



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 9, 2025



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.

A nursery for children age 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 Lakeview Social Hall after worship.

Prelude **Two preludes on the hymn tunes *Old Hundredth* and *Kremser*** Healey Willan
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Mark Whitlock

One: God of all the nations, we gather in worship.

All: We sing together a song of peace for all nations.

One: God of all the nations, hear our prayer.

All: We pray that we will see all people and lands as equally beloved.

One: God of all the nations, we sing to you.

All: We give ourselves to you, praying that Your will be done.

*** Hymn** *This is My Song* UM Hymnal #437

Baptism of Dominiko Orion Karoff/Children's Message

Pastor Jeanine Alexander, Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Congregational response: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that *Matilda*, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Baptismal Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* The Faith We Sing #2051

Children in 6th grade and younger may leave for nursery and Sunday School following the hymn.

Recognizing Veterans

Anthem *In Flanders Fields* arr. Roger Emerson
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Morning Prayer Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer – from the New Zealand Prayer Book
Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name
echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustains our hope and comes on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts
we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the
grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and
forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark Whitlock

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short, he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

* Hymn *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*
Verse 1: Choir only
Verses 2-4: Congregation and Choir

UM Hymnal #340

Offering Our Gifts

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *Grazioso*

Class Ring; Derek Bromme, director

Arnold Sherman

Sermon *Change: Overcoming Troubling Habits*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *This is a Day of New Beginnings*

UM Hymnal #383, v. 1-4

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Postlude in D*

Healey Willan

Velda Graham Bell, organ



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.

A gift to light the church for the month of November was made by Gloria Erickson, in loving memory of her siblings: Ruth, Ruby, Marlene, Albin, Jim, and Leland Johnson. The gift will also benefit the CHUM Food Shelf.



Baptized this morning: Dominiko Orion Karoff, born June 7, 2020. His parents are Myra and Jason Karoff and his brother is Giovanni Kenneth Karoff. Grandparents are Bernice and Chester Pepper, Susan and Dale Karoff, and Marisa and Pat Green. Krista Paulzine is the godmother. Aunts and uncles are: Christina Trok, Simone Pepper, Chester Pepper Jr., Benjamin Trok, Mario Thornton, and Angela Lane.

Faith Forum meets on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 in Fireside Lounge. Next week, **November 16**, Allen Anyway will share a scientific presentation with an O'Henry ending. The following week, **November 23**, UMD Library Director Matt Rosendahl will talk about the state of libraries today.

The Sustainability team will meet in the library about 15 minutes after the worship service **today**. Please get a cup of coffee and a doughnut, and join us! New members are always welcome.

Sunday, November 16 is Consecration Sunday, when we make our financial commitments for the mission and ministry of our congregation in 2026. Please be prayerfully thinking about what you want to give to your church. You can put your estimate of giving cards in the offering plates or the basket in Lakeview Social Hall. Following worship that day, we will celebrate all that God is doing in our midst by having soup together, prepared by Larry Ehresman and Pamela Brown, in Lakeview Social Hall. You can eat together or take your soup home. If you're worshipping online, you are welcome to join us in Lakeview for soup or pick up soup to take home for your family. If you need to have soup delivered to your home, please let Pastor Jeanine know.

Donate gently used books for the FUMC Book Sale, beginning **today** after church until 12:00pm in the East Lounge. No VHS or cassette tapes, magazines, encyclopedias, or textbooks, please. A **sign-up sheet for volunteering** before, during, and after the sale can be found in the Narthex. The book sale is **Saturday, November 15**. Questions? Contact Helen Smith Stone (hsmithstone@gmail.com).

Organ Concert: On **Sunday, November 16** at 3:00pm, our organist, Velda Graham Bell, will be joined by two of her colleagues, Karen Hanson Sande and Rachael Kresha, in presenting "Music She Wrote," an organ concert that shines a spotlight on the incredible talents of women composers for the pipe organ. Karen is the Director of Music and organist at First Lutheran Church in Duluth, and Rachael is Cathedral organist at Christ the King Cathedral in Superior and adjunct professor of organ at UWS. The concert will be held in our Sanctuary and further celebrates the recent renovation and expansion of our Austin pipe organ. Admission to the concert is free, with a freewill offering for the Union Gospel Mission to be taken.

FUMC Scholarships. Applications are now available on the church website (fumcduluth.com). Look for more information in the November issue of *First Family*. The scholarships will be presented in December.

Lennon-Berini Scholarship: the criteria for the scholarship are: 1) be a member of Duluth's First United Methodist Church; 2) have completed at least two years of college; and 3) be pursuing a people-centered

career. Applications must be completed and submitted by 4pm on **Friday, November 21** to teto62@charter.net.

Ardath Gibson Scholarship: the criteria for the scholarship are: 1) be a member of Duluth's First United Methodist Church or have family who are members; 2) be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in health care, the physical sciences, or business. Applications must be completed and submitted by **Saturday, November 22** to pamela.brown@reliabilitysolutions.us or mailed to the church (230 E. Skyline Pkwy, Duluth, MN 55811)

Margaret Swanberg Scholarship: the criteria for the scholarship are: 1) be a divorced, widowed or single parent woman returning to school to be trained or retrained to find a job; or 2) be a student graduating from high school who wants to become a minister, Christian education director, counselor, or social worker; or 3) be a student graduating from high school who wants to become an early education teacher, kindergarten teacher, or primary school teacher. Applications must be completed and submitted by **Saturday, November 22** to pamela.brown@reliabilitysolutions.us or mailed to the church (230 E. Skyline Pkwy, Duluth, MN 55811)

You can give refugees hope this holiday season! Can you imagine what it's like to be a new refugee or immigrant to this country? You know hardly anyone. Sometimes it seems like you're lost in "the system" and no one cares.... Do you ever wonder what you can do to make a refugee or immigrant's life better? Here's an opportunity to make a difference! The organization Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) is sponsoring a holiday card writing campaign (see globalrefuge.org/get-involved/volunteer/hope-for-the-holidays/ for more info) and we can take part. We'll gather after church on **Sunday, November 23** to write cards to refugee and immigrant families. This is a family-friendly event - kids are very welcome (after all, refugee families include children!). Join us on **November 23** in Lakeview Social Hall and we'll write cards to brighten the lives of our refugee and immigrant neighbors. You can write in either English or Spanish, if you can. Afterwards, I'll forward them to Global Refuge. I'm guessing this will take no more than 30 minutes MAX, unless of course we're having too much fun! Hope you can join me! ~ Geoff Bell

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Ways You Can Help Your Church

Volunteer to help with the Used Book Sale on Saturday, November 15. Help is needed each day of the week leading up to the sale and on the day of the sale. Sign up on the sheets in the Narthex or email hsmithstone@gmail.com.

Volunteer to write holiday cards of hope to refugees on Sunday, November 23. See announcement above.

Ways to give to support your church: give online at fumcduluth.com or use the QR code OR text COPPERTOP to 73256 OR mail to FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811.

