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 Etta Schroeder Marlene Wieneke
 Nancy Hyink Gerald Fisher
 Claribel Grussing Kristi Johnson
 Elaine Mess John Clease
 Henry Mess Bruce Lease
 Weston Erlandson Steve Timmons
 Monica Veil Ken Bipes
 Phil Glembin Ajulo Ochala
 Ariana Lopez Casen Hotzler
 Aiden Remme Bill Carlberg
 Mike Miller

Giving thanks & praying for:

Local farmers...

Our teachers, administrators, students...

Front line health care workers...

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CENTERING WORDS ¹

Pray without ceasing. Pray without giving up.
Pray with tenacity, courage, and hope!

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

UMH #473 - "Lead Me, Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Called by God to be people of prayer, we gather today as people of prayer.
We come to worship and pray together.

✚ PRAISE

UMH #496 - "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

✚ PRAYER of CONFESSION ³

Faithful God, we gather during this sweet hour of worship and prayer. When there are moments when our prayers are absent, speak to us and return our attention to you. When our prayers and attitudes are self-serving, humble us and bring us back to compassionate and caring ways. God of faith and God of glory, give us confidence when our faith falters. Empower us with your Spirit, that we may pray with confidence and faith, and with tenacity and courage, all the days of our lives. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON ⁴

If an unjust judge will listen to the pleas of a persistent widow,
how much more will our compassionate God listen to us when we pray?
God hears your prayers and answers with mercy and grace.

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Help Needed!!

We need 2 people that care about the youth of our church. They would co-teach with our established teachers in the youngest two classes of Sunday School. A part-time volunteer position, you'd help the teacher and fill in when they needed to be gone. Whether you've taught before or just enjoy children, please consider completing our education staff by volunteering for one of these positions. If interested, please contact Pat Grimmus (pagrimmus@gmail.com) or Gretchen O'Donnell



LaLst Week's Offering:	\$2,245
Carry Over Revenue (2021):	\$32,516
Year-to-date Revenue:	\$232,867
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$234,223

Thank you for your faithful giving!



Gretchen's Blog:

Please check out Gretchen's new blog on our website! *First Things First* will publish every Wednesday (or at least that's the goal) and can be accessed by going to the FUMC homepage and clicking on "Gretchen's Blog" on the menu. Please stop by her blog and leave a comment if you're so inclined!

Wednesday Night...

Wednesday evening meals have returned!

Please join us for fellowship and food, will resume on October 26th, in the Fellowship Hall. Meals will be served from 5:15-6:30, meaning that you can come at any point in that time frame and there will be food ready and waiting for you!

A free-will donation basket will be available.

We would love to have more volunteers to serve and help prepare the food. If interested, please contact Nancy Galland at 360-8833.

October 26th Menu: Sub Sandwiches

Bars Needed!

Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex for more details and to choose a date (or two) that works for you to provide this yummy treat as part of our fellowship together. Thank You!

Encounter Youth Group at Hy-Vee:

All middle and senior youth groups are invited to come to Hy-Vee from 6:30-8:00 p.m. every Sunday evening for fun with your friends from First United Methodist, First Lutheran and Westminster Presbyterian churches for "Encounter". All youth are invited to come and encounter renewed friendships, making a new friend, or even bringing a friend! There will be games, drinks, snacks, fellowship and devotion.

It all continues on Sunday, October 16th at 6:30 p.m.. Join us at Hy-Vee!

Credo Confirmation Starts Next Week...

The Credo Confirmation class will resume on Wednesday, October 26th at 4:30 p.m. for First UMC eighth and ninth graders. The class will meet in the Heritage Room. Parents are invited to be a part of the journey. Please keep this Confirmation class in your prayers as they learn to develop and shape their beliefs and faith in God, in Christ, and in the Holy Spirit: Alisa Maras, Claire Meyer, Hannah Hill, Jayse Geertsema, Dylan Schuett, and Ashley Williams.

God's answer imprints love on our very hearts.
In this mercy and grace, we are given forgiveness, help, and sustenance.
Receive these gifts and rejoice, for all is well.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAISE

*"Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Somebody's Knockin' at My Door"*
First UMC Bell Choir: Directed by Brenda DeSmith

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:1-8

MESSAGE

"Finding Faith on Earth"

We Respond to God's Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship)

✚ DOXOLOGY

TFWS #2036 - *"Give Thanks"*

✚ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

✚ PRAISE

UMH #352 - *"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"*

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by 1 Thessalonians 5 and Luke 18.

² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Luke 18.

³ The Prayer of Confession is based on or inspired by Jeremiah 31 and Luke 18.

⁴ The Words of Assurance and Pardon is based on or inspired by Luke 18.

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First UMC, our nursery is open, but is not staffed at this time. A baby changing station is available in the nursery and also in the women's restroom located in the education wing.

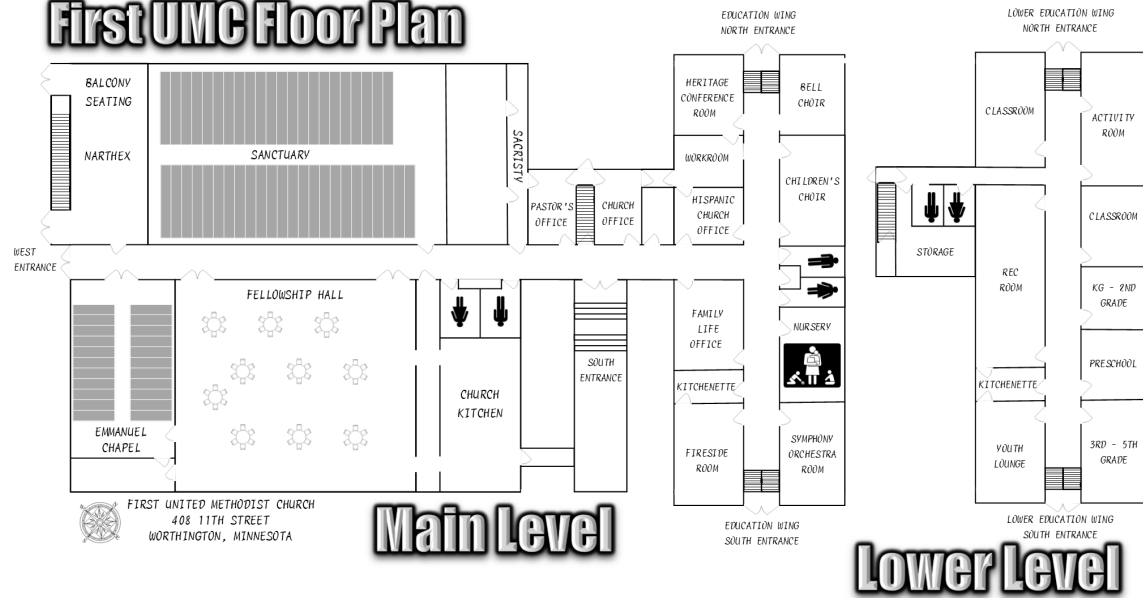
Worship activity bags for children are in the narthex.

A Note to Our Guests....

Thank you for taking the time to worship with us this Sunday! We hope and pray that this worship experience will increase your faith and help you develop more resources for growing in Christ.

We welcome you to First Church!

First UMC Floor Plan



It's a Halloween Party!

On Sunday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m., First Church is sponsoring a Halloween Party in the Fellowship Hall for everyone 1 to 100! It's Halloween fun for all ages. There will be fun stations around the room: Boo Bingo; tattoos; Pumpkin Golf; Make a treat; Mummy Wrap; and much more!!! Something for everyone! The boo buffet will serve punch and treats. Costumes are recommended but not required. Contact Pat Grimmus (507.360.1400) if you'd like to help or if you have any questions.

Pop Up Food Pantry:

Minnesota West has a "Pop-up Food Pantry" for their students who are on campus or off campus. It is a program designed to help the students attending Minnesota West. If you would like to help with this ministry, simply make out your gift to "First UMC" with "Pop Up Food Pantry" in the tag line. Thank you for your consideration to help this local mission.

Coat Closet Open - Warm Winter Clothing Needed:

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Online Directory...

The official church directory is accessible to members from First and Adrian on computer or other smart devices. The digital version is just like a printed one, with links to phone numbers, addresses, email addresses and pictures. The online site allows updating to be done by each member to their own profile.

We also have a printable option for persons who do not use the internet. We can easily print an up-to-date directory with all of the normal activity pages we desire. You can download this digital Church Directory from the App Store. The only thing you will need is that your email address is already stored in the church directory under your profile. Contact Pastor Daren for more details

Holocaust Survivor Stories...

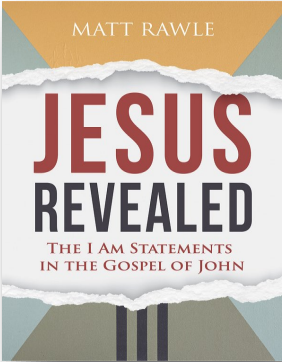
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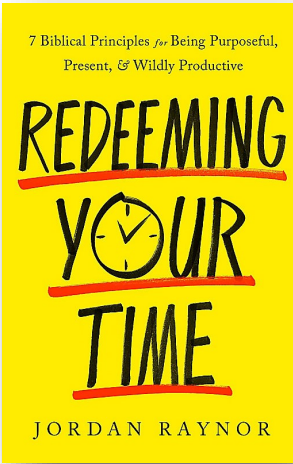
Sunday Morning Adult Study

Any and all adults are invited to join us for a six-week Sunday School study of the book, *Jesus Revealed*, by Matt Rawle, an in-depth look at the "I AM" statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John. *Through his "I AM" statements, Jesus describes himself with rich imagery, showing us that he is both fully human and fully divine.* This class, led by Gretchen, will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Books will be available for a suggested donation of \$12.99. Following that we will offer a study of a book of the Bible, led by Pastor Daren. This will take place in November on Sunday afternoons. Exact time to be determined.



Redeeming Your Time - Adult Study

Pastor Daren will be leading a four-part adult study group beginning Sunday, November 6th at 4:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room at First UMC. The topic is time. Our schedules are overwhelming. Even with the countless time-management resources available to us, our ability to find balance between work and life can feel fruitless. But when we look at the lifestyle of Jesus, we see an example of what it looks like to be efficient while finding balance.



In this four-session series, bestselling author Jordan Raynor discusses seven principles, rooted in the example of Jesus, that will help us use the time we have in the best way. You may pick up the books at the church starting the last week of October. Set aside this time to manage your time more wisely!

Advent Bible Study for Women...

All women are invited to join together in an Advent Bible study, beginning the last week of November. In this five-week Advent experience, we will celebrate Jesus's first coming as the baby born in Bethlehem and anticipate His second as the glorious King over all.

We will meet together several times to discuss the study, but even if you can't meet, the book is an excellent one to use on your own each day of the Advent season. Exact meeting times are yet to be determined, but we'd like to start getting an idea of how many books to order so please sign up on the sheet in the narthex today! Cost of the book will be approximately \$25. Please contact Gretchen O'Donnell for more information.



Southern Prairie All Church Conference:

Save the date for the Southern Prairie District All Church Conference, scheduled for Saturday, November 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Redwood Falls UMC. The theme and the workshops are still to be determined, but it will include worship and the ratification of our annual local church conference forms/votes. Important to note: it will not be offered online! All church members in the Southern Prairie are encouraged to attend. Contact Pastor Daren if you are interested in attending.

Friendship Club Pizza Party and Bingo Night:

Clients from our community group homes are invited for a night of fun and fellowship on Tuesday, November 15th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. We need small white elephant gifts and volunteers to help at the event. Please drop off the gifts at the church office. Monetary donations for expenses would also be helpful. Nancy Galland (507.360.8833) or Pat Grimmus (507.360.1400) may be contacted for any questions.

Holiday Parade and Hot Chocolate:

The annual Worthington Holiday Parade is set for Friday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m.. At First UMC, we're planning to serve hot chocolate and cookies to anyone who would like to come warm up and join in a little Christmas cheer following the parade! We need cookie makers/providers to furnish either Christmas cookies or any of your favorite recipe of cookies. If you'd like to volunteer to make cookies please contact Nancy Galland (507.360.8833). If you are willing to work, please contact Pat Grimmus (507.360.1400) for details and schedule.

Card of Thanks

Special thanks to the team of persons who trimmed the bushes and cleaned up around the perimeter of the church:

Deb Horne, Clyde Scheevel,
LeAnn Donovan, Mary Monthei,
and Denise Schlichte.

The church looks fabulous!

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	158
ADRIAN IN PERSON	20
FIRST IN PERSON	76
CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	21
TOTAL	275

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

The Persistent Widow

Luke 18:1-8
New International Version (NIV)

¹⁸ Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...
PROVERBS 3:5

Media Volunteers at First:

Like many churches, we are working hard to bring the message of the Gospel of Jesus to many people. One of the ways we are accomplishing that is through our live stream service each week. Our service reaches out to persons across the nation - people who tune in each Sunday to hear the message and join us in worship. We could use your help. We are in need of volunteers for our Sunday morning media team. Our live stream volunteers are stretched to the limit. One or two persons would make a huge difference. If you are willing to take a turn in the monthly rotation, please contact Pastor Daren or the church office for more details.

This Week

SUN	October 16
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian (Terry Miller preaching)
9:15 am	Sunday School @ First
10:00 am	Coffee Fellowship @ First
10:30 am	Worship @ First
12:30 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First
6:30 pm	Encounter @ HyVee
MON	October 17
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
TUES	October 18
9:30 am	Ladies Coffee Hour @ Hy-Vee
5:00 pm	PSPRC - Heritage
7:00 pm	Chamber Singers - Sanctuary
WED	October 19
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
12:00 pm	Finance Team - Heritage
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
	MEA WEEK
I	No Confirmation
I	No Fellowship Meal
I	No Youth Group - No G1
V	No Chancel Choir Practice
FRI	October 21
5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal: Andrew Brandt & Rebecca Kramer
SAT	October 22
4:00 pm	Wedding: Andrew & Rebecca
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Care Center Residents:

South Shore Care Center

First UMC:

Lois Carlberg LaDee Grant

Mary Jane Brown Center

Adrian UMC:

Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage

Adrian UMC:

Margaret Loger

Live Streaming...

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Please note that all of our services can be viewed at the above locations even after the service is over. For questions about our broadcasts, please contact the church office.

Sunday Coffee Fellowship:

Come to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings before church to enjoy a cup of coffee or juice and a roll along with some fellowship; we begin at 10:00 A.M. We are looking for persons to help serve on a rotating basis. Please contact Pam Soderholm if you are willing to help.

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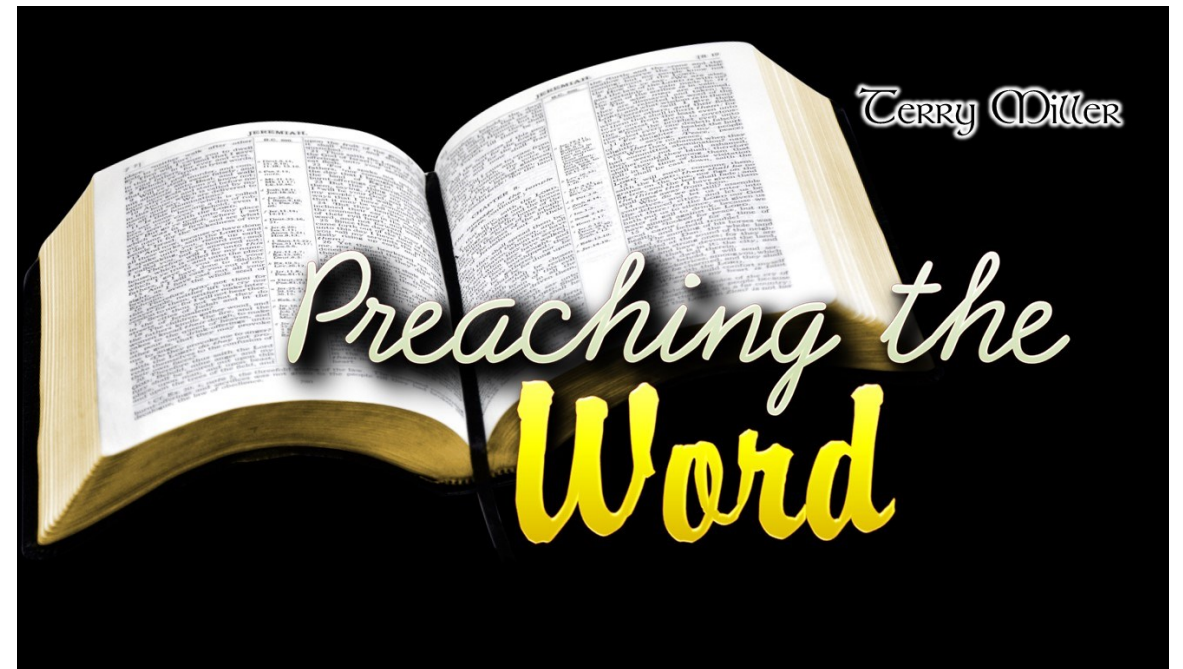
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PRELUDE

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PRAISE

UMH #601 - "Thy Word Is a Lamp"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Oh, how I love God's Word! I carry it on my mind and in my heart.

God's commandments make me wise, for they guide me always

I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Come, let us worship God who by His Word speaks all things into existence.

✠ PRAISE

UMH #600 - "Wonderful Words of Life"

✠ OPENING PRAYER ³

Lord, your words are sweet to the taste, sweeter than honey; let them be our daily meditation and our study. Give us ears to hear, for we marvel at your instruction. Train us in righteousness, grant us patience and persistence, and equip us for every good work. Inspire our faith, and give us voices to proclaim your message. Guide our feet, keep us from every false way, for you alone speak the words of life. Amen.

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Adrian Blood Drive:

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Adrian
United
Methodist Church



Revenue & Expenses

Year to Date
September 2022

Year-to-date Revenue: \$ 27,285.89

Year-to-date Expenses: \$ 24,879.57

Thank you for your faithful giving! Please send your offering to:

Adrian UMC, PO Box 276, Adrian, MN 56110

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

The Importance of Scripture

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5


New International Version (NIV)

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...
PROVERBS 3:5

God First...

Our G1 class (God First) does not meet this week - it will resume on Wednesday, October 26th at 6:15 p.m. G1's focus is on building the relationships between God and kids. Each night the classes run until about 7:00 p.m. Questions, please contact:

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PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

MESSAGE

"Preaching the Word"

We Respond to God's Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship)

DOXOLOGY UMH #95 - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

PRAISE UMH #668 - "Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace"

THE BENEDICTION - POSTLUDE

*Southern Prairie
All Church Conference:*

Save the date for the Southern Prairie District All Church Conference, scheduled for Saturday, November 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Redwood Falls UMC. The theme and the workshops are still to be determined, but it will include worship and the ratification of our annual local church conference forms/ votes. Important to note: it will not be offered online! All church members in the Southern Prairie are encouraged to attend. Contact Pastor Daren if you are interested in attending.

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	158
ADRIAN IN PERSON	20
FIRST IN PERSON	76
CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	21
TOTAL	275



It's a Halloween Party!

On Sunday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m., First Church is sponsoring a Halloween Party in the Fellowship Hall for everyone 1 to 100! It's Halloween fun for all ages. There will be fun stations around the room: Boo Bingo; tattoos; Pumpkin Golf; Make a treat; Mummy Wrap; and much more!!! Something for everyone! The boo buffet will serve punch and treats. Costumes are recommended but not required.

Redeeming Your Time - Adult Study

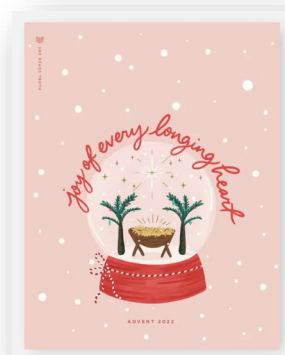
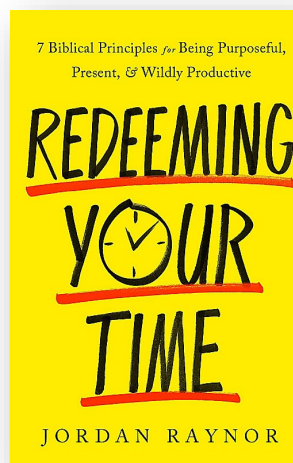
Pastor Daren will be leading a four-part adult study group beginning Sunday, November 6th at 4:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room at First UMC. The topic is time. Our schedules are overwhelming. Even with the countless time-management resources available to us, our ability to find balance between work and life can feel fruitless. But when we look at the lifestyle of Jesus, we see an example of what it looks like to be efficient while finding balance.

In this four-session series, bestselling author Jordan Raynor discusses seven principles, rooted in the example of Jesus, that will help us use the time we have in the best way. You may pick up the books at the church starting the last week of October. Set aside time to manage your time more wisely!

Advent Bible Study for Women...

All women are invited to join together in an Advent Bible study, beginning the last week of November. In this five-week Advent experience, we will celebrate Jesus's first coming as the baby born in Bethlehem and anticipate His second as the glorious King over all.

We will meet together several times to discuss the study, but even if you can't meet, the book is an excellent one to use on your own each day of the Advent season. Exact meeting times are yet to be determined, but we'd like to start getting an idea of how many books to order so please sign up on the sheet in the narthex today! Cost of the book will be approximately \$25. Please contact Gretchen O'Donnell for more information.



This Week

SUN	October 16
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian (Terry Miller preaching)
9:15 am	Sunday School @ First
10:00 am	Coffee Fellowship @ First
10:30 am	Worship @ First
12:30 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First
6:30 pm	Encounter @ HyVee
MON	October 17
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
TUES	October 18
9:30 am	Ladies Coffee Hour @ Hy-Vee
5:00 pm	PSPRC - Heritage
7:00 pm	Chamber Singers - Sanctuary
WED	October 19
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
12:00 pm	Finance Team - Heritage
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
	MEA WEEK
I	No Confirmation
I	No Fellowship Meal
I	No Youth Group - No G1
V	No Chancel Choir Practice
FRI	October 21
5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal: Andrew Brandt & Rebecca Kramer
SAT	October 22
4:00 pm	Wedding: Andrew & Rebecca
SUN	October 23
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
9:15 am	<u>NO Sunday School</u> @ First
10:00 am	Coffee Fellowship @ First
10:30 am	Worship @ First
12:30 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First
6:30 pm	Encounter @ HyVee

Care Center Residents:

South Shore Care Center

First UMC:

Lois Carlberg LaDee Grant

Mary Jane Brown Center

Adrian UMC:

Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage

Adrian UMC:

Margaret Loger

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The Boxcast TV Channel

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