

One: They used bricks for stones and asphalt for mortar. They said,
All: "Come, let's build for ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves so that we won't be dispersed over all the earth."
 One: Then the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the humans built. And the Lord said,
All: "There is now one people and they all have one language. This is what they have begun to do, and now all that they plan to do will be possible for them. Come, let's go down and mix up their language there so they won't understand each other's language."
 One: Then the Lord dispersed them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. Therefore, it is named Babel, because there the Lord mixed up the languages of all the earth; and from there the Lord dispersed them over all the earth.

Psalm 2:1-4

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and his anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision.

* Hymn	<i>Let There be Peace on Earth</i>	UM Hymnal #431
Sermon	<i>Imagining Vain Things</i>	Brandon Veale
Offering Our Gifts		Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
* Hymn	<i>For the Healing of the Nations</i>	UM Hymnal #428
Benediction and Blessing for Brandon		Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
Postlude	<i>"Hornpipe" from Water Music</i>	G.F. Handel

* please stand as you are comfortable



Announcements

*Please remember to fill out the **Connect Cards** each week. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. **On the back of the card**, is a list of ministry opportunities, where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.*

***Guests:** Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.*

Please join us for coffee, doughnuts, and ice cream treats in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

Pastor Jeanine is on renewal leave and will return at the end of August.

Today we welcome our own Brandon Veale to the pulpit. Thank you, Brandon!

From CHUM: Public safety is for everyone! All are welcome to attend a Community Conversation on July 24 from 5:30 - 6:30pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1710 E. Superior St.). This session will increase our ability to understand and

respond to proposed City ordinances that will result in unintended consequences to our unsheltered neighbors. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required: tfaforms.com/5137234

Summer Concerts at FUMC:



Strikepoint Concert – Sunday, August 4, 7:00pm

Let's enthusiastically send our own Strikepoint off to Japan! Admission is free, with an \$18 suggested donation. Not only will Strikepoint be attending the 21st International Handbell Symposium in Hamamatsu, Japan, but they have been selected as the sole ensemble to represent the U.S. at an international charity concert. If you are unable to attend this sendoff concert, Strikepoint will also be performing this afternoon (**July 21**) at 3:00pm at Zion Lutheran Church (1000 Washington Ave.) in Cloquet and next Saturday (**July 27**) at 5:30pm at Bayfield Presbyterian Church (306 Washington Ave.) in Bayfield.

Tapestry Concert – Sunday, August 25, following outdoor worship service

Tapestry will begin by leading the 10am morning service in our parking lot overlooking our glorious lake. Then everyone is invited to stay for an all-church picnic, complete with a special concert of Tapestry's favorite songs – and ours, too!

Family Fun Night is Monday, July 29. Families with children going into grade 5 and younger are invited to join us from 5-6:30pm for an easy supper, fun games for the kids, and a chance for parents to get better acquainted. Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office, 218-727-5021. Let us know about special dietary needs.

Are you missing anything? The Lost and Found, outside the church office door, has been collecting items. Please claim anything that is yours before August 1, when everything will be donated or discarded.

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