



**First United  
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**FIRSTCHURCH**

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As we begin the month of November, I am reminded that Thanksgiving is drawing near, and we will soon be surrounded by outpourings of gratitude as people all over the country prepare to gather with people we love for a meal and time of fellowship as we lean into our gratitude.

One of my most meaningful prayer practices over the years has been taking time each day to reflect on what I am thankful for. Some days, this is easy as I reflect on the countless ways I see God at work in my life. Other days, this is harder and I give thanks for the obvious things like a roof over my head, or food to eat. On all days, this practice of centering on gratitude before I go to bed each night has become an opportunity to remember the invitation in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, to *"give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ for you."*

Several years ago, I moved this practice of private prayer into a practice of written prayer for the month of November. Each day throughout the month, I take time to write down at least one thing I am thankful for. I'm not sure what it is, exactly, that makes the practice of writing down my gratitude different than praying through it, but it is. On social media, this gained some traction for a while as people turned from private journaling, to sharing their gratitude publicly in a challenge called something along the lines of "30 days of Gratitude."

Whether we share it on social media or write it in a journal that is between you and God, I find merit in setting aside time to practice gratitude. Admittedly, I haven't done this in a few years, but this year, I want to return to this practice, and I want to invite you to join me. Specifically, I hope you will join me in reflecting on *unique* reasons to be grateful. We are all thankful for friends and family and a good meal. Yet I wonder: how are we thankful in unexpected moments that catch us off guard, or take our breath away? What are the unique things that stand out in our reflections that invite us to be grateful in difficult times, or in unexpected places?

For example: why might you be grateful for screaming children, or cold weather, or lots of traffic? What gifts await you when your plans fall through, your life is too busy, or your house is a mess? Is there a reason to be grateful when you have to stop and fill up that gas tank? Or stay an extra hour late at work? Or when you accidentally burn dinner?

There is a silver lining in every circumstance, and often, those linings are blessings waiting to be recognized. This November, I hope you will join me in celebrating my favorite (secular) holiday of Thanksgiving not just for one day, but all month long. As we do so, may our gratitude shape and refine us, reminding us to give thanks to God, who gives us all things.

Pastor Jen

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# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>** Wednesday Night Schedule</b> 5:30 pm Bell Choir 6:00-7:30 pm First Kids 6:00-7:30 pm First Squad 6:00-7:30 pm First Youth 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study—Lounge—Drop ins Welcome 7:45 pm Unity Band		1	2  9:00 am Morning Glories—Fellowship Hall  <i>*See above for Regular Wednesday Night Schedule*</i>	3  Home Communion  10 am Women's Bible Study	4	5 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge  9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant  <b>5:00 pm Worship All Saints</b>
6  <b>8:30 am</b>  9:00 Adult Sunday School  <b>10 am Worship All Saints</b>	7    5:30 pm Women of Faith—Lounge	8  <b>5:30 pm Leadership Team Mtg</b>	9  <b>3:00 pm—5:00 pm Food Giveaway National Guard Readiness Center</b>  <i>*See above for Regular Wednesday Night Schedule*</i>	10  10 am Women's Bible Study	11 <b>Veterans Day Office Closed</b>	12 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge  9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant  <b>5:00 pm Worship</b>
13  <b>8:30 am</b>  9:00 Adult Sunday School  <b>10 am Worship</b>	14	15  11:30 am Lunch a Bunch at Godfathers Pizza	16  <i>*See above for Regular Wednesday Night Schedule*</i>	17  10 am Women's Bible Study	18	19 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge 8:30 am at Gather Exploring a Legacy of Prayer 9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant  <b>9:30 am Annual Conf. SF</b> <b>5:00 pm Worship Guest Preacher Dayne</b>
20 <b>Guest Preacher Dayne Zachrison</b>  <b>8:30 am</b>  9:00 Adult Sunday School  <b>10 am Worship</b>	21	22	23  No Wednesday Night Activities for Kids or Youth  No Bell Choir or Chancel Choir Practice	24  <b>Thanksgiving Day Holiday Office Closed</b>	25  <b>Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed</b>	26 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge  9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant  <b>5:00 pm Worship</b>
27  Advent Begins Advent Festival Begins  <b>8:30 am</b>  9:00 Adult Sunday School  <b>10 am Worship</b>	28	29  <b>5:30 pm Annual Charge Conference Fellowship Hall</b>	30  <i>*See above for Regular Wednesday Night Schedule*</i>	Dec 1  <b>7–9 pm Community Christmas Concert Practice</b>	Dec 2	Dec 3  <b>9–11 am Community Christmas Concert Practice</b>

## Weekly at First Church

### Wednesdays

5:15—5:45 pm Community Meal—All are Welcome  
 5:30—6:30 pm Bell Choir  
 6:00—7:30 pm First Kids—First Squad—First Youth  
 6:30—7:30 pm Chancel Choir  
 6:30—7:30 pm Bible Study-Lounge—Drop in's Welcome  
 7:45 pm Unity Band

### Thursday

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

### Friday

Office Closed

### Saturday

7:00 am Back Room Boys—Church Library  
 9:00 am Late Risers—Stones Restaurant  
 3:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary  
**5:00 pm—Contemporary Worship**

### Sunday

**8:30 am Traditional Worship**  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
**10:00 am Blended Worship**

## Monthly at First Church

### 1st Monday of the Month

5:30 pm Women of Grace Bible Study—Lounge

### 2nd Tuesday of the Month

5:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting—Lounge

### 1st Wednesday of the Month

Morning Glories Women's Fellowship/Mission Group  
 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall

### 1st Thursday of the Month

Home Communion

### 3rd Thursday of the Month

Lunch a Bunch Fellowship Group  
 11:30 am at Godfathers' Pizza

### 2nd & 4th Friday of the Month

Sisters in Stitches Sewing Group  
 9:00 am—Noon Church Lounge

### 3rd Saturday of the Month

Exploring a Legacy of Prayer  
 8:30 am in person at Gather Coffee Shop

### Monthly

*(Time & Place to be Announced)*  
 30's/40's Group and 50's/60's Group

***Please note that anyone is welcome at any time to drop in to any of the above noted groups.***



### **PACH Item for November Ramen Noodles**

Donated items can be dropped off at the church.  
 Thank You!




## **Roosevelt Outreach Mission**

First Church is again partnering with Roosevelt School to help meet the needs of the children and teachers. Each month we'll post specific needs which will be collected here at First Church and delivered to Roosevelt School. As always, monetary gifts are also welcome.

Here are some current needs:

- 5160 size avery labels
- Black PaperMate Flair Pens
- Big popsicle sticks (all the same color)
- 9X12 white construction paper
- Play dinosaurs (any size)
- 3-inch book tape
- (24) Pen pal holders (see attachment)
- (2) UNO card games
- Snacks (fruit snacks, granola bars, crackers, etc.)
- Nutrigrain bars multiple flavors.
- Gold Fish
- Motz Fruit snacks
- Crackers
- 18-4oz. canning jars
- 6-qts unsweetened apple sauce
- Kleenex
- Ziplock bags- Gallon or multiple sizes
- Boxes of Crayons

Thank you so much for supporting the kids and educators at Roosevelt School!

## **SAVE THESE DATES...**

### **Pastor Dayne Zachrison Guest Preacher**

Saturday, November 19 &  
 Sunday, November 20



### **Annual Charge Conference**

Tuesday, November 29th—5:30 pm  
 First UMC Fellowship Hall  
 Church Budget and Info Meeting

### **Community Christmas Concert**

Sunday, December 4th at First UMC  
 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm

# FIRSTKIDS

# FIRSTSQUAD



Join us on Wednesday November 16th as we assemble Christmas care packages for members who are home bound, and others in our community. Help us fill up our care packages with donations of the following items:

- Healthy, non-perishable pre-packaged snacks (hot chocolate, microwave popcorn, granola bars, etc.)
- Small lotions, fuzzy socks, and other personal comfort items
- Unused notebooks, pens, sticky notes, notecards
- Large Print Game books (i.e. sudoku, cross-words, etc.)

We could also use help in delivering the care packages after Thanksgiving. If interested, please let Sandee know at [children@watertownfirst.church](mailto:children@watertownfirst.church).



New to First Kids?

Need to update contact info? Go to: [www.watertownfirst.church/first-kids](http://www.watertownfirst.church/first-kids) and click on the student registration button.

## Key Happenings in November for First Kids & First Squad

- Wednesday November 16—Family Serve Night
- Wednesday November 23—Thanksgiving Break—No Wednesday Night Groups
- Saturday November 26 & Sunday November 27—Family Worship Weekend—No First Kids School or Nursery

Looking ahead to December

- December 16th—The Not-So-Silent Night Instant Christmas Pageant



Coming to First Church on **Wednesday, December 16th**, an Instant Christmas Pageant, "The Not-So-Silent Night".

If you like to dress-up and act, sing a song, play an instrument, help behind the scenes, welcome guests, and more, join us for our Instant Christmas Pageant.

Information will be shared with First Kids & First Squad in November on how they can be a part of this Instant Christmas Pageant. This will be a great way to celebrate and remember the night Jesus was born in a fun way with others!

## First Kids School Celebrates Wonder!!

We will continue to celebrate wonder as we explore how we can use our voice to speak up for others and share the love of God.





# FIRST YOUTH

## Youth 2023 Trip!

Every four years, youth from throughout The United Methodist Church have gathered for four days of discipleship, fun, and fellowship at the YOUTH event. The event is filled with interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service opportunities, and fellowship time. We also will spend a few days before and during the conference doing mission work in Florida.



YOUTH 2023 is a chance for our church to experience cutting-edge speakers, amazing artists, and broaden our understanding of what we and our church are capable of!

YOUTH 2023 will be in Daytona Beach, Florida from July 25-28, 2023. Worship and learning will be held at the Daytona Ocean Center and lodging at the Hilton Ocean Front Resort. And yes, you will literally be oceanfront with an amazing beach to enjoy!

Youth groups from around the Dakotas Conference will be grouping up and going together. We will fundraise for this trip.

Register at the First Youth page on the church website or talk to Pastor Bryce. More details to follow so be on the lookout!

## Family Serve Night

On Wednesday, November 16th we will have a Family Serve Night where we will put together care packages for college students and young adults from our congregation. In preparation for that night, we need supplies donations. Please bring items listed below as you are able. You can drop them off in Cook Hall anytime before or on November 16th.

Items Needed:

- Healthy, non-perishable snacks
- Notebooks
- Sticky notes
- Pens
- Notecards
- Hot Chocolate Packets

## Mark the Calendar!

Nov. 11-13th—Dak Youth  
 Nov. 16th—Family Serve Night  
 Nov. 23rd—No First Youth  
 Nov. 30th—Bowling Night  
 Dec. 14th—Christmas Program Night

## Register

To ensure the safety of our students, please take a moment to fill out a registration form for each student. The form can be found on the website at:

[www.watertownfirst.church/first-youth](http://www.watertownfirst.church/first-youth).

**LEADERSHIP TEAM MINUTES • Tues. October 11 • 5:30 pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lea Ann Alwin, Ronda Boughton, Barb Brinkman, Sarah Caron, April Geffre, Mike Grann, Sue Luken, Lee Rycraft Doug Wishard, Pastor Jen.

**ABSENT:** Corrine Dahl, Debbie Engels, Chad Miller

**Guests:** Glen Vilhauer and John Redlinger

Devotions: Barb Brinkman / Welcome Prayer: Pastor Jen

**AGENDA:**

**FOUNDATION UPDATE:** Glen Vilhauer and John Redlinger presented an update on the Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to benefit the church. They feel there is a good relationship between the church and the Foundation. Foundation bylaws allow for expenditures of up to 5% of the value of the investments.

**ELEVATOR ISSUES:** The original installer was here on Monday. He gave an option that will be done soon.

An architect looked things over. She will be sending a report with options.

**PARKING LOT SIGNAGE:** Jenkins employees parking along the east side of the building in alley and in the church parking lot continues to be a concern. This concern has been expressed to Jenkins administration many times. There are many activities at church and the parking lot is needed for these church activities. The *Church Parking Only* signs are not enough to give the message.

**DENOMINATIONAL UPDATE/CONVERSATION:** Some United Methodist Churches are choosing to leave the denomination through disaffiliation. This is not an official denominational split, it is a splinter group of churches who are unhappy and leaving. Pastor Jen will be sharing information about this to any groups in the church who would like more information.

**SPECIAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 19:** The agenda will include one business item: consideration of resolutions ratifying the disaffiliation of local churches from The United Methodist Church. Our church can send 7 delegates to this. Those expressing an interest include: Mike & Kathie Grann, Barb Brinkman, Sue Luken, Ronda Boughton, April Geffre.

**2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** This will be held June 8 – 10 in Sioux Falls. April, Barb, Mike, and Sue are interested in attending.

**NEW POTENTIAL LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS (2023 – 2025):** Mike and Chad have completed their terms on the Leadership Team, so there are 2 openings.

**NEW PARAMENTS:** Paraments is the official church word for things like altar cloths and the cloths hanging on the pulpit. Ours are showing a great deal of wear. Memorial Fund money will be used to purchase new paraments and banners.

**FARMLAND UPDATE:** The owner of adjacent land is requesting a variance to build on his land.

**CHRISTMAS EVE / CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP:** There will be 2 services on Christmas Eve at 4:00 and 7:00. Christmas Day is on a Sunday; there will be one service at 10:00. New Year's weekend will have services at the following times: Saturday at the usual time of 5:00. Sunday will have one service at 10:00.

**PASTORS UPDATES:** Pastor Bryce is applying for a Breakthrough Ministry Grant from the Dakotas Conference. The focus of this grant is to reach young adults.

Pastor Jen proposed that our church become part of the Oasis Network. This is a network of churches committed to welcome and care for those who were members of United Methodist congregations that voted to disaffiliate but would like to remain a United Methodist. This is an opportunity for intentional hospitality.

Motion by Sarah; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lea Ann that Watertown First UMC become part of the Dakotas Oasis Network of Churches. Motion passed.

**LEADERSHIP TEAM GROUP UPDATES:**

**BUILDING & GROUNDS:** The ramp on the NE side of the church is in. There are things that need tweaking that will be taken care of soon.

**FINANCE:** Finance is meeting to set the budget. Pledge letters are being sent. ACH giving is being promoted. 2023 staff wage increase was presented. Motion by Doug; 2<sup>nd</sup> by April to accept this as proposed. Motion passed.

**SPR:** There have been interviews for custodian. This is a part time position.

It is Pastor Appreciation Month. We have extended this to include all staff. There are gift bags in the back of the sanctuary. All are encouraged to write notes of appreciation.

**MINISTRY:** There are many projects.

The Harvest Table has been successful and is now winding down. Extra produce has been taken to Salvation Army. The donations will be given to a program that helps ease hunger. September 21 a group volunteered to work at Feeding South Dakota in Sioux Falls.

September 28 Food Give Away was successful. Next one will be November 9.

PACH donations of money and food continue.

Shoobox Christmas: approximately 75 Christmas gift boxes were assembled to be given to children on reservations in North and South Dakota and Minnesota.

Roosevelt School Outreach – we have volunteered to help with the Fall Carnival on Friday, October 28.

Advent Festival – We are hoping to have an Advent Festival this year.

Diaper Giveaway was successful.

Ukrainian settlement effort – Watertown is a pilot community.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Luken, recording secretary

### Leadership Team Openings

We want to say Thank You to our Leadership Team for their dedication to First Church.

We will have two openings on our Leadership Team at the end of this year as Mike Grann & Chad Miller end their 3 year term.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for the Leadership Team, please let Pastor Jen know. You can pick up an application at the Welcome Center.

Prayerfully consider how you can make a difference in the life of First Church by becoming a member of the Leadership Team.

### Meet our new Custodian!

We are excited to welcome Steve Lindner as First Church's Custodian.

Steve began work on Monday, October 17th and will be working part time during our daytime hours.

If you see Steve around the church please take the time to say hello, welcome him, and introduce yourself.



### First Church Value Statements:

**Worship:** Gathering as a community to connect with God through hearing the Word, prayer, music, sharing the sacraments, and offering our time, gifts, talents, and resources.

**Music:** A wide variety of songs, instruments, and voices that invoke uplifting, emotional, and spiritual response.

**Fellowship:** Nurturing all generations on our discipleship journey toward becoming cared for, loved and loving members of our faith community.

**Children and Youth:** We care about faith formation and education of young people so they can become disciples and leaders through Jesus Christ.

**Community Service:** Meeting the spiritual and physical needs of people outside the walls of our church through hands-on activities, goods, and prayers.

### First Church Finances

#### Just a friendly reminder to turn in your 2023 Pledge Cards.

To submit your 2023 Pledge electronically click here: [2023 Pledge](#)

OR **Scan the QR Code to the Right** OR **Request a Paper Copy from the Church Office**

First Church also offers Electronic Giving as a way to automate your regular giving.

Go to [watertownfirst.church/giving](http://watertownfirst.church/giving) to set up an automatic donation plan or call the church office to help walk you through the process. Thank you for your support of First Church.



#### FUMC General Budget Financials

1st Quarter 2022	Income	\$122,788	\$7,012
	Expense	\$115,776	
	Difference	\$7,012	
2nd Quarter 2022	Income	\$126,007	\$15,178
	Expense	\$117,841	
	Difference	\$8,166	
3rd Quarter 2022	Income	\$103,770	(\$5,410)
	Expense	\$124,358	
	Difference	(\$20,588)	

There are several methods available for giving. You can mail your tithe and offerings to the church at:

*First United Methodist Church,  
PO Box 1416, Watertown, SD 57201*  
or give online at:

[watertownfirst.church/giving](http://watertownfirst.church/giving)

Or use the QR Code to give online now!

Thank You for your support of First



**NOTE:** To meet our 2022 budget in full each month, we need a monthly income of \$48,248.83. The chart above reflects our giving, actual expenditures, and YTD cash flow. Thank you for your generosity and support of First Church!

*For a more detailed copy of the budget, please contact the church office.*



**Order your poinsettias by November 10th** to be used in decorating the Sanctuary for the celebration of the 2022 Christmas Season.

The plants will be displayed December 10<sup>h</sup> thru December 25<sup>th</sup>. You may take a plant home with you after worship on the 25th or call the church office to arrange another time. The cost of each plant is \$30 (tax included).

If you wish to purchase one or more plants, please fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate or drop it by the Church Office. Please be sure to include the designated information if the poinsettia(s) is in memory of or in honor of a loved one(s) along with \$30 per plant.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ **Do you wish to pick up your plant after Christmas?** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose \$30 per plant with this order form. Thank you.**  
**Checks can be made out to "First United Methodist Church"**

## Community Christmas Concert Sunday, December 4

- \* The **"Sounds of the Season"** community Christmas concert is returning!!
- \* Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 4, 2022, at First United Methodist Church.
- \* Concert times are 3 pm and 7 pm.
- \* Free tickets will be available at County Fair and Hy-Vee starting November 18.

## Advent Festival Begins the Weekend of Nov. 26-27

- \* The Advent Festival celebrated at First United Methodist Church is a time of alternative gift giving.
- \* Watch our Mid-Week Update for more information.

## First Church Decorating for the Christmas Season

- \* After worship on Sunday, November 20th thru Saturday, November 26th prior to worship is the time allotted for different groups to decorate their spaces for Christmas.
- \* Please let the church office know what area and when you plan to decorate.
- \* Thank you for your help in ringing in the Christmas Spirit at First Church.

## Calling All Bakers...

- \* Do you like to bake? Cookies? Bars? Cakes?
- \* We'd love to have more fresh baked goods for our Coffee Fellowship time on weekends.
- \* We'd also love to treat our kiddos to some fresh baked goodies for dessert after our Wednesday night meals.
- \* If you'd like to provide baked goodies, please call the church office and let us know which worship service you'd like to bake for OR if you'd like to bake for Wednesday night.
- \* Thanks in advance for sharing your gift of baking.




***Our prayers and deepest sympathy go out to the following families:***

Kathe Sherrill and other family & friends of Gary Sherrill who passed away on October 20, 2022 in Rapid City, SD.

Doug Waldner and LaVonne Nelson and other friends and family of Darlene Waldner who passed away on October 14, 2022. Darlene was mother to Doug and sister to LaVonne.



This is to say "Thank You" Friends, for all your kind acts for me; letters, gifts, fresh garden vegetables and printed sermons.  
May God Bless You in return. *Mildred Smith*

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOMES**

Avantara Watertown 415 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NE Watertown, SD 57201	Mary Snyder—Ethel DeWald—Mildred Smith
Edgewood Assisted Living 901 14th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201	Mildred Drake #424 Warren Berger #310
Edgewood Independent Living 901 14th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201	Dorothy Iverson #202 Audrey Rhodes #210—Lorraine Amy #213
HSC Spruce 1 PO Box 7600 Yankton, SD 57078	Ordean Stern
Jenkins Living Center 215 S. Maple Watertown, SD 57201	Adelia Thorn #225—Carol Redwing #256 Ken Ragels #274—Lillian VanDykhurst #363—Dorothy Brugman #376 Alice Johnson #419—Violetta Severson #437—Robert Shultz #427
Stoney Brook Assisted Living 500 16th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201	Margie Gertsen #33—Jeanette Nelson #62
Wilmot Care Center 501 4th St Wilmot SD 57279	LaVonne Nelson

**Watertown Memory Care Support Group (formerly the Alzheimer's Support Group)**
**November 2, 2022**

Topic—"Let's Talk"—Caregiver Sharing Time

**December 7, 2022**

Preparing for the Holidays—Support Group Sharing & Hand Outs  
+PLUS+ Holiday treats & surprises!

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Watertown Memory Care Support Group continues to meet at the Watertown Event Center for their meetings. Please enter through the Event Center doors. Thank you! We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. For more information contact Connie Lake at [cl.memory.group@gmail.com](mailto:cl.memory.group@gmail.com)



Birthday	Name
1-Nov	Dylan Wirkus
1-Nov	Garrett Dorneman
1-Nov	Debbie Engels
1-Nov	Emrie Schaunaman
2-Nov	Bonnie Wolff
2-Nov	Janet Workman
2-Nov	Ashton First In Trouble
3-Nov	Violet Ford
3-Nov	Denise Mayer
4-Nov	Jacksyn Wirkus
4-Nov	Andrew Hanson
4-Nov	Katelyn Hanson
4-Nov	April Geffre
5-Nov	Teena Johnson
5-Nov	Kristina Rieffenberger
6-Nov	Clayton Muller
6-Nov	Margaret Houfek
6-Nov	Sara Jorgenson
7-Nov	Dylon Luckhurst
7-Nov	Bobbi Hoffman
7-Nov	Trenten Vanderlinden
8-Nov	Taylor Johnson
8-Nov	Samuel Meek
8-Nov	Korbin Wangen
8-Nov	Mackenzie Enstad
8-Nov	Richard Schmidt
8-Nov	Ian (William) McCann
9-Nov	Beth Buckley
9-Nov	Eric Kuhlman
10-Nov	Hayden Thomas
10-Nov	Wayne Leiner
10-Nov	Blake Paulson
11-Nov	Kolbe Mohling
12-Nov	Will Fiebelkorn
12-Nov	Theodore Hartford
12-Nov	Harlan Veen
12-Nov	Dylan Kasperek
13-Nov	Kathy Johnson
13-Nov	Sue Togel
13-Nov	Mary Snyder
13-Nov	Dawn Wangen

Birthday	Name
14-Nov	Quinn Boadwine
15-Nov	Harper Rae Alwin
15-Nov	Corrine Dahl
15-Nov	Kelly Dale
15-Nov	Alexa Buckley
15-Nov	Wacey Ward
16-Nov	Roger Jones
16-Nov	Lyle Ratliff
16-Nov	Connor Hanson
17-Nov	Paige Fiebelkorn
17-Nov	Anthony Norton
17-Nov	Sawyer Barrie
18-Nov	Dravyn Carlson
18-Nov	Marilyn Spurrell
18-Nov	Sierra Kannas
19-Nov	Amber Enstad
19-Nov	Breckin Buechler
19-Nov	Brandon Johnson
21-Nov	Wesley Nelson
21-Nov	Brad Gilbertson
24-Nov	Cheryl Dorneman
24-Nov	Cheri Erlandson
24-Nov	Alex Urevig
24-Nov	Todd Blair
25-Nov	Allana Johnson
26-Nov	Kaiden Rossow
26-Nov	Shirley Boone
26-Nov	Cindy Hartwig
26-Nov	Paul McElhany
26-Nov	Genny DeLong
27-Nov	Candace Jurgens
27-Nov	Owen Rishoi-Andreassen
28-Nov	Ryan Alwin
29-Nov	Brett Schutt
30-Nov	Jamis Jurgens
30-Nov	Kegan Kasperek

Anniversary	Bride & Groom
4-Nov	Arlin & Judy Schumacher
11-Nov	Donald & Doris Riley
15-Nov	Mike & Kathie Grann
20-Nov	Dale & Donna McElhany
21-Nov	Steven & Ruth Feeney
22-Nov	Daniel & Arlet Magstadt
23-Nov	Travis & Amy Arnold
25-Nov	Michael & Julie Williams
25-Nov	Brian & Noelle Heuer

## All Saints Celebration

On the weekend of November 5-6, First United Methodist church will be remembering those from our congregation who have passed away over the last year at all three of our worship services (Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 8:30am and 10am).

We will be lighting candles to honor the memory of these folks, followed by Holy Communion with an opportunity for individuals to light additional candles in memory of loved ones.

We pray that this will be a meaningful service for our entire church family and we hope that you will join us.

## Christmas Shoe Boxes • Thank You! • Thank You! • Thank You!

Thanks to everyone for your help in making the Shoebox Christmas Project a huge success.

Thanks for all the donations of items and money. We were able to fill 75 boxes with wonderful gifts for the Native American Children of ND & SD.

Now is the perfect time to start gathering toys for next year as the stores put out their Christmas toys. There will be a drop box by the office at the church. Thanks again for your support.

*Morning Glories Women's Fellowship & Missional Group*



# A FRIGHTENINGLY FUN HALLOWEEN NIGHT





# November 2022

## FIRST NEWS

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 605-886-4427      office@watertownfirst.church      www.watertownfirst.church

### MEET THE STAFF

**Senior Pastor**  
 Rev. Jen Tyler  
**Associate Pastor**  
 Rev. Bryce Blank  
**Director of Children's Ministry**  
 Rev. Sandee Prouty-Cole  
**Director of Worship & Ministry**  
 Lucas Severson  
**Office Manager**  
 Pearl Geffre  
**Custodian**  
 Steve Lindner  
**On-Call Pastor**  
 Rev. Elmer Brinkman  
**Nursery Coordinators**  
 Heidi Steffensen  
 Jeanne Paulson  
**Organists**  
 Blair Titze & Lesa Dahl  
**Bell Choir Director**  
 Renae Mack  
**Music & Chancel Choir Director**  
 Blair Titze  
**Wedding Coordinator**  
 Kathy Mielitz



**Food Giveaway**  
*drive-thru*  
**3pm-5pm**  
**Wednesday**  
**November 9th**  
*National Guard*  
*Readiness Center*  
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**UNTIL FOOD RUNS OUT // DO NOT COME EARLY**  
 Household member must be present to receive food.

**Join us for**  
**Worship**  
**In Person**  
**&**  
**Online**  
**Saturday**  
**5:00 pm**  
**Sunday**  
**8:30 am**  
**&**  
**10:00 am**

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