

United Methodist Church

NOVEMBER 2008 Monthly Newsletter

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Please email newsletter submissions or corrections to
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Service Volunteers for November

	8:00 am Scripture	9:30 am Greeters	9:30 am Scripture	9:30 am Liturgist
Nov 2	Merle Mahn	Gladys Linder & Laura Bigelow	Cindy Craig	Pastor Don Jones
Nov 9	Louise Rainey	Dorothy & Jim Schenk	Clay Ruggles	Gloria Feigal
Nov 16	Cathy Briggs	Kathy & Jerry Koellner	Randy Olson	Steve Eichhorn
Nov 23	Constance Anderson	Louise Rainey & Doug Blondell	Jean Templeton	Steve Eichhorn
Nov 30	Pat Bremer	Lorraine Robe & Earl Jewel	Paul Billingsley	Carl Wirtanen

UMW Meeting - Thursday, Nov 6th @ 1:00 pm

Program will be the Thank offering.

Please remember your offering for this program.

All monies will be donated to the LC food shelf

Yes it's that time of year again to get ready for the Christmas season. Decorate Church on November 23rd with a Noon pot luck with sloppy joes - beverage to be served.

Am I Helping Make Followers of Jesus?

Dear friends,

Do you remember the purpose of our church? It's God's purpose for any church. I hope you will recognize it: It's so basic.

The purpose of our church is to change people into followers of Jesus Christ.

There is a plan for how to do this in scripture. It's a mighty purpose. It has the power to save people's lives, not only from eternal death. Becoming a follower of Christ means we no longer need to follow the lifestyles that lead to disaster in our lives on earth. I call them the six deadly D's: Drugs, disease, depression, dropping out, divorce, destruction, and death. Put a different way: Our addictions, our bodily disabilities brought on by lifestyle, our mental illnesses, our failures to progress in life, our relationship failures, our criminal instincts, and our early deaths can be minimized, when our society re-embraces and follows Jesus Christ.

We will not be saved from these scourges, if we as individuals turn to Christ. Our whole society must turn. Jesus Christ can save you from having to commit crimes; He doesn't save us from our neighbors who don't know Him who commit crimes against us. An unholy nation will do unholy things to all its citizens, even those who don't agree with the unholy ones. It takes a whole community to bring the full blessings of the Kingdom of God. We can't do it alone.

But we can begin. We can at our church.

I hope you have this purpose fixed in your mind already, as I now ask you to apply this purpose to your church life: "Making followers of Jesus Christ as described in scripture."

I truly thank God for all you do in His Name at our church! I believe you have dedicated your time to His work. But I have an important question for you to ask:

“How does the group activity that I am doing for Christ actually help transform people into a devoted follower of Jesus Christ?”

How does my Sunday morning help change me? How do I assist the Holy Spirit in changing others through my activity at church? How do things like the Trustee meetings, the Turkey Dinner, a group around a table drinking coffee, this newsletter, choir practice, or Angelfood Ministries help anyone follow Jesus? Do they? Or are we doing them simply because we enjoy the process of doing them? Do we do them, simply because we always have? It is possible to do something, dedicated to Christ, and it really doesn't engage people in any way that leads them in the direction of God.

Another way to ask the question is: Are our activities at church set up in a way that encourages people to follow Christ? Are we doing things that, if they disappeared, Jesus would not miss them?

God accepts everything we do that is dedicated to Him and is according to His will. If you pick up trash in the park and no one even knows it, your act of giving to God is blessed and you are transformed by that act.

The point is that the purpose of the church is to transform people. Too many churches are full of busy people, who are genuinely serving God doing many things. But the thing that isn't getting done is personal change and growth.

I would urge you to evaluate your ministry activities at church. Do they help anyone besides you grow spiritually?

Don

COOKIE SALE

*December 6th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
(or until cookies are gone)*

Find those favorite Christmas cookie recipes and BAKE, BAKE, BAKE!



The cookies should be at the Church by 4:00 pm on Friday, December 5th to get them on trays, or you can bring them already arranged. Please make sure you put your name on you trays!!

We also need people to HELP!!!

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.

Friday, December 5th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon: Help decorate the cookies. Please bring your decorating tools and colored sugars. Frosting will be provided. Join in on the fun and fellowship!

Friday, December 5th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm: Set up boxes, tables, dish up cookies and decorate the fellowship hall.

Saturday, December 6th from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm: Serve in the coffee Shoppe, boxing cookies for customers, kitchen help and clean-up.

Don't forget that our goal is for every family to bring 10-12 dozen cookies for this event!

We are in need of an electric scale. Please let Mary Kay know if you have one.

This is a UMW fundraiser. Join in the fun and fellowship!!!

Half of the proceeds will go to the UMW Budget and the other half will go towards Church Apportionments.

Cookie Committee

Sandy Grettenberg, Mary Kay Paine, Joann Loppnow, Ginny Ruggles, and Jean Templeton

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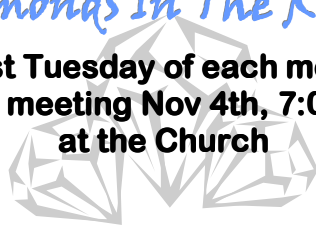
Stewardship Campaign

*Sign-up sheet is located
in the Church Narthex*

Please see enclosed flyer
for details & schedule
or call Al Thompson
651-448-0107

Diamonds In The Rough

**First Tuesday of each month
Next meeting Nov 4th, 7:00 pm
at the Church**



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Saturdays @ 7:00 am
Next meeting Nov 1st

Susanna

Monday, Nov 10th at 7:00 pm
Hosted by Sandy
Grettenberg



Circle

Priscilla Circle

Monday at
Nov 17th **9:15am**
Hosted by Laura Bigelow &
Etta Mae Dirks



**ANGEL FOOD
DISTRIBUTION**



Saturday, November 22nd
NEW TIME 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
(volunteers needed at 10:00 am)
Please let Al Thompson (651-448-0107)
know if you plan on working on
the distribution team that day.

**Last day to order
Angel Food
is
November 7th
by 2:00pm**

Bingo Dates

**Next DIA Bingo will be
November 15th
at 1:30pm to 3:30pm
No Bingo in December
Call Al Thompson @ 448-
0107**

(local call in Lake City)

Address Update

Laura Bigelow

221 North Franklin Street #208
Lake City, MN 55041

Dorothy Mathews

500 W. Grant Street
Lake City, MN 55041

LaBelle Froyd

7470 Spring Village Dr. #2-310
Springfield, VA 22150

Than & Sarah Chesher

789 10th Street
Nevada, IA 50201

Jim and Mary Kay Paine

201 East Walnut Apt 206
Lake City, MN 55041

Cathy Mayfield

1126 North Oak St.
Lake City, MN 55041

Kermit & Jenn Bottke

320 West Lyon Ave.
Lake City, MN 55041

Young in Spirit Group

What: Christmas Concert of Sacred & Traditional Music

Where: Rochester Community College

When: Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.

Cost: \$7.00 per person (this includes a dessert and beverage served at intermission)

We will leave Lake City at 6:15. Those needing a ride will be picked up at their home.

Reservations and money must be in by Friday, November 21st so tickets can be ordered.

Please pay Sandy or Joel Grettenberg

Congratulations To.....

Helen Willers on the birth of a Grandson.
Pierson Keith Willers was born October 11th, 2008
at the Rochester Methodist Hospital.
Parents are Chris and Angie Willers of Lake City

Funeral Changes

For several years Laura Bigelow has taken care of arrangements for funeral lunches in our Church, She has asked to retire. We give many thanks to her for her work, and have a replacement for her valuable services. However, along with that replacement we are trying to set up some worker lists. Since funerals are a service of the Church we are asking one and all to consider helping. We will provide cakes for members if wanted and work at the lunch; all other food is provided by the family but needs to be served. If you could, if possible, volunteer to provide a cake or work please sign-up on the sheet provided in the narthex. There is great fellowship in the Church Kitchen.

On behalf of UMW

Thanks for your attention.

Joann Loppnow

753-2487

Items that are still of need for the Priscilla Circle Christmas Stockings.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Needed</u>
Toothbrushes	0	Mending Kits	16
Toothpaste	24	Nail Clippers	5
Towelettes	20	Kleenex	3
Deodorant	9	Shower Gel	11
Chap Stick	14	Shower Caps	13
Disposal Razors	0	Bubble Bath	20
Kids Card Game	20	Slipper Sox	14
Playing Cards	11	Post-It Notes	0

Questions? call Pat Bremer at 345-3423

Our Sympathies To.....

Family and friends of Charlene Gerads, the SE District Superintends secretary for 18 yrs, who died in Rochester. Her funeral was September 29 at Christ UMC in Rochester.

Faye and Gene Jarrett on the death of her sister-in-law, Joyce Broitzman in rural Millville, MN on September 23. Her funeral service was on September 26th at Schleicher Funeral Home in Plainview with burial in Dale Pleasant Prairie Cemetery in rural Zumbro Falls .

Greg and Nancy Schwanbeck and family on the death of Nancy's Mother.

Margaret Holtegaard of St. Charles who died on October 10,2008 at the Lewiston Villa Nursing Home. Her funeral was October 14, 2008 at the St.Charles United Methodist Church.

The food is flying off the shelves faster than it can be replaced. In January through April we had 172 families in need. May through September we had 357, for a total of 30,730 lbs. of food being distributed. Your Lake City Food Shelf needs your help. Whether in the form of cash donations or food stuffs, all is greatly needed and appreciated.

Thanks for any help you can provide.

Methodist Church Christmas Party

Lake City Nursing Home

Tuesday, December 9th @ 2:00 pm

Come and join us for cookies and Christmas songs at the Nursing Home.

Your help is needed



LAKE CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
September 23, 2008

Members present: Louise Rainey, Paul Moechnig, BettyJean Burnham, Greg & Angela Sprick, MaryKay & Jim Paine, Randy & Anne Olson, Al Thompson, Gloria Feigal, Joyce Moechnig, Kathy Sanders, Pastor Kristine, Clay & Ginny Ruggles, Carl & Pat Wirtanen, Pastor Don.

Jim Paine called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Pastor Don opened the meeting with prayer.

He thanked everyone who worked so diligently at the motocross and turkey dinner.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Sanders reported that \$8,107.90 of apportionments for the year have been paid (about five months); so we owe for June, July, August and now Sept. and hope to pay all by the end of the year. We have a balance of \$2,131 available for payroll next week.

Budget: Paul Moechnig handed out copies of the proposed budget for 2009 for the church. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the budget as presented.

Stewardship: Al Thompson reported that on Sept. 28th there will be a presentation for this fall's Stewardship Campaign. There will be four small group meetings in homes in October at the parsonage. Louise, MaryKay, Clay and Kristine volunteered to make snacks for these meetings.

Trustees: Randy Olson said that the kitchen fire extinguisher will be replaced; the furnace pipe is fixed and are waiting for winter to test it. There is money in Memorials for a sink and counter top for the Nursery and also Memorial money for lighting in the sanctuary. Several miscellaneous items have been fixed in the church. There was some discussion about the chimes and equipment and it was decided to put a notice in the district newsletter and sell them for the best offer as they are in need of repair and not being used. From SPPR Committee: they requested that an inventory be taken of all electronics, band equipment etc.

S.P.P.R.: Gloria Feigal reported that Travis Walker is to interview for the band and choir director positions. They will set up several people who are going to get together with Larry Flater and Kristine to see how their books are kept. S.T.O.R.M. in Lake City is coming up; and hopefully the Sexual

Guidelines training may be after Sunday School some Sunday. Don's vacation will be over November 23rd and they've asked Kristine to cover that Sunday and Greg will cover for Kristine 11/16 when she will be gone. A.C.T. Don is trying to set up a meeting of Youth Ministers to determine how to replace A.C.T. that has ceased active operations. Pastor Kristine is officially listed in the District Journal as one-quarter time pastor. SPPR will be meeting with the D.S. before our Oct. 29th Charge Conference. Don said all reports are due by 10/10 as the secretary will be on vacation after that. Items for the newsletter are due then too. There has been some problems with members receiving the newsletter by email and Don will ask the secretary to put a notice in the bulletin to let the church office know if they are not getting it.

Lay Leader: Anne Olson said she had nothing to report.

Missions: Randy Olson said he had nothing to report.

Youth Ministry: Joyce reported for Rann Loppnow that S.T.O.R.M. Lake City will be October 17 and 18th. They need jobs for the youth to do, so please let Rann know.

Children and Youth Ministry/Sunday School: Pastor Don reported that we need a backup for the 2 and 3 year old class, for when Angela can't be there. Sonya Reckman is a possibility. The lack of a Sunday School Superintendent is a major need.

U.M.W.: Joyce Moechnig reported that our next meeting is October 2 and the speaker is from Habitate for Humanity at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited. Approximately 360 people were served at the turkey dinner.

Disciples in Action: Al Thompson stated that they have received over 1,000 request for help and he expressed his appreciation of everyone's time as it is the best you can give. Angel Food Ministry has recently purchased a closed trailer to transport the food - a giant step forward from the ice chests and then the freezers on a trailer that had been used. Distribution will be this Sat. at 11 a.m. Hastings is set to be a host site now and they are working with several other churches including Brooklyn Park, Anoka, and Eau Claire, Wis.

Outreach: Al reported that Alpha is again under way. The city of Lake City is no longer providing a list of hookups, so it's more difficult to learn names of new residents for them to call on.

Church Values Investigation Team: Outreach Committee is taking a leadership role for this project. Everyone interested on working on this team, please let Al know. They will have a recommendation back to the

Church Council in February.

Adult Ministries: Angela Sprick reported that the Prayer of Jabez studies is an 8 part study with a DVD included. Greg will facilitate the 8 and 9:30 classes and the study will be marketed this Sunday in all three services. Oct. 7th will be a committee meeting to work on the vision of this team and how they can best branch out to reach the community.

Worship: MaryKay Paine said October 5th is World Wide Communion Sunday. Joel and Sandy Grettenberg are in charge. Pat Bremer is now being paid to be the choir director. Memorial Dedication will be December 2nd at the 8 and/or 9:30 services, as required.

Technology: Pastor Don is hosting a meeting tomorrow night at 7 p.m. about televising our church services for discussion of how best to resolve our televised ministries.

Associate Pastor: Pastor Kristine is excited about several things happening with the Live Alive Service. There are 3 people who go to that service that want to become members of the church.

Memorials: Louise Rainey reported that there is \$8,473 in that fund as of 8/2008 with \$2,067 un-designated that may that they are the leader and coordinators of prayer and spiritual life of the church.

Young in Spirit: I reported that the RCC Christmas Concert will be December 11th.

Annual Conference: Clay Ruggles reported that the manuals are available. New Business: Randy and Kandy are making a banner on a Prayer Board that will be put in the narthex to keep track of prayer requests and answer.

Nominations: Pastor Don reported that they need help in filling several positions.

Next meeting date is Thursday, December 4th at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Ruggles

Membership: Joyce Moechnig said she has no report.

Spiritual Formation: Carl Wirtanen asked what this committee does and Don's answer is