



*First United Methodist Church*  
**Sunday, September 15, 2024**



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

A nursery for children ages 5 and under is on the lower level and will include a Bible lesson. Sunday School for children K-5th grade will be held in the upper-level Children's Lounge following the Children's Message. Please pick up your kids in the Lounge after worship.

**Prelude**      *American Folk Hymn Suite*      Michael Burkhardt  
Velda Graham Bell, organ

**Welcome and Announcements**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**\* Call to Worship**      Julie Moses

One: God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of all creation,

**All: We sing your praise.**

One: God of the stars, God of the rainbow, God of all creation,

**All: We lift our voices as we proclaim our thanks!**

One: God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of all creation,

**All: Bring us your life, your peace!**

**\* Hymn**      *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*      UM Hymnal #122

**Children's Message**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Baptism of Lincoln John Miles**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Rev. MaryAnne Korsch  
**Congregational response: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Lincoln, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

**\* Hymn**      *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*      UM Hymnal #611

**Anthem**      *Living for Learning*      music and lyrics by Thomas Wayne King  
Thomas and Debra King, vocalists

**Morning Prayer**      Rev. MaryAnne Korsch  
Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer

**All: Loving God, Sacred One, Blessed be your name. May your kingdom come, your dream arrive, your purpose prevail, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Help us steer clear of temptation and protect us from evil. We trust you in this, for the kingdom, its power and its beauty, are yours forever. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**      Julie Moses

Mark 4:35-41

One: On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, **All: "Who is this man, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"**

**Anthem**      *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*      arr. Heather Sorenson  
    Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director  
    Alix Craft, soloist

**Offering Our Gifts**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

\* Hymn      *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*      The Faith We Sing #2191

**Sermon**      *Who is This Man?*      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

\* Hymn      *You Are Mine*      The Faith We Sing #2218

**Benediction**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Postlude**      *My Life is in You, Lord*      Daniel Gardner  
    Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors



## *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.*

*Join us for coffee and doughnuts in the lower-level Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.*



***Baptized today** is Lincoln John Miles, born May 19, 2024. Lincoln's parents are Jacob and Nicole Miles. Grandparents are Jim and Rachel Miles, and Ann and Chris Olson. His aunts and uncles are Rebecca Miles, David Olson, and Brandon and Jesy Knack, and his godparents are Brandon and Jesy Knack.*

*The Sustainability Team will meet today in the Library, 10 minutes after the service. This is a welcoming group actively exploring how we might best care for creation: in our church, in our homes, in our community. As we continue the huge project of replacing old light bulbs with LEDs in our building, we are exploring new directions. Future meeting times will be determined at the meeting. Come with enthusiasm and ideas.*

*Faith Forum begins its fall session next Sunday, September 22, from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Everyone is invited to join in lively discussions, listen to someone share their faith journey, or learn something new from special guests – a different topic each week. On September 22, Minnesota naturalist Sue Henke will*

share a presentation on the fascinating geology of our region. Bring a favorite locally-found rock! On **September 29**, the beginning of the "Common Ground" documentary will be shown. This film shows a pathway to transform the industrial agriculture food system into an ecological way of growing food that can restore our health, communities, and climate.

*Our pipe organ* will be featured at the fall meeting of the Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on **Sunday, September 22** at 4:00pm. Velda Bell will be demonstrating our newly renovated and expanded pipe organ, and local organists will also be playing. A meal catered by Paul Sapyta and Room at the Table follows. All are welcome to attend, but if you'd like to join the group for the meal, please RSVP by **September 18** to Velda at 218-393-4006 or [music@fumcduluth.com](mailto:music@fumcduluth.com)

*Seniors' Lunch and Fellowship* will be held **Tuesday, September 24** at 11am in Lakeview Social Hall. Everyone 65 or older, or anyone who considers themselves a senior, is invited to enjoy a meal and conversation together. **Please RSVP by September 17** so we have enough food! Sign up in the church office, call the office (218-727-5021), or email Pastor Jeanine ([pastor@fumcduluth.com](mailto:pastor@fumcduluth.com)). Let us know if you need a ride.

*The next new member class*, "Discover FUMC," will be held on **Sunday, September 29** at 11:15am in the Fireside Lounge. Please let Pastor Jeanine or Director of Welcome Greg Leiviska know if you are interested; this is the only session needed to join the church.

*Our very popular Roast Beef Dinner* will be held on **Thursday, October 3**, from 4:30-6:30pm. Lots of volunteers are needed! There are signup sheets in the Narthex, or you can sign up here: [signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8A82CA4FFC61-50318582-fall](https://signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8A82CA4FFC61-50318582-fall)

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## Ways You Can Help Your Church



Volunteers are needed to lift the geraniums to overwinter. Meet on **Tuesday, September 17 at 9:00am** on the east side of the church and plan for a couple of hours. Bring pruning shears, gloves, and digging tools, if possible. No experience required; we will train you. Rain date is **September 18 at 9:00am**.

Sign up to help with the **Roast Beef Dinner** on Thursday, October 3. [signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8A82CA4FFC61-50318582-fall](https://signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8A82CA4FFC61-50318582-fall)



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