

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LE SUEUR

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*We are a Christ-centered community, called to serve,
where you can come as you are,
share who you are,
and experience the power of God's love.*



Dare to Lead

May 2017

Apple just announced that their stores will undergo a major shift from ‘selling’ Apple products, to eye-catching interactive labs geared to ‘using’ the products. **They are leading the next generation forward**, the same people that the church wants to reach– but cannot find. **Apple knows.**

Apple is adding conference rooms, larger screens, and transforming their Genius bar to the “Genius Grove” complete with earth friendly trees and catering to the computer generation who also has a passion for purpose. And, they are open for business when the people are looking for products-in the store or on-line. Here’s the link to their progressive story to reach the generation we want to reach: <http://www.theverge.com/2017/4/25/15419398/apple-store-redesign-genius-bar-grove>

Wait! on paper you don’t have the technology to link to that story. These are the facts: **the world is changing faster than the local church wants to change.** Having a computer in the office doesn’t mean that we are using technology to connect to the rest of the world. We still connect by paper, including a newsletter that cannot keep up with the faster pace of our changing world.

We updated the website last summer, but it can and should be used for so much more to reach those looking for Jesus, not just information about who we are or upcoming events. Social media is just an app away to connect those searching for Jesus. **Are we connected to the app? Meanwhile, the techy people represent the unchurched who cannot connect to us, nor we to them.** We cling to our paper, books, worship time, designs, and even our traditions as if that makes us religious. **See the problem?**

Meanwhile, Apple leads the generation that we are missing in church. They lead and let others follow.

Jesus is progressive, forcing change, connecting to the ones who are unconnected from ‘the church’. He commands us to do the same.

In June, expect to see changes–the beginning of more to come:

- Worship moves to 10 AM year-round.
- Kid’s Church and the nursery continue year-round.
- Expect a colorful monthly newsletter in your e-mail.
- Receive current happenings also by e-mail.
- Join small groups and mission events for soul searching purpose with Jesus.

Lead and let others follow. Be bold witnesses to a resurrected Christ.

Pastor Terri.

JAM NEWS:

Wednesday, May 10th is the last night of JAM. We will be celebrating with Pizza and a photo shoot so wear your JAM t-shirts. We will present our Noisy Pig offering to the Comfort First staff for the tenant's activity programs.

Sunday, May 14th - Mother's Day, JAM kids will sing the Alleluia song and present a special program. Each child present will get a copy of the photo that was taken on May 10th.

Sunday, May 21st is senior recognition Sunday. There will be a scholarship presentation, recognition



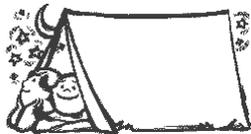
of the graduates and a reception following worship. Congratulations to our graduating seniors, Grant Miller and Allison Schwarz.

Family JAM Fest! July 30th-August 2nd

It's happening! Meet **Wesley Putnam**, a dynamic story-teller, evangelist, and a United Methodist pastor in the Texas UMC conference. Wesley brings his music, drama, and storytelling to Le Sueur United Methodist Church **July 30 -Aug 2** for a summer style **Family JAM fest!**

In just four summer evenings, fill yourself with food for your body and nourishment for your soul. "It's a unique blend of music, drama and children's outreach combined with a good measure of lively, relevant preaching." This is Jesus and Me sized fun for both kids and adults. For more information on Wesley Putnam ministries visit <http://wesleyputnam.org/>

Summer Camp



We are excited to sponsor two summer camps this year.

July 16-19 - **Trailblazer** for ages 8-12

July 16-22 - **Ultimate Challenge** for those in 7th - 11th grade.

Register on line at www.campminnesota.org and be sure to ask for scholarships. The United Methodist Women and Missions will help support the remaining cost. If you bring a friend who has not been to camp before, you receive \$25 off. If you sign up by May 1st, you get a \$25 credit at the camp store. We will help coordinate carpooling, contact Peggy Sullivan for details 612-245-9760 or peggys507@aol.com. Hard copy **Camp Booklets** are available in the Narthex and the church office. Kids that are interested in a different church camp offering can still get a campership.

Annual Conference June 20-22 Encounter the Spirit/Live Expectantly!

The 163rd session of the Minnesota Annual Conference is June 20-22, 2017 at the **River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud.**

This year's conference includes TED-style talks, guest speaker Rev. Junius B. Dotson, a camp revival, 'Get Engaged' workshops, and enhanced worship. **Register by May 15th.**



Love Offering - June 11th & June 18th

The Love Offering for Missions will be collected on June 11th & 18th and delivered to the annual conference session. It benefits international, national, and Minnesota missions. Funds from this year's Love Offering will go to: **60% United Methodist University of Sierra Leone—School of Applied Health Sciences**

Sierra Leone has one of the lowest life expectancies in the world, and one in every five children die before their fifth birthday. The vast majority of the country's citizens don't have access to health services, and there is an acute shortage of trained health professionals. The Love Offering will be used to expand United Methodist University of Sierra Leone by creating a School of Applied Health Sciences.

30% Emma Norton Services

Emma Norton Services helps women, children, and families achieve victory over poverty, homelessness, mental illness, and chemical dependency. Emma Norton Residence and Emma's Place, houses 13 families on a permanent basis.

10% Volunteers in Mission Scholarships

UMC Volunteers in Mission teams spend up to two weeks on mission projects domestically or abroad. Minnesota teams are engaged in hands-on projects that build infrastructure to ensure that nutritional, medical, and educational programs in developing countries become sustainable and locally run. The Love Offering helps offset the cost for first-time volunteers who pay their own way.

**Beginning June 4th
Worship will be at 10am**

Volunteer Mowers needed:

We are looking for volunteer mowers who will mow the church lawn this spring and summer. You must be at least 16yrs. old. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex or contact Larry Hylarides.



Hands-on Mission Experience - CTI:

All would agree, a hands-on approach gives you a better appreciation of a mission than just hearing or reading about it. That is exactly the feeling Ivan Lehnert, Bob Edgell, Cheryle Wilke and Jerry Johnson experienced when they visited the **Compatible Technology Institute (CTI)** Innovations Lab in St. Paul in February. The group assembled two hand-operated grinders used for milling grain or blending peanuts. Judy Hawkinson, Director of Philanthropy, spoke of the project mission and scope to give us a better understanding of some of the challenges facing remote African agricultural communities. Other CTI technologies viewed were a grain thresher, ground nut harvester and aflatoxin assays kits. Hawkinson welcomes others for on-site visits but also offered to bring additional grinders to Le Sueur for assembly. CTI will be sponsoring a trip to West Africa in late November.



About CTI: CTI is a non-profit that is dedicated to helping families in developing countries access innovative farming tools so they can produce food more sustainably and bring their crops to market.

Mustard Seed Groups – We are looking for small group hosts to open their homes for small groups this summer. Ask John Pioske (665-3059) what fun he had facilitating “The Parables” over Lent. He is a walking, talking “how to” for your Mustard Seed group. Please contact Peggy Sullivan peggys507@aol.com or Pastor Terri umcpastor@q.com for information.

WE'RE GOING TO A



BALL GAME!

On Saturday, July 22nd the Twins are playing the Tigers. Tickets are \$55 for the game and transportation. Make checks payable to UMC. Contact the church office by July 1st to sign up. The Bus leaves from the church parking lot at 4pm. Call Loren Edberg with any questions (612-655-2306).

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER:

Wednesday, May 24th

Church Office Phone #: 507-665-2314

Pastor's Cell Phone#: 507-380-0309

Church Website: www.lesueurumc.org

Office e-mail address: lesueur.umc@q.com

Pastor's e-mail address: umcpastor@q.com

Pastor's office hours: W & Th 9am-12pm or call the church office to make an appointment.

Secretary's office hours: M-F 8:30am-12:30pm (the office will be closed on Monday, May 29th)



Find us on Facebook.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

On April 23rd we welcomed into our church family: Bill & Diane Radil; Steven & Mollie Cross and their children Finnegan and Declan; and Mike & Carrie Westphal and their children Kendra and Sean.

Baptized into our Church Family

Beckham Wilke, son of Amber Sunderman and Justin Wilke.

Finnegan Cross, son of Steven and Mollie Cross.



THANK YOU: for the box of goodies, it was just what I needed. Christin Burgess.

to the UMW and all who brought food or sent flowers. The service was so moving. It meant a lot to us. The family of Gordon Malz

Last fall, the Education Committee began a new program of youth ministry **JAM** Jesus and Me. We are fortunate to have volunteer teachers and leaders who have inspired the kids to keep coming back. The numbers have been growing since the first night and the enthusiasm keeps building. Due to the generosity of those who have provided food or funds, we have been able to serve kid-friendly meals each Wednesday night. You have contributed considerably to the success of our **JAM** program. Thank you.



OUR SYMPATHY: We extend our prayers and sympathy to Alice and Darrel Colfelt. Alice's sister, Jennifer Freel, unexpectedly passed away on April 16th.

Sunday Volunteers are needed

Contact the Jane Kolden (665-6063) or janekol6@yahoo.com to serve.



Greeters: If you enjoy meeting people, especially newcomers, consider serving as a Sunday Greeter.

Coffee Host: Coffee is provided by the UMW. After worship snacks can be home-baked or not.

Worship Assistant: Reading scriptures and assisting the Pastor with the worship service.

Worship Tech Team: Helping with our mics. and screens is an important ministry for our worship.

Nursery Attendant: is available during Worship. If you notice someone with small children who might need the nursery, please connect them with the scheduled attendant.

Special Music: you sing or play a musical instrument and would like to share your talent.

Those serving in May

May 7

Greeters: Ivan & Doreen Lehnert
Worship Asst: Sue Bienfang
Techs: Team #5 Grant M. Laurie H. Darrel C.
Coffee Host: Rachel Malkow & Angie Kroehler
Nursery: Nicole Krenik
Communion: Peg Edberg

May 14 **Mother's Day**

Greeters: Sally Gaugert/Jeanie Sunderman/Linda Grack
Worship Asst: Judy Dahn
Techs: Team #2 John P. Lana B. Loren E.
Coffee Host: Lori King
Nursery: Victoria Watson
Accompanist: Rachel Pletke

May 21 **Senior Recognition**

Greeters: Grant Miller and Allison Schwarz
Worship Asst: Sue Bienfang
Techs: Team #3 Ben M. Wendy P. Loren E.
Coffee Host: Education Committee
Nursery: Cheryl Tellijohn
Accompanist: Rachel Pletke

May 28

Greeters: MaryAnne Aufderhar/Sandy Dell
Worship Asst: Tanner Tellijohn
Techs: Team #4 Rachel M. Nicole K. Trace E.
Coffee Host: Sue Wolter and Cheryle Wilke
Nursery: Rachel Malkow

May Birthdays

- 1 – McAlister Wilmes
- 4 – Vicky Vogel
Wendy Pedersen
- 10 – Maddie Wilke
- 12 – Mary Anne Aufderhar
Larry Beck
- 13 – Paige Yahnke
- 16 – Julane Budke
- 18 - Heather Wilmes
- 19 – Vi Yahnke
- 21 – Sue Wilson
Jenny Baringer
- 25 – Ken Schafer
- 26 - Lori King
- 27 – James Loewe
- 28 – Larry Hyларides
- 29 – Laura Nelson



May plant sales: veggies and some flowers will be available. Funds go towards Education scholarships.

Early Response Basic Training and Recertification Course.

The course, taught by UMCOR certified instructors, provides the basic skills for you to become a member of the Early Response Team. Saturday May 6, 8am-4pm at UMC Woodbury Peaceful Grove. Cost: \$20.

Deadline: May 3rd Contact Anne Harvell: agharvel@icloud.com.

Early Response Teams (ERT) fill a specific need in the days soon after a natural disaster. ERTs remove debris, clean out flood-damaged homes, and help to prevent further property damage while providing a caring Christian presence. ERT volunteers are trained, have security background checks and are entirely self-sufficient. Since 1997 ERT trained volunteers have worked at 18 Minnesota disasters and responded five times to disasters in other states.

PREREQUISITES TO TAKE ERT BASIC TRAINING or RE-CERTIFICATION: Be 18 years of age and have a current *SAFE GATHERINGS* certificate including background check. Access this certification at: safegatherings.com/app/registration.

*United
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Rebekah Circle: meets on May 16th at Noon for our Annual Spring Outing.

Ruth Circle: meets on May 16th at 2pm.

Serendipity Circle: meets on May 15th at 7pm.

UMW Circles do not meet in June, July or August.

Thank you everyone for your donations to our UMW Spring Fundraiser.

The Stanley Baringer Scholarship

is an annual scholarship offered in memory of Stanley Baringer, a longtime member of the Le Sueur United Methodist church. The Memorials and Gifts Committee of the church oversees the Stanley Baringer Scholarship Fund, reviews the applicants, and awards the scholarship (for more information about the scoring system contact the church office). Applications are available in the church narthex and church office and will be mailed out upon request. (507-665-2314) or lesueur.umc@q.com.

The qualifications are as follows:

Open to any person who is enrolled at a post-secondary institution such as a community college, technical college, college or university.

Preference is given to applicant who actively attends the Le Sueur United Methodist Church.

Applicant can be in any academic year to apply.

Applicant must be attending school at the time the scholarship is awarded.

Persons not accepted as recipients may apply again the following year.

Applications must be received in the office of The Le Sueur United Methodist Church 730 South 6th Street, Le Sueur, MN 56058 by **September 1, 2017** to be considered. The Scholarship will be awarded on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.



LifeTree Café – Thursdays at 7pm at 206 Valleygreen Square Mall.

Journey through Grief is an eight-week grief group for adults who have lost a loved one. Participants will connect with others, share their stories, explore the process of grief and healing, and find comfort in knowing they are not alone.

The Mankato session will be held Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon, May 3 to June 21, at St. John the Baptist Church, 632 South Broad Street in Mankato. Please see the attached flyer for more details on these grief groups. There is no cost to participate in this grief group, but pre-registration is required. Group members will be limited to 10, so pre-register ASAP. For more information or to register, please call 507-594-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989.

Le Sueur City-wide Clean-up day. Saturday, May 6th 7am-noon at the Community Center parking lot. See www.cityoflesueur for details.

Tri-County Hazardous Waste Collection, Thursday, May 4th 10am-4pm at the Le Sueur City Maintenance shop, 1213 Hazel St. For residents of Le Sueur, Nicollet & Sibley Counties. Call 507-381-9196 or go to www.co.nicollet.mn.us/180/Tri-County-Solid-Waste.

Help Us **Stamp Out Hunger!**
May 13, 2017. Second Harvest Heartland will be partnering with the National Association of Letter Carriers and Cub Foods to orchestrate the nation's largest, single-day food drive.



Movie in the Park: Free Event on Friday, May 19th. Games & fun at Legion Park, 155 S. Park LN. The Secret Life of Pets begins at dusk.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6pm Scout parent mtg.	2	3 5:30pm Casual Communion 6pm JAM	4 Nat'l Day of Prayer 	5	6 1pm B-day party for Joan Berg in Tabor Rm.
7 9am Adult Study 10:15 Worship with Communion 6:30pm Scouts	8 	9 7pm Church meetings 8pm Church meetings	10 5:30pm Casual Communion 6pm JAM – last night	11	12	13 
14 Mother's Day 9am Adult Study 10:15 Worship /Missions JAM Kids sing	15 7pm Serendipity Cir.	16 Noon – Rebekah outing 2pm Ruth Circle 7pm Adm. Council mta.	17 	18	19	20 11am Memorial service for Grayce Kirkpatrick
21 9am Adult Study 10:15 Worship/Graduate Recognition/scholarships 7pm Baccalaureate	22	23	24	25 Ascension Day 	26	27
28 10:15 Worship 2pm LSHS Graduation	29 Memorial Day  OFFICE CLOSED	30				10am Worship begins



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Sunday, June 4th
Pentecost Celebration

Worship changes to 10am