



First United Methodist Church First News August 2024



FIRSTCHURCH

4 Second Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201

PASTOR'S NOTE:

There's a quote in my office that reminds me of the affect we have on each other. Dr. Maya Angelou, poet and activist said,

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

I have spent the last month surrounded by such an exceptional feeling of welcome and excitement that I doubt I will ever forget.

Thank you for your welcome to both me and my family. Thank you also for the great conversations, stories and time together already.

Change and transition bring a lot of anxiety and fear, and in that I know it's been a bit of an exhausting summer. But as we gather in the midst of all the change, from staff and pastors to new times for worship, we know that the community of God is bigger than the changes we have. We know that God's presence in our lives strengthens our faith even when change feels overwhelming.

Like Dr. Angelou's quote, we might not know the details of God's actions, or even have the language to explain how God speaks to us, but we can share the ways God helps us to feel.

When we feel welcome and connected, loved and supported, we know that God's support is with us and holds us close.

August is a time of regular transition for many families, with school starting and activities kicking off. So too, many who travel in the summer will return home for a less hectic schedule.

So let us hold each other in prayer in the midst of changes big and small and connect in community again and again. So as we focus on the upcoming school year, getting programming started again for the fall and reconnecting in worship and service, I hope and pray that you will hear God's call for us all.

In Christ,

Pastor Sara

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Home Communion 10 am Women's Bible Study First Church Booth at Thursday Night Live	2	3 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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Weekly at First Church

Wednesdays

Children/Youth Activities & Community Meal on Break for Summer

Thursday Bible Study

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

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—**No Meeting in August**

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

"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.

Please Join us on August 1, 2024

First Church will have a booth at Thursday Night Live sponsored by the Ministry Team.

Stop by the booth to say Hello, blow some bubbles and get an Ice Cold Freezie!

You can also enjoy the music of Mogan's Heros! Hope to see you there.

All Church Fall Clean Up - August 7th 5 pm—8 pm / Light meal will be served. Come and go as you are able.

Some of the tasks to do (help where you wish)

- Wipe down pews & woodwork

- Clean & organize classrooms

Please call the church office if you can help, or just show up. Thanks in advance. Let's spruce up the church in prep for all the fall activities!

Monday, August 12th—The Banquet

4:00 pm Fellowship Time & 5:30 pm Dinner

THE WATERTOWN BANQUET



*Nourishing
Body and Spirit*

Watertown First is serving the meal at The Banquet on Monday, August 12th. This is a community meal held at Grace Lutheran Church.

You can help by making a financial donation, help prepare, serve and clean up the meal, come enjoy the meal, and best yet, pray for the event and the participants.

Please contact Lisa Stydel, 605-237-0491 or the church office 605-886-4427 to get involved!



Young Adult Group



What is Impact? Impact is a young adult group through First Church seeking to connect those wanting to deepen faith and connect with others. Anyone, out of high school to early 30s is welcome to join us.

Being a young adult navigating faith can be challenging, from the struggles of early adulthood to often moving to new communities. We invite all those looking to connect and learn more.

Next Gathering will be Thursday, August 15th at 6 pm for Food and (weather permitting) Mini Golf.

August Mission of the Month is Shoebox Christmas

It's that time of the year when we start to collect for the Shoebox Christmas Project. We will be collecting shoeboxes and gifts for the children on the Native American Reservations in ND, SD, & MN.

The gift boxes are for Infants and Toddlers to 17 years old. All gifts must be able to fit inside a shoebox (but we have some pretty good sized boxes).

Our collection box will be at the back of the sanctuary for the month of August. Please help us fill it to overflowing.

Thanks for supporting our mission project.

Morning Glories Women's Fellowship & Missional Group



Ideas for Shoebox Gifts...No Clothing Please!

Infant & Toddlers:

- Small Fleece Blankets, Stuffed Animals, Bath Toys, Small Dolls, Trucks, Medium Size Balls, Teething Rings, Rubber Ducks, Squeezable Farm Animals

Boys & Girls 3-5 Years Old:

- Dolls, Trucks, My Little Pony, Play Dough Kits, Playdough, Monster Trucks, Match Box Cars, Dinosaurs, Airplanes, Robots, Small Back Packs, Dump Trucks, Hello Kitty Items, Balls, Race Cars, Tea Sets, Finger Paints, Puzzles, Gloves

Boys & Girls 6-8 Years Old:

- Robots, Airplanes, Matchbox Cars, Barbie Dolls, Balls, Trucks, Truck Carrier, Construction Toys, Frisbee, Flashlight, Baby Dolls, Card Games (ie. Go Fish, Crazy 8's), Puzzles, Dry Erase Boards, Dry Erase Markers, Pens, Gloves

Boys & Girls 9-11 Years Old:

- Cards (ie. UNO, Farkel) Yahtzee, Lego Toys, Nail Polish, Jewelry, Mascara, Word Search Books, Hair Items, Small Picture Frame, Gloves

Boys & Girls 12-14 Years Old:

- Body Spray, Billfolds, Jewelry, Lotion, Playing Cards, Nail Polish, Nail Polish Remover Pads, Word Search Books, UNO Cards, Yahtzee, Gloves, Water Bottles, Dominos

These are just some ideas of gifts that can be purchased for the Shoe Boxes. I'm sure you can come up with other fun things as well.



Help us get the word out—Please share the date of August 5th for our Diaper Giveaway. 5-7 pm.

VBS Mission Goal:

If we, as participants in VBS along with our congregation, can raise \$1000 for our diaper ministry, then you will all be treated to an **ice cream float** during coffee time the weekend of August 10-11.

UPDATE: Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$1086.72!

Please join us on Aug. 10th or 11th for Ice Cream Floats! We will also share with you how the Diaper Giveaway went!

As always, we wish to thank you all in advance for your support of missions at First Church!

Share Your Hidden Talent—Or Let Us Train You

As we seek to hire a Director of Worship & Music we are asking for your help in keeping things rolling. Musicians and Tech folks are needed and we have excellent training for anyone who is interested in Tech (Sound Board, Slides, Camera, Etc). Contact Pastor Bryce for more information.

assocpastor@watertownfirst.church



VBS
2024
Recap
Photos



FIRSTKIDS & FIRSTSQUAD



We had a wonderful time at Scuba VBS. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped with decorations, meals, group leaders, station leaders, and to all the youth who helped. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

Jeanne Paulson, Keri Smith, Reagan Smith, Sue Stern, Audrey Lindgren, Barb Brinkman, Dawn Berner, Pastor Bryce, Pastor Sara McManus, Teddy McManus, Eleanor McManus, Jason Kasperek, Marcia Schneider, Marilyn Spurrell, Pearl Geffre, Cady Weidner, Cortylyn Paulson, Camden Weidner, Amy Atkins, Amy Arnold, Adam Fox, Lauren Olerud, Jill Ford, Nichole Smith, Becky Fiebelkorn, Ava Fiebelkorn, Avery Anderson, Mollie Raasch, Greg Smith, Brynn Rycraft, Ava Rycraft, Angie Rycraft, Linda Haan, Nora Solberg, Ron Molengraaf, Clark McElhany, Drew Meek, Austin Fordham, Justyn Jones, Melissa Gross, Laini Greenfield, Holly Solberg, Caleb Clark, Breyleigh Tacy, Alayna Nelson, Maliya Mikkelsen, LeAnn Smith, Randy Middleton, Marge Johnson. And anyone else who participated or helped in anyway that we might have missed. Thank You! Thank You!

Children's Ministry—Looking Ahead

- **September 4th—**
⇒ Training Night for Leaders/Helpers
- **September 7th/8th—**
⇒ Fall Kick Off Weekend
- **September 11th—**
⇒ Wednesday Night Kick Off
- **October 2nd—**
⇒ Jenkins Night
- We are getting ready in the month of August for our fall activities that will start in September.
- If you are interested in helping on Wednesday Nights or on the weekends, please contact Sandy or Lori.
- We are going to have a clean-up night on **August 7th** to organize the room in the basement, Cook Hall, 5th and 6th Grade Room and storage room off Fellowship Hall. Watch for details!

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

Nursery Workers Needed

At First United Methodist Church, children are an essential part of our community.

Our Nursery Care Providers help care for our youngest members (birth to age 5) by providing care for children in a safe, secure, nurturing, and Christ-centered environment.

The nursery is open every weekend during worship (Saturdays 4:30pm-6:15pm and Sundays 9:30am-11:15am), Wednesday evenings (5:30pm-7:45pm), and other times as needed. This is a paid position.

To apply, complete an application and return to Pastor Sara at the church office, or via email at seniorpastor@watertownfirst.church.

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.

FIRST YOUTH

Upcoming Events

Aug 5

Diaper Giveaway

Come volunteer from 5-7pm.

Aug 9

Lock-In

Stay at the church from 7pm-7am with games, worship, snacks, and fun!

Sept 7/8

Fall Kickoff Worship

Join us in worship as we kickoff the school year!

Sept 11

Wednesday Fall Kickoff

Start the year of Wednesday night programming!

Oct 11-13

DakYouth

A time of engaging speakers, workshops, inspiring worship, and fun entertainment for all to enjoy.

All youth in 7-12 grade are invited!

Confirmation

Confirmation is open to students in 7th and 8th grade or above who wish to make a commitment to their faith. There will be an informational session after the 10:00am service on Sunday, August 18th to learn more about the class and what the expectations are. Both students and parents are encouraged to attend. Confirmation is on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30pm starting on Sept. 18th.

Register

To ensure the safety of our students as we start, please take a moment to fill out a registration form for each student. This must be done again each year. The form can be found on the website at www.watertownfirst.church/first-youth.

Youth Lock-in!

We will have our first lock-in of the 2023-24 school year on Friday, August 11th from 7pm to 7am. Grab a friend and join the fun! Awesome theme coming soon.

Volunteer with First Youth

We need awesome volunteers in order to make our youth group possible. If you have ever thought about helping with the youth program, or would like to learn more about it, please talk to Pastor Bryce.

There are a variety of ways to volunteer and share your gifts and abilities with the future of our church in the world. You can volunteer on a weekly basis by assisting with our small groups or helping teach Confirmation. You can also help with special events like lock-ins or service opportunities. If you would like to be involved with the youth program but not sure where you would best fit, just reach out and we'll work to make sure there is a place for you!

First Youth Snapshot: We continue to be blessed with our youth Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke. It was an awesome study! Our youth also have been busy helping with VBS, bundling diapers for the Diaper Giveaway, and repainting the confirmation room! We are looking forward to the fall Lock-In!

Leadership Team Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barb Brinkman, Corrine Dahl, Debbie Engels, April Geffre, Adam Fox, Sue Luken, Marcia Schneider, Lee Rycraft, Doug Wishard, Pastor Sara Cady Weidner, Summer Intern

Absent: Peggy Lindahl, Pastor Bryce
Heide Kuhlman resigned from Leadership Team on June 24.

Devotions and Prayer: Pastor Sara – Theme of Perseverance based on Psalm 71:14-19

AGENDA:

Welcome: Welcome Pastor Sara to our church and to Leadership Team.

Accessibility Team Update: Pastor Sara reported that she has received schematics from the architect. This project needs to be kept moving. Concerns are that the team has not met for some time. The chair has moved out of town.

Wall/Foundation in Cook Hall: The work will be done the week of August 19 – 23. B & G team needs to check to see what prep work needs to be done prior to the contractor beginning.

Dishwasher/Sink Repair Status: The double sink issue is being addressed by having Midwest Pipe repair the elbow where it seems that the blockage begins. The quote is for \$1150.00. At this time the dishwasher is working.

Building Usage: This spring at General Conference of UMC, it was approved for United Methodist clergy to perform same sex marriages. Our church needs to have a discussion and form a policy as to whether same sex marriages can be performed in our church building or on the church grounds. There will be 2 informational meetings to discuss this. The meetings will be following the worship services the weekend of August 24 & 25. Nursery will be provided for these meetings. Members of Watertown First United Methodist Church will then be asked to vote on this. Voting will take place in the lobby area of the east entrance on Wednesday, August 28 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A sample ballot will be in the August newsletter.

Worship times: After Labor Day we will return to 2 worship services on Sunday morning. The services will be at 8:30 and 10:00. Saturday worship time will continue at 5:00.

PASTOR UPDATES:

Pastor Bryce: Pastor Bryce was not able to be at the meeting as he is helping to lead a camp called Next Normal at Storm Mountain. He did send a report.

The youth mission trip to Storm Mountain went well.

The summer youth Bible study on the Gospel of Luke is going well. IMPACT, the young adult group, met on June 25 for a time of games and working out at the wellness Center. The next event is July 25; a grill out at the lake.

A prayer request is for our search for a new Director of Music and Technology and for volunteers who are helping.

Pastor Sara: Pastor Sara just began her time at our church on July 1. She is getting to know people and going to small groups. She is also working on issues like our technology and staffing. The chaplain at Prairie Lakes Hospital gave her a tour. She has some conference duties that she will be attending in August.

LEADERSHIP TEAM GROUP UPDATES:

Building & Grounds: The B & G items were discussed earlier.

Finance: April reported that giving is down. Adam oversees the investments. He will be asking Leadership Team members to complete a risk assessment. Because we are a church, we need to be responsible stewards of our investments.

SPR: Debbie reported that this has been a busy month with planning the going away for both Pastor Jen and Lucas and planning the welcome for Pastor Sara.

SPR met with Lucas and revised the job description and job title. This position has been posted. The church & clergy forms were submitted to the conference. SPR feels there needs to be written procedures for the variety of opportunities around the church. SPR also feels there needs to be an inventory of equipment, furniture, capital expenses, etc. The worship/music team met with Pastor Bryce. Technology volunteers are needed and training will be provided. We will have an opening for a nursery attendant. We are 2 members short on Leadership.

Ministry: Barb reported on the Mission of the Month. July's mission is the Banquet as we will serve it on August 12. August Mission of the Month will be Shoebox Christmas. The Diaper GiveAway will be August 5.

Meeting concluded with the *Breakthrough Prayer*.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be August 13, 2024 at 5:30. Devotions will be by Marcia. Respectfully submitted
Sue Luken, substitute recording secretary

Join in Conversation: Wedding Policies

One of the changes made at the most recent General Conference in Charlotte, NC included removing the restrictions on clergy officiating at LGBTQ+ weddings. As this has not been a part of our wedding policies here at First Church, the Leadership Team invites you to participate in informational conversations after worship on Saturday, August 24th and Sunday August 25th. All professing members of First Church are then invited to participate in a ballot-vote on August 28th on whether to include LGBTQ+ weddings as a part of our building use.

Voting will take place in the lobby area of the east entrance of the church on Wednesday, August 28 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A sample ballot is below.

Sample Ballot Only: Voting will take place in the lobby area of the east entrance of the church on Wednesday, August 28 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Only those who are members of the First United Methodist Church in Watertown SD may cast a vote on the following ballot issue.

☐ I approve of same sex marriage ceremonies being performed either on the premises or inside the First United Methodist Church building located in Watertown SD.

☐ I do not approve of same sex marriage ceremonies being performed either on the premises or inside the First United Methodist Church building located in Watertown SD.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the informational conversations after worship on Saturday, August 24th and Sunday August 25th.

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)	
Jun-24	Income	\$ 31,122	\$ (37,573)
	Expense	\$ 48,964	
	Difference	\$ (17,843)	

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!



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!

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



Our prayers and deepest sympathy go out to:

Bonnie Lien and other family and friends of Dick Lien who passed away on July 16, 2024. Dick was Bonnie's husband.

Family and friends of Bobbie (Roberta) Stillson who passed away on July 18, 2024.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOMES

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)

August 7, 2024

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

September 4, 2024

"Creating Moments of Joy" by Jolene Brackery—Book Study Discussion
Bring your book and questions.

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-Aug	Colleen Enstad
1-Aug	Jenni Lake
1-Aug	Dale McElhany
1-Aug	Doug Wishard
1-Aug	Brittany Page
3-Aug	Sophie Cole
4-Aug	Roxie Shultz
4-Aug	Brenna Dahl
4-Aug	Amy Arnold
5-Aug	Thomas Halajian
5-Aug	Blair Titze
5-Aug	Jeffrey Willett
5-Aug	Heide Kuhlman
6-Aug	Aspen Billings
7-Aug	Amelia Schmeling
8-Aug	Brian Haan
9-Aug	Ella Buechler
9-Aug	Deb Harmel
9-Aug	Lynsy Fonder
11-Aug	Cindy Traufler
11-Aug	Nick Koehn
11-Aug	Kenan Boughton
11-Aug	Scout Valsvig
11-Aug	David Ortmeier
13-Aug	Denver Jenner
13-Aug	Camryn Fitzgerald
13-Aug	Bohannon Ruesink
14-Aug	Adam Fox
14-Aug	Kent Hegstrom
14-Aug	Kyle McManus
15-Aug	Aaliyah Koehn
15-Aug	Radley Maifield
16-Aug	Monica Redlinger
16-Aug	Emma Bredvik
16-Aug	Kari Shultz
17-Aug	Marlene Jackson
17-Aug	Kayden TwoCrow
17-Aug	Jeanne Lane
17-Aug	Marilyn Arnold
17-Aug	Addison Fiebelkorn

Birthday	Happy Birthday To:
18-Aug	Brentley Willett
19-Aug	Jeri Larson
19-Aug	Lori Jurgens
19-Aug	Ava Kannas
19-Aug	Saylor Krueger
20-Aug	Shannon Bruns
21-Aug	Lauren Wight
22-Aug	Dominic VanSickle
23-Aug	Susan Bachmann
23-Aug	Jody Ford
23-Aug	Ashley Fordham
24-Aug	Sarapheen Stavick
25-Aug	Brian Davey
25-Aug	Becky Hanson
26-Aug	Harlan Siegfried
26-Aug	Melanie Sanden
26-Aug	Phin Smith
27-Aug	Jeanie Endres
27-Aug	Derek Wangen
27-Aug	Lilly Jensen
27-Aug	Bethany Severson
27-Aug	Jay Stevenson
28-Aug	Kaitlin Wangen
28-Aug	Audrey Lindgren
28-Aug	Natalie Robinson
29-Aug	Micah Ortmeier
29-Aug	Jaykob Wirkus
30-Aug	Mike Grovenburg
30-Aug	Everly Wellman
30-Aug	Mollie Raasch
30-Aug	Alice Bruns
31-Aug	Brynlee Livingston



Anniversary	Happy Anniversary To:
1-Aug	Blair & Nancy Titze
2-Aug	Wendell & Alice Bruns
7-Aug	Wayne & Angie Wegner
8-Aug	Daniel & Shirley Boone
8-Aug	Brian & Susan Davey
8-Aug	Lucas & Bethany Severson
9-Aug	Mike & Sandi Pederson
10-Aug	Rich & Teresa Remmers
10-Aug	Kevin & Staci Smunk
10-Aug	James & Joyce Swenson
10-Aug	Tim & Heidi Steffensen
13-Aug	Loel & Phyllis Diggs
14-Aug	Luke & Stephanie Muller
15-Aug	Bill & Marta Hoffman
16-Aug	Tom & Roberta LaFramboise
17-Aug	Tom & Jacquelyn Baxter
17-Aug	Taylor & Emily Rymerson
17-Aug	Peter & Audrey Rohde
18-Aug	Gene & Deanna Ward
19-Aug	Bryce Blank & Meaghan Wharton
20-Aug	Andrew & Wendy Meek
26-Aug	Curt & Peggy Lindahl
27-Aug	Aaron & Kacee Hoffman
28-Aug	Jake & Cassie Kasperek
28-Aug	Rev. Dr. DeVern & Joan Schwenn
30-Aug	Tim & Emily Riley

RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED

August 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

Reneae 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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