



First United Methodist Church

First News

February 2025



FIRSTCHURCH

4 Second Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201

PASTORS WORD

Everybody likes to joke with their pastor about sleeping in church, either because they are so tired it's a possibility or to remind us not to be boring. The few times I've seen people sleep in worship, besides the toddler flat out in a pew, there's been reason – someone coming in off a night-shift, another person finally relaxing after a hard week, or even a teenager there because they weren't given the option. I tend to think, if you are so tired you can sleep upright in a pew, then your body needs some rest. Take it when you can!

Everyone worships just a bit differently. For some its:

- ⇒ *the quiet reverence of silence and contemplation. Letting the presence of God fill us.*
- ⇒ *the overwhelming music of the organ – shaking us to our core.*
- ⇒ *the steady rhythms of a guitar – letting the familiar speak.*
- ⇒ *the spoken liturgy of a call to worship – inviting us in to participate.*
- ⇒ *the easy comfort of a simple service – uncomplicated and laid back.*
- ⇒ *The fellowship before, during and after worship.*

There are so many incredible examples of worship in the Bible – from the Psalms giving us the beautiful prayers and hymns we still share today.

Take Psalm 150 for example:

- Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!*
- Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!*
- Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!*
- Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!*
- Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!*
- Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!*

Our psalmist would tell us our worship is entirely too quiet. If someone can sleep with the loud-clashing cymbals, I'd be impressed.

But the beauty of the worshipping community here at First United Methodist Church is that each different worship service brings an opportunity to connect to God.

Saturday Night Worship (5:00 p.m.): A laid back worship service scheduled late in the day. The service gives an opportunity for late risers to gather comfortably to worship God. The music is contemporary and the order of worship is simplified. Coffee begins at 4:30 p.m. and casual clothing is the norm.

Early Sunday Morning (8:30 a.m.): The communal prayers and formal liturgy are a hallmark of our early worship. The pastors wear robes and use the original pulpit giving a sense of formality to this service. Using the organ and hymns, the music fills the sanctuary regularly and our choir and bell choir regularly help lead. Coffee fellowship begins at 8:00 a.m.

Late Sunday Morning (10:00 a.m.): This service is a blend of all the rest. With a call and response to begin worship, this service pulls in some of the formal elements of the early service while combining the laid back atmosphere of our Saturday worship. Our music is a blend of old and new with occasional performances by our choir, bell choir and others. Coffee fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m.

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Wednesday Night Worship (7:10 p.m.): A short worship service inviting all present at Wednesday activities to gather and praise God before heading out into the world. The music is contemporary and often led by our youth and kids. Gather together with mood lighting and a short devotion and send us on our way with a communal benediction.

Each of our times of worship give us the opportunity to take time out of our day and worship God. I invite you to think through how God might be nudging you to more regular worship. Has your schedule changed that early mornings just don't work? Join us Saturday night. Are the weekends so full of travel or work that it's impossible to get here? Come for a short service on Wednesday nights. Does the quiet of a Sunday morning inspire reverence? Come early and join with others who feel the same.

Regardless of why or how we worship, God invites us to come and reset each and every week.

In ministry together, Pastor Sara

Leadership Team Minutes
**LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING—
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14—5:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: April Geffre, Adam Fox, Stephanie Long, Sue Luken, Marcia Schneider, Sue Stern, Doug Wishard, Pastor Bryce

ABSENT: Corrine Dahl, Peggy Lindahl, Pastor Sara

VISITORS: Josh Hartley, Pearl Geffre, Lisa Stydel, Lea Ann Alwin, Michael Stydel

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER: Sue Luken shared a devotion entitled An Ever-Ready Heart based on Deuteronomy 6:4-7 with emphasis on verse 6 – These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

AGENDA:

ACCESSIBILITY TEAM UPDATE: Pastor Sara has been visiting with representatives with YHR, the architect firm.

SECURITY SYSTEM PROPOSAL: The current security system was discussed. It is not reliable for recording as it has become obsolete. Quotes were received from 2 companies; 3 Cord Enterprise and 3D Security Inc. Motion by Adam; 2nd by Stephanie to purchase the security system from 3D Security Inc. Motion passed. Adam will send a request for this to the Foundation.

OLD ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT: There are old TVs, computer monitors, and other equipment that is outdated and therefore not being used. It was the consensus that these should be donated to an agency that could use them. The sound booth needs a new monitor.

CARILLON BELL SYSTEM: Lisa Stydel along with LeaAnn Alwin and Michael Stydel presented information about a new Carillon Bell System. The current carillon system is obsolete and has not been operational for several years. Some of the proceeds from the 2023 Fall Festival and all of the proceeds from the 2024 Fall Festival were designated for the Carillon System. This is approximately \$7100. Total moneys designated for the Carillon System are approximately \$11,000. The cost of the system is approximately \$18,000. Before the system could be installed, the bell tower needs to be cleaned because pigeons have inhabited this area resulting in a mess of feathers, carcasses, and pigeon droppings. The cost of this is approximately \$2500. Motion by Sue L; 2nd by Stephanie to move forward with the carillon system project. About half of the funds have been raised, the Foundation will be asked for the remainder of the funds. Motion passed. Lisa Stydel will request the funds from the Foundation. Because the pigeon droppings and dust and carcasses can cause health concerns, it is felt the bell tower needs to be cleaned by professionals.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBER FOR FOUNDATION:

Adam Fox will be the LT representative on the Foundation.

PASTOR UPDATES:

Pastor Bryce: Pastor Bryce attended a conference that focused on Children and Youth Ministries. He reported that it was a worthwhile conference.

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He is excited for youth to be back and regular programming is back after Christmas break. They are busy raising funds for the Chicago Mission Trip. The trip is June 21-26. Currently 11 youth are signed up to go. They are working with a group called Praying Pelican Missions. One upcoming fundraiser is "A Night to Remember" scheduled for February 12.

Pastor Sara: Pastor Sara sent her report to Pastor Bryce. Pastor Bryce has been focusing on pastoral care and outreach. She wants to reach out to those with a connection to our church. She is working with the Prayer Team. She is also working on accessibility team work. The current sermon series is *Constructing a Life*. The next series will be *Wisdom*.

LEADERSHIP TEAM GROUP UPDATES:

Building & Grounds: Pastor Sara sent the following concerns that need to be addressed.

- * door handle on east side near choir loft
 - * west stairwell to fellowship hall needs painting
 - * drainage from downspouts on east side of Cook Hall to the alley causes icy conditions.
- Other items: Confirm when the AC in Fellowship Hall will be installed. The east entry needs painting.

Beth installed puck lights in the balcony before the Community Christmas Concert.

Finance: We ended 2024 behind but not as far behind as was expected.

Audit: At the Charge Conference the district

superintendent asked if an audit had been done in the last 2 years. Since it has not, this needs to be completed.

Inventory: This also needs to be completed.

Ministry: The January Mission of the Month is LaGonave Alive - A Haiti Ministry. This group is looking for outreach opportunities to connect the community with the church.

Results of the Advent Alternative Giving Mission are: 30 families contributed and we raised
 \$60.00 for the Solar Oven Project
 \$571.00 for Glacial Lakes Humane Society
 \$850.00 for Heifer International
 \$3,093.00 for the Youth Mission Trip to Chicago
 The congregation is invited to help pack food-sacks for the PACH program on Monday, March 17.

SPR: We have had one applicant for LT; there are 3 openings. Due to health reasons, Sandy Middleton has resigned as one of the Children's Ministry Coordinators. We will celebrate her ministry on Sunday, January 19 during the 10:00 worship service. Job descriptions for the Children's Ministry Coordinators have been revised. These were presented to LT.

Meeting concluded with the *Breakthrough Prayer*.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be February 11, 2025 at 5:30. Devotions will be by Adam.

Respectfully submitted
 Sue Luken, substitute recording secretary

First Church Finances			
Oct-24	Income	\$ 29,129	
	Expense	\$ 39,527	\$ (65,097)
	Difference	\$ (10,398)	
Nov-24	Income	\$ 40,414	
	Expense	\$ 43,904	\$ (68,587)
	Difference	\$ (3,490)	
Dec-24	Income	\$ 54,300	
	Expense	\$ 38,366	\$ (52,653)
	Difference	\$ 15,934	
4th Qtr	Income	\$ 123,843	
	Expense	\$ 121,797	\$ (52,653)
	Difference	\$ 2,046	
Year End 2024	Income	\$ 464,553	
	Expense	\$ 517,206	\$ (52,653)
	Difference	\$ (52,653)	


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 2025 budget in full each month, we will need a monthly income of \$33,417. 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.

**** 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) - First Squad (5th-6th) - First Youth (7th-12th)
 6:00 pm Intro to Jesus Bible Study with Pastor Sara—Church Lounge
 7:10—7:30 pm Family Worship in Fellowship Hall

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Communion 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge 9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant 3:00 pm Band Rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship
2 Communion 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Bible Study—Lounge 10 am Worship <i>11:20 am Intro to Jesus (The Gospel of Mark) Bible Study—Lounge</i>	3 1:15-3:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation—Church Lounge 5:30 pm Women of Grace—Lounge <div style="background-color: #f9e79f; padding: 2px;"> 6:00 pm New Member Class—Library </div>	4 8:30am Staff Mtg	5 9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study—Lounge 6:00 pm Intro to Jesus (The Gospel of Mark) Bible Study—Lounge <i>**See Above for Regular Wednesday Night Schedule**</i>	6 Home Communion 10 am Women's Bible Study	7 Office Closed	8 Camp Weekend 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge 9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant 3:00 pm Band Rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship <div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px;"> Saturday Night Social Youth Event 5pm-9:30pm at First Church </div>
9 Camp Weekend 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Bible Study—Lounge 10 am Worship <i>11:20 am Intro to Jesus (The Gospel of Mark) Bible Study—Lounge</i>	10 1:15-3:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation—Church Lounge	11 No Staff Mtg today 5:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting	12 9:00 am Morning Glories Missional Group NO Intro to Jesus Study <i>**NO Regular Kids or Youth Activities Tonight**</i> <div style="background-color: #f4cccc; padding: 2px;"> A Night to Remember Youth Fund Raiser Meal—See Pg. 5 </div>	13 10 am Women's Bible Study 4:00 pm Staff Mtg	14 Office Closed	15 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge 9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant 3:00 pm Band Rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship
16 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Bible Study—Lounge 10 am Worship <i>11:20 am Intro to Jesus (The Gospel of Mark) Bible Study—Lounge</i>	17 1:15-3:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation—Church Lounge	18 8:30am Staff Mtg 11:30 am Lunch a Bunch	19 9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study—Lounge 6:00 pm Intro to Jesus (The Gospel of Mark) Bible Study—Lounge <i>**See Above for Regular Wednesday Night Schedule**</i>	20 10 am Women's Bible Study	21 Office Closed	22 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge 9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant 3:00 pm Band Rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship <div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px;"> Confirmation Camp See page 7 </div>
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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 pm—The Gospel of Mark Study—Lounge

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

11:20 am—The Gospel of Mark Study—Lounge

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
Seasonal

30’s/40’s Group & “Young at Heart Group”

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



A Night To Remember
 Wednesday February, 12th
Dinner at 5:00pm or 7:00pm
 A FIRSTCHURCH MISSION MEAL
 3 Course Meal \\ Spaghetti or Chicken Alfredo
 \$25 per person \\ Register at the Welcome Center or FIRSTCHURCH office by February 2nd
 proceeds support youth mission trips

Come spend a night enjoying a 3-course meal with your friends, family, or significant other, hosted by our First UMC Chicago Mission Trip Team. Breadsticks, salad, your choice of chicken alfredo or spaghetti with meatballs, and your choice of some fabulous desserts will be served. All proceeds will go to support our youth mission trip.

* **When:** February 12th at either 5:00pm or 7:00pm

* **Where:** First United Methodist Church

* **Cost:** \$25 per person

Registration: Please register at our table in the back of the sanctuary during the weekends of January 25th/26th and February 1st/2nd or with Pearl in the office during the week. If you want to be seated as a party, please sign up together or note that with us at registration.


**Church Camp Weekend
 February 8-9**

Join us to learn more about church camp experiences from Nichole Anderson Lake Poinsett Site Director.

It’s not too early to think about Church Camp! There are camps for all ages! Find your summer church camp at:
www.dakotasumc.org/camping

Early Bird Deadline is April 30th. Use church code wtnfirst to receive the Early Bird Discount.

Mission of the Month for February—Camp Scholarships

Your donation will ensure that anyone who wishes to go to camp will have that opportunity. With the Early Bird Discount, our church pays for 1/2 of the cost of the camp.

You can give online: www.watertownfirst.church/giving and select Mission of the Month.

Thank you for your support of missions at First Church!

Become a Member of First Church or Learn More about First Church.

Join us Monday, February 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Are you new here and want to learn more about what makes First Church, First Church?

Do you call First Church your home, and you’re looking to connect more with others, including ways to get more involved?

Are you interested in what it means to become a member of First Church?

If you’ve ever wondered any of these things, we’d love for you to join us for our “**New to First Church**” class. Join us to talk more about these questions—or any others you have been looking for a place to ask. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Pastor Sara (recommended but not required) and then you can let her know if you need childcare, too (**childcare will be available upon advance request**). You can reach Pastor Sara at seniorpastor@watertownfirst.church — or call the church office at 605-882-4427. We look forward to having you join us! *Pastor Sara & Pastor Bryce*

FIRST KIDS & FIRST SQUAD

What have we been up to?

- We are back into the swing of things and having fun. The kids and adults loved the movie "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever".
- The 4th - 6th graders were able to hang out with their friends at Jenkins and play games on January 15th while the Nursery through 3rd graders started making placemats for A Night to Remember Youth Event.
- We started back into our series Armor of God on January 22 and talked about the Belt of Truth and Breastplate of Righteousness.
- On the weekends we will be not only tying in the Children's Message but also Children's Church Lesson with the Sermon, so watch for your kids to be quizzing you on what you are learning during the service.

We continue to need volunteers for the Children's Church on weekends and in the nursery on weekends. Please reach out if you are interested in helping out with Children's Ministry. Contact Lori Jurgens at lori@watertownfirst.church Or call the church office 605-886-4427 Thank you!

Children's Ministry—Looking Ahead

WEDNESDAYS

- ◇ February 5—Jenkins K-3rd Grade
- ◇ February 12—**No First Kids**— Youth Mission Trip Fund Raiser "A Night to Remember"
- ◇ February 19—Jenkins 4-6 Grade
- ◇ February 16— Regular Night

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

- ◇ February 1 & 2—Family Worship Weekend—No Children's Church
- ◇ February 15 & 16—Presidents Weekend—No Children's Church

LOOKING AHEAD—

- ◇ Sat. & Sun. March 1 & 2—Family Worship Weekend—No Children's Church
- ◇ Wed. March 5—No First Kids - Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- ◇ Wed. March 19—No First Kids Spring Break
- ◇ Sat. & Sun. March 22 & 23 No Children's Church Spring—Break Weekend

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-3 Grade Room off Cook Hall 4-6 Grade
- 7:10-7:30 Worship in Fellowship Hall - Families are welcome to come & 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 7:15pm. 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



Wednesday Night Worship

FIRST YOUTH

Upcoming Events!

- February 5— Confirmation Mentor Night
- February 8— Saturday Night Social
- February 12— A Night to Remember Event
- February 21/22— Confirmation Camp
- March 5— Ash Wednesday/ Mentor Night
- March 12— PACH Night
- March 19— No Youth (Spring Break)



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Youth Fundraiser for Summer Mission Trip
 See Page 5 for all the details! Thank You in Advance.



Saturday Night Social
 We have a new event! Come to worship at 5pm and stay after for food and games. Please register on the First Church website. Bring friends!

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.

First Youth Snapshot: In January we kicked off with a movie night, talked about how to handle our emotions through the story of Cain and Able, and closely examined what worship is and what is necessary for worship. Our Confirmands continued to meet with their mentors and discuss how to handle issues of faith using the tool, the Wesleyan Quadrilateral (Scripture, Experience, Tradition, Reason).



CONFIRMATION
Confirmation Camp!
 February 21-22, 2025
 Lake Poinsett Camp
 Register Online @ dakotasumc.org/camping
February 21-22 Lake Poinsett Register Online
 Youth experience connections with God and fellow United Methodist's as we come together for a Confirmation Camp. Our learning, studying, and fun will revolve around United Methodist topics such as the sacraments, grace, the Wesleyan Quadrilateral, and the membership vows we take as we are confirmed into our local church. All First Church Confirmands are required to attend.



Summer Mission Trip Chicago, Illinois
 Our youth mission trip participants are working hard on fundraising. The cost of our trip is \$600 per person and we would love for everyone to consider participating in our "A Night to Remember" fundraising event. Along with financial support, we ask that you join in praying for the members of our team and those we will partner with in Chicago. Thank you for all of your continued support!

Winter Connection Recap
 Our youth had a great time in Fargo, ND joining other youth from around the Dakotas Conference to connect, worship, and learn about God. Our theme called "Don't Be a Jerk" and came from John 3:16-17 where we are called to accept God's love for us and share it with all, regardless of what our judgements might tell us. We stayed at Fargo First UMC, made cards and treats for first responders as a service project, and went to Sky Zone as a fun activity.

- Please keep our mission team in your prayers:**
- | | | |
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| Ava Fiebelkorn | Denver Jenner | Gracie Ries |
| Avery Anderson | Jason Kasparek | Justyn Jones |
| Cady Weidner | Chantell Schieber | Tieson Jenner |
| Camden Weidner | Courtlyn Paulson | Caleb Clark |
| Dominic VanSickle | Sarapheen Stavick | Lori Jurgens |
| Madison Weidner | Bryce Blank | |



Our prayers and deepest sympathy go out to:

Wayne & Tammy Becking and other family and friends of Carol J. Becking who passed away on December 26, 2024. Carol was Wayne’s sister-in-law.

Kathy Mielitz and other family and friends of Douglas D. Mielitz who passed away on January 9, 2025. Doug was Kathy’s husband.

Ronda & Mahlon Boughton and other family and friends of Henry “Hank” J. Niemann who passed away on January 17, 2025. Henry was Ronda’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 #105—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 #33—Betty Mohror #34 Jean Bevers #26—Janice Pavli #49 Dorothy Irwin #59
The Village of Harmony Hill 2533 Prairie Park Trail SE—Watertown SD 57201	Wayne Leiner #211
Wilmot Care Center 501 4th St—Wilmot SD 57279	LaVonne Nelson
Roetell Senior Housing 108 S Smith—Clark SD 57225	Marilyn Vogt #4

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

February 5, 2025

“Financial Planning for Long Term Care” by a Representative of VRS P.C.

March 5, 2025

“Losing a Loved One” by Sara Foust, LCSW Director, Codington County Community Services and Delrita Hopper, Prairie Lakes Hospice Nurse.

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.



Birthdate	Happy Birthday To...
1-Feb	David Todd
1-Feb	Kendalyn Swanson
2-Feb	Dorothy Delgado
3-Feb	Gabe Jurgens
4-Feb	Alayna Carlson
4-Feb	Jayda VanSickle
4-Feb	Robert Bruns
5-Feb	Dylan Meek
5-Feb	Kamdyn Williams
6-Feb	Pyper Edwards
7-Feb	Betty Mohror
7-Feb	Tammy Becking
9-Feb	Don LeVake
10-Feb	Ava Fiebelkorn
10-Feb	Parker Meek
11-Feb	Tom Baxter
11-Feb	Andrew Meek
11-Feb	Sabrina Blair
12-Feb	Karen Mee
12-Feb	Raylie Raasch
12-Feb	Maliya Mikkelson
12-Feb	Korbyn Boughton
12-Feb	Jasmine Odegard
13-Feb	Madisyn Meek
13-Feb	Crystal Jurgens
13-Feb	Knox Reed Halvorson
14-Feb	Greg Smith
14-Feb	Staci Smunk
14-Feb	Jim Carter
14-Feb	Allen Ekern
14-Feb	Ron Molengraaf
15-Feb	Daniel Luken
15-Feb	Annie Olerud
15-Feb	Lisa Meier
15-Feb	Kelsey Jellis

Birthdate	Happy Birthday To...
16-Feb	Justin Chandler
16-Feb	Justyn Jones
16-Feb	Jerry Willett
16-Feb	Adelaide Green
17-Feb	Sue Luken
17-Feb	Michele Palm
17-Feb	DeVern Schwenn, Rev. Dr.
18-Feb	Becky Fiebelkorn
18-Feb	Karyl Wishard
18-Feb	Paul Foust
19-Feb	Susan Davey
19-Feb	Jaci Stofferahn-Ruesink
20-Feb	Donna Cook
20-Feb	Tim Riley
21-Feb	Darla Vilhauer
21-Feb	Ava Rycraft
21-Feb	Dayton Ford
22-Feb	Kacee Hoffman
22-Feb	Jaxon Solberg
22-Feb	Nora Solberg
22-Feb	Kora Julius
22-Feb	Conner Gilbertson
23-Feb	Wayne Fiebelkorn
23-Feb	Lois Kruse
24-Feb	Patricia Bucaro
25-Feb	Julia Schaaf
25-Feb	Shawn Pugsley
26-Feb	David Alwin
26-Feb	Katherine Wegner
26-Feb	Robby Poore
27-Feb	Michael Linngren
27-Feb	Jordan Remmers
27-Feb	Christine Peterson
27-Feb	Knox Reis
28-Feb	Marc Leadabrand

Date	Happy Anniversary to:
1-Feb	A J & Kari Shultz
2-Feb	George & Tami Eberle
7-Feb	Elmer & Barb Brinkman
14-Feb	Pat & Janet Workman
19-Feb	James & Emily Halvorson
27-Feb	Larry & Dixie Schnoor

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Watertown, SD 57201**RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED**

February 2025

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 Minister

Lori Jurgens

Director of Worship &**Discipleship**

Alayna Nelson

Nursery Care

Meaghan Wharton

Organists

Blair Titze

Lesla Dahl

Bell Choir Director

Rena Mack

Music & Chancel**Choir Director**

Blair Titze

Custodian

Beth Schutt

Wedding Coordinator

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Worship Hours

Saturdays at 5:00 pm—Contemporary Worship

Sunday at 8:30 am—Traditional Worship

Sunday at 10:00 am—Blended Worship

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