



# First United Methodist Church First News July 2024



# FIRSTCHURCH

4 Second Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201

## Note from Cady Weidner—Summer Samuel Project Intern

I am extremely blessed to say that I am the Samuel intern for the summer here at First UMC. I have been attending this church as long as I can remember and I think my 6 year old self would not believe me if I told her that I get to work here. I think my younger self would also be shocked to learn about how much goes into making this church run smoothly. I really thought that they only wrote sermons and said prayers but there is so much more to it. There are phone calls needing to be answered, websites to be updated, music to be prepared and many meetings to attend.

Even though our church is always staying busy and everyone is mostly just running off coffee, I have also learned that they still take the time to care for each and every person here. They take the phone calls to support the person on the other line, they update the website so others can be aware of the activities our community is offering, and they go to the many meetings so our church can be a place where people want to be.

I am so lucky to call First UMC my home church and now my place of work over the summer. I am looking forward to learning the many other ways this church is caring for our community.

Cady Weidner

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## What is the Samuel Project?

*The Samuel Project is a 10-week summer program for high school students - specifically Seniors before or after their senior year - who already feel God's call of ministry.*

*The key points of the Samuel Project are:*

- To provide an opportunity for high school age youth with a desire to experience what a calling into ministry might feel and look like, prior to beginning higher education*
- The project is designed to take place at the intern's home church*
- It is for a unique individual who desires a deeper look into ministry at a young age*

*The Conference envisions one to two individuals each year in the Samuel Project.*

*The Samuel Project is another building block in creating a culture of call throughout the Dakotas Conference.*

# July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Weekend First Kids on Break for the Summer</b>  <b>Adult Sunday School on break for Summer</b>	1	2  5:30 pm Women of Grace—Dempsey at the Airport	3  9:15 am Embracing God Study Group  <b>Noon—Youth Bible Study</b>	4  <b>Independence Day Holiday —Office Closed</b>	5  Office Closed	6  7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge  9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant  3:00 pm Band Rehearsal <b>5:00 pm Worship</b>  <b>Welcome Pastor Sara</b>
7  9:30 am Worship  <b>Welcome Pastor Sara</b>	8	9  5:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting	10  <b>NO</b> Morning Glories this month  <b>Noon—Youth Bible Study</b>	11  Home Communion  10 am Women's Bible Study	12	13  7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge  9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant  3:00 pm Band Rehearsal <b>5:00 pm Worship</b>
14  9:30 am Worship	15	16  11:30 am Lunch A Bunch At <b>Pizza Ranch</b>	17  9:15 am Embracing God Study Group  <b>Noon—Youth Bible Study</b>	18  10 am Women's Bible Study	19	20  7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge  9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant  3:00 pm Band Rehearsal <b>5:00 pm Worship</b>
<b>VBS 5:15 pm—8:15 pm</b>						
21  9:30 am Worship	22	23	24  9:15 am Embracing God Study Group  <b>Noon—Youth Bible Study</b>	25  10 am Women's Bible Study	26	27  7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge  9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant  3:00 pm Band Rehearsal <b>5:00 pm Worship</b>
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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—**In July we are meeting on TUESDAY, July 2 at Danger Von Dempey's at the Airport.**

### 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**

### 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.**



**IMPACT**  
YOUNG ADULTS EXPLORING LIFE & FAITH

**SUMMER**  
Events

**LAKE KAMPESKA GRILL-OUT- JULY 25TH**

Come to the Stoke-Thomas Lake City Park at Lake Kampeska for water activities and a grill-out! Event starts at 6:00pm!

All are welcome!

**IMPACT = Young Adult Group**

## July Mission of the Month—The Banquet

*"Everyone, regardless of social or economic status, race, or creed is welcome at the Banquet. Our sole purpose is to provide guests with a moment of caring and friendship, as well as a hot, home-cooked meal."*  
From The Banquet Facebook Page.

Each week "The Banquet" (an evening meal) is served at Grace Lutheran Church for anyone needing a hot meal and/or some fellowship. Various churches and organizations take turns providing and serving this meal. Approximately 85-100 are served each week.

First Church will be providing and serving The Banquet on Monday, August 12th. In preparation for this, we have named "The Banquet" as our July Mission of the Month.

Your monetary donations will help with the cost of food that we will purchase to prepare the meal. Donations can be made through our website by visiting this link <https://watertownfirst.church/giving/> Select Mission of the month and note The Banquet in the comments.

We will also be looking for help in shopping, preparing, and serving. Be on the lookout for these opportunities as we get closer to the August 12th date.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of missions at First Church.



### Welcome Reception for Pastor Sara and her family, please plan to join us...

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.

## Summer Intern at First Church



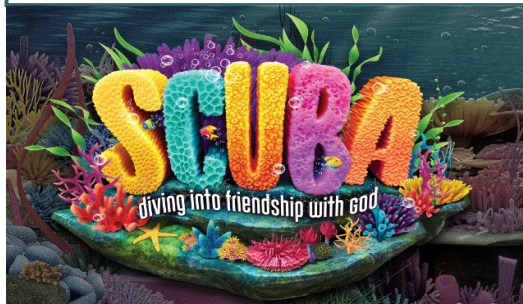
We are excited to welcome Cady Weidner as a summer intern at First Church.

Cady will be assisting our Pastors with various duties this summer to help her discern her potential future in ministry.

**Welcome Cady!**



## SCUBA (VBS 2024) is coming to First Church!



**SCUBA—Diving Into Friendship With God**

**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**

**To Register—Visit our website and click on this rotating announcement box ➡**



- 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

**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

### VBS Schedule

***NOTE: We would love for parents/grandparents/guardians/members of congregation to join us for the meal and Scuba Sing & Play Splash and also Fin-tastic Finale!***

5:15-6:00 Meal

6:05-6:30 Scuba Sing & Play Splash

6:30-6:35 5 minutes to rotate to next station

6:35-6:50 Bible Adventures/Imagination Station/Scuba Games/Sticky Scriptures & Snack

6:50-6:55 5 minutes to rotate to next station

6:55-7:10 Sticky Scripture & Snack/Bible Adventures/Imagination Station/Scuba Games

7:10-7:15 5 minutes to rotate to next station

7:15-7:30 Scuba Games/Sticky Scripture & Snack Bible Adventures/Imagination Station

7:30-7:35 5 minutes to rotate to next station

7:35-7:50 Imagination Station/Scuba Games/Sticky Scriptures & Snack/Bible Adventures

7:5-7:55 5 minutes to move to rotate to next station

7:55-8:15 Fin-tastic Finale

## VBS Scuba Stations



**Sing & Play  
Splash**



**Deep Bible  
Adventures**



**Imagination  
Station**



**Sticky  
Scripture**



**Reef Rec**



**Tidal Treats**



**Fin-Tastic  
Finale**

## Vacation Bible School Decorating Party

### Come Join the Fun!! Wednesdays from 5:30—7:30 pm

We could use your help to create the decorations and props for VBS. Lots of painting etc. and Very Good Directions. If you don't think you have talent—you'd be surprised! We'll find a project for you! Drop in for an hour or stay the entire time! Light supper available.



Cady Weidner making some Under the Sea Creatures. Aren't they cute!



Randy Middleton is creating some fish and turtles and they are awesome!



Keri and Reagan Smith are painting paper towel and toilet paper tubes! What will they be used for? Well, you'll have to wait and see!



Do these cactus look familiar? They are from VBS a few years ago but this year they are being repurposed and will become.....Coral — Thanks to Jeanne Paulson who is not only very creative but also very frugal!

# FIRSTKIDS & FIRSTSQUAD

## Key Happenings for Children's Ministry

- **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

We are excited for Scuba VBS this month July 15-18 experiencing God as a real friend! There is still time to sign up to volunteer or register and join us for 4 nights of fun!

To register for VBS, click [HERE](#)

We have also been working on new and exciting things for fall!



We had a good time on our Mini Mission Trip to Feeding South Dakota on June 17th. We packed 446 boxes for Seniors. We then went to Air Madness afterwards due to it being a rainy day.

If you have any question about our Children's Ministry Program, please contact

Lori Jurgens [lori@watertownfirst.church](mailto:lori@watertownfirst.church)  
or Sandy Middleton [sandy@watertownfirst.church](mailto:sandy@watertownfirst.church)



# FIRST YOUTH

## EVENTS COMING UP



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 one of the coffee shops on the dates below. Please read the scripture passages BEFORE the date they are next to.

July 03-- Luke 7-9  
July 10-- Luke 10-13  
July 17-- Luke 14-17  
July 24-- Luke 18-21  
July 31-- Luke 22-24

<b>JULY 3</b>	<b>NOON BIBLE STUDY- LUKE</b> Come to Gather Coffee and learn about the Gospel of Luke. We'll discuss chapters 7-9.	<b>JULY 24</b>	<b>NOON BIBLE STUDY- LUKE</b> Come to Breakout and learn about the Gospel of Luke. We'll discuss chapters 18-21
<b>JULY 10</b>	<b>NOON BIBLE STUDY- LUKE</b> Come to Breakout and learn about the Gospel of Luke. We'll discuss chapters 10-13.	<b>JULY 31</b>	<b>NOON BIBLE STUDY- LUKE</b> Come to Gather Coffee and learn about the Gospel of Luke. We'll discuss chapters 22-24.
<b>JULY 15-18</b>	<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b> Volunteer to help with VBS throughout the week!	<b>AUGUST 9</b>	<b>LOCK-IN</b> Stay "locked-in" at First Church from 7pm to 7am with games, worship, food, and fellowship!
<b>JULY 17</b>	<b>NOON BIBLE STUDY- LUKE</b> Come to Gather Coffee and learn about the Gospel of Luke. We'll discuss chapters 14-17.	<b>SEPTEMBER 11</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICKOFF</b> Come kickoff the school year at First Church!

**Youth grades 7-12 are welcome!**



### What is Going On in First Youth

#### Summer Bible Study

Our summer Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke has kicked off well as we've dived into the story of Jesus. Right away, we've noticed differences from the Gospel of Mark (which we read through last summer).

The language and reference to prophecies fulfilled has become a major theme in Luke's Gospel so far. We're excited to see what else Luke has in store for us and how it relates to our lives during this time.

Our summer intern, Cady Weidner, has been helping lead the study and bring a fresh set of eyes to the stories we have heard before. We are thankful for her leadership and excited to see her growth!

#### Mission Trip

Our youth took a mission trip out to Storm Mountain Center in Rapid City, South Dakota. More on that on the next page (page 7)!



## Youth Storm Mountain Center Mission Trip

From June 17-June 21st, nine youth and two adults from First Church went on a mission trip to Storm Mountain Center in Rapid City, SD. While on the trip, we served to assist and aid in projects around the camp that are needed but often pushed aside due to the lack of staff at the camp. Our goal was to be as helpful as possible while tackling projects that the other staffers didn't have time to get to. This trip, we did a lot of staining.

We helped stain all the wooden outdoor furniture around camp, the outdoor swing gazebo, a maintenance shed, all the wooden benches, garbage can holders, hand rails and children's playground area. Some of our group also got to help put in a patio around the camp hot tub. While this work was hard and tedious, it needed to be done for the protection of the wood and the overall appearance of camp, making the space as inviting as possible for the hundreds of campers that attend each summer.

At the end of the trip, we had a "fun day" around the Rapid City area. We viewed Mount Rushmore (or as much of it as we could see through a heavy cloud of fog), took a tour of the Riddles Jewelry Black Hills Factory (where a few of our youth got the opportunity to cut a diamond), and we played Lazer Tag.

Throughout the trip, each youth shared a daily devotion on a verse from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (appropriate since we were at Storm Mountain). Specifically, we looked at the Beatitudes and how they relate to our mission work at the camp and how we are instructed to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all who helped support our mission trip team and make this transformational trip possible!



**The Team**

Caleb Clark, Mollie Raasch, Gracie Ries, Nora Solberg, Ava Rycraft, Bryce Blank, Bethany Severson, Dominic VanSickle, Jaxon Solberg, Ava Fiebelkorn, Brynn Rycraft



**Gist Lodge**



**A hike to the Gold Mine**



**Staining the Rail Fence at the Camp**



**Staining Rocking Chairs**



**Trust Walk**



**A Game of Chess at the End of a Busy Day**



**Staining Bench Swings**  
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## Leadership Team Meeting

June 11, 2024 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Pastor Bryce, Lee Rycraft, Barb Brinkman, Sue Luken, Adam Fox, April Geffre, Peggy Lindahl, Debbie Engels, Corrine Dahl, Heide Kuhlman, Cady Weidner, and Marcia Schneider. Two guests present were Holly Solberg and Mike Kotlan.

Members Absent: Doug Wishard and Pastor Jen Tyler.

Devotion & Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Bryce. 1 Thessalonians:8-11

Lee Rycraft opened the meeting and changed the agenda by moving #5 Dishwasher/Sink Repair status to number 1.

**Dishwasher/Sink Repair Status:** Holly Solberg: She helps with the Wednesday night meals. She also works for Cashway Distributing and had sent Lee quotes on the cost of dishwashers. She feels the dishwasher works fine for now, but it has a lime deposit on the interior of it. All moving parts are still working fine.

April made a motion to have Midwest Pipe come in and repair the elbow in the drain pipe then see if there is blockage beyond the elbow. Adam Fox second the motion. All aye. The quote to fix the elbow was \$1,150.

**Accessibility Team Update:** No report. Will talk to Jen to see if she can make notes for Pastor Sara to pick it up and move the project forward.

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

**Annual Conference Update:** Sue reported Marilyn Spurrell was given the 50 year Jubilee award for her service to the United Methodist Church. She was one of first woman to become an elder. Cady reported that she had attended the Safe Sanctuary Luncheon, there were a lot of things on Live Stream that she was not aware. Turn off the camera when live streaming. Peggy suggested that whenever someone is invited to attend the Annual Conference to be given some idea of what to expect. She had done the pre-conference seminars but they spoke mostly on the budget but not much else. Bryce said that he and Pastor Jen should have done a better job of preparing delegates on what to expect. He will note that for next year. Pastor Bryce explained what determines the number of people who can go to Annual

Conference from each church. Pastor Sara was awarded the Darell Leach Youth Worker Award and Alayna Nelson was awarded the Harry Denman Evangelism Youth Award. During the service of Life and Ministry, Maliya Mikkelsen came forward and accepted her call to ministry. Cady Weidner and Alayna Nelson reaffirmed their calls to ministry during that service as well.

**Pastor Bryce:** Will be leaving next Monday for the youth trip to Storm Mountain. Some of the projects they will be doing are log organization and staining cabins. The youth Bible study on the Gospel of Luke starts Wednesday 6/12/24 at noon at Gather. Cady will be helping with that. There are events popping up that they are encouraging youth to attend. Pastor Bryce noted that he will be applying for Ordination this year. His paperwork is due September 1, 2024, then if it is approved, he will have a sight interview here at First Church. If he passes his interviews, and at next year's Annual Conference the clergy approve him, he will be ordained.

**Pastor Jen:** No report

**Buildings and Grounds:** Corrine Dahl reported Peggy had told her that they found a dead bat in the kitchen last Saturday. Beth Schutt had come into the office while Peggy was there and told her that she suspected there could be another near the janitor's closet by the men's restroom. The bell tower is still closed up so we have no idea where they are coming in. Peggy asked about the carpet in the nursery and the upstairs classroom if it was fixed. Corrine will have to look back in her notes to see when they were going to fix the carpet. Peggy recommended items need to be left on the agenda until they are completed so we know if the work is completed. Sue asked about the bushes out front because they need to be trimmed. Peggy will contact Ernie Wight to see if this is in the grounds keeping.

**Finance:** April Geffre-No report

**Staff Parish Relations:** Debbie reported that SPR has the 2024 Clergy/Church Assessment finalized. This needs to be submitted June 25 at 1:30 pm when SPR meets again. Occasionally volunteers are paid to be in the nursery but no children are dropped off. This will be monitored and nursery services will be reassessed as needed in the future. Name tags will be worn the whole month of July to help Pastor Sara with her transition into her new roll at First Church. Plans were discussed for Pastor Jen's farewell reception and Pastor Sara's welcome reception.

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**Ministry:** Barb Brinkman mentioned that the mission of the month is Vacation Bible School. The ministry team is currently working with other churches about a food pantry downtown. First Congregational Church has offered a room for this. The ministry team decided not to do the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Harvest table was mentioned. They are looking into participating with Thursday Night Live – have a booth where parents and kids can come and learn more about our church.

**Executive Session-**Motion by April second by Adam. Executive session 6:40 p.m. Out of Executive Session 7:04 p.m.

**Next meeting July 9 at 5:30 p.m.** Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm. Devotion will be given by Marcia. Sue will do the minutes as Peggy will be gone.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lindahl, Recording Secretary

### Nursery Update:

Due to staffing shortages, 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.

### Announcement Letter from Lucas Severson

(Sent to the congregation on 06-12-24)

To my First Church family,



I'd like to begin with a word of gratitude. Thank you. Thank you for welcoming me and my family to be part of the mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Thank you for being a place where I could encounter God. Thank you for being so loving.

You may recall reading a devotional I wrote a while back about Manasseh; Gods promise to make right the parts of life that felt stolen; to forget all those times and be healed. FirstChurch has been that for me; A place of healing and redemption. Oh, what a blessing it is to finally be healed.

Lately, I have been praying John Wesley's covenant prayer to be fully surrendered to God's plan and purpose for my life. Prayers like "put me to what you will, place me with whom you will," and "I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.

It seems that God has answered that prayer with a call for me to move on from FirstChurch. Beginning June 26th, I will be taking on the role of Assistant Pastor: Technology and Worship at Cornerstone Church here in Watertown. My final weekend at FirstChurch will be June 22nd & 23rd.

My prayer for the future is that the floodgates would be opened at FirstChurch. That people would see that this is a place of healing with a loving spirit that welcomes all who seek to know God more and seek to be like Jesus to make an impact on those around them. I've seen it and I pray that those who show up when they have nothing left see it too.

So, as transition takes place here at FirstChurch, please don't ever give up on being the most welcoming people in Watertown. God makes all the cruddy parts of life right in Him, and FirstChurch is a place where people can see that truth. Keep loving like Jesus would. This community needs it.

Thanks for the years of support and friendship.

**Lucas Severson**

**Director of Worship & Discipleship**

### First Church Finances

1st Qtr	Income	\$ 138,310	\$ (446)
	Expense	\$ 138,756	
	Difference	\$ (446)	
Apr-24	Income	\$ 30,565	\$ (12,062)
	Expense	\$ 42,182	
	Difference	\$ (11,617)	
May-24	Income	\$ 32,584	\$ (19,731)
	Expense	\$ 40,252	
	Difference	\$ (7,668)	

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

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 Your for your support of First Church!



**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!



***Our prayers and deepest sympathy go out to:***

Family and friends of Evelyn Miller who passed away on June 16, 2024.

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

Avantara Watertown 415 4 <sup>th</sup> 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—Jean Nogelmeier #423
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)**

**July 10, 2024 (Note Date Change)**

"Let's Talk" by Group Chat

**August 7, 2024**

"State Program Overview & Ombudsman's Program in Long Term Care"  
by Christine Ruml, Regional Ombudsman DHS of SD

**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	Happy Birthday To:	Birthday	Happy Birthday To:
1-Jul	Izrial Jenner	19-Jul	Beverly Hemp
2-Jul	Daniel Boone	19-Jul	Kylie Moyer
2-Jul	Kelli Grismer	20-Jul	Hazel Dale
2-Jul	Natalie Wight	20-Jul	Evan Ekern
2-Jul	Taylor Wellman	20-Jul	Thomas Dolney
2-Jul	Jeffrey Hiedeman	21-Jul	Beth Schutt
3-Jul	Carol Waba	22-Jul	Laney Wight
3-Jul	Julie Williams	23-Jul	Gregory Anderson
3-Jul	Matthew Robinson	23-Jul	Bonnie Lien
4-Jul	Ronda Boughton	23-Jul	Carter Willett
6-Jul	Holton Schutt	24-Jul	Jessica VanSickle
6-Jul	Harlie Auck	24-Jul	Donna Bruns
7-Jul	Stella Fox	24-Jul	Shiloh Valsvig
8-Jul	Diane Veen	24-Jul	Eliana (Ellie) Fordham
9-Jul	Virgil DeLong	25-Jul	Dan Houfek
10-Jul	Nyla Egge	25-Jul	Cassidy Biberdorf
10-Jul	Jynae Schmeling	25-Jul	Tasha Mayer
10-Jul	Mason Hartley	25-Jul	Lori Moshier VanVlerah
11-Jul	Tucker Bayles	26-Jul	Carol Pollard
11-Jul	Sandi Pederson	26-Jul	Amelia Thompson
11-Jul	Nichole Smith	27-Jul	Kolt Ruesink
11-Jul	Jacinda Biberdorf	27-Jul	Meaghan Wharton
12-Jul	Audrey Seuer	29-Jul	Patricia Crooks
13-Jul	Darlene Meester	29-Jul	Trinity Constant
13-Jul	Miles Fordham	30-Jul	Zachary Weidner
14-Jul	Alyson Kaiser	30-Jul	Melissa Anderson
15-Jul	Aaron Thompson	30-Jul	Isaac Schaeffer
16-Jul	Jay Remmers	30-Jul	LaDawn Robinson
16-Jul	Megan Swanson	31-Jul	Melanie Schmidt
17-Jul	LuAnn Edwards	31-Jul	Sabrina Valsvig
17-Jul	Doris Riley	31-Jul	Alistair Corvin
17-Jul	Dawn Berner	31-Jul	Oliver Alwin



Anniversary	Groom & Bride
1-Jul	Roger & Gennie LaFramboise
1-Jul	Kolt & Jaci Ruesink
2-Jul	Kaleb & Jamie DeBoer
7-Jul	Dan & Linda Oslund
7-Jul	Brent A. & Jody Ford
9-Jul	Chad & Dawn Voelsch
10-Jul	Doug & Kathy Mielitz
11-Jul	Thomas & Ginger Myers
12-Jul	Justin & Sheila Raml
15-Jul	Jake & Tracy Stavick
16-Jul	Alan & Beth Luckhurst
17-Jul	Brian & Linda Haan
18-Jul	Eric & Julie Stevenson
20-Jul	Aaron & Kelly Dale
20-Jul	Kollin & Michelle Mohling
21-Jul	Glen & Darla Vilhauer
22-Jul	Skyler & Jen Bender
23-Jul	Marty & Deb Harmel
25-Jul	Jim & Denise Mayer
27-Jul	Tim & Sara Jorgenson
27-Jul	Nathan & Jill Ford
31-Jul	Steve & Lisa Stydel
31-Jul	Ryan & Erika Zink

## Shoebox Christmas Reminder

The Morning Glories group is beginning to collect items for Shoebox Christmas. This is a great time of year to start purchasing small items for this missional event. In August we will be featuring Shoebox Christmas as our August Mission of the month and will provide more info at that time. Thank You!!

## 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.

**RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED**

## July 2024 FIRST NEWS

### MEET THE STAFF

#### **Senior Pastor**

Rev. Sara McManus

#### **Associate Pastor**

Rev. Bryce Blank

#### **Office Manager**

Pearl Geffre

#### **On-Call Pastor**

Rev. Elmer Brinkman

#### **Children's Ministry**

#### **Coordinators**

Sandy Middleton

Lori Jurgens

#### **Nursery Care Provider**

Meaghan Wharton

Donna Bruns

#### **Organists**

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



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