Resurrection Sunday, April 21st
7:30 am Sunrise Service @ Emmanuel UMC
9:00 am Easter Worship @ Adrian UMC
9:30 am Easter Fellowship @ First UMC
10:30 am Easter Worship @ First UMC

Sunday Worship
Emmanuel UMC Worship
Adrian UMC Worship
9:00 a.m.
First UMC Worship
10:30 a.m.
First & Emmanuel United Methodist Churches
408 11th Street
Worthington, Minnesota 56187
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As we come closer to Easter Sunday, I recognize we have a lot of things happening. Our Pathway Lenten series will complete the final two sessions at Emmanuel (April 3) and Adrian (April 10). The Community Lenten Series (that has been ongoing for nearly thirty years now) will meet on Thursday, April 4 at First UMC and Thursday, April 11 at First Lutheran at noon, followed by a lunch at each church. The Community Prayer Breakfast is set for Saturday, April 13th at 8:00 a.m. at the American Reformed Church. Then during Holy Week, we have our Holy Thursday service at First UMC at 6:30 p.m. and the Good Friday service at Emmanuel UMC, also at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday begins with Sunrise Service at Emmanuel UMC at 7:30 a.m. this year (that’s different from the past!) Adrian UMC will celebration Resurrection Sunday at 9:00 a.m., while First UMC’s service will be at 10:30 a.m. Please note that a light breakfast will be served at First in the fellowship hall starting at 9:30 a.m.

The Confirmation Class will complete their class sessions this month and twelve young people will be confirmed on Sunday, April 28th. Both Adrian and First will host the youth following each service with a special one-of-a-kind flavor of ice cream made by ColdStone Creamery in Sioux Falls.

And finally, the Exploratory Team is getting ready to share their report in a special Town Hall meeting, scheduled for Sunday, May 19th (we plan on having one worship at First UMC that day, followed by a lunch and then the meeting). The Team is hoping to have the proposal in your hands before this meeting so that you can ask questions for clarification or concern. The vote on the One Church is not scheduled until June (watch for the exact date coming soon).

So, yeah - that’s a lot. Even so, I pray the story of the resurrection will carry us through it all!

Blessings to you this Easter Season!
April Worship: “Come and worship the Lord!”

Sunday, April 7
5th Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion @ Adrian and First
Video Message @ Emmanuel

“This One Thing”
“Paul is able to forget the past and look to the future - how about us?”
- based on Philippians 3:4b-14

Sunday, April 14
Palm Sunday
Holy Communion @ Emmanuel
Video Message @ Adrian

“Superstar”
“The crowd was waiting for Jesus to be the superstar king.”

Sunday, April 21
Easter Sunday
7:30 am Sunrise Service @ Emmanuel
9:00 am Easter Service @ Adrian
10:30 am Easter Service @ First

“Easter Wrappings”
“The neatly folded linen wrappings without Jesus’ body in them tell the story!”
- based on John 20:1-18

Sunday, April 28
Confirmation Sunday
Video Message @ Emmanuel

“The Edge of Belief”
“Thomas worked through his unbelief because Jesus appeared to him. We are blessed if we believe even if we have not seen.”
- based on John 20:19-31

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“Worship the Lord with gladness...” - Psalm 100:2a
Here are the highlights from the Covenant Council meeting held on March 14th, 2019:

**Celebrations:**
The Souper Bowl Cook-Off in January was a success. The Missions Team thanks everyone who helped with the Cook-Off especially the 15 who brought soup, the church members who sampled soup and donated over $550, Galen Benton for contributing music and those who donated bars and helped with preparation and clean up. 83# of food was delivered to the Manna Food Shelf. Thanks for continuing to bring donated food items and placing them in the box in the narthex. Boilers are working just great. Our Lenten series (The Pathway) has started with good attendance at the Ash Wednesday service. This month we’ve hosted a group from Dakota Minnesota and the Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra has started practicing at First for their spring concert.

**Challenges:**
The cold, snowy, windy, wet weather has been challenging. We’ve cancelled two worship services and some Wednesday night events. We had a fairly major leak in the hallway near the Chapel/Sanctuary entrance. The church basement sump pump has been replaced with a new one. Special thanks to Mike Johnson, Merle Belz, Kyle Johnson, Denny Bonsma, Chad Nickel, Jim Nickel, and Susan Noerenberg for cleaning up the watery mess. The trustees will address the roofing issue at their next meeting (Tuesday, March 19). The youth are not giving up on doing something before the end of the school year (their events have been cancelled as well).

**Current Focus:**
Missions team reports there are many good causes to support during the year and they often come to the congregation asking for support. Missions contributed $1,500 for the Covenant missionaries, about $250 to the Project Ag Grad, the Banquet meal costs about $1,000, and we usually donate to the area food shelves, Community Christmas baskets, the backpack program, UMCOR, etc. It was once mentioned that the money appropriated for the conference offering for Reach, Renew, Rejoice could be reassigned to Missions (our obligation to that ministry has been met). The council discussed this, deciding to table it until more people could weigh in on the meetings. Missions will be scheduling our service day at The Banquet for the summer. If members have input regarding the best time to serve, please contact a Mission Team member.
Cutting Edge Issues:

Item #1: One Church Exploratory Team Update
We discussed the progress of the Exploratory Team. The team continues to meet to refine the areas of financial and building matters, worship design, volunteer staffing, and proposed name change. The target date for a special church conference to vote on this proposal will be set for early June 2019. A Town Hall meeting is planned before that date to bring everyone up to speed on the proposal, giving everyone a chance to understand the complete picture of the proposal.

Item #2: 2019 Financial Report
Due to a few weather related cancellations for Sunday worship, we have had a tough February. However, we are very grateful for the surplus we ended the year with because it has helped us “weather the storm”. We remain current on our apportionments throughout the year (paying January and February payments). Praise God for your faithful giving for the ministry of our church.

The next council meeting is set for Church Meeting Night, Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

A New Name!
The Exploratory Team invites you to help discover the name for the One Church! While it is true that each site will retain it’s own name (First Campus, Emmanuel Campus and Adrian Campus) we still need a new name that will identify our blended church as one. In order to make it fun, we are giving away three Kindle Fire tablets for the top three submissions (selected by the Exploratory Team). Here is the proposed vision statement, which might help generate some ideas:

Seeking the truth  Growing in God’s wisdom  Serving all

[Just a quick note - the reason we need a new name for the one church is that it is a requirement for the legal papers we hope to submit to blend all three churches into one (in the event that the proposal is approved in June).]

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact anyone from the Exploratory Team: Jason Barrie, Brenda DeSmith, Karen Cook (Emmanuel); Brian Bishop, Ellen Hoefker, Galen Benton, Nancy Galland, Pat Grimmius, Jorge Lopez, Beth Habicht (First); and Linda Reese, Heidi Klingenberg, Robin Erlandson (Adrian).
The Pathway - Lenten Series:

Every one of us is on a pathway of some sort. The kind of pathway that isn’t a track that a person can walk along, but a set of actions that you take in life that bring you toward the goals you have set. It’s this latter definition of pathway that we are going to look at during the season of Lent. This series is being developed specifically for members and friends of Adrian, Emmanuel and First UMC. You are invited to come along “The Pathway: A Lenten Journey to Calvary”.

As mentioned above, each one of us is on a pathway. Each one of our churches has been on a pathway as well. This series is designed to lift up the pathway each church has taken throughout the years, pair it with the biblical narrative of Jesus making his pathway to Jerusalem, so that we might learn from each other how it is that our pathway can best reflect the footsteps God would have us take.

Our Lenten journey continues each Wednesday, following a rotating pattern of meeting each week at 6:30 p.m. at the appointed site (see the schedule). As it is with every journey, some might find obstacles in the way of this pathway - the schedule is rotating (how will we know where we are going?), the worship space is changing (not sure I feel comfortable being out of my own space), the norms are shaken for a short period of time (what about our practices for our choirs, or our youth group meetings, or confirmation?). As it is with every pathway we are on, we will need to make choices.

The invitation to participate in this Lenten journey is an important one for you to consider - all the obstacles aside. As our three churches continue to make progress toward a presentation of One Church Three Sites, it’s imperative that we come to know each other - understand each other - embrace each other. This series is one pathway to help each one of us accomplish just that.

We will hear from members of each church about their heritage, their journey, their pathway and why their church location is so very important to them. We will also hear from God’s Word about how Jesus set his pathway toward the Holy City and why that pathway was not only important to him, but important to all of humankind. We also will praise the Lord with traditional songs and prayers in our pathway at each location.

I would love to have persons from each congregation assist me in this series. I simply need people who would love to tell the story of their church and their faith journey. Each week we will have a conversation about those things, and frame our discussion with the bible story selected.
So, prayerfully consider your participation during this Lenten season by joining us each week at each location for “The Pathway”.

**2019 Lenten Schedule**
Adrian, Emmanuel and First UMC

“**The Pathway: The Faithful Remnant**” - John 14:23-27  
Fourth Week of Lent, Wednesday, April 3rd – 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Sanctuary, Emmanuel UMC

“**The Pathway: Slipping Away**” - Matthew 6:25-33  
Fifth Week of Lent, Wednesday, April 10th – 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Sanctuary, Adrian UMC

Holy Thursday, April 18th – 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Sanctuary, First UMC

Good Friday, April 19th – 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Sanctuary, Emmanuel UMC

“**The Pathway: The Empty Tomb**” - John 20:1-18  
Easter Sunday, April 21st  
7:30 a.m. – Sunrise Service @ Emmanuel UMC  
9:00 a.m. – Easter Service @ Adrian UMC  
9:30 a.m. – Easter Fellowship @ First  
10:30a.m. – Easter Service @ First UMC

**Easter Lilies:**

Don’t forget to order your Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday to decorate the sanctuary this year in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion. The cost per lily will be $9.50 and will be delivered to the church. Please share them with the church until after the Easter service. The deadline to order your Easter Lily is Monday, April 5th. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex and you may either put the $9.50 in a separate envelope in the offering plate (please indicate what this is for) or deliver it to the church office.

**Community Prayer Breakfast:**

A community prayer breakfast will be Saturday, April 13th at 8:00 a.m. with guest speaker Ken Besel @ the American Reformed Church in Worthington. Tickets are $10.00. The event is sponsored by the Early Risers Kiwanis of Worthington - check with Galen or Sherry Benton for tickets.
Missed Last Sunday? Listen Up!...

If you are out of town on a Sunday, you can still listen to the message each week. Using our church app, go to the “Listen” button and select the message you would like to listen to. You can also use our church website to access the Sunday message - select the “Sunday” page and the message you wish to hear should be right there. Usually, the Sunday message is uploaded by 12:30 p.m. each Sunday.

Missionaries Update:

Delbert & Sandy are commissioned Global Ministries of United Methodist missionaries and members of the Florida UMC Annual Conference. Founders of the United Methodist New Life Center in Zambia, the Groves have been serving in Zambia since 2000. They have four sons now residing in the USA. The Groves love the work God as called them to and they’re deeply thankful for the opportunity to serve God, the church, and the people of Zambia, Africa. First UMC supports the Groves ministry in a covenant relationship (meaning that we have committed $1500 per year in support of their mission. The website for our covenant missionaries Delbert and Sandy Groves is: www.newlifezambia.com/Home.html

Lenten Church Challenge!:

“Let Your Good Deeds Shine Out for All To See!” Matthew 5:16

“Lenten” Church Challenge for April:

Every week, list one thing you plan to do that week to make the world a better place. Please use the cards in the narthex or look for the forms in the bulletin so every family member can do one. Put the completed form/card in the offering plate or get to the office. The cards will be displayed on the narthex bulletin board. Please date and write your plan, (signatures are optional). This can be a relational good deed or an environmental good deed (use less water, recycle more, etc.) – anything to make the world a better place during Lent.

WE CAN MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE !!

THANK YOU!

May we be a pleasure to God – one deed at a time!
Adrian Council Update:
Here is a summary of the Council Meeting held last Monday night at Adrian: the council is grateful that worship attendance has remained steady throughout the winter months. The Lenten event held at Adrian hosted 36 people. G1 is going well and will continue until Wednesday, May 18th. The Confirmation students are nearing the end of their classes - Confirmation Sunday will be held on April 28th, followed by a reception with cake and ice cream in the fellowship hall. The soup luncheon raised $580 for the general budget, with about 18 volunteering to serve. We believe we have resolved the video issues. We are also pleased to report that we remain current on this year’s monthly apportionment payments.

Exploratory Team Update:
The Exploratory Team continues to meet and discuss the dynamics of blending three churches into one. At our last meeting, the team invited each church’s financial treasurer to talk about what our process would look like. The primary goal has been discussed to focus on our total church offering coming from the one church membership, not three separate ones. The final details on this information will be included in a Town Hall Meeting sometime later this spring (date not yet set) to bring the congregations up to speed on each item.

Wednesday Night Ministry:
Here is the schedule for our midweek ministry on Wednesday’s.

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Come & join us every Wednesday night for fellowship, food, & fun!

Men’s & Women’s Breakfast Group:
All guys are invited to come to breakfast every Wednesday at the Blue Line Café at 7:00 am & all gals are invited to come to breakfast every Friday at Hy-Vee at 9:00 am... start your midweek day with a dutch treat of good food and great fellowship!
Journey to the Holy Land:

One of the most rewarding trips you could ever take is to travel to the Holy Land. Tour host Vicki Tiede (daughter of Gary and Sally Hibma) is inviting us to join her on a learning trip to Israel in March 27 - April 7, 2020. A number of persons have taken this trip (or have taken other trips) and would love to give you a first hand account of what this trip might mean to your faith journey. This includes the very exciting day on Palm Sunday, walking with thousands of other Christian pilgrims down the Mount of Olives to the Holy City of Jerusalem.

Are you interested? We are looking forward to hearing more from Vicki on Palm Sunday or you may contact Sally or Pastor Daren for more details. There is still plenty of time to register for this once in a lifetime opportunity - it’s never too early to start to prepare for such a trip. Think about it - pray about it - and find out about it! You will not be disappointed!

First UMC Twins Game - Joe Mauer Night!

C’mon Twins Fans - join with your friends and neighbors from the United Methodist Church in Worthington to watch the Twins take on the Kansas City Royals. Game day is Saturday, June 15th at 6:10 pm. This is a special night at the ballpark because the first 20,000 fans will receive a Joe Mauer cap - it’s Joe Mauer Night at Target Field! We are taking a charter bus to make the entire trip enjoyable (the bus will leave from the front of the church at 12:00 p.m. - thanks to the First UMC Foundation for funding the cost for the bus!)

Our reserved seats will be in Section 126 and Section 227 - we have 50 (in 126) and 25 (in 227) set aside for us in the left field corner. The total cost for the tickets in Section 126 is $43.00 per person and $30.00 per person for those who want to sit in Section 227 (the demand for tickets for this game is going through the roof!)

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex at First UMC or contact the church office. Please sign up before May 18th! Don’t forget to bring your glove! Sign up today! Go Twins!
Please pray for:

Students, teachers, and administrators for local schools and college
Men & women in the military & families
For those who are dealing with health concerns:
Logan                      Kurt                      Julie
Matthew & Tyson           Diane Barrie               Gabby Brown
Dwaine Clayton            John Clease               Julane Coyer
Miriam Cunningham         Anne Doeden               Kris Doeden
Brad Dybevick             Bob Emary’s brother       Gerald Fischer
Pastor Daren Flinck       Phil Glembin               LaDee Grant
McKhia Hasty              Nan Hoffenkamp            Robie Horsman
Casen Hotzler             Margaret Janssen          Mark Janssen
Melvin Janssen            Sally Ann Johnson         Pat Karl
Mike Kaufman              Marilyn McDowell           Mike Miller
Aiden Remme               Steve Rubis                Amelia Schmidt
Emma Schnyders            Kathy Steffl               Monica Veil
Walter Willey

For those experiencing grief or loss:

Prayer Chain
Please send requests to our email or phone prayer chain:

[email prayer chain]
Bob & Judy Emary
rjemory@mediacommb.net or (507) 376-6895

[phone prayer chain]
Janelle Johnson
(507) 376-5479.

Also watch for prayer updates in the Prayer Corner of the

Our Care Center Residents:
Crossroads Care:
Dorothy Lease
Myrtle Klumper
Colleen Potts

South Shore Care Center:
Marge Wendt
Julane Coyer
Anne Doeden

Mary Jane Brown Center:
Mary Prins

Minnesota Veteran’s Home:
Marvin Klooster

Sibley Nursing & Rehab Center:
Mark Janssen
Happy Birthday!

**FIRST UMC**

1. Robert Horne
2. Corky Tate
3. Larry Hyink
   - Jeanette Jenson
4. Melanie Steinle
   - Claire Meyer
   - Annika Hietbrink
5. Gordon Moore III
6. Audrey Ling
   - Kelly Monthei
   - Brian Soderholm
7. John Steinle
8. Lowell Carlson

13. Micah Hietbrink
   - Scott Belz
   - Scott Lee
14. Anthony Bui
   - Norma Swenson
   - Lucy Jones
15. Alex Tripp
   - Elliana Homan
16. Terry Perkins
17. Steven Potts
   - Madelyn Cunningham
18. Jerry Perkins
19. Marjo Taarud
20. Roger Frisbee
   - Taliyah Polk
21. Amber Klinkenberg
22. Randy Shirbroun
23. Katherine Willey
   - Daren Flinck
24. Marlene Wieneke
25. Laura Barrie
26. Chery Dismore
27. Camron Lenz
28. Meegan Heidebrink

Happy Anniversary!

First

10. Tim & Kari Meyer
18. Randy & Amy Shirbroun
15. Gordon & Jane Moore
28. Jeff & Cheryl Homan
   - David & Myra Palmer

Adrian

4. Keith & Margaret Essman
18. Dave & Cindy Hokeness

Youth Group (September-May)

Wednesday 6:15 to 7:15 pm
Sunday 9:00 to 10:00 am
Middle School Youth: Grades 6-8 Lisa Gerdes
Senior High School Youth: Grades 9-12 Sandi Mead

God’s Blessings on your special day!
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### First Ministry Helpers

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- Tech: Kip Jenson
- Bus: Clyde Scheevel Burdell Kuhl
- Nursery: Ellen Hoefker Ashley Hoefker
- Greeters: Lowell & Anita Carlson
- Ushers: Bob Emary Merle Belz Doris Palmer Scott Belz

### Emmanuel Ushers

- 7 Jason Barrie
- 14 Kevin DeSmith
- 19 Jason Barrie
- 21 Kevin DeSmith
- 28 Jason Barrie

### Adrian Ushers

- 7 Scott & Dana Heidebrink
- 14 Cory & Heidi Klingenberg
- 21 Walt & Alice Kellen
- 28 Chad & Meegan Heidebrink

### Communion Helpers

First: Sharon Algood Leola Weets
Emmanuel: Jean Doeden
Adrian: David & Linda Reese (Prepare)
Linda Reese (Server)

### Acolyte Lighters

Adrian: Owen & Riley Heidebrink

### Video Camera

Adrian: Ky Ruppert
Return Service Requested