



**First United
Methodist
Church
First News
November 2024**



FIRSTCHURCH

4 Second Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201

In that day you will say: “I will praise you, Lord. Although you were angry with me your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.” With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say: “Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.” -Isaiah 12:1-6 NIV

Let This Be Known to All the World

“Trust me.” Has anyone ever said that phrase to you? Some might say that trust is one of the most valuable things that any person can share with another.

I have the fortune of having many people in my life who I greatly trust and who trust me. One of those is my high school youth director, named Matt. He now serves as a youth director in New London, MN. Once a month, the two of us meet up at a coffee shop in Montevideo, MN to check in and disciple each other in faith.

Recently, we have been reading one of the letters of the early church leaders called 1 Clement. 1 Clement is a letter sent to a struggling community who had just been through a hard revolt within the community and needed some encouragement. While we don’t consider 1 Clement to be holy scripture, the letter still stands as an inspiring piece of literature giving us insight into the early church. Just as God called Clement to share encouragement to the early church leaders, we are called to share with the church of our day. We are called to encourage one another in our faith, extending trust to each other in disciple while being disciplined by the members of this community. It is our responsibility.

In our upcoming sermon series called *In Trust*, we will examine how God has entrusted us to care and be stewards in our world. We will examine how hard and powerful it is to place our trust in God with all that we have and all that we are. As the prophet Isaiah says, “Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.” The beautiful thing is that when we fully and truly place our trust in God, we will see that God does amazing things. In our scripture above, Isaiah looks ahead to a day when we will share with the world all that our God has done. When we will let it be known to the whole world how great and glorious our God is. We will celebrate that our trust in God has been rewarded.

Friends, that day has come. Our faithful God has forgiven us when we place our trust in what Jesus has done for us on the cross. The day that Isaiah prophesied about is today. As we dive deeper into trust, let us celebrate, encourage, and extend grace to each other as the body of Christ. It is our responsibility to praise God and let this be known to all the world. Let it be so here at First Church.

-Pastor Bryce Blank

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
** Wednesday Night Schedule 5:15 pm Community Meal—All are Welcome 5:30—6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30—7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00-7:10pm First Kids (K-4th Grade) 6:00-7:10 pm First Squad (5th-6th Grade) 6:00-7:10 pm First Youth (7th-12th Grade) 7:10—7:30 pm Family Worship in Fellowship Hall					1 Items for Bake Sale & Grandma's Attic can be dropped off at the church today from 8 am—4 pm	2 Autum Festival 9 am—1 pm 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge 9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant 3:00 pm Band Rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship All Saint's Weekend & Communion
3 Daylight Saving Time "Fall Back" One Hour 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Bible Study—Lounge 10 am Worship All Saint's Weekend	4 1:15—3:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation 5:30 pm Women of Grace—Lounge	5	6 9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study **Wednesday Night Activities—See Above**	7 10 am Women's Bible Study	8 Office Closed	9 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**Mondays**

1:15—3:15pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation—
Church Lounge

Wednesdays

5:15 pm Community Meal—Everyone Welcome
5:30—6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30—7:30 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)
7:10—7:30 pm Family Worship in Fellowship Hall

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

8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Adult Bible Study—Church Lounge
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

11:30 am Lunch-A-Bunch at **Pizza Ranch**

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

9:15 am Embracing God Study Group—Church Lounge

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

3rd Thursday of the Month

6:00—8:00 pm Jesus Jams—Church Sanctuary

Monthly

"IMPACT" Young Adult Group led by Alayna Nelson

Seasonal—Watch for Details

30's/40's Group
"Young at Heart Group" (formerly the 50's/60's Group)

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

All Saints Celebration

On the weekend of November 2-3, First United Methodist church will be remembering those from our church family who have passed away over the last year. We will honor them at all three of our worship services (Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 8:30am and 10am).

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

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

Save the date—Charge Conference

Sunday, November 10, 2:30 pm

This is an all church meeting to discuss the business and finances of the church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Leadership Team Applications Open

The Leadership Team here at First Church works to lead our congregation and ministry. The mission of the team is: "To champion the mission statement of First Church which is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. "

We are looking for dedicated servants of Christ who would like to help guide the work of First United Methodist Church here in Watertown. Each member of the team serves at least 3 years, with the option of a 2nd term. As we shift to a new year soon, we are opening the applications for the upcoming openings on the team.

If you feel called to lead, we invite you to fill out an application. Forms can be found in the office or you can request a digital copy.

November Mission of the Month-UMCOR**Bishop's 2024 Thanksgiving Offering for Disaster Relief United States Hurricane Response**

Excerpts from Bishop Lanette's plea...

"... I appeal to every church across the conference to live into what it means to be part of the United Methodist connection. We can make a difference in the impacted area through our annual Dakotas Conference Thanksgiving Offering. Help to bring hope and recovery to our sisters and brothers whose lives have been disrupted and for whom their homes and livelihoods no longer stand. Our *2024 Thanksgiving Offering: United States Hurricane Response* will be to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Domestic Disaster Relief Fund.

... I encourage you to pray for those dealing with the devastation and implore you to magnify your generosity.

...Please prayerfully consider your own capacity and share your commitment to the *2024 Thanksgiving Offering: United States Hurricane Response.*"

You may share your gifts online directly with [UMCOR](#) or donate through First United Methodist Church by clicking [HERE](#), select Mission of the Month and note "Disaster Relief". Or send a check to First UMC at PO Box 1416 Watertown SD 57201 and note "Disaster Relief" in your memo line.

Thank You in advance for your generosity!

AUTUMN FESTIVAL & BAKE SALE AT FIRST CHURCH

Saturday, November 2, 2024

9:00 am—1:00 pm

Fresh Rolls • Baked Potato Bar • Desserts

• **BAKE SALE (Fellowship Hall)**

Calling all bakers—If you'd like to donate baked goods, please drop them off Friday, November 1st between 8 am—4 pm.

• **GRANDMA'S ATTIC (Cook Hall)**

Donated items for Grandma's Attic may be dropped off on the follow days:

Friday, November 1st 1—3 pm

- Please **NO** Furniture, Clothing, Shoes, Bedding, Curtains, **NO** DVDs, CDs, VCRs, or Electronics, No Broken Items.

- **YES TO:** Jewelry, Jigsaw Puzzles, Arts & Craft Supplies, Holiday & Home Decorations, & Limited Kitchen Items. Thank You.

• **FIRST CREATIONS (Fellowship Hall)**

Do you have a homemade item that you specialize in? We'd love to have you share your talents by inviting you to DONATE up to 5 items of your homemade craft. You set the price but please know that all the proceeds will go towards our mission of a new Electronic Carillon Bell System for the church.

• **ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR SALE**

Greeting Cards, Rada Cutlery, Baby Quilts, Other Quilted Items, etc.

• **What is a Carillon Bell System?**

- ◇ *A Carillon consists of a series of at least 23 tuned bells that can be programmed to play a broad range of music.*
- ◇ *Carillons can be heard throughout North America in cities, at churches, on school campuses, in public parks and many other places where people gather.*
- ◇ *When First Church was built in 1914 there was a huge bell in the bell tower that was rung to signify the start of worship and other events.*
- ◇ *At that time in history some folks may not have had another device to help them tell time, so this bell system was a welcome sound in the community.*
- ◇ *Many years ago our church installed an electric bell system which could be programmed to play music at certain times of the day which was enjoyed by many in our church as well as in the community.*
- ◇ *With time our system has become obsolete. A new Electronic Carillon System is now available to replace the system we currently have that is no longer operational.*

We hope that the proceeds from the Fall Festival will help us obtain a new Carillon Bell System so we can once again enjoy the music to signify events in our church.

PLEASE NOTE: 100% of the proceeds from the Fall Festival will go towards updating the Electronic Carillon Bell System for our church. Thank You!

First Church Finances

2nd Qtr	Income	\$ 94,271	\$ (37,574)
	Expense	\$ 131,398	
	Difference	\$ (37,128)	
Jul-24	Income	\$ 37,480	\$ (41,952)
	Expense	\$ 41,859	
	Difference	\$ (4,379)	
Aug-24	Income	\$ 34,531	\$ (50,525)
	Expense	\$ 43,104	
	Difference	\$ (8,573)	
Sep-24	Income	\$ 36,118	\$ (54,699)
	Expense	\$ 40,292	
	Difference	\$ (4,174)	

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

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 You for your support of First Church!



FIRSTKIDS & FIRSTSQUAD

Thank you to everyone who participated in Trunk or Treat.

It was a fun time enjoyed by all. We look forward to having the event again next year. Watch for pictures in the December FirstNews.

Celebration...

3rd Graders received their Bibles last month and it was fun seeing the joy on all their faces as they received their Bibles and also the favorite verses that family members shared with them. We had a fun afternoon of Getting to Know about our Bibles. It has also been a blessing to make sure that all of our kid's 4th-6th grade also have their own Bibles and they also had family members who gave them their favorite Bible verses.

3rd-6th Graders...

Please bring your Bibles each week to earn a special prize at the end of each month and a fun prize at the end of the year. There may also be something special other times.

We continue to need volunteers for the weekends and in the nursery. Please reach out if you are interested in helping out with Children's Ministry.

Thank you!

Children's Ministry—Looking Ahead

- **November 6th**
 - ⇒ Jenkins Night for PreK-3rd Graders
 - ⇒ Craft Project w/Beth Schutt for 4-6 Graders
- **November 20th—**
 - ⇒ Jenkins Night for 4th-6th Grade
- **December 18th—**
 - ⇒ Christmas Caroling—Anyone is welcome to join us. We'll do some caroling then return to the church for Christmas goodies & hot cocoa.
- **December 22nd—**
 - ⇒ Christmas Program during the 10 am Worship Service

Wednesday Night Schedule

5:15-5:50 Community Meal

5:50-5:55 Round Up and Get Ready to Head to Classrooms

6:00-7:05 Cook Hall K-4 Grade
Room off Cook Hall 5-6 Grade

7:10-7:30 Worship in Fellowship Hall- Families are welcome to come and join.

Service Project Helpers Needed...

I am reaching out because we have a need for parents to help with a service project at Jenkins on the 1st Wednesday of each month. We are looking for parents to help take the kids and hang out with them while they are over at Jenkins.

While the kids are at Jenkins, the staff there help facilitate games/activities. Our adults are there to help monitor and assist as needed with our kids as they get to know the residents and play games with them.

Our group is at Jenkins from 6:15pm to 7:20pm. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping volunteer with our Jenkins service nights.

Lori Jurgens lori@watertownfirst.church

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

Upcoming Events!

November 6– Confirmation Mentor Night
 November 27– No Youth (Thanksgiving)
 December 4– Confirmation Mentor Night
 December 18– Christmas Caroling
 December 25– No Youth (Christmas)

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.
www.watertownfirst.church/first-youth.

Summer Mission Trip– Chicago, Illinois

This summer, our youth will have the opportunity to attend a mission trip to Chicago, Illinois. We are working with Praying Pelican Missions, an organization that helps make connections and experiences for groups striving to have a meaningful mission trip experience. We are still in the planning process but while in Chicago we will likely have the opportunity to work with homeless shelters, food pantries, para church organizations, nonprofits, and other groups unique to Chicago. Our trip will be June 21-26th and will cost \$600 per person. The trip is open to those who will have graduated 7-12th grade next summer. We intend to fundraise the cost of the trip. Registration for the trip is due by December 21, 2024. Please talk to Pastor Bryce if you are interested in attending as a youth or chaperone. Be on the lookout for more details!



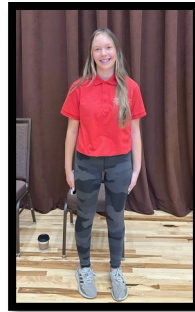
First Youth Snapshot: October was a fun month for our youth at First Church. Our confirmands had their first mentor night, we got to serve with Beacon Center, and we go to attend the Dak Youth event in Aberdeen, SD. We rounded out this spooky month with a fun Trunk-or-Treat event and a diaper giveaway.

Wednesday night worship has continued to be spirit filled. Several youth and children have helped sing, read scripture, play an instrument, or pray. It is clear God is at work!

During youth group, our discussions have been around exploring what our purpose is. Confirmands have covered who Jesus is, what the Bible is, and how the Holy Spirit is at work in our world.



First Church group at Dak Youth



Maliya Mikkelson, our First Church CCYM Member!



Confirmation Beacon Center Serve Night



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. Ways to be involved: - Small Group Leader - Service Night Volunteer - Lock-in Chaperone - Snack coordinator - Wednesday Night Worship Leader (singing or music)

Leadership Team Minutes

October 8, 2024 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Lee Rycraft, Pastor Sara, Pastor Bryce, Peggy Lindahl, Barb Brinkman, Debbie Engels, Sue Luken, Doug Wishard, April Geffre, Marcia Schneider, Sue Stern, Adam Fox

Members Absent: Stephanie Long and Corrine Dahl

Devotion & Opening Prayer was given by Sue Stern

Lee opened the meeting at 5:30pm. Asked that everyone voted before they came in.

Accessibility Team Update: Pastor Sara reported that they had a meeting with a few of the members of the committee. They read the schematics and found that items in the schematics that were asked for were not included.

Building Usage Discussion: Pastor Sara and Pastor Bryce counted the ballots. It was voted that same sex marriages will be allowed on Church property and/or the Church Building.

Pastor Updates:

Pastor Bryce reported Youth Group is going well. This week-end he will be going to Aberdeen for the Dak Youth Conference. Eleven youth and two adults will be going. He will be having his on site meeting next Thursday, Oct. 18th for his interview with a few of the Leadership Team and two members of the board for the evaluation process for becoming Ordained. On October 24th he will be going to Mitchell for his next interview with the Board of Ordained Ministry. In June at the Annual Conference it will be voted on for his Ordination. The closing worship service on Wednesday nights was switched from the sanctuary to the fellowship hall and is going well. IMPACT, the Young Adult Group, hasn't taken off as planned but will continue to work at it. Beacon Center will have two events coming up this month.

Pastor Sara reported that one of the vacuum cleaners quit working last weekend which needs to be replaced. The estimated replacement cost is around \$700. This was approved. Pastor Sara also reported that Pearl will be scheduling to get the boiler serviced and turned on for the winter season. Sara will be going to Mitchell in 2 weeks. She went to Lake Poinsett for a two day Retreat. She has spent a lot of time talking to folks about the document that appeared. Some conversations have been hard but mostly fun. She met with the Bible Studies groups and other groups about this. Pastor Sara will put the results of our vote tonight into the Midweek Email. Pledge letters will be going out this week. Preparing for All Saints. There will be an update for people doing online giving. If anyone is having trouble with this they are urged to come to the office for assistance. Pastor Bryce reported the Charge Conference will be November 10 at 2:30 pm here at the church.

Building and Grounds: Lee gave Corrine's report that there were 2 quotes received for the AC unit in the fellowship hall.

Active Heating's quote was \$11,275 and Andor's quote was \$14,765. Active's quote was accepted. The security system in the church is failing. Lee had visited with Pearl about putting in the buzzer type system. Sue Luken said that she was told that with the type of doors the church has it is not possible to put that type in. It will be looked at by a security system company. Pastor Bryce reported that Williams Carpet stopped by on Monday to schedule a time to come and get the carpet replaced in the nursery.

Finance: April reported that the Finance team met on October 1st to discuss the budget and pledge campaign for the fall. Discussed the current financial situation and the possibilities for the next few months and next year. September's giving has been up, highest since March. We are still far behind for the year. Working through a preliminary budget for the next year. The first giving letter will be sent out this week and the rest will be sent out the end of October. Currently the annual budget is \$502,200 with a remaining of budget \$161,587.39.

SPR:

Celebration of 50 years of ministry for Marilyn Spurrell and Elmer Brinkman will be held this month. SPR will discuss the type of celebration and when it will take place. Debbie reported she will be gone for the Charge Conference. Discussion of feedback of the vote on same sex marriage. Both Pastors have been devoting a lot of their time on discussions on this. The work on the budget for 2025 was discussed. It was noted that last year only full time staff received raises. We decided that all staff would receive raises. Pastor Sara told us of her plans for the two day retreat at the end of the week. Via email Pastor Sara reported to the SPR group that Ashley Fordham has volunteered for the nursery help on Wednesday evenings.

Ministry: Barb Brinkman reported they met on Sept. 26th. The Diaper Giveaway and Trunk or Treat will be held on October 30th. The diaper giveaway will be from 4-5:30 and the trunk or treat will be sectioned off in the parking lot from 6-7:30. Grow Groups are highly encouraged for all ages. Rachel's Hope was a huge success last month. Pillow cleaning was well received.

The Leadership Team broke into Executive Session at 6:46 by motion from Sue Luken second by April. All aye. Returned to regular session at 6:57.

The 2025 compensation package for Pastors and staff was approved by motion from April second by Marcia. All aye.

Closed with the Breakthrough Prayer.

Next meeting November 12 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm. Devotion will be given by April.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lindahl, Recording Secretary



Our prayers and deepest sympathy go out to:

Jim & Peggy Curtis and other family and friends of Don “Donnie” Curtis who passed away on September 22, 2024. Don was Jim’s younger brother.

Julie & Mike Kotlan and other family and friends of Marvin Mundhenke who passed away on October 17, 2024. Marvin was Julie’s father.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOMES	
Edgewood Assisted Living 901 14th Ave NE—Watertown, SD 57201	Audrey Rhodes #416—Wes Larson #411 Bonnie Lien #411—Karen Ostrander #424 Karyl Wishard #415
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 #211 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)

November 6, 2024

“Dementia Updates” by Aaron Shives, MD, Prairie Lakes Brown Clinic

December 4, 2024

“Caregiver Christmas Party” by Planning the Holidays and Christmas Party

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-Nov	Emrie Schaubman
1-Nov	Garrett Dorneman
1-Nov	Dylan Wirkus
1-Nov	Debbie Engels
2-Nov	Janet Workman
2-Nov	Bonnie Wolff
2-Nov	Ashton First In Trouble
3-Nov	Violet Ford
3-Nov	Denise Mayer
4-Nov	Jacksyn Wirkus
4-Nov	Andrew Hanson
4-Nov	Katelyn Hanson
4-Nov	April Geffre
6-Nov	Clayton Muller
6-Nov	Margaret Houfek
6-Nov	Sara Jorgenson
7-Nov	Dylon Luckhurst
7-Nov	Bobbi Hoffman
8-Nov	Ian (William) McCann
8-Nov	Samuel Meek
8-Nov	Isabella Ries
8-Nov	Korbin Wangen
8-Nov	Mackenzie Enstad
8-Nov	Richard Schmidt
9-Nov	Beth Buckley
10-Nov	Hayden Thomas
10-Nov	Wayne Leiner
11-Nov	Kolbe Mohling
11-Nov	Evelyn Thompson
12-Nov	Will Fiebelkorn
12-Nov	Dylan Kasperek
12-Nov	Harlan Veen
12-Nov	Theodore Hartford
13-Nov	Sue Tugel
13-Nov	Dawn Wangen
13-Nov	Kathy Johnson
14-Nov	Quinn Boadwine
15-Nov	Corrine Dahl
15-Nov	Kelly Dale
15-Nov	Wacey Ward
15-Nov	Amanda Schaeffer
15-Nov	Harper Alwin

Birthday	Happy Birthday To...
16-Nov	Douglas Heaton
16-Nov	Roger Jones
16-Nov	Lyle Ratliff
16-Nov	Connor Hanson
17-Nov	Anthony Norton
17-Nov	Sawyer Barrie
17-Nov	Paige Fiebelkorn
18-Nov	Dravyn Carlson
18-Nov	Marilyn Spurrell
19-Nov	Breckin Buechler
19-Nov	Brandon Johnson
21-Nov	Brad Gilbertson
21-Nov	Wesley Nelson
22-Nov	Anchor Jurgens
24-Nov	Cheryl Dorneman
24-Nov	Cheri Erlandson
24-Nov	Alex Urevig
24-Nov	Todd Blair
24-Nov	Brent A. Ford
25-Nov	Phoebe Stavick
25-Nov	Allana Johnson
26-Nov	Shirley Boone
26-Nov	Cindy Hartwig
26-Nov	Paul McElhany
26-Nov	Genny DeLong
27-Nov	Louella Strasser
27-Nov	Owen Rishoi-Andreassen
27-Nov	Candace Jurgens
28-Nov	Zyrah Weidenbach
28-Nov	Ryan Alwin
28-Nov	Curt Lindahl
29-Nov	Brett Schutt
30-Nov	Kegan Kasperek
30-Nov	Jamis Jurgens



Anniversary	Happy Anniversary To:
11-Nov	Donald & Doris Riley
15-Nov	Mike & Kathie Grann
20-Nov	Dale & Donna McElhany
21-Nov	Steven & Ruth Feeney
23-Nov	Travis & Amy Arnold
25-Nov	Michael & Julie Williams
25-Nov	Brian & Noelle Heuer

Shoobox Christmas

Wapila! (Lakota word for Thanks)
Pilamaya! (Thank You!)

Morning Glories ladies would like to say Wapila to everyone for your awesome support of our Shoobox Christmas project.

Thanks for all the donations of toys and monetary gifts. We are overwhelmed by your support.

This year when Mike & Debbie Jehl of Michigan stop in Watertown to pick up our boxes, they will pick up 375 boxes.

First UMC filled 150 boxes. Our Savior Lutheran Church of Waubay filled 54 boxes. Lutheran Church of Roslyn filled 65 boxes. Kellerton Methodist Church filled 20 boxes. We are truly blessed by everyone's help this year.

Please continue to remember our Shoobox Christmas Mission during the holiday season when the stores are full of toys. When you shop, please buy an extra gift for the Native American Children.

Our collection box will be in the hallway outside of the church office.

Thanks again. Wapila.
Moring Glories Women's Fellowship and Missional Group

Grow Groups at First Church

Are you connected to a small group at First Church? Do you have a place to share about what is going on with life? Do you have a place where you can ask and discuss questions of faith? Do you have a place of support to go to when things are tough? If not, consider joining or starting a Grow Group!

First Church currently offers several Grow Groups. EVERYONE is encouraged to be a part of a Grow Group, either by joining an existing group or starting your own.

What is a Grow Group? Grow Groups are any group that gathers regularly to grow as people of faith. They can be groups that gather over a shared hobby, interest, life demographic, or date/time of convenience.

Current Grow Group informational cards can be found in the display at the back of the sanctuary.

Check it out and see where you might plug in.

Or, consider starting a new Grow Group. If you have an idea please contact one of the pastors.

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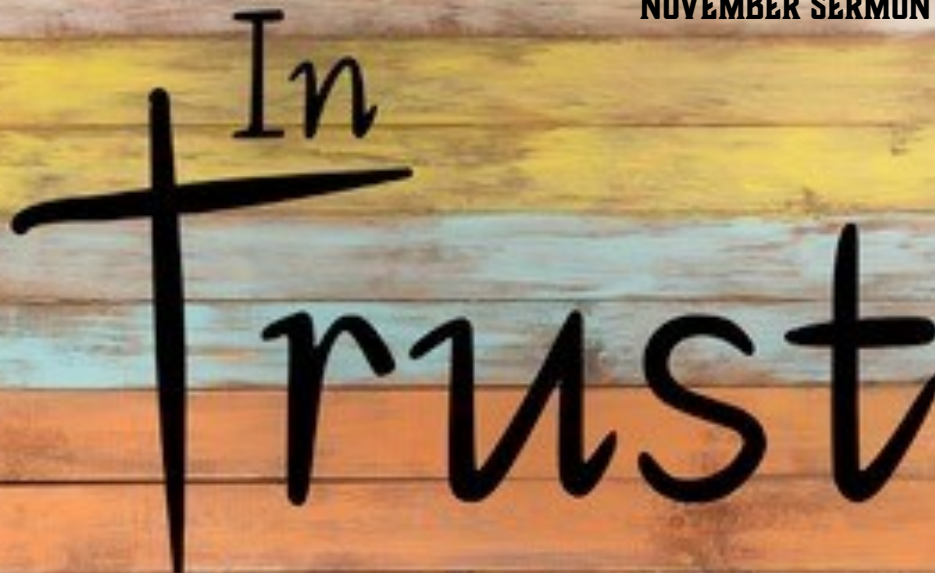
MEET THE STAFF

Senior Pastor
 Rev. Sara McManus
Associate Pastor
 Rev. Bryce Blank
Office Manager
 Pearl Geffre
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 Rev. Elmer Brinkman
Children's Ministry Coordinators
 Sandy Middleton
 Lori Jurgens
Director of Worship & Discipleship
 Alayna Nelson
Nursery Care
 Meaghan Wharton
Organists
 Blair Titze
 Lesa Dahl
Bell Choir Director
 Renae Mack
Music & Chancel Choir Director
 Blair Titze
Custodian
 Beth Schutt
Wedding Coordinator
 Kathy Mielitz

Worship Hours

Saturdays at 5:00 pm—Contemporary Worship
 Sunday at 8:30 am—Traditional Worship
 Sunday at 10:00 am—Blended Worship

NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES



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