



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.

To all who need comfort, all who need friendship;

all who are lonely and need companionship;

all who want sheltering love, all who sin

and need a Savior; and whosoever will

—We open wide our doors and say, “Come; let us worship together.”

10:15 am Easter Sunday Worship

June 15, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES 2025

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LeAnn Michels

L: As a hen gathers her brood under her wing,

P: So, God gathers us in the warmth and safety of the community.

L: As the father runs to welcome the prodigal home,

P: God eagerly welcomes us into this holy space.

L: Make us bold to worship and serve you,

God, now and always.

P: As your people, may we receive your word,

your call, and your love. Amen.

*HYMN # 61 “COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING”

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

God of small seeds and mighty plants, you take our meager lives and with your love cause them to produce acts of loving kindness for you in this world. You hear our cries and find us when we are lost and wandering in fear. You bring us home with you so that we may be made whole, rejoicing in your goodness. Help us to joyfully serve you all our days, knowing that you are always watching over us. Prepare our hearts to receive your word and our spirit to respond in eagerness to serve you. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN.

*THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881

LeAnn Michels

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended Into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children’s Moment.

Esther Losh

GOSPEL

Luke 15:11-23

LeAnn Michels

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

A: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF PREPARATION:

MESSAGE: THE FORGIVING FATHER

LaVona Grissinger

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY #95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

May these gifts be used to further your kingdom, as a testament to our gratitude and trust in you.

Guide us to be faithful stewards, using all that you have given us for your glory. Amen.”

*HYMN # 377 “IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Fernando

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sandy Froehlich, Glen White, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), Herb & Ben Pratt, Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Angie (Paula’s friend), Roger Furrow, Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, John Jachino, Kristin & Eli (Bob & LaVona Grissinger’s grandchildren), Alyssa Volkers, Lisa (LaVona’s friend), Jill (Melinda Dykema’s daughter, Bob & LaVona Grissinger, Iola McCutcheon (Tim Cavanagh’s friend), Karen Burcham & Kandi (Paul Mayer’s sisters), Beth (LaVona’s colleague), the Norman family, Dan Zambon (uncle of Kim Gonzalez), Pat Kemp, Jon & Jody Kragle (Dianne Percy’s friends), Dave Miller (Brigit Jepsen’s boyfriend’s father), John Norse, Howie Von Haden (LaVona’s brother), Jamie Harkness Townsend, baby Wesley and family, Paul & Charlene Mayer, Vivian & Jim Eaton, Jaime (Paula’s daughter), Mia (Paula’s co-worker), Christina Pasch, Baby Adrian, Julie Brunner (Linda Jachino’s cousin), Martha White, Tim Cavanagh, Beverly & family (Emily Medley’s cousin), Christine Jensen, Vanessa (Bob & LaVona’s daughter), Bill Eyerly (Cori Moore’s dad), James, Kim, & Amanda Gonzalez, Derek Osborn, Nadine Law Renfro, Vicki & Michael Thomas (Paula Mayer’s friends), Chuck Atherton, Janet Smith (Denise’s sister), Freida Nichols, Mike Medley, Lexi Piercy, Christa Jachino (Linda’s daughter-in-law), Ross Bronkema, Pat Gilmore (Pam Darrow’s brother), 5 firefighters injured from the area fire depts, the Lars Colgan family.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve & Linda Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell, Jackie Walker, and Howard Nichols.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel; the Gaza Strip; peace in the Middle East; snow, cold temperatures; the towns, families, students, and school administrators, and those who experience everyday violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June

15 – Garrett and Nikki Badtke (2019)

16— Tim Cavanagh

17—Kevin Law

18 – Mark Miller

18 – Cori Moore

19 – Frank Norman

19 – Deann Kramer & Jerry Brearton (2021)

CALENDAR

Tuesday 17 to Friday 20

8:30 to 4:30 PM – Office Open

1 to 3 PM

Tuesday 17

Methodist Men’s meetings

5:30 PM

Sunday, June 22

8:30 am – Prayer group

9:30 am – Worship
10:35 am Coffee Hour

chips and coleslaw with brownies for dessert.
Summer Worship hour will be from 9:30 am beginning Sunday, June!

WORSHIP HELPERS

	June 15	June 22
Acolyte		L
Liturgist	LeAnn Michels	
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Linda Jachino	Kay Cavanagh
Coffee Hour	Bob & LaVona Grissinger	Ron & Lori Miller
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 60+2 Dogs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WC Food Pantry –West Carroll School Food Pantry is preparing for the summer months when children are out of school and missing 2 meals a day. Please consider donating kid-friendly foods like microwavable macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta, soups, and snack-sized puddings or fruit cups. The pantry always needs crackers, too. Thank you for thinking of our children in the community who are food insecure.

Blessing Basket – We are in need of paper products, toilet paper, paper towels, and facial tissues. Your support is greatly appreciated!
The Women's Group is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.
Prayer Group – Prayer Group Meets Every Sunday at 8:30 am. Feel free to attend!!!

New Member Class – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be 5 classes, **either in person or via Zoom**. If you are interested or have questions, let the office know.
Administrative Council: Will be meeting next Sunday, 22nd after service.
SOUL SISTER Is Organizing **"HELLO, SUMMER!" PICNIC**
FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH from 11:30 A.M. Lunch: @ NOON **(Bring your own sack lunch. Dessert & Iced Tea will be furnished)** Games: after lunch, Location: Plum Pavilion at Old Mill Park ***ALL women are invited to join us.***

Thursday Bible Study – will resume on **June 19th at 9 am**. We will be using the book “One Minute After You Die” by Dr. Erwin Lutzer. See the office about obtaining a book.
Joy Dinner. – Joy Dinner will be June 18th. RSVP to the Office / Molly Anderson: They will serve : Bratwurst and hot dogs, calico beans



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June 15, 2025
Vision Statement

**“Our faith calls us to action in the
body of Christ and in the local
community to love God and to
love others”**

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