



The Window

October 2017 Newsletter



Let your **roots** go down into Christ, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and **you will overflow with thankfulness.**

Colossians 2:7

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“That’s Good Enough, God”



Most of us are too easily satisfied. It’s not that we ask too much from our Savior. We have the opposite problem—we are willing to settle for far too little. Our personal goals, wishes and dreams fall far short of God’s plans and purposes for us.

God will settle for nothing less than each of us being completely conformed to the likeness of his Son. He will finally and completely defeat sin and death. He will not abandon his purpose for any reason at any time. Other thoughts capture us:

1. *The Consumer Mentality.* Here we’re like religious shoppers. We’re just looking for a religious experience that is comfortable and meets our felt needs—and we have no problem moving on when we’re dissatisfied.
2. *The “Good Is Good Enough” Mentality.* Yes, we’re thankful for the changes grace has brought into our lives, but we get satisfied too easily. We’re satisfied with a little knowledge of God, a slightly better marriage, a little more spiritual growth, etc. We quit seeking, but God is far from finished with transforming us.
3. *The “Personal Comfort vs. Personal Holiness Mentality.* What captures our hearts is the craving for a life that is comfortable, pleasurable and problem free. “God is good” if life is working for us rather than if he is making radical—difficult but necessary—changes in our character.
4. *The Event vs. Process Mentality.* Here we are just impatient. We sort of want God to do the good things he has promised us, but we don’t want to have to persevere through a lifelong process. We want God’s work to be *an event* rather than *a process*, and when it’s not, our commitment begins to lag.

Ask yourself today, “What do I really want from God?” Have you made the hard, lifelong purposes of His grace your life purpose? Do you want what God wants—or are you simply too easily satisfied?

If you’d like to study this further, please read *Philippians 2:1-18*. You’ll be both challenged and encouraged!

Pastor Mike

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October Happenings



Friendly Fellowship

Our Friendly Fellowship Potluck & Program will be held Tuesday, October 24th. Tim Hacker of Windom Emergency Services will be our speaker.

If you would like to speak at one of our lunches, or know someone who would provide a good program, please let the office know.

All are welcome to bring food to share and join us for lunch!



Coats For Kids

Cottonwood Co. children and teens will soon be needing new or gently used snow pants, coats, hats, boots and mittens for children of all ages. Can you help? A donation box is located in the church lobby (as well as at other locations around town). Cash donations are accepted, and are used to purchase boots, and any items that are not supplied by donation. All donations should be free of rips and stains and should have usable buttons and zippers. For more information, or to request winter wear for your children, call Public Health at 831-1987. Checks may be written to First UMC, marked for Coats For Kids. **Donations will be collected through Tuesday, October 31st.**

Special needs: boots, snow pants and children's coats sizes 6-12.



UMW News



Monday October 2 The annual meeting of the Lakeview Auxiliary will be held at Lakeview Chapel. Please contact Dorothy Van Norman if you are interested in going, or if you have questions. Lakeview Health Services is a United Methodist Senior Health Care facility and senior independent living in Fairmont MN. More information is available online at: <http://lakeviewmethodist.org>.

Tuesday October 3 Executive Meeting 9:30am

Wednesday October 4 Lois Circle meets at 3:30pm

Saturday October 7 The UMW Conference Annual Gathering will be held in Hutchinson

Wednesday October 11 Friendship Circle Meets at 2:00pm



Baptism

We rejoice with the Schunk family on the baptism of their daughter Mabel Lorraine!



A big **Thank You** to everyone who sent cards and notes for our 75th wedding anniversary August 28th, it was good hearing from you. We had a great party. Wish you could have joined us.

Edith & Harold Johnson

Opportunities



Minnesota Reading Corps and Minnesota Math Corps are looking for **tutors** in Windom.

Medicare Enrollment Assistance is coming to Windom Oct. 26.

Please see details in the west hall.

October is...



"Then I will give you
shepherds after my own
heart, who will lead you with
knowledge and understanding."
Jeremiah 3:15 NIV

We appreciate you,
Pastor Mike and Kathy JOI

I have not stopped giving
thanks for you,
remembering you
in my prayers.
Ephesians 1:16

First Things 2018 Calendar



Pastor Mike creates and produces a 30-minute ministry program called "First Things" that airs on KDOM radio every Sunday morning at 11:30. KDOM provides the air time for just \$34 each week. Sponsorships are available through Memorials in memory of, or in honor of, special people or special occasions.

The 2018 sponsorship calendar has arrived and most dates are still available to sponsor.

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored First Things broadcasts over the years!



Cookies for Lakeview

The Lakeview Methodist Home in Fairmont serves six dozen cookies a day. We have been asked to help provide some cookies. The Lakeview cooks suggest you list ingredients like nuts, coconut, etc. If you like to bake, now is your chance to make the residents happy. Cookies are being collected in the church freezer through Sunday morning October 1st. If you have questions, please call me at 831-1963.

Dorothy Van Norman

How Can I help Disaster Victims?

Hurricane Relief—Hygiene Kits

The Mission Team is asking the congregation to help support the Sunday School classes with supplies for Hygiene Kits. The kids will be putting the kits together. Monetary gifts are welcome for supplies and for mailing the kits. Lists of the supplies needed are on the info wall (look for beige paper). Checks can be made payable to First UMC and designated for Hygiene Kits.



Hope 4 Kids International Tom Fggum

Sunday, October 8th Tom will speak to us about his international mission helping children and families through missions including child sponsorships, water wells, short-term mission trips, education, adopting villages, and more. Many in our congregation sponsor children and have gone on mission trips with Tom and his mission organization.

UMCOR The United Methodist Committee On Relief is currently working with disaster coordinators and response teams to provide relief to the many people whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes. Through UMCOR, 100% of donations go directly to relief. If you would like to donate to UMCOR for US Disaster Relief, please make your payment to First UMC, and designate 'Hurricane' in the check memo or on the envelope. Our donations will be combined and sent to UMCOR together. Thank you for your generosity to help those in need.

Senior Nutrition Fundraiser



*"30 Days—30 Ways to be
the Neighbor"*

In November, our congregation will participate in a Lutheran Social Service fundraiser for the Senior Nutrition Program. In our November newsletter there will be a fundraiser calendar, encouraging us to put coins in a paper bag each day. If you would like to help with this mission fundraiser, you may want to start saving your coins!

Review Giving Statements

Giving statements through August were provided recently. Please check your statement against your records for accuracy. We began using a new computer program for church records this summer. If there are any errors, we would like to know about them so we can look into them and make corrections. Thank you!

How Can I Participate in this Ministry?



Current areas in need are....

PowerPoint Operator

Forward computer slides during the service

Nursery

Care for our young children

Care Facility Visitation

Deliver bulletins and newsletters to friends at Windom care facilities

For all these areas, people take turns with many others. Please contact Becki Wormstadt at umcvolunteer@windomnet.com.

Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00am—Noon & 1:00—4:00pm

Closed Columbus Day October 9th

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Sunday School
Meets at 9:00.
Prek—Seniors
3 Adult Life Groups
to choose from.
- Uninvited Bible
Study continues on
Wednesdays at
6:30 through
October 25th
- October 1st—
youth group meets.
5:00 junior high,
6:30 senior high
- October 1st—
Event registrations
are due!
- October 4th, -
KFC begins—3-5
grades 6:30-7:30
- October 8-
November 5th
Collection of
Operation
Christmas Child
Shoeboxes.
- October 22nd—
All Youth will meet
from 5:30-7:30
- November 3rd-
5th— Jr. High
JUMY's retreat.



“Pack your shoebox with love, send it with prayer, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child. That’s the power of a simple gift.”

Franklin Graham
President,
Samaritan’s
Purse

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

OCTOBER 2017

WE HAD A GREAT RALLY DAY!

Our first day of Sunday school was September 11th. What a great day it was! The halls were filled with kids and adults coming in for the 9:00 Sunday school hour! This year featured western hoedown games, and horse drawn wagon rides and pony rides after church. A lot of good memories were made that day. We had a lunch of grilled hamburgers which was prepared by our Grillmasters! Thank you Bret Raverty & Rob Visker. Thank you to our bean makers; Rick & Sue Frederickson, Jody Derickson, Kathy Jo McInnis, and Laura Williams. Thank you to everyone who helped out that day! You are great!

Looking forward to another wonderful year of Sunday school!
Many Blessings... Robin Snyder



Give a Gift this Christmas to Operation Christmas Child! Here's how!

The Sunday School classes would like the congregation to join them in an effort to get involved in Operation Christmas Child, a unique project of Samaritan's Purse that delivers gift-filled shoe boxes to hurting children around the world.

This simple, hands-on mission project gives our entire church family a tangible way to demonstrate the true meaning of Christmas—God's gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. In addition, Operation Christmas Child allows our church to minister across denominational barriers with thousands of other churches and enables national churches to reach

the poor in their countries with hope, love and the Gospel.

Participating is simple. Look for the display that will be located in the church lobby very soon. At the display you will find a brochure to take. This brochure lists info to get you started.

You may donate a variety of gifts. There are suggestions on the brochure. There is also a need for shipping. They are asking for a \$7 donation for the shipping of the shoebox.

The deadline for collection is November 5th.

We hope that you will consider being a part of this mission.

Kids for Christ Starts October 4th!

KFC meets the first Wednesday of every month during the school year. We meet @ 6:30 in the art/craft room. Children in grades 3-5 are invited to join us! We will have snacks, games, and projects. We are so excited that Lisa Ambrose will be joining us again this year! We look forward to seeing all the kids and having a great year!!



Monday, October 2 8oz.Creamy Vegetable Soup 2 1/2 oz. Turkey Sandwich 1/2 c. Fruit Cup Crackers/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, October 3 3 oz. Liver or Pepper Steak 1/2c. Buttered Boiled Potatoes 1/2 c. Carrots Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, October 4 3 oz. Roast Beef 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas Dinner Roll/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, October 5 4 oz. Pork Chop/Brown gravy 1/2 c. Sweet Potatoes 1/2 c. Winter Blend Veget. Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk COOKS CHOICE	Friday, October 6 4 oz. Swedish Meatballs 1/2 c. Paprika Potatoes 1/2 c. Country Blend Veg Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, October 9 6 oz. Beef Noodle Casserole 1/2 c. Green Beans 1/2 c. Peaches Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, October 10 3 oz. Roast Turkey 1/2c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas Cranberry Garnish/Bread/Marg Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, October 11 4 oz. Meatloaf/Catsup 1/2 c. Whole Parslied Potatoes 1/2 c. Creamed Corn Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk \$2 DINNER DAY	Thursday, October 12 5 oz. Oven Crispy Chicken 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes/Gravy 1/2 c. Carrots Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, October 13 8 oz. Meaty Beef Stew with Carrots & Potatoes 1/2 c. Cole Slaw Biscuit/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, October 16 3 oz. Swiss Steak 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, October 17 3 oz. Pork Loin 1/2 c. Whole Potatoes 1/2 c. Buttered Cabbage Dinner Roll/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk BIRTHDAY LUNCH	Wednesday, October 18 6 oz. Lasagna 1/2 c. California Blend Veg. 1/2 c. Pears Garlic Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, October 19 4oz. Honey Mustard Chicken Brst Baked Potato/Sr. Crm 1/2 c. Green Bean Casserole Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, October 20 4oz.Pub House Fish/Tartar Sc. 1/2 c. AuGratin Potatoes 1/2 c. Mixed Vegetables Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, October 23 8 oz. Chili 1/2 c. Lettuce/Drsg 2 oz. Cheese Sandwich Bun/Margarine/Crackers Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, October 24 3 oz. Egg Bake w/Sausage or Ham 1/2 c. Oven Baked Potatoes 1/2 c. Fruit Cocktail Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, October 25 5 oz. Baked Chicken Baked Potato/Sr. Crm 1/2 c. Squash Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, October 26 4 oz. Meatballs/Gravy 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Beets Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, October 27 8 oz. Ham Boiled Dinner w/ Cabbage, Potatoes,Carrots 1/2 c. Peaches Cornbread /Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, October 30 3 oz. Sloppy Joe 1/2 c. Potato Salad 1/2 cup Fruit Salad Bun/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, October 31 Stuffed Baked Potato 2 oz. Ham, 1 oz. Cheese 1/2 c. Broccoli Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk HALLOWEEN	 www.ssnmn.org 831-6161	GIFT CERTIFICATES for meals available at your site or purchase on line at our website: www.lssmn.org/nutrition	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or EBT/Food Stamps) payment is accepted in lieu of donation. Contact Site Manager for more information.

This service is funded in part by a contract from the Area Agency on Aging with funding from the Federal Older Americans Act through the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Additional funds are provided by the State of Minnesota, United Ways, local communities, and other adult contributions. Approved by: Terri Weyer, RD, LD

Posted menu is regular diet. Diabetic, sodium, and fat restricted diets available upon request. Regular menu provides average of 700-800 calories.

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 "The Event" Registrations Due</p> <p>9:00a Sunday School 9:00 Adult Life Groups 9:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 First Things 5:00p Jr Hi Youth 6:30 HS Youth</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Lakeview Health Services Auxiliary Meeting, Fairmont</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30a UMW Executive Meeting</p> <p>6:00p Worship Broadcast on Cable Channel 3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00a Bible Study 3:30p Lois Circle 6:30 KFC Kickoff 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30a McPrayer at McDonalds</p>	<p>7</p> <p>UMW Annual Conference Gathering Hutchinson: Vineyard UMC</p>
<p>8 Hope 4 Kids</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Life Groups 9:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 First Things</p> <p>Operation Christmas Child Begins (goes thru November 5)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:30pm Missions</p> <p>6:00pm Worship Broadcast on Cable Channel 3</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00a Bible Study 2:00p Friendship Circle 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Trustees Mtg 7:30 Finance 7:30 Staff Parish</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30am McPrayer at McDonalds</p>	<p>14</p>
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<p>22</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Life Groups 9:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 First Things 5:30p ALL Youth</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12:00 Noon Friendly Fellowship Potluck & Program</p> <p>6:00pm Worship Broadcast on Cable Channel 3</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Confirmation 6:30 Bible Study 7:30pm ReThink Team</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30am McPrayer at McDonalds</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Pastor Appreciation Day</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Life Groups 9:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 First Things</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:00pm Worship Broadcast on Cable Channel 3</p>			<p>Corrections? Additions? Please let the office know – 831-3284 or UMCOffice@ windomnet.com</p>	

First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bret Raverty Lane & Deann Steele	2 Bud Lyons Tom & Marlys Christensen	3 Joel Luitjens	4	5 Emma Snyder	6	7 Priscilla Bonde
8 Darrel Stevens	9	10	11 Todd Deutchman	12 Lucas Ingram David & Jody Derickson	13 Darla Deutchman Kaige O'Brien Jim & Kathy Glidden	14 Tyson King Judy Rhoda Sarah Smith
15 Laura Fresk Glen & Denise Francis	16 Eldon & Deanna Moon	17	18 Eva Morgan Verlan Ray	19 A.J. Steen	20 Dennis Marker	21 Jessica Ambrose Keith Buresch Melinda Schunk Goody Youngren
22	23 Keaton LaCanne Don Olson	24 Bryce Green	25 Brandon & Melissa Pletcher	26 Steve Glidden Abby Luitjens	27 Jerry Ambrose Judy Rand Shaun Schunk Ciera Visker Verlan & Judi Ray	28
29 Tami Vesey	30	31 Walt Falk Meghan Vesey		Black – Birthday Blue - Anniversary	Please let the office know if we are missing anyone. 831-3284	