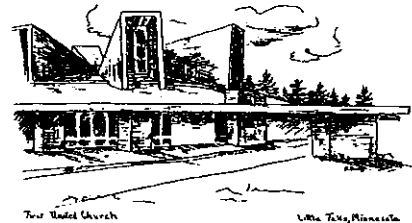


The U N I T E R

First United Church will make disciples through worship, nurturing its members, witnessing to Christian faith and unity, and serving the community and God's creations.



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September, 2017
3rd Com. Worship
4th Worship Team
10th Worship
11th Finance Team
Mission & Ministry
13th UCWA
17th Com. Worship
19th Ad Team
21st Vol @ Food Shelf
24th Worship
Church School
Uniter deadline
27th Salvation Army

Come for fun, fellowship and work at the UCWA Rummage & Recycling Sale!

Sunday, October 1 . . . Bring items out of storage after worship
Monday, October 2 . . . 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Set up & sort
Tuesday, October 3 . . . 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Sort & price
Wednesday October 4 . . . 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Sale day
Thursday, October 5 . . . 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Sale day \$2/bag sale

Please bring us your no longer needed
clothing, household and treasures.

Please no tv's or printers.

Needed: plastic and paper grocery bags

This is a church mission project!

Thank you, Jan O'Quinn, Audrey West & Mary Lou Yatckoske



Please wear your name tag in church
to help visitors, Pastor Tony and his family
feel more welcome!



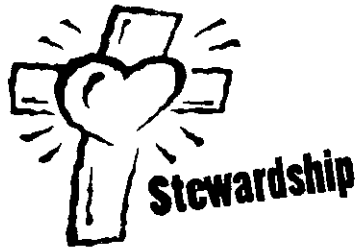
Please consider helping to shelter homeless parent(s) and children when we host

New Pathways - August 27th - September 3rd.

Plan to help **one evening** (4:30-8:30) or **one overnight** (8:30-7:30). Peggy or Bea are at church each evening and morning so you are not alone. Delicious evening meals are provided by volunteers so you don't need to cook - just help with the guests as needed. You may volunteer to provide an evening meal if that is a better option for you.

Call Peggy 632-5979 or Bea 632-8090 to offer assistance. **Thank you!**

Please keep the following members in your prayers:
Carla Brenner, Jeanne Meyer, Joyce Podtburg,
Eugene Nelson, Pat Young, Shirley Hanson, Bette Gerling



Weekly Receipts - August 2017

Date	Amt. Budgeted	Amt. Received
8/6/17	\$2,850.00	\$5,930.00
8/13/17	2,850.00	945.00
8/20/17	2,850.00	2,615.00

Please notify the church office if you change your mailing address so we can make sure you receive church updates and the Uniter .



Thank you to those that have more recently brought bars, etc., your **pans are on the cart in the back of church.** Please pick them up as soon as possible. None of them have a name on them.
Thank you for your help in this matter.



Vacation Bible School Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who made our VBS such a huge success! This year we again paired with First Lutheran Church. There were 110 children plus crew leaders and teachers. Thank you to Carol Ahlin, Ida Mae Holland, and Dianne Spillum for serving and preparing the snack on Tuesday. Thanks to Rachel Witcucki for being a crew leader. Your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who donated money to purchase food and school supplies.



Let your light shine so people everywhere may see your good actions and praise God in heaven because of it.

Matthew 5:16

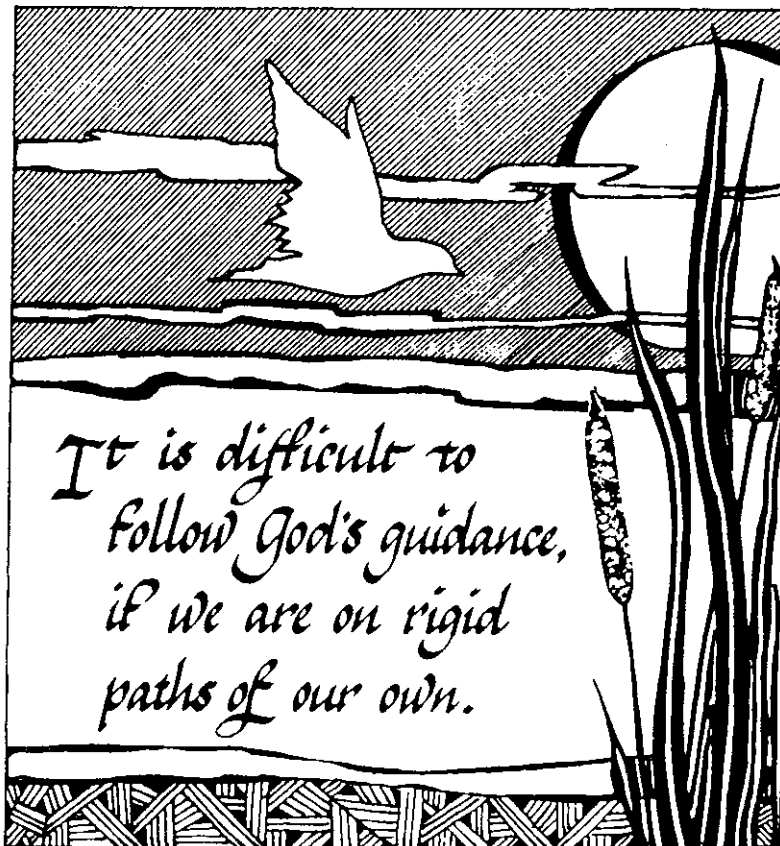
This past Sunday I had the privilege of worshiping with Pastor Pat Toschak as she led our service. As many of you know Pastor Pat is a retired UMC pastor with over 40 years of ministry, serving God and the people of the world. If you have never heard Pastor Pat preach, you are missing out on a wonderful gift. Pastor Pat helped our congregation prepare for the new change that will be taking place next Sunday as we welcome Pastor Tony Romaine. She also (in her gentle and kind way) encouraged us all to become ministers for the world. Through our baptism and communion we were asked to recommit to God and the work of the church. I, for one, have taken Pastor Pat's message to heart.

We have a wonderful new change to taking place in our church with the arrival of Pastor Tony. He is excited about the opportunity to lead our church and serve as our pastor. Pastor Tony will bring new ideas to grow our church and continue our service to others. I know when you meet him you will see the energy and commitment he has for the ministry and his love of God. I believe our church has truly been blessed to have him.

As members of First United we begin a new chapter in the life of the church. Together we can work to build a strong faith community that serves God and his people. As I reflect and pray on how I can support our church, I encourage all of you to do the same. Our church is filled with talented and caring people who have so much to give. Your gifts are needed as we continue to nurture and grow. As Pastor Pat so eloquently stated, we are all called to be ministers of God and his people. Let's be the change we want to see in the world.

Peace,

Jill Griffith-McRaith
Lay Leader



Please note: As soon as Pastor Tony gets settled in, we will resume bible study, youth fellowship and Wednesday contemporary services. We will notify you of updates.

September & October 2017 Worship Volunteer Schedule

September 3

Greeter/Ushers: Bette Benedett, Nancy Dobmeier

Scripture Reader: Jeff Poehler

Communion Servers: Renae Oothoudt, Orv & Mary Lou Yatckoske

September 10

Greeter/Ushers: Doug Larsen & Cathy Hartle

Scripture Reader: Ida Mae Holland

September 17

Greeter/Ushers: Jan O'Quinn, Jeff Poehler

Scripture Reader: Renae Oothoudt

Communion Servers: Bill Morse, Dave Sherman, Nancy Thoene

September 24

Greeter/Ushers: Ida Mae Holland, Jan O'Quinn

Scripture Reader: Helen Isaacson

October 1

Greeter/Ushers: Rosie Brower, Jeff Poehler

Scripture Reader: Shawn Holtz

October 8

Greeter/Ushers: Dave Sherman, Nancy Thoene

Scripture Reader: Mary Jean Stobb

Communion Servers: Debra Bultnick, Richard & Peggy May

October 15

Greeter/Ushers: Nancy Dobmeier, Keith Manbeck, Betsy Tepley

Scripture Reader: Debra Bultnick

October 22

Greeter/Ushers: Helen Isaacson, Edith Lowe

Scripture Reader: Roy Belcher

Communion Servers: Larry & Rosie Brower, Edith Lowe

October 29

Greeter/Ushers: Orv & Mary Lou Yatckoske

Scripture Reader: Odell Coenen



For those unable to serve, please find a replacement for your spot.

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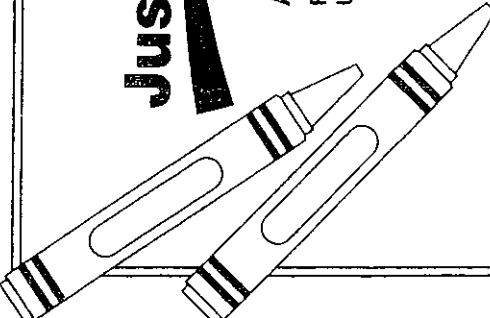
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If you know someone who would like to receive the Uniter or if you no longer wish to receive The Uniter, please contact the church office.

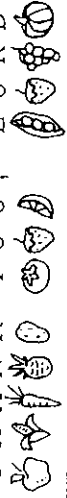


Just for KIDS

Acts 14:17b

Fill in the blanks to find the words from the Scripture.
Use the special code.

THANK YOU, LORD



“ e s s w i e s s b _____

g i v i n g i f m e v e _____

_____ c o p s i e i s e s s _____

_____ e p v i e s _____ w i _____ p l e _____

_____ f f d _____ f i s _____

_____ e s w i _____ i _____ ”

“He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; He provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.”