



**First United  
Methodist  
Church  
First News  
April 2025**



**FIRSTCHURCH**

4 Second Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201

**What is Holy Week?**

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, we will kick-off Holy Week. Holy Week is the time of year that we remember the stories of Jesus in the week of his death and Resurrection.

We start with Palm Sunday – a day celebrating Jesus’ entrance to Jerusalem, with the waving of palm branches and the celebration of the crowd. (Luke 19.28-40). Here at First Church – we will have palms to wave and celebrate during worship, a pancake breakfast and a bake sale.

Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week are the moments we remember the stories of Jesus teaching and leading within Jerusalem. On Monday we read the story of Jesus’ being anointed with oil (John 12.1-11) and on Tuesday Jesus teaches and reminds the disciples about his upcoming death. (John 12.20-36)

Wednesday of Holy Week is the day we hear of Jesus’ betrayer. Jesus knew that Judas would betray him, and even spoke about it, giving him one last chance to change. (John 13.21-32). Here at First Church, the Wednesday of Holy Week will include the last Community Lenten Service at the UCC at 12:05pm. Our regular meal and music practices. The youth and children will have a Stations of the Cross event.

Thursday of Holy Week, or Maundy Thursday, is the night we remember the Last Supper. (John 13:1-17, 31b-35) Here at First Church, you are invited to a Dinner Church Worship Service in the Fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m.

Friday of Holy Week, or Good Friday, is the night we remember Jesus’ death on the cross. (John 18.1-19.42). Our Good Friday Worship Service will be at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Saturday of Holy Week is a day of quiet grief. The disciples’ grieving Jesus’ death and not expecting the miracle to come, hide out in the upper room. (John 19:38-42) Here at First Church, however, our Saturday Worship Service will kick-off our Easter Celebrations at 5:00 p.m.

On Easter Sunday we will continue to celebrate the Risen Christ through worship, song and scripture. Join us at our regular Sunday Morning Worship, ready to sing and celebrate. (Matthew 28.1-10)

I know sometimes it can be tempting to go from the parade of Palm Sunday to the Joy of Easter morning, but the stories in between help us to remember the depth of Christ’s sacrifice for us. In the darkest parts of our lives, God is there with us. So plug these extra services into your calendars and journey with us, through the uncertainties of Holy Week into the unending joy of Easter Morning.

In ministry together,  
Pastor Sara McManus

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30am Staff Mtg	2 9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study—Lounge  <i>**See Below for Regular Wednesday Night Schedule***</i> <b>6:00 pm Lent Study</b>	3 Home Communion  10 am Women's Bible Study	4 Office Closed	5 <b>Communion</b> <i>Family Worship Wkend</i> 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge <b>9 am Just Breathe—Church Lounge—See Page 3</b> 9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant 3:00 pm Band Rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship
6 <b>Communion</b> <i>Family Worship Wkend</i> <b>8:30 am Worship</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study—Lounge <b>10 am Worship</b> <i>11:20 am Lent Bible Study—Lounge</i>	7 1:15-3:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation—Church Lounge  5:30 pm Women of Grace—Lounge	8 No Staff Mtg today  5:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting	9 9:00 am Morning Glories Missional Group  <i>**See Below for Regular Wednesday Night Schedule***</i> <b>6:00 pm Lent Study</b>	10 10 am Women's Bible Study  4:00 pm Staff Mtg	11 Office Closed	12 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>
13 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>8:30 am Worship</b> <b>9:30 am—12:30 pm Youth Pancake Feed and Bake Sale</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study—Lounge <b>10 am Worship</b> <i>11:20 am Lent Bible Study—Lounge</i>	14 1:15-3:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation—Church Lounge	15 8:30am Staff Mtg  11:30 am Lunch a Bunch	16 9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study—Lounge  <i>**See Below for Regular Wednesday Night Schedule***</i> <b>6:00 pm Lent Study</b>	17 10 am Women's Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship</b>	18 Office Closed  <b>6:00 pm Good Friday Worship</b>	19 <b>EASTER WEEKEND</b> 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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**\*\* 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 Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Sara—Church Lounge  
 7:10—7:30 pm Family Worship in Fellowship Hall

**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—Lenten—Lounge  
 6:00—7:30 pm First Kids (K-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—Lenten 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.***

**Holy Week Worship Schedule**  
**April 13 - Palm Sunday**  
**6 pm April 17 - Maundy Thursday Worship**  
**6 pm April 18 - Good Friday Worship**  
**April 19-20 - Easter Worship**



**PANCAKE FEED AND BAKE SALE**

**APRIL 13TH**  
 9:30AM-1PM  
 ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO CHICAGO THIS SUMMER!



Hosted by First United Methodist Church

**SPRING CARNIVAL**

April 26, 2025 from 10am-12pm  
 City Auditorium  
 125 S Broadway, Watertown, SD

**GAMES** **PRIZES** **FREE ENTRY**



**A Spring Carnival is coming!**

Join us on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm for a time of games, prizes, and fun over at the City Auditorium! This is an event that is free to all so bring friends, family, and neighbors and come out for the carnival!

**Carnival Workers Needed**

We are looking for people willing to host a table with a game at the carnival event. You are invited to bring your own game or have us supply you with one. Much like our Trunk-or-Treat event last fall, we want you to bring your energy and creativity to a carnival booth! We will provide a table and chairs along with a game upon request.

Please reach out to Pastor Bryce or Lori with questions and to volunteer to host a table.

**New Women’s Group—Come Check it Out!**



*just BREATHE*

Join us Sat April 5 at 9AM in the church lounge for a relaxing time to share conversation with friends over a cup of coffee and take time to “Just Breathe” and relax.

## Leadership Team Minutes

### LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025, 5:30 PM**

Members present: Peggy Lindahl, Pastor Sara, Sue Luken, April Geffre, Marcia Schneider, Sue Stern, Adam Fox, Josh Hartley

Members Absent: Pastor Bryce, Doug Wishard, Stephanie Long and Corrine Dahl

Devotion & Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Sara.

April opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

**Accessibility Team Update:** Pastor Sara reported that there has not been much action on the elevator. It was suggested to put a ramp up into the nursery that would get to office floor. Adam Fox reported on the security system proposals. He and Pastor Bryce were communicating on this. He had not heard from Pastor Bryce on a few of the questions he had. Reported on the cleaning of the bell tower. Lisa has reached out to Service Master again as the two quotes received were approximately \$10,000 difference.

It was brought to our attention that in order to add Sue Luken on the checking account as a signer that Danielle Mikkelson would have to be removed. The following resolution was passed by motion from Adam second by April, all aye: *"The names of individuals on file for signatures on the First United Methodist Church bank account have been reviewed and should be changed as such: Erika Zink, Debbie Engels, Jerry Miller and Jeri Larson will remain as check signers. Danielle Mikkelson will be removed and Sue Luken will be added."* Motion Passed.

### **New Business:**

**Music Team Discussion:** Pastor Sara reported there are a few people that have shown interest in playing for the church services. Discussion of the service times was discussed with more discussion to follow next month.

Pastor Bryce report (sent to Pastor Sara); Fundraisers are going well. There will be a pancake breakfast on 4/13/25. Night out dinner was a success again this year. He will be preaching at the Wesleyan Chapel on 3/27/25.

This years annual conference will be June 6, 7, and 8 in Mitchell. Ordination will take place on Sunday morning. Pastor Sara reported this may be live streamed and it will also be live streamed in our church for services. There are 6 Lay delegates for the Conference this year

along with the two pastors. Lay people that are interested in attending are Peggy Lindahl, Sue Luken, Marcia Schneider, Sue Stern, and April Geffre hopes to be able to attend.

Pastor Sara reported that Blair has agreed to help out with the music on Saturday nights and Sundays at 10:00. The 8:30 service needs someone to help out with the sound and live stream. Sara has also been working on Lent Study and services. She will be taking a couple of days off next week to spend them with her kids while they are on spring break.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Corrine Dahl, absent no report. Josh brought up the railing and door.

**Finance:** April reported the income for February was \$39,131.15 with expenses at \$41,111.96 for a loss of \$1,980.51.

There is a need to coordinate volunteer workers.

**SPR:** Sue Luken reported SPR met on March 5. Alayna Nelson has submitted her resignation from her position as Director of Worship and Discipleship. The meeting was centered around rewriting the position. It will become 2 part-time positions. Contemporary Worship Director and Media and Graphics Designer. Nursery Staff has been an ongoing concern. The Nursery Coordinator and Nursery Care Provider were also revised. The Dakota/Minnesota Conference is offering a virtual training on Thursday March 13 for SPR Committees. Sue, Peggy, Pastor Sara and Pastor Bryce will be attending.

**Ministry:** Marcia reported PACH packing will be 3/17 at 6:00 – 7:30. Prayer Walk was well received. There will be an Easter Outreach Event, on 4/26 from 10am-noon at the Auditorium trying to have a Cup Cake Walk, duck pond, ring toss; Diaper Giveaway on 5/7 from 4-6 p.m.

Peggy brought up the discussion on Inventory. Pastor Sara has named her as coordinator of this. She will be reaching out to Peggy to get this task taken care of.

Closed with the Breakthrough Prayer.

Next meeting April 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned. Devotion will be given by Sue Luken.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lindahl, Recording Secretary

## APRIL MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

### BUNDLES OF HOPE DIAPER MINISTRY

- Drive Thru Diaper Giveaway on Wed. **May 7th from 4—6 pm** in the church parking lot.



Did you know that 1 in 3 families in America can't afford the appropriate supply of diapers to keep their infants and toddlers dry and clean?

Here are some ways you can get involved:

- Help to Bundle the diapers received (by size)
- Help to hand out diapers at our Drive Thru Diaper Giveaway on Wed. **May 7th from 4—6 pm** in the church parking lot
- Donate diapers and pull ups (any size) as well as wipes
- Monetary Donations are always welcome—please note "Diapers" in your memo line

Diaper donations can be dropped off at the church as well as any monetary donations. Let's keep those babies dry and healthy! Thank you for your generous support of missions here at First UMC!

### BEACON CENTER

Empowering victims of domestic and sexual violence since 1977.

Join together with others in our congregation to bring a little comfort and a blessing to those who need it most.

We are gathering supplies to make "Blessing Bags" for the residents of the Beacon Center. When we are seeking safety and shelter, we rarely remember to bring comfort with us. While the Beacon center already has all the basic supplies, we'd like to give a little extra, from a comforting eye pillow, to a nice journal, or even a coloring book, we know that it's often the little extras in life that help us feel like ourselves.

Join us in our giving this month.

#### Items Requested for "Blessing Bags"

- Lotion
- Makeup
- Slippers
- Hair Ties
- Hair Clips
- Fidgets
- Pens
- Nail Polish/Remover
- Adult Coloring Book
- Colored Pencils/Thin Markers
- Puzzle Books (Crossword, Sudoku, etc)
- Planner / Calendar
- Sketch Pad
- Mechanical Pencils

Items can be left in the basket at the back of the Sanctuary. Monetary donations accepted as well. Please indicate "Beacon Center" in the memo line.

#### Beacon Center Mission

To empower individuals and families of abuse to achieve self-responsibility and initiative through advocacy and support and to educate and motivate the community to move toward our vision of eliminating abuse.

Donate online at [www.watertownfirst.church/giving](http://www.watertownfirst.church/giving)—select Mission of the Month  
In the Comments Note either "Diapers" or "Beacon Center"

### First Church Finances

#### FUMC General Budget Financials - 2025

		Monthly Actual	YTD Cash Flow
4th Quarter	Income	\$ 123,843	\$ (52,653)
	Expense	\$ 121,797	
	Difference	\$ 2,046	
25-Jan	Income	\$ 45,036	\$ 1,848
	Expense	\$ (43,188)	
	Difference	\$ 1,848	
25-Feb	Income	\$ 39,132	\$ (133)
	Expense	\$ (41,112)	
	Difference	\$ (1,980)	

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 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.*

# FIRSTKIDS

## What have we been up to?

The month of March was a quiet month with spring break and Ash Wednesday.

Our kids went on a prayer walk and it was beautiful seeing how each child wanted to take the opportunity to say a prayer whether it was while we stopped on a corner, we were in front of a business, another church, or a place where someone we knew lived.

We are winding down our series *Armor of God* and have a few more visits coming up with the residents of Jenkins, which is one of our favorite things to do.

## Wednesday Night Schedule

- 5:15-5:50 Community Meal
- 5:50-5:55 Round Up and Head to Classrooms
- 6:00-7:05 K-3 Grade & 4-6 Grade—Cook Hall rooms
- 7:10-7:30 Worship in Fellowship Hall - Families are welcome to come & join.

## Children’s Ministry—Looking Ahead

### WEDNESDAYS

- ◇ April 2—Jenkins K-3rd Grade
- ◇ April 9—Regular First Kids Wednesday Night
- ◇ April 16—Easter Stations
- ◇ April 23— Jenkins 4th-6th Grade

### SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

- ◇ April 5 & 6—Family Worship Weekend—No Children’s Church
- ◇ April 19 & 20—Easter Weekend—No Children’s Church
- ◇ April 26 & 27—Regular Children’s Church

### LOOKING AHEAD—

- ◇ Sat. May 10—Mini Mission for 5th & 6th Graders—Clean Up at Lake Poinsett Church Camp
- ◇ Wed. May 14—Last scheduled Wednesday night. Summer break begins. Watch for special events that may pop up for First Kids.
- ◇ Mon. July 21 thru Thurs. July 24—VBS at First Church

**I would like to say thank you to everyone that has taken the time to help volunteer with First Kids whether it be just a few times or for the whole year. You all play an important role in the lives of the kids here at First Church and mine. You all help inspire, guide, and strengthen the faith of not only the kids but me as well. Thank You! Lori Jurgens**

If you have any question about our Children’s Ministry Program, please contact Lori Jurgens [lori@watertownfirst.church](mailto:lori@watertownfirst.church)

Thanks to all who helped pack this month for the PACH program. The All Church pack night and the Youth pack night all had a great turn out! Thanks to all who donated monetary or tangible items in March!



# FIRST YOUTH

## First Youth Snapshot:

Our youth involvement in service continued in March. We went and packed meals for the PACH program and had a great time doing it.

Youth were also challenged with working together and learning about the challenges of discipleship during a night of team building.

Youth also had the opportunity to join in worship with our whole church community on Ash Wednesday, as we kicked off the season of lent and were reminded of our gift of life and dependence on God.

### Upcoming Events!

- April 2— Mentor Night
- April 13— Mission Trip Pancake Feed and Bake Sale
- April 16— Holy Week Stations
- April 30— Beacon Center (Confirmation)
- May 4— Confirmation Worship
- May 7— Beacon Center (Youth Group)
- May 14— Final Wednesday Night

### 2025 Chicago Mission Trip



Our youth mission trip participants are working hard on fundraising.

Our final big fundraising event is a pancake feed and bake sale on Sunday, April 13th after worship. Suggested donation amounts of \$5 per person or \$25 per family.

If there are items you wish to donate to our bake sale, please let Pastor Bryce know at: [assocpastor@watertownfirst.church](mailto:assocpastor@watertownfirst.church).

### Please keep our mission team in your prayers:

Avery Anderson	Tieson Jenner	Dominic VanSickle
Bryce Blank	Justyn Jones	Cady Weidner
Caleb Clark	Lori Jurgens	Camden Weidner
Leighton Dolney	Cortlyn Paulson	Madison Weidner
Ava Fiebelkorn	Chantell Schieber	Cindy Wishard
Denver Jenner	Sarapheen Stavick	

Youth Participating in a Team Building Activity "The Floor Is Lava"



**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](http://www.watertownfirst.church/first-youth).



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

David and Sue Nelson and other family and friends of LaVonne Nelson who passed away on March 8, 2025.

Karen Ostrander, Julie & Mike Kotlan and other family and friends of Jack Dunn who passed away recently. Jack is Karen's brother-in-law and uncle to Julie.

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
Edgewood Memory Care 901 14th Ave NE—Watertown, SD 57201	Tom Baxter
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
Roetell Senior Housing 108 S Smith—Clark SD 57225	Marilyn Vogt #4

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

**April 2, 2025**

*"Finding the Best Option for Facility Living" by Jill Opdahl, Social Worker with Prairie Lakes Healthcare System*

**May 7, 2025**

*"Hearing and Dementia" by Dr. Todd Decker, Audiologist at Professional Hearing Services.*

**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:
1-Apr	Lynda Fiebelkorn
1-Apr	Owen Muller
1-Apr	Glen Vilhauer
1-Apr	Rylen Rosendahl
4-Apr	Mark Bayles
4-Apr	Ashley Stanley
6-Apr	Kari Anderson
6-Apr	Liam Reis
6-Apr	Charlie Shultz
7-Apr	John Redlinger
7-Apr	Dylan Smunk
7-Apr	Kirsten Titze Blackwell
7-Apr	Cael Heuer
8-Apr	Alyssa Raml
9-Apr	Colton Luckhurst
9-Apr	Marilyn Vogt
9-Apr	Kamden Wellman
10-Apr	Sandra Halajian
10-Apr	Rich Remmers
10-Apr	Michael Wight
11-Apr	Loel Diggs
11-Apr	Judy Kubat
13-Apr	Jeanne Paulson
13-Apr	Brooks Urevig
14-Apr	Carol Meyer
14-Apr	Laura Greenfield
14-Apr	Samantha Russman
15-Apr	Thad Titze
15-Apr	Sophia Juluis
16-Apr	June Dale
18-Apr	Kenny Raml
19-Apr	Jeanne Berry

Birthday	Happy Birthday To:
20-Apr	Dixie Currey
20-Apr	Arlet Magstadt
20-Apr	Elyse Wegner
22-Apr	Gina Enstad
22-Apr	Justin Remmers
23-Apr	Pat Workman
23-Apr	Alexander Hanson
24-Apr	Kristin Loeschke
25-Apr	Roberta Jenner
25-Apr	Jessica Ekern
25-Apr	Laini Greenfield
25-Apr	Joshua Murphy
26-Apr	Ruthie Dahl
26-Apr	Emily Halvorson
26-Apr	Marcia Schneider
26-Apr	Kendra Robinson
27-Apr	Thaniel Paulson
27-Apr	Tamara Eberle
28-Apr	Valgene Alwin
28-Apr	Delores LeVake
28-Apr	Mya Smunk
29-Apr	Donald Fox
30-Apr	George Eberle

Anniversary	Happy Anniversary To:
1-Apr	Wayne & Tammy Becking
8-Apr	Wayne & Lynda Fiebelkorn
8-Apr	Dan & Margaret Houfek
15-Apr	Clark & Barb Hanson
16-Apr	Jamis & Crystal Jurgens
17-Apr	Ernie & Natalie Wight
21-Apr	Scott & Kristi Davis
26-Apr	Stanley & Brenda Jongbloed



## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

To all my church family, Pastor Sara & Pastor Bryce, for the out pouring of prayers, visits, flowers, meals and concerns for me and Don during my surgery and my recovery at Jenkins.

I can't begin to tell you how much your love and care has meant to us.

God Bless! *Jean Fox*

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**RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED**

# April 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
- Nursery Care**  
Meaghan Wharton
- Organists**  
Blair Titze  
Lesa Dahl
- Bell Choir Director**  
Renaee 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

**Holy Week**

April 12-13  
Palm Sunday  
Regular Worship  
Times

April 17  
Maundy Thursday  
6 pm Worship

April 18  
Good Friday  
6 pm Worship



# DEFIANT HOPE

Easter Weekend  
April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>