



First United Methodist Church First News March 2024



4 Second Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201

Pastor's Word:

Our Theme for our Community Lenten worship services our church is hosting this year is "So they may know my love," as reflected in the words of Jesus in John 17:23. In what is a similar but different theme, the study I am leading on Wednesdays at noon is based on a book by Paul W. Chilcote chosen by Dakotas Conference leadership titled, "Multiplying Love: A Vision of United Methodist Life Together."

Maybe it's the fact that these themes were both handed to me, maybe it's the fact that the season of Lent started on Ash Wednesday which happened to also be Valentines Day, or maybe it's something else all together, but I've been thinking a lot lately about love. Love of God. Love of neighbor. Love of self. Love that we receive and love that we give... we have a lot to learn about love, don't we?

During the message I got to share at our first our Community Lenten Worship service of the season, I shared about an old Peanuts comic wherein Lucy is standing there with her arms folded and a resolute expression on her face while Charlie Brown pleads with her. "Lucy," he says, "you must be more loving. The world needs love. Make this world a better place, Lucy, by loving someone else." At that, Lucy whirls around angrily and Charlie goes flipping over backwards. Lucy yells back at Charlie Brown: "Look, you blockhead. The world I love. It's people I can't stand!"

Anyone identify with that? Hopefully not all the time, but I think we've all felt that at some point, haven't we? I think it resonates because it's true that it's easy to love in the abstract. It's easy to say we love people in general, or the world around us. Yet when we get specific, and dive deeply into relationship with people around us, or into the kinds of sacrifices we might have to make to better care for others... it's *those* people and circumstances that get to us, making it harder.

Yet my current study of John Wesley's perspective on love has invited me to remember that love isn't *meant* to be easy – but it is meant to be central to everything we do. So much so, author Paul W. Chilcote argues that that "love, in and of itself, is even more valuable than Christian belief."

In other words: the specifics of what we believe are simply not as important, as whether we are choosing love, since love is a reflection of God.

Are you choosing love, friends? Is love the core of how we speak? Act? Respond? React?
Is love influencing the advice we share, the ways we drive, the ways we interact with strangers and friends and loved ones alike?

Love isn't meant to be easy. But it is the highest gift we can share with the world. May you find ways to share a little (or lot) more love with the world around you this day and this season... starting with the people we might otherwise struggle with the most.

Pastor Jen

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March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Weekly at First Church
Tuesdays During Lent (Feb 20—March 26)

12:05 pm Lenten Bible Study in Cook Hall

Wednesdays During Lent (Feb 21—March 20)

12:05 pm Community Lenten Worship Service with lunch to follow—Fellowship Hall here at First Church

Wednesday

5:15 pm Community Meal—Everyone Welcome

5:15—6:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:15—7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:00—7:30 pm First Kids (K-4th Grade)

6:00—7:30 pm First Squad (5th-6th Grade)

6:00—7:30 pm First Youth (7th—12th Grade)

7:15—7:30 pm Family Worship in the Sanctuary
Thursday Bible Study

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

6:00 pm Blended Band Rehearsal

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 Bible Study

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

3rd Tuesday of the Month—New Location

11:30 am Lunch-A-Bunch at Perkins

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Morning Glories Women's Fellowship/Mission Group

9:00 am in the Church Lounge

1st Thursday of the Month

Home Communion

1st, 3rd, & 4th Wednesday of the Month

 9:15 am Embracing God Study Group—**Joining the Tuesday Lenten Study until Easter—Not meeting on Wednesdays during Lent.**
Monthly

 30's/40's Group and 50's/60's Group—*Watch for Details*

"IMPACT" Young Adult Group led by Pastor Bryce Blank & April Geffre

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

During Lent at First Church

Tuesdays at 12:05 pm – Lenten Study

Wednesdays at 12:05 pm –Worship followed by lunch

March 28 – Maundy Thursday Worship at 6 pm

March 29 – Good Friday Worship at 6 pm

Easter Weekend Worship

Saturday March 30, 5 pm

Sunday March 31, 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Lent Bible Study

On **Tuesdays from 12:05pm-1pm** during Lent (February 20 – March 26), Pastor Jen will be leading a 6-week study based on the book, "Multiplying Love: A Vision of United Methodist Life Together." This study comes recommended by the Dakotas Conference of The United Methodist Church for the Lenten season, so we will be utilizing Conference videos as we engage in study and conversation together. Your own copy of the book is **not** required, though if you wish to pick up a copy, it is available in the church office for \$16. Please join us!

Community Lenten Services are Back!

Please plan to join us as First Church hosts our community Lent worship services this year. This is an ecumenical worship service hosted by the Watertown Ministerial with a different church/group hosting and leading us in worship each week. Worship will be **on Wednesdays at 12:05pm** in our sanctuary starting on February 21 (the week after Ash Wednesday), and will run through Wednesday, March 20 (the week before Holy Week). We will share in a brief (25 minute) worship service followed by a luncheon downstairs (lunch cost: \$5). All offerings collected during these services will go to support the One Roof Program through Salvation Army.

UPCOMING
EVENTS

STONEBROOK
GATHERING
6:30 PM
MAR 07

ESCAPE ROOM
@ BREAKOUT
6:00 PM
APR 04

COOKOUT AND
GAMES
(LOCATION TBD)
6:00 PM
MAY 02

IMPACT
YOUNG ADULTS EXPLORING LIFE & FAITH

What is Impact? Impact is a young adult group through First Church that seeks to connect with people wanting to deepen their faith after they graduate high school through their early 30s. We understand that being a young adult is challenging as they try to figure out how to be on their own. It can be especially challenging to continue growing in their faith during this time because most young adults are no longer connected to the faith community that nurtured them through their early years. That's why our young adult ministry is so important at First Church.

March Mission of the Month is PACH



Item of the month
for March:
Macaroni &
Cheese
Thank you for



March 11th - 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm

All Church Pack night at the PACH Warehouse

Call the church office to sign up for this mission. 605-886-4427

Meet at the warehouse on the South side of the mall behind Dunhams. We'll pack the bags that will be distributed that week. Thank You!

What is the Watertown Area PACH Program?

The Watertown Area PACH Program is dedicated to ensuring that children and youth will receive a nutritious weekend PACH (pronounced pack) that includes breakfast, a morning snack, lunch, and an afternoon snack for each day of the weekend. During the 2022-2023 school year we served about 625 students.

- Your donations stay in the community as **100% of funding** is used to support the nutritional needs of the children and youth in the program.
- The Watertown Area PACH Program supports students in Watertown, throughout Codington County, including Waverly-South Shore, Florence and Henry as well as Headstart.
- The Watertown Area PACH Program completes its mission with food donations, monetary donations and volunteer hours from the community.
- *Donations to PACH can be made by: Checks made out to First UMC and note PACH in the memo*
Or Visit www.watertownfirst.church/giving—select Mission of the Month—Note PACH in the comments

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

As our Partnership with Roosevelt School continues this school year, please find below a list of supplies requested at this time. There is a drop box at the back of the Sanctuary. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be made at watertownfirst.church/giving. Select Other Income & indicate Roosevelt School.
Thanks for your support!



- Graham Crackers - Goldfish Crackers
- Cheez-It Crackers - Bulk Cereal
- Pretzels - Fruit Snacks
- Crayola Markers (standard colors)
- Color Cardstock - White Cardstock
- Clorox Cleaning Wipes - Coffee Filters - Highlighters
- Timers- [Link](#)
- Sensory Brushes - [Link](#)
- Sensory Fidget Toys - [Link](#)
- Handheld Fidget Roller - [Link](#)
- Sensory Necklaces & Bracelets - [Link](#)



There are camps for all ages! Find your summer church camp at: www.dakotasumc.org/camping

Early Bird Deadline April 30th

*Use church code **wtnfirst** to receive the Early Bird Discount*

First Church Finances

FUMC General Budget Financials - 2024

		Monthly Actual	YTD Cash Flow
4th Qtr	Income	\$ 157,282	\$ (30,144)
	Expense	\$ 134,044	
	Difference	\$ 23,238	
24-Jan	Income	\$ 64,378	\$ 14,108
	Expense	\$ (50,270)	
	Difference	\$ 14,108	

NOTE: To meet our 2024 budget in full each month, we need a monthly income of \$40,383. The chart on the left reflects our giving, actual expenditures, and YTD cash flow. Thank you for your generosity and support of First Church!

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

Or use the QR Code to give online now!

Thank You for your support of First Church!



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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barb Brinkman, Sarah Caron, Corrine Dahl, Debbie Engels, April Geffre, Adam Fox, Peggy Lindahl, Sue Luken, Marcia Schneider, Doug Wishard, Pastor Jen, Pastor Bryce

Absent: Heide Kuhlman, Peggy Lindahl, and Lee Rycraft

Devotions and Prayer: Barb Brinkman Leader's Courage based on Deuteronomy 31

AGENDA:

Welcome: Welcome Adam Fox to Leadership Team. Adam will join the Ministry Group.

Accessibility Team Update: Sarah gave an accessibility update. The team reviewed the contract from WHR Contractors. After review, there are some questions that need clarification.

Worship Podcast: The weekend message has been available on podcast. This is being discontinued.

Vehicle Use Policy: A vehicle use policy was presented, discussed, modified, and approved.

Doug will be the vehicle maintenance volunteer. He will check the vehicle monthly.

It would be preferred to find a garage or covered area to store the van.

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8 Foot Tables in the "Pop Room" There are 30 – 8 foot tables in the pop room. These are the old heavy tables that we no longer use. These will be advertised and offered for sale. The buyer must haul the tables.

Kitchen Sink: The double sink has been removed and replaced with a countertop.

Wall/Foundation in Cook Hall: The issue is that as water has drained down the downspout on east side of Cook Hall, the sidewalk has separated from the foundation. The wall in Cook Hall is buckling and curving out.

2024 Summer Camping: Registration is open. Pamphlets are available and have been offered to the youth. We encourage more to participate in camping. Camping weekend to promote church camp will be the first weekend in April.

Future Town Hall Meetings: This will be an open forum to share information about Leadership Activities and other things happening at church. The plan is to hold these 3 times a year plus Charge Conference.

PASTOR UPDATES:

Pastor Bryce: Youth attended Winter Connection in January. Pastor Bryce was proud of the youth at this retreat. Pastor Bryce and the adults working with youth have been working with a consultant and this is bringing positive results.

February 28 will be "A Night to Remember" which is a fundraiser for the mission trip.

The last IMPACT activity, the young adult group, is growing. At the last activity there were 6 in attendance. The next activity will be at Stoneybrook.

Pastor Jen: We discussed the special offering taken at Easter. It was decided that this should be designated for Faith Development for all ages and the building maintenance fund.

LEADERSHIP TEAM GROUP UPDATES:

Building & Grounds: Roof – Snow cleats have been installed. A railing was installed in the kitchen. Continue to work with the Roofers to have the carpet in the nursery replaced. Illuminating the steps in the balcony was discussed.

Finance: Line items in the budget were discussed. We are once again operating in the black.

SPR: We continue to have an opening for a nursery attendant.

Ministry: Roosevelt School: The congregation continues donate items to support Roosevelt. One of the biggest needs is snacks for the students.

Bundles of Hope Diaper Giveaway has been scheduled for Monday, February 26.

Mission of the Month for February is Haiti Alive and for March is PACH program.

PACH packing opportunity for the congregation is Monday, March 11.

We would like to have a Food Giveaway in April or May.

Grow groups are encouraged.

Meeting concluded with the *Breakthrough Prayer*.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be March 12, 2024 at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Luken, substitute recording secretary

FIRSTKIDS & FIRSTSQUAD

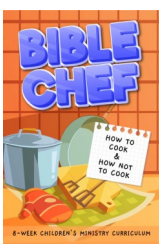
Do You Love Children? We are in need of a few extra folks to help out with our Children's Ministry programs on Wednesday nights as well as weekends.
If you'd like to volunteer or just want more information, please contact Lori or Sandy.

Children's Ministry Wish List

Dry Erase Markers
Composition Notebooks
Crayons—Fine Tip Markers
Bold Tip Markers—Colored Pencils
Construction Paper—Glue Sticks
Notebooks—Puzzles—Fidget Toys
Quick and Easy Games for ages 4 and up
(examples) Phase 10, Skip Bo, Old Maid,
Playing Cards, Dice, Spoons, Sorry,
Connect Four, Trouble, Guess Who,
Jenga, Memory, Go Fish, Candyland,
Operation, Dice, SkyJo)
Clear Storage Totes—all sizes
THANK YOU!

Please take a few minutes and check your family's registration to make sure all information is up to date.

Go to <https://watertownfirst.church/church/first-kids/> and click the Yellow "Student Registration" box. Or Click [Here](#) to Update or Register.



Bible Chef is our curriculum on Wednesday Nights. Each week kids will look at something that makes for a great dish - sweet, salty, hot, fresh - or something that can ruin a dish- cold, sour, spoiled, burnt - both in the kitchen and in life. They will cook up their own tasty snacks - no oven required, as they learn about all the good things that God has cooking for those who love and follow him.

Key Happenings for Children's Ministry

- **SPRING BREAK—MARCH 13-17**
 - ⇒ Wednesday March 13—No First Kids This Night
 - ⇒ Saturday & Sunday March 16-17—Family Worship Weekend—No First Kids School
- **PALM SUNDAY—March 24**
 - ⇒ K-6th Grade singing during worship
 - ⇒ 3-4 Grade—Get to Know Your Bible at 11:15 am
 - ⇒ 5-6 Grade—Blanket Making at 11:15 am
 - ⇒ Food will be provided for the children
- **Wednesday—March 27**
 - ⇒ Children & Youth Easter Event
- **Wednesday Night Schedule**
 - ◇ **5:15 pm Community Meal—Everyone Welcome**
 - ◇ 6:00—7:30 pm First Kids (K-4th Grade)
 - ◇ 6:00—7:30 pm First Squad (5th-6th Grade)
 - ◇ 6:00—7:30 pm First Youth (7th—12th Grade)
 - ◇ **7:15—7:30 pm Family Worship in the Sanctuary**



First Kids enjoyed playing Bingo with the residents at Jenkins Living Center. They look forward to their monthly visits to Jenkins on the first Wednesday of every month.



If you have any question about our Children's Ministry Program, please contact Lori Jurgens lori@watertownfirst.church or Sandy Middleton sandy@watertownfirst.church

FIRSTYOUTH

MARK THE CALENDAR!

- 3/1-2 CONFIRMATION CAMP
- 3/6 PACH NIGHT
- 3/13 NO YOUTH (SPRING BREAK)
- 3/27 EASTER EVENT (HOLY WEEK)
- 4/10 CONFIRMATION MENTOR NIGHT
- 4/17 BEACON CENTER SERVE NIGHT
- 4/27 & 28 CONFIRMATION WEEKEND



What is Going On in First Youth

Wednesday Nights: During our time together on Wednesday nights, the youth have been continuing to learn about committing to being disciples of Jesus Christ. We learned the value of a faith community to support us on our faith journey.

Confirmation students met with their mentors this month and talked about addressing issues of faith using the Wesleyan Quadrilateral (If you don't know what that is, ask one of our confirmands to explain it).

Our youth also helped serve during the month by making tie-blankets for Sleep in Heavenly Peace and by helping with the A Night to Remember event.

Wednesday Night Worship: Wednesday night gatherings always conclude with a time of worship. This month we had a camp-themed worship and also had a service where a senior, Alayna Nelson, gave the devotion about community.

Fundraising: February was a fun month filled with the kick off of our mission trip fundraising.

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all who participated in the Qdoba Night. We raised \$286.90 at the Qdoba night. Thank you also to those who participated in our A Night to Remember fundraiser event!

For our last fundraiser, we will be taking donations for wood crosses that were hand made and donated by Marty Geffre. We will be displaying those in the back of the sanctuary in March so stop by our table and grab one!



Our prayers and deepest sympathy go out to:

Family & friends of Pike Hemp who passed away on January 26, 2024. Pike was brother to Romelle Carter.

Family and friends of Ardell Jorgenson who passed away on February 5, 2024. Ardell was mother to Terry Jorgenson & Kelly Jorgenson. Prayers for them and their families.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOMES

Avantara Watertown 415 4 th Ave. NE Watertown, SD 57201	Dick Lien
Edgewood Cedar View 225 14th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201	Warren Berger
Edgewood Assisted Living 901 14th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201	Audrey Rhodes #314 Bonnie Lien #411—Karen Ostrander #424 Marvin Mundhenke #422—Karyl Wishard #415
Edgewood Independent Living 901 14th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201	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 Lillian VanDykhurst #363 Alice Johnson #419—Violetta Severson #437
Stoney Brook Assisted Living 500 16th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201	Margie Gertsen—Betty Mohror
The Village of Harmony Hill 2533 Prairie Park Trail SE Watertown SD 57201	Wayne Leiner #102 Jeanette Nelson #219 (Legacy Circle)
Wilmot Care Center 501 4th St Wilmot SD 57279	LaVonne Nelson
Roetell Senior Housing 108 S Smith Clark SD 57225	Marilyn Vogt #4—Shirley Roe #10
Avantara Clark 201 8th Ave NW Clark SD 57225	Millard Roe #21

Watertown Memory Care Support Group (formerly the Alzheimer's Support Group)

March 6, 2024

"St. Patricks Surprise" by Bill & Cathy Zubke

April 3, 2024

"Anticipatory Grief" by Sara Foust CSW, Director Codington County Community Services

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.



Birthday	Happy Birthday To:
1-Mar	Dana Stern
2-Mar	Kristi Davis
2-Mar	Stephanie Muller
3-Mar	A J Shultz
4-Mar	Shane Wirkus
4-Mar	Dacey Veflin
5-Mar	Jordan Chandler
7-Mar	Kaelee Ward
7-Mar	Noah Hiedeman
7-Mar	Angie Anderson
8-Mar	Harper Mortenson
8-Mar	Margie Gertsen
9-Mar	Ruth Feeney
9-Mar	Peggy Lindahl
10-Mar	Ethan Riley
10-Mar	Mason Heggelund
10-Mar	Angela Boughton
10-Mar	Oliver Marek
11-Mar	John Dahl
12-Mar	Karen Miller
12-Mar	Nicole Ford
13-Mar	Shelby Blair
13-Mar	Sadie Arnold
14-Mar	Davee Buechler
14-Mar	Raven Smith
15-Mar	Journi Jade Jurgens
16-Mar	Macey Ward
16-Mar	Luke Muller
16-Mar	Lacy Maskovich
16-Mar	Tracy Stavick
17-Mar	Meranda Reis
17-Mar	Reagan Smith
18-Mar	Laurie Conley
19-Mar	Finnegan Murphy
19-Mar	Lea Ann Alwin
19-Mar	Roberta Stillson
21-Mar	Lincoln Schutt
21-Mar	Ed Togel
21-Mar	Wendy Meek
21-Mar	Colette Krueger
21-Mar	Paul Klose
21-Mar	Lucas Jans

Birthday	Happy Birthday To:
23-Mar	Judy Miller
24-Mar	Tawny Engels
24-Mar	Alan Luckhurst
25-Mar	Michelle Erlandson-Mohling
26-Mar	Madison Enstad
26-Mar	Alex Cady
26-Mar	Marty Harmel
26-Mar	Haevyn Jones
27-Mar	Matthew Anderson
27-Mar	Dan Oslund
28-Mar	Clark McElhany
29-Mar	Zander Wight
29-Mar	Aidan Wegner
29-Mar	James Halvorson
30-Mar	Cortlyn Paulson
30-Mar	Marcus Heggelund
30-Mar	Matthew Hoffman
30-Mar	Kevin Berner
31-Mar	Howard Meyer
31-Mar	Austin McBride



Anniversary	Bride & Groom
3-Mar	Matthew & Bobbi Hoffman
6-Mar	Karl & Heide Kuhlman
8-Mar	Wayne & Carol Leiner
21-Mar	Stephen & Susan Bachmann
24-Mar	Kenny & Melissa Raml
27-Mar	Chuck & Beth Decker
29-Mar	Bruce & Cheri Erlandson
31-Mar	Dale & Diane Kludt

**We Welcome
Saylor Krueger
as a Baptized
Member of our
Church Family**



**We Welcome These New Members into
our Church Family**



Linda & Brian Haan, Dawn & Kevin Berner



Delaney & Dalton Krueger
Virgil & Marianne DeLong

EASTER OFFERING

Please Note:
**Our special offering taken
at Easter will be designated
for Faith Development for
all ages and the building
maintenance fund.**

RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED

March 2024 FIRST NEWS

MEET THE STAFF

Senior Pastor

Rev. Jen Tyler

Associate Pastor

Rev. Bryce Blank

Director of Worship & Ministry

Lucas Severson

Office Manager

Pearl Geffre

On-Call Pastor

Rev. Elmer Brinkman

Children's Ministry

Coordinators

Sandy Middleton

Lori Jurgens

Nursery Care Providers

Meaghan Wharton

Donna Bruns

Laini Greenfield

Organists

Blair Titze

Lesa Dahl

Bell Choir Director

Renae Mack

Music & Chancel

Choir Director

Blair Titze

Custodian

Beth Schutt

Wedding Coordinator

Kathy Mielitz



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**We invite you to
worship with us in
person or online**

**Saturdays at 5:00 pm
Contemporary
Worship**

**Sunday at 8:30 am
Traditional Worship**

**Sunday at 10:00 am
Blended Worship**



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