you could start geocaching!

Blessings to all, and have a safe beginning to your summer, ~Linda



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*This calendar includes only those events open to Church members or the general public. Other events are scheduled in the building, but not listed.*

## Sundays

9:00am High School Hangout - CW  
10:00am Worship - S  
Wee Wonder - 105  
3:30pm T'ai Chi - CW

## Mondays

Noon Gamblers Anonymous - St  
3:30pm Spirit Yoga - TBC  
5:00pm Downbeats - EL  
7:00pm Whole Birth Yoga - TBC

## Tuesdays

5:00pm T'ai Chi - LSH we  
6:00pm Gamblers Anonymous - St  
6:00pm Mama Yoga - TBC

## Wednesdays

6:00pm Bible Study - FSL

## Thursdays

9:00am Faithfully Fit - EL  
6:00pm T'ai Chi - LSH we

## Fridays

8:00am Men's Study Group - FSL  
9:00am Alcoholics Anonymous - TBC

## Saturdays

9:00am T'ai Chi - LSH we

## Our Regular Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, June 3

8:30am Unafraid Book Study

### Monday, June 4

4:00pm Rhubarb Preparation - K

### Tuesday, June 5

9:00am Geranium Planting Day  
Rhubarb Preparation - K  
10:00am Writers Group - Lib

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5:30pm SPRC - Lib

### Wednesday, June 6

9:30am UMW Board Meeting

### Thursday, June 7

5:00pm Trustees  
6:00pm Lasting Imprint - EL

### Saturday, June 9

9:00am LGBT Elders - Lib  
Duluth Monarch Festival

### Sunday, June 10

8:30am Unafraid Book Study  
3:00pm Donahue Music Student Recital

### Tuesday, June 12

9:00am Rhubarb Preparation - K  
9:30am Tale Blazers rm 105, Lib  
10:00am Writers Group - Lib  
2:00pm Loud Laughing Ladies - FSL  
5:00pm De Beefing Meeting - FSL  
6:00pm Tuesday Thrillz - Grant Rec. Area

### Wednesday, June 13

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry - FSL  
1:00pm Wisconsin Dells Departure

### Thursday, June 14

1:00pm Deborah Circle - FSL  
6:30pm Amateur Radio Operators - LSH

### Sunday, June 17

8:30am Unafraid Book Study

### Monday, June 18

10:00am Rachel Circle - FSL  
4:00pm Rhubarb Preparation - K  
6:30pm Monarch Buddies - Lib

### Tuesday, June 19

9:00am Rhubarb Preparation - K  
9:30am Tale Blazers

### Wednesday, June 20

Youth Mission Trip Departure  
9:00am Naomi Circle - FSL  
Rhubarb Preparation - K  
Scrabble - Lib  
3:30pm Mission & Social Justice Team - L

### Thursday, June 21

9:00am Rhubarb Preparation - K  
4:00pm Ruby's Pantry - S, LSH  
6:00pm Blue Star Mothers - FSL

### Friday, June 22

9:00am Rhubarb Preparation - K  
Family Retreat

### Sunday, June 24

8:30am Unafraid Book Study  
11:30am Unafraid Book Study

### Monday, June 25

5:30pm Ruby's Pantry Steering Committee - FSL

### Tuesday, June 26

9:30am Tale Blazers  
2:00pm Loud Laughing Ladies - FSL

### Thursday, June 28

5:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

### Saturday, June 30

7:00pm Strikepoint Homecoming Concert - S

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