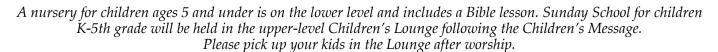
First United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Garden Sunday and Holy Communion

Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults and/or children participating in musical groups, children's messages, and liturgist roles will appear on camera.



Prelude I Will Not Be Moved Natalie Grant

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship

One: We continue our journey of courage.

All: We have the courage that comes with clarity, conviction, and candor.

One: Today we pick up the courage of fortitude.

All: The light of Christ guides us as we march forward in this journey.

One: We continue our journey of courage

All: To restore a world divided and to bring Christ's love to everyone!

* **Hymn** We are Marching The Faith We Sing #2235-b; v. 1, 2, 5, 6

Children's Message: Thanking Mary Giese

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Children may leave for Sunday School following the Children's Message.

Morning Prayer

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem Courage, My Soul

Charles Albert Tindley, arr. Frank Glass

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Offering Our Gifts

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Garden Sunday Video and Invitation

Scripture Readings

Luke 9:1-6

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He told them, "Take nothing for the journey – no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra

shirt. Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

Luke 10:1-11

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals, and do not greet anyone on the road. When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.'"

* **Hymn** *Healer of Our Every Ill* The Faith We Sing #2213

Sermon Brave Faith: Courage for Fortitude Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* **Hymn** *Here is Bread, Here is Wine* The Faith We Sing #2266

The Sacrament of Holy CommunionPastor Jeanine Alexander and Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

* Hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness UM Hymnal #140

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Choral Blessing The Blessing of Aaron Norman Ramsey

Postlude Prelude in G Major

J.S. Bach

Velda Graham Bell, organ

* 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.

Thank you to Mary Giese for her years of serving as our Director of Welcome. She has done an outstanding job living "welcome" in her every word and action. Please join us in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service for a reception in her honor.

A gift to light the church for the week of May 5 has been given by the 2x2s in memory of Dolores Taylor. The gift will also benefit the doughnut fund.

Today is Garden Sunday. Your gift to our Memorial Gardens will help purchase annuals and mulch to beautify our property. The Garden Group is funded solely by donations and memorials throughout the year, not by the church budget. Donations may be given today at the table in the Atrium or send a check to the church with "Memorial Gardens" in the memo, or give online, choosing "Memorial Gardens" from the Fund dropdown menu. Thank you for your gifts!



More ways to help our Garden Group:

- buy a geranium or dahlia, being sold at the table in the Atrium (money will benefit the Memorial Gardens)
- help clean up the gardens on **Thursday, May 16**, beginning at 9am (rain date May 17)
- help plant geraniums on **Thursday**, **May 30**, beginning at 9am (rain date May 31)
- help plant annuals (9am) and spread mulch (10am) on **Wednesday, June** 5 (rain date June 6)

Join this fun group of gardeners – no experience necessary!

Today we are dedicating our new electric lawn mower, purchased with funds given in memory of Robert Barnidge. Bob was a faithful member of our lawn-mowing team for many years.

Our own Strikepoint will present the first concert of their summer season this evening, **Sunday, May 5**, at 7pm at Faith United Methodist Church (1531 Hughitt Ave.) in Superior. Help support them as they prepare to attend the 21st International Handbell Symposium in Hamamatsu, Japan, in August. They will be performing a concert at our church closer to their departure.

Faith Forum is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **May 12**, David Peterson will talk about his African safari photos currently displayed in the Fireside Lounge. The following week, **May 19**, the Faith Forum season concludes with Dan Schutte from Shore View Natives talking about replacing lawns with native plants.

Roadside Cleanup will be Saturday, May 18 from noon-2pm. Meet in the Faith Baptist Church parking lot at the corner of Maple Grove and Midway Roads. Trash bags and beautiful yellow safety vests will be supplied. Bring gloves, wear boots for potentially wet ditches, and dress for the weather. Contact Bill Alexander: bill@strikepoint.com.

Rhubarb Pie Season is coming! On **Monday, May 6**, starting at 9:30am, we will be making, rolling and freezing pie crusts to fulfill our pledge of 200 strawberry rhubarb pies for the CHUM Rhubarb Festival on June 29. 6-15 volunteers are needed to help any time between 9:30 and 2:00pm that day. We need to make 400 crusts! Rolling pins will be provided or you can bring your own. Friends and neighbors are welcome! Contact Anita Zager at anitazager@gmail.com.

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be *May 19* at the 10am worship service. We'll be honoring all high school and post-secondary graduates. *Please let Pastor Jeanine or the church office know* if you or a family member is graduating. Tell us where you are graduating from and what your future plans are. *High School Graduates:* you are invited for lunch that day at Buffalo Wild Wings, hosted by Pastor Jeanine and Larry Ehresman.

Sponsorships for the Youth Mission Trip: Our youth will be traveling to the Twin Cities June 17-19 where they will serve at Feed My Starving Children, The Dignity Center, and The Ronald McDonald House, and have other adventures as well. There is a table in the Narthex where you can give a donation to sponsor them; you will then receive a postcard from their trip. Thank you for supporting our youth as they seek to make the world better.

Safe Haven Shelter, a local shelter for domestic abuse survivors, is collecting used cell phones and their chargers to give to their clients who need to be able to discreetly reach 911 emergency services. They work with a Florida company to refurbish and repair old phones. If you have phones and chargers to donate, please bring them to Safe Haven's Resource Center at 414 W. 1st. St., Duluth, between 8am and 4pm, Monday-Friday.

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Ways You Can Help Your Church



Volunteers are needed to make pie crusts on Monday, May 6, any time between 9:30am and 2pm. Contact Anita Zager, <u>anitazager@gmail.com</u>

Volunteers are needed to help with garden cleanup on Thursday, May 16, at 9am (raindate is May 17). Contact Marlene Bowen, mbowen73@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed for the lawn mowing team. Contact Director of Operations Sandy Smith: 218-727-5021 or <u>admin@fumcduluth.com</u>.

Ways to give to support your church: give online at <u>fumcduluth.com</u> **OR** text COPPERTOP to 73256 **OR** mail to FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811.

