



First United Methodist Church

First News

June 2024



FIRSTCHURCH

4 Second Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201

NOTE FROM PASTOR JEN:

It's hard to believe the time has come to write a farewell. These past four years have both felt like they were so much longer... and have gone by in the blink of an eye.

I remember wondering when I arrived in July of 2020 how I would ever get to know this community since we were socially distancing and many of us were wearing masks – I couldn't even see your faces. How far we have come since then! I couldn't be more grateful for the ways we have learned, grown, and done ministry together.

Friends of First Church: **thank you.** Thank you for welcoming me into your community in a chaotic time, and for helping me make a home here. Thank you for the holy moments we've shared, both in sorrow and deep joy. Thank you for the sacredness of conversations held at tables, in coffee shops, near bedsides, and while serving together. Thank you for your delightful senses of humor and the laughter we shared as a result. Thank you – for being you. For all of who you are: even for the ways you have challenged me and helped me to grow.

I am better – both as a person, and as a pastor – for having had the privilege of serving as Pastor in Watertown... and I am grateful.

I will carry this gratitude with me into my next chapter of ministry to the Brookings and surrounding area – and to wherever God may call me to after that, too. As I prepare to go forth to this next place, please know I hope to see and have a chance to say goodbye to as many of you as possible. My last weekend in worship at Watertown First will be **June 22-23**, and I would be honored to have you present with us as we celebrate, share in grief, and say goodbye. Please plan to come early or stay late as we share in an extra time of fellowship over coffee hour so we can have a chance to visit one last time.

After that, I will be transitioning to my new role in Brookings. Please know I will continue praying for you in this time, as I cannot wait to see what God is going to do in this community next. As an act of care and a longing for our transitions to go as well as possible, I do want to remind you that in The United Methodist Church we have an important practice of asking pastors not to be in touch with or return to churches they depart from for a minimum of one year. That means I will be radio silent for a while both so you can develop a relationship with Pastor Sara McManus, and so I can develop new relationships in Brookings.

Change and transitions can be incredibly difficult, even when we see God at work in the midst of them and believe them to be good. That certainly rings true for me in this transition, which is why I want to offer yet again: I have truly cherished the time I have had the privilege of serving as Senior Pastor in this beloved (and beautiful!) congregation that is Watertown First United Methodist Church. Thank you, church. Thank you, thank you, thank you. God Bless you.

In Gratitude,

Pastor Jen Tyler

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June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Weekend First Kids on Break for the Summer</p> <p>Adult Sunday School on break for the Summer</p>	May 27 Memorial Day Holiday Office Closed	May 28	May 29 9:15 am Embracing God 6 pm VBS Meeting <p>Wednesday Night Activities on Break for the Summer</p>	May 30 4:30 pm Ministry Mtg	May 31 5:30 pm Walk A Mile in Her Shoes Event	1 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge 9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant 3:00 pm Band Rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship
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Meals on Wheels						
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Weekly at First Church
Wednesdays

Children/Youth Activities & Community Meal on Break for Summer

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
9:30 am Blended Worship

Adult Bible Study on Break for the Summer

Monthly at First Church
1st Monday of the Month

 5:30 pm Women of Grace Bible Study—**Meet at Minerva's in June**
2nd Tuesday of the Month

5:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting

3rd Tuesday of the Month

 11:30 am Lunch-A-Bunch at **Pizza Ranch—New Place**
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—Church Lounge

Monthly

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

Seasonal

 30's/40's Group and "Young at Heart Group" (formerly the 50's/60's Group)—*Watch for Details*
Please note that anyone is welcome at any time to drop in to any of the above noted groups.

ONE DAY MINI MISSION TRIP for KIDS

First Squad, students entering 5th & 6th grade in the fall, are invited to join us on a one day Mini-Mission Trip to Sioux Falls, SD on Monday June 17th, 2024. Please sign up by June 9th.

<https://watertownfirst.church/church/first-kids/>
Tentative Schedule

- Meet at church at 7 am.
- Arrive in Sioux Falls at 9 am to hang out at Falls Park.
- Lunch and a couple hours of fun at Falls or Palisades Park.
- We will arrive at Feeding South Dakota at 12:30 and be there until 3:00 and then depart for home.
- Return home tentatively by 5pm.
- We will collect a suggested \$25 donation, if you are able, to help cover the cost of lunch and donation to Feeding SD
- Adult family members are invited to attend as well.

Worship Update:

Thank you to everyone who filled out our worship survey! Our results showed overwhelming support for having just one worship service on Sundays.

June 1-2 through Labor Day, we will have just two weekend services for the summer: a Contemporary service at 5pm on Saturdays, and a Blended service at 9:30am on Sundays.

Nursery Update:

Due to staffing shortages, we are making a change to our nursery schedule for the summer. We will not be offering nursery care during our Saturday 5pm worship service. This is a temporary summer break, as we hope to be fully staffed and ready to offer nursery care both Saturdays and Sundays by our fall kick-off in September.

Please note: We *Will* still be offering nursery care at our 9:30am Sunday blended worship service during the summer season, and always.



IMPACT
 YOUNG ADULTS EXPLORING LIFE & FAITH

SUMMER Events

WELLNESS CENTER HANGOUT- JUNE 13TH
 Come ready to move as we hangout at the Prairie Lakes Wellness Center at 6:00pm.

LAKE KAMPESKA GRILLOUT- JULY 25TH
 Come to the Stoke-Thomas Lake City Park at Lake Kampeska for water activities and a grill-out!

All are welcome!

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.

June Mission of the Month is Vacation Bible School -How Can You Help?

- Provide supplies or snacks (see list below for needed items)
- Make a monetary donation <https://watertownfirst.church/giving/> Select Mission of the Month
- Volunteer to help with VBS—Anything from Tech, to Leading a group to just assisting.....
- Register your child or invite someone you know to register



SCUBA (VBS 2024) is coming to First Church!
 July 15th-18th
 Meal 5:15 pm—6:00 pm
 VBS Activities 6:15 - 8:15 pm
 For children 4 years old through entering 6th Grade in the fall

Be Watching for information on how to register!

Below is a list of supplies needed for VBS. If you have any of these items, they can be placed in the collection box at the back of the sanctuary. Thank You!

SUPPLY LIST:

- ◆ Egg Cartons
- ◆ Coffee Filters
- ◆ Spray Paint (yellow, many bright colors)
- ◆ Foam Spray
- ◆ Pool Noodles any color
- ◆ Crepe Paper Party Streamers any color
- ◆ Inflatable Sea Creatures (Pool Toys)
- ◆ Fishing Net
- ◆ Cardboard Tubes any size
- ◆ Artificial Flowers/ Plants
- ◆ Blue Plastic Table Clothes (Big)
- ◆ Blue Top Sheets
- ◆ Beach Balls

SNACK LIST:

- ◆ Cheetos/Veggie Straws
- ◆ Blue Gelatin Cups
- ◆ Prepackaged Fish Crackers
- ◆ Individual Rice Krispie Treats
- ◆ Banana's/Seedless Grapes
- ◆ Kix Cereal
- ◆ Gummy Shark Candy/Gummy Worms
- ◆ Popcorn/Mini Pretzels/Fish Shaped Crackers

VBS Scuba Stations



Sing & Play Splash



Deep Bible Adventures



Imagination Station



Reef Rec



Tidal Treats



Sticky Scripture



Fin-Tastic Finale

Leadership Team Meeting - May 14, 2024

Members present: Pastor Jen, Pastor Bryce, Lee Rycraft, Barb Brinkman, Sue Luken, Adam Fox, April Geffre, Peggy Lindahl, Debbie Engels, Corrine Dahl. Members Absent: Doug Wishard, Heide Kuhlman, and Marcia Schneider.

Devotion & Opening Prayer was given by Adam Fox.

Lee Rycraft opened the meeting and changed the agenda by moving the Executive Session to the top of the list. He asked for a motion to move into Executive Session. Sue motioned and seconded by April. Declared out of Executive Session at 5:43.

Accessibility Team Update: Pastor Jen reported the architects have come to the church and did a walk through. As Pastor Jen is moving, fundraising will be held off until Pastor Sara is here.

Results of the Town Hall Meeting. The team reviewed the results from the worship survey. Whereas there were 122 responses on the survey, there were 105 that voted to have a blended worship service on Sundays at 9:30am. April moved to go with leaving Saturday service at 5:00pm and having one service on Sundays at 9:30am starting the first Sunday of June and going through Labor Day Sunday. Sue seconded the motion.

Wall/Foundation in Cook Hall: Peggy reported that Chris Marotz is scheduled for August 19-23 to repair the wall in Cook Hall. He will also seal the gap between the outside wall and sidewalk.

General Conference Update: General Conference is the decision-making body of The United Methodist Church that gathers every 4 years from around the world. Pastor Jen reported that since they were not able to meet in 2020 due to COVID, this was technically the 2020 conference postponed. There were a lot of issues discussed, but some of the highlights included now allowing Deacons (clergy who are not pastors) full sacramental rights, meaning they can preside over communion and baptism. Regionalization also passed, which is a movement to honor our global partners and make regions less centralized on the United States. This will allow for better representation when regions are voting on policies. These changes will take effect January 1st, 2025. Other changes include removing all of the discriminatory language from our Book of Discipline, including bans related to ministry by, with, and for LGBTQIA+ persons. This requires no change of any congregation, but does create opportunities for ministry, some of which were discussed. It was decided these should be discussed further at our August meeting, after Pastor Sara has arrived. This took effect on May 4th, 2024.

Safe Sanctuary Policy: Our current policy was reviewed considering volunteer and staffing challenges in the

nursery. Pastor Jen provided an update that our insurance company affirms always having two unrelated persons (one must be at least 18 years old) working with children. Further research of other UMC policies from around the Dakotas identified 1 church that allows 16-year-olds to be considered an adult in the room. However, they would recommend that we leave our policy at 18 years old. The discussion and review of our policy concluded with the result being that we will leave our policy as is, requiring two unrelated adults who are 18 or older (at least 5 years older than those they are supervising) to be in a room when minors are present.

Dishwasher: John Dahl mentioned to Debbie that the dishwasher is getting tired. John took the initiative and had them priced with the quote coming in at \$15,000 for a commercial dishwasher. The question that was brought up was what is wrong with it. Peggy will be working with John next Monday and will talk to him more about this. It was also discussed that funds would likely need to come from the Foundation. Barb reported that there were towels in the garbage disposal by the coffee maker. Must be careful not to put towels and dishrags in the garbage disposal.

Pastor Updates: Pastor Bryce reported that he will be gone this upcoming weekend to officiate a wedding in Nebraska. He also reported that this Wednesday night is the last youth and children's meeting of the school year and the last Wednesday night meal. This final night will take place at the Bramble Park Zoo and is open to everyone. With the school year ending, there are still youth events throughout the summer. There is the youth mission trip that is planned on June 17-21 to Storm Mountain Center, a weekly youth Bible Study on Luke starting the Wednesday after Annual Conference, and Vacation Bible School at the end of July for youth to join in volunteering. A couple of young adults celebrated the end of the year with a campfire, burgers, and smores at Pearl and Marty Geffre's house. Pastor Bryce is excited to host two interns during the summer, one full time (Cady Weidner) and the other part time (Leah Aderhold) which will be split with time at Lake Poinsett Camp.

Pastor Jen: Getting ready for the transition. Touching base with Pastor Sara trying to make sure things are ready to be passed on to her. Pastor Jen will be leaving for Scotland on Monday, May 20th.

Buildings and Grounds: Corrine Dahl reported things are quiet. Jen reported that the garbage disposal cost \$3600. She asked the Women's Ministry Group if they could donate to help pay for this. They donated \$500. Lee motioned to ask the Foundation for help to pay for the balance. Adam seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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Finance: The transition between Ledgers and VMS went smoothly and the payroll is going well. Ledgers dropped the church; the church did not drop Ledgers. Lee reported we are running in the red. We are \$12,062.48 down. Giving was down last month.

Staff Parish Relations: Debbie reported we are still in need of help in the Nursery. Effective immediately there will be no nursery available for the Saturday night service through the summer. There are still some vacant spots in the summer schedule even with going with one service on Sundays. There will be no 1st Kids for the summer.

Ministry: Barb reported they are working with 3 other churches on getting a food pantry started. They need someone to head that up. The diaper giveaway will hopefully be in June. Where Laura, who has been heading this, is busy in June will be unable to help with this. They are looking for someone to help head that for the summer. There was an end of school meal provided for Roosevelt School Staff. At the last Ministry Team meeting, it was decided to designate \$1000 of the general mission fund to be put toward the diaper giveaway fund. There was also the discussion of putting the church van in the 4th of July parade. The LT agreed to move forward with this if we can.

Sue Luken and Peggy Lindahl have been assigned to the SPR Team. Peggy will stay on the Building and Grounds Team until someone is found to replace her. Peggy and Sue will also be going to the Annual Conference in June alongside Joanne Singrey-Johnson, Cady Weidner, and Maliya Mikkelson.

Next meeting June 11 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm. Devotion by Pastor Jen.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lindahl, Recording Secretary

As we prepare to say Goodbye to Pastor Jen and to Welcome Pastor Sara, please plan to join us for these events...

FOR PASTOR JEN:

Please join us in sending Pastor Jen off to her new job on the weekend of June 22-23. There will be fellowship time before/after each service with coffee and cookies at the back of the sanctuary for a chance to wish her farewell. Greeting cards may be placed in the basket that will be available. Her last weekend at First Church is June 29-30 at which time she will assume her duties from July 1 – December 31 as Regional Strategist for Brookings and the surrounding area. Effective January 1, 2025 she will be the senior pastor at Brookings First UMC.

FOR PASTOR SARA:

Pastor Sara McManus's first weekend at First Church will be July 6-7. Let's give her a warm welcome with greeting cards and well wishes! There will be fellowship time before/after each service with coffee and cookies at the back of the sanctuary. A card basket will be available.

Pastor Sara's family includes her husband, Kyle, son Teddy age 10 and daughter Eleanor age 7.



First Church Finances

1st Quarter	Income	\$ 138,310	\$ (446)
	Expense	\$ 138,756	
	Difference	\$ (446)	
Apr-24	Income	\$ 30,565	\$ (12,062)
	Expense	\$ 42,182	
	Difference	\$ (11,617)	

NOTE: To meet our 2024 budget in full each month, we need a monthly income of \$40,383. The chart above 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 Your for your support of First Church!



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

MAY 2024 WORSHIP SERVICE SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who filled out our worship survey! Over a 2 week period, surveys were offered in the service bulletins, mid-week devotions, May monthly newsletter and at the back of the sanctuary; either paper or online were available.

Our results (below) showed overwhelming support for having just one worship service on Sundays.

June 1-2 through Labor Day, we will have just two weekend services for the summer: a Contemporary service at 5pm on Saturdays, and a Blended service at 9:30am on Sundays.

What worship Service do you currently attend?	Contemporary Sat 5pm	Traditional Sun 8:30am	Blended Sun 10am	Online or Do Not Attend	Total Responses Received
	44	39	34	5	122

What style of worship do you prefer?

Traditional	45
Contemporary	37
Blended	25
Blended or Traditional	7
Blended or Contemporary	5
Contemporary or Traditional	1
No Preference	2
Total	122

What time would you prefer to attend worship?

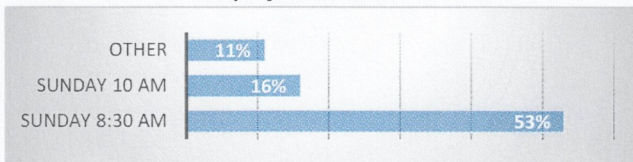
Sunday 10am	43
Saturday 5pm	38
Sunday 8:30am	29
Saturday 5pm or Sunday at 10am	5
Sunday 9, 9:30 or one Sunday Service	5
Saturday 5pm or Sunday at 8:30am	2
Total	122

Would you attend a blended worship service on Sundays at 9:30am if we moved to one service on Sundays for the summer?

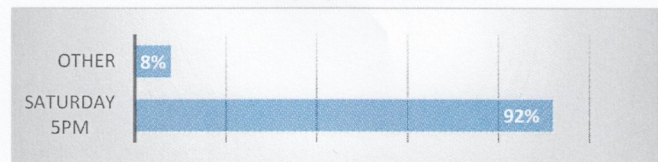
Yes	No	Continue attending on Saturdays	Continue attending online
105	12	3	2

SURVEY BREAKDOWN

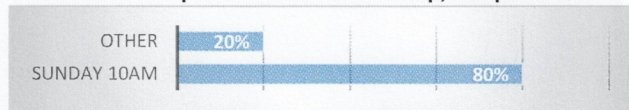
Of the 45 who prefer TRADITIONAL worship, the preferred time is:



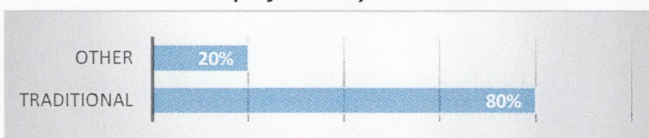
Of the 37 who prefer CONTEMPORARY worship, the preferred time is:



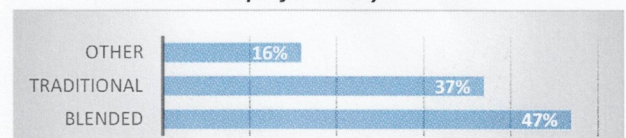
Of the 25 who prefer BLENDED worship, the preferred time is:



For those who prefer SUNDAY at 8:30am, the preferred style is:



For those who prefer SUNDAY at 10am, the preferred style is:



FIRSTKIDS & FIRSTSQUAD

- ◆ Sandy and Lori would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped on Wednesday Nights and on weekends with Children's Church. We would not be able to do this without all of you.
- ◆ A huge shout out to those who made the Wednesday night meals. It was a treat for all of us to have a night off from cooking and we loved seeing what fun holiday snacks you would come up with.
- ◆ To those who helped in the nursery you are a blessing to the volunteers so that they are able to help us out and spend time with their kids and mentor other kids.
- ◆ Thank you to our church family for your prayers and continued support.
- ◆ Thank you to our Pastors and Staff for being so supportive and helping us continue to grow and learn.



Photos from Scavenger Hunt on May 8th. Kids were split into K-3 & 4-6 Grade Groups. They ended at Roosevelt. During this time they also did a prayer walk and prayed for students and staff of Roosevelt as they all face changes with the closing of Roosevelt School.



Key Happenings for Children's Ministry

- **Monday—June 17**—Kids entering 5th & 6th Grade in the Fall — Mission Trip to Feeding SD in Sioux Falls (see page 3 for details)
- **Monday—July 15 thru Thursday—July 18**—Scuba VBS (volunteers needed—please contact Sandy or Lori—Thanks—you are appreciated!)
- **Regular Wednesday Night Activities On Break for the Summer**



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

FIRST YOUTH

EVENTS COMING UP

<p>JUNE 12</p> <p>GRADUAT RECOGNITION WEEKEND All graduates of any level can come and be recognized with a blessing during the weekend services.</p>	<p>JULY 10</p> <p>SMC MISSION TRIP Youth Mission trip to Storm Mountain Center</p>
<p>JUNE 17-21</p> <p>SMC MISSION TEAM MEETING The youth mission team to Storm Mountain Center will meet following youth group.</p>	<p>JULY 15-18</p> <p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Volunteer to help with VBS throughout the week!</p>
<p>JUNE 26</p> <p>LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH Come to the Bramble Park Zoo for our last youth group of the school year.</p>	<p>JULY 17</p> <p>NOON BIBLE STUDY- LUKE Come to Gather Coffee and learn about the Gospel of Luke.</p>
<p>JULY 3</p> <p>NOON BIBLE STUDY- LUKE Come to Gather Coffee and learn about the Gospel of Luke.</p>	<p>JULY 24</p> <p>NOON BIBLE STUDY- LUKE Come to Gather Coffee and learn about the Gospel of Luke.</p>

Youth grades 7-12 are welcome!



Youth going into grades 7-12 are invited to join us on Wednesdays at noon for a Bible study on the Gospel of Luke. We will meet at Gather Coffee on the dates below. Please read the scripture passages BEFORE the date they are next to.

- June 12-- Luke 1-3
- June 26-- Luke 3-6
- July 03-- Luke 7-9
- July 10-- Luke 10-13
- July 17-- Luke 13-17
- July 24-- Luke 17-21
- July 31-- Luke 21-24

What is Going On in First Youth

Wednesday Nights: Our Wednesday night programming for the year wrapped up with lessons on the practice of self-examination. Students learned about the Methodist movement and John Wesley's 22 Questions for personal growth. The youth also participated in a multi-team relay around the church that ended in a blessing of our graduates. We may or may not have "blessed" one senior, Alayna Nelson, by spraying her with silly string. See the pictures below. Our final Wednesday night ended at the Bramble Park Zoo where we grilled out, worshipped, and toured the animals.

Wednesday Night Worship: During worship this month, Pastor Jen shared a devotion about staying connected with one another. We also learned about communion and celebrated in the Lord's Table. Our worship for the year ended at the Bramble Park Zoo filled with high energy and hope for the future.

Congrats to our graduates who have graduated high school and were recognized with a blessing during our services in May. Always remember that God goes with you!





Our prayers and deepest sympathy go out to:

Family and friends of Warren E. Berger who passed away on April 27, 2024.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOMES

Avantara Watertown 415 4 th Ave. NE Watertown, SD 57201	Dick Lien
Edgewood Assisted Living 901 14th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201	Audrey Rhodes #314—Wes Larson #411 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
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
Aspen Grove Assisted Living 2065 Moose Dr Sturgis, SD 57785	Shirley & Millard Roe—Apt 309

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

June 5, 2024

"Medications in a Person with Alzheimer's by Ann Endres, RPN

July 10, 2024 (Note Date Change)

"Let's Talk" by Group Chat

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...	Birthday	Happy Birthday To...
1-Jun	Lennox Mayer	18-Jun	Kaylie Jorgenson
1-Jun	Silas Murphy	19-Jun	Aaron Dale
1-Jun	Wade Fiebelkorn	19-Jun	Erin Murphy
1-Jun	Aaron Steiner	20-Jun	Marcia Urban
1-Jun	Gloria VanDykhurst	20-Jun	Olivia Ries
1-Jun	Shirley Roe	21-Jun	Isaiah Asche
2-Jun	Julie Schutt	21-Jun	Ivy Sangster
3-Jun	Audrey Rhodes	21-Jun	Kathie Grann
3-Jun	Kayla Miller	22-Jun	Geraldine Telkamp
4-Jun	Camden Weidner	23-Jun	Olivia Stanley
4-Jun	Kaleb DeBoer	23-Jun	Angie Stanley
5-Jun	Dalton Krueger	24-Jun	Henry Gall
6-Jun	Kamiela Rymerson	24-Jun	Marlys Fie
6-Jun	Jean Nogelmeier	24-Jun	Gennie LaFramboise
6-Jun	Jennifer Landon	24-Jun	Noah Weidenbach
7-Jun	Harrison Wegner	25-Jun	Leighton Dolney
7-Jun	Dale Spurrell	25-Jun	Kaden Zink
8-Jun	Carson Hansmann	25-Jun	Desi Reis
10-Jun	Julie VanSickle	26-Jun	Tyler Frensko
10-Jun	Jennifer (Jen) Bender	26-Jun	Mandy Ward
10-Jun	Conner Mack	27-Jun	James Swenson
11-Jun	Doug Jenner	27-Jun	Jennifer VanDerLinden
12-Jun	Caleb Frambs	28-Jun	Kenzleigh Boughton
12-Jun	Sadie Johnson	28-Jun	Kimber Ortmeier
14-Jun	Donna McElhany	29-Jun	Angie Rycraft
14-Jun	David Traufler	29-Jun	Sharon Klose
15-Jun	Megan Wight	29-Jun	Hunter Maifield
17-Jun	Duane Caron	29-Jun	Traver Hansmann
17-Jun	Jill Ford	29-Jun	Adalie (Addie) Fordham
18-Jun	Carol Kannegieter		
18-Jun	Sheila Raml		
18-Jun	Melissa Todd		

Anniversary	Groom & Bride
4-Jun	Shane & Jenni Wirkus
6-Jun	Brad & Traci Gilbertson
8-Jun	Ted & Janet Tesch
9-Jun	Mark & Melanie Sanden
10-Jun	Jeff & Colleen Enstad
10-Jun	John & Monica Redlinger
13-Jun	Robert & Roxie Shultz
13-Jun	Austin & Ashley Fordham
14-Jun	Ed & Sue Togel
14-Jun	Gary & Kathryn Wilson
14-Jun	Tom & Jeanne Berry
15-Jun	Jerry & Judy Miller
16-Jun	Kevin & Dawn Berner
16-Jun	Chuck & Debbie Engels
22-Jun	Ordean & Sue Stern
22-Jun	David & Cindy Traufler
24-Jun	Brad & Marissa Willett
26-Jun	Lynn & Holly Solberg
27-Jun	Mark & Marilyn Arnold
29-Jun	Richard & Melanie Schmidt
30-Jun	Joe & Kelsey Jellis

Prayer Shawls Needed

Our church provides prayer shawls to anyone who might be in need of comfort in times of poor health, etc. We are running low so we are reaching out to anyone who knits or crochets to see if you'd be willing to provide a prayer shawl or two.

Preferred size is approx. 16.5" wide & 61" long. This works well to go around shoulders. Although whatever you wish to supply we will greatly appreciate. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank You.

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MEET THE STAFF**Senior Pastor**

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On-Call Pastor

Rev. Elmer Brinkman

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Donna Bruns

Laini Greenfield

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Blair Titze

Lesa Dahl

Bell Choir Director

Rena Mack

Music & Chancel Choir Director

Blair Titze

Custodian

Beth Schutt

Wedding Coordinator

Kathy Mielitz

We invite you to worship with us in person or online
Saturdays at 5:00 pm—Contemporary Worship
Sunday at 9:30 am—Blended Worship

Summer Worship Times

Saturday
contemporary
5pm

Sunday
blended
9:30am

**begins June 1st*



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