



# First United Methodist Church First News June 2025



4 Second Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201

***If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. – 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 NRSV***

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. – Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV***

June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> will be my last weekend as Associate Pastor here at First Church as I look ahead to my new appointment as pastor at Epworth UMC in Valley City, ND. This time of transition has given me time to reflect on the past three years.

The above scriptures are two of my favorite passages in the Bible. They have been words of wisdom, guidance, and truth for me throughout my life so far.

When God calls us to something, we sometimes get caught up in a fear and worry of the unknown that lay ahead. That's where Proverbs 3 comes in. In all parts of life, we are encouraged to put our trust in God, submitting to where we may be led. In all that we do, we called to trust in God, knowing that God is with us.

This brings me to 1 Corinthians. This is one of my favorite verses because it is the reminder to do everything in love. It is very easy to throw ourselves into life. But if we aren't living lives based in the foundation of God's love for us, we are wasting our time.

I have strived to give of myself in ministry here at First Church out of a foundation of God's love, trusting that God is equipping me along the way and using me for a good work. Friends, this is what I encourage us all to during this time of transition. Change is not always easy, and it regularly is met with fear and worry. But God continues to call us forward in faithfulness. It is our job to trust where God is leading and to act in love with all that we think, speak, and do.

It is in this spirit of trust in God and the intention to love like Jesus that I came to Watertown. It is with this spirit and intention that I look to where God is calling me beyond First Church. I leave knowing that the good work God has done while I was here will continue in Watertown long after I am gone. The consistency of God gives us hope.

I am filled with gratitude in my heart for the ways you have all trusted me and shown Christ's love to me. You have given me a place to belong, to learn, and to grow as a person and as a minister. First Church, you truly have been a blessing. THANK YOU and goodbye for now.

-Pastor Bryce

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# June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Communion</b> <i>Family Worship Wkend</i>  <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <i>Summer Worship Hours</i>  <i>Only One Worship Service on Sunday's during the Summer</i>	2 1:15-3:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation— Church Lounge  5:30 pm Women of Grace—Church Lounge	3 8:30am Staff Mtg	4 9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study— Lounge  Noon—Youth Bible Study at “Break Out” Coffee Shop  <b>**Community Meal  and other Wednesday  night activities on  break for summer**</b>	5 10 am Women's Bible Study	6 Office Closed	7 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  <b>NO Worship Tonight</b> <i>Please join us for Worship  on Sunday, June 8th at  10:00 am.</i>
8 <b>10:00 am Worship</b> <i>Note Time Change—</i>  <b>Message will be  Live Streamed from  Mitchell First—Annual  Conference Worship  Service</b>	9 1:15-3:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation— Church Lounge	10 8:30am Staff Mtg  5:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting	11 <b>10:00 am</b> Morning Glories Missional Group <i>Note Time Change</i>  Noon—Youth Bible Study at “Break Out” Coffee Shop	12 Home Communion  10 am Women's Bible Study	13 Office Closed	14 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge 9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant 3:00 pm Band Rehearsal <b>5:00 pm Worship</b>
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**Weekly at First Church**
**Mondays**

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

**Wednesday Summer Schedule**

*Community Meal and other Regular Wednesday  
Night Activities on Summer Break until Sept.*

Noon—Youth Bible Study at Break Out Coffee Shop

**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—Summer Worship Schedule**

**9:30 am Blended Worship**

**Monthly at First Church**
**1st Monday of the Month**

5:30 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

**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—(Except in July)**

Morning Glories Women's Fellowship/Mission Group  
10:00 am in the Church Lounge

**1st Thursday of the Month**—Home Communion

**1st Saturday of the Month**

Just Breathe—Church Lounge

**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.***

**Prayer Walk Update.**

As of May 25th our congregation has walked  
**5508.25** miles! Way to go First Church!

**PLEASE NOTE—June 7-8**

ONE Worship Service This Weekend

**No Saturday Worship**
**10:00 am Worship on Sunday (Note Time)**

This service will be live streamed from Mitchell First UMC as the closing Worship Service of Annual Conference. During this worship service, Pastor Bryce will be Ordained and we wish to have as many of you be a part of this exciting event as possible.



*just*  
**BREATHE**

Join us Sat June 7 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.

**Did you know?**

There are items for sale in the hallway by the church office?

**Greeting Cards** of various kinds. 50 Cents each or a box of 12 cards for \$6—\$7. These are very nice cards.

**Rada Cutlery**—knives, peelers, etc. These make great gifts for weddings or showers.

**Baby Quilts—Fidget Quilts—Wooden Crosses,** etc.

Need a gift? Check out the items in our showcase.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 5 thru 8—Annual Conference in Mitchell, SD

June 12—Home Communion

June 21 thru 26—Youth Mission Trip to Chicago

June 28—Pastor Bryce's last weekend with us

July 3—Home Communion

July 21 thru 24—Vacation Bible School

August 7—Home Communion

August 18—The Banquet at Grace Lutheran Church

September 13 & 14—Fall Kickoff

**May 13, 2025 5:35 p.m.**

**Members present:** Pastor Sara, Pastor Bryce, Peggy Lindahl, April Geffre, Marcia Schneider, Sue Stern (late), Adam Fox, Stephanie Long, Josh Hartley.

**Members Absent:** Doug Wishard and Marcia Schneider.

Devotion & Opening Prayer was given by April Geffre.

April opened the meeting at 5:35.

**Accessibility Team Update:** Nothing to report

Adam Fox Reported on the Security System. The new system has been ordered.

**Summer Worship Hours:** Saturday worship will stay on Saturday night at 5:00. Sunday morning worship will combine at 9:30 a.m. This will begin on Memorial Day Weekend Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastor Updates:** Other than the Associate Pastor, we are fully staffed.

Pastor Bryce reported the June 21-26 Chicago Trip is fully funded. Graduate weekend this Saturday and Sunday. Whether they are graduating from High School or higher education. Wednesday night youth program is done this Wednesday. A Youth Bible Study will be led by Cady Weidner, our Intern, throughout the summer. Vacation Bible School will be from July 21-24 starting at 4 years old or preschool. There will be a youth lock in on 5/23/2025 which will be the last hooray for the group. Beth Lalim will be speaking to the youth prior to the Chicago trip about homelessness. Pastor Bryce has been asked to offer a prayer at the Henry Graduation. And of course his transfer to North Dakota.

Pastor Sara reported that Holy Week and Easter Week went well. Saying goodbye to Sandy and having a secondary funeral for the youth programming the week of her funeral. Focus has shifted again with Pastor Bryce leaving. There are no pastors available to replace him. Kris Mutzenberger will speak to the group later on to see where we are with that. The average of Youth/Associate Pastors is 18 months, which Pastor Bryce has been here much longer than that. Pastor Bryce's last weekend will be the last weekend of June

**Building and Ground:** The timer for the lights on the stained glass window has been replaced. The commercial dishwasher is leaking. Josh will check this out. The light in the lounge will be looked at by Muth Electric as they were the ones that put it in 4 ½ years ago. There has been no one contacted on the plaster on the ceiling in the sanctuary but will be put on hold temporarily.

**Finance:** April reported that we are not in the black but we are definitely better than we were in prior years. This period income was \$36,958.44 where expenses were \$39,748.34 for a difference of negative \$2,789.90.

**SPR:** Sue Luken reported that we have been busy with staff positions. At our May meeting we found out that Pastor Bryce was being transferred to Valley City, ND. We will have a time to say good bye to him and to celebrate

his ordination. Pastor Sara has been working on the praise band at the Saturday worship service. This is going well. Bobbie Jenner has been hired as the weekend Children's Ministry Coordinator. We have been in discussion for ways to fill the variety of hats that Pastor Bryce wears.

**Ministry:** Pastor Bryce gave the report as Marcia was absent. The Lent prayer walk initiative went well. It was discussed not to do the step counters next time but that congregational participation went well otherwise. We will continue to track prayer walk miles until the goal of making it to Jerusalem is reached. Spring Carnival went well. Over 75 people came in. The next Diaper Giveaway is May 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm. Rachel's Hope has not been told they need to relocate yet. Mission of the Month for May will be both the Salvation Army's One Roof Program and the Bishop's Miracle Offering and UMCOR. Pearl will put together a basket and sign to collect items at the back of the sanctuary. Lake Poinsette Day was May 10<sup>th</sup>. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders were invited to help. Walk a Mile went well. Thursday Night Live-hoping to have a booth. There is no children's night this year, so we are looking at picking a date. Also, we are looking at hosting our van in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Vacation Bible School will be the next mission of the month. Lori will work with the kids to organize that.

Sue L had gone to Ukraine update and our church was mentioned about the help they gave to the Ukrainian Family. Peggy reported that the families work visas will be up in July. They may be asking the communities to house these people as they will be losing their jobs and their homes. They may be relocated to other countries. But they will not be sent back to Ukraine.

Kris Mutzenberger, District Superintendent: One of the parts of the process is consultation with the church. Associate Pastor roles are training to be pastors. In order to fill the vacant position of the Associate Pastor, Kris is asking Watertown First Church if they would be willing to be in partnership with Clark. Whoever this pastor would be would be half time in Clark and half time in Watertown. The half time pastor would preach one weekend in Watertown and the rest of the time in Clark. They have a parsonage in Clark so the pastor would live in Clark. The cost would be split 50/50. She met with Clark and they are willing to try the partnership. The salary, utilities, retirement, would all be split 50/50.

Sue Luken moved to go into the partnership with Clark with the 50/50 sharing costs. Stephanie second the motion. All aye. Kris will go back to the Council and organize getting a Pastor into Clark and Watertown half time for both.

We are still looking for a member of our Leadership Team. Please think about coming forward and taking on the position.

Closed with the Breakthrough Prayer.

Next meeting June 10, at 5:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m. Devotion will be given by whoever comes forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lindahl, Recording Secretary



As we gather to say goodbye to Pastor Bryce and Meaghan this month, we get to celebrate all the ways their ministry here at First Church has strengthened our community. We celebrate all the ways that Bryce has poured into our youth. We celebrate his commitment to the whole church and to the call of Christ. We celebrate the ways that Meaghan has connected us all to the ministry of the Beacon Center. We celebrate and grieve as they go, knowing their ministry will continue to share Christ's love wherever they are.

Over the last few weeks, the Staff Parish Committee and Leadership Team been working together with the Dakotas Cabinet to find the best path forward at First Church. We are (as I type this) still working together to find a ½ time associate to be appointed here at First Church.

With the expectation of a ½ time associate pastor, the Staff Parish and I have been working to fill the remainder of the work and time that Pastor Bryce has dedicated to our community. And so, we are excited to share that Rev. Amy Atkins, a member of our congregation and Elder in the United Methodist Church is going to step into the role

of Associate of Youth Ministries here at First Church.

Pastor Amy's pastoral ministry in Plankinton/White Lake UMCs, Ortonville/Big Stone City/Milbank Parkview UMCs and First UMC in Fargo included youth ministry work in the midst of her wider pastoral ministry. For the last 8 years, Pastor Amy stepped out of pastoral ministry to pursue another calling, supporting students and staff in schools through work in special education and behavior services. Pastor Amy has been working the last 3 years with the Southwest West Central Service Cooperative, as a consultant in school districts in Northeast South Dakota. In this role she collaborates with staff and parents to identify individual needs, build student skills and progress.

We are excited to bring Amy on board as a part of our pastoral team.

Pastor Sara



## First UMC Foundation Fact—Did you know?

In 1995 the Foundation gave \$4,000 to First Church for Church Organ Repair (matching funds)  
AND

In 1997 the Foundation gave \$1,900 to First Church for Handbell Tables & Accessories for the Handbell Choir.

### FUMC General Budget Financials - 2025

		Monthly Actual	YTD Cash Flow
1st Qtr	Income	\$ 122,739	\$ (3,367)
	Expense	\$ 126,106	
	Difference	\$ (3,367)	
Apr-24	Income	\$ 36,958	\$ (6,157)
	Expense	\$ 39,748	
	Difference	\$ (2,790)	

**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!

### First Church Finances

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!



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

## JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH

### June Mission of the month will be Vacation Bible School (VBS) & Sandy's Closet.

Each year during VBS we have a special Mission that the children can participate in. This year our VBS Mission will be "Sandy's Closet".

Some of you will remember Sandy Weidner-Middleton who worked in our nursery and helped run our Children's Ministry program. Sandy passed away on April 18, 2025.

Years ago Sandy helped to organize and run a "Free Store" here at First Church. One of Sandy's dying wishes was to once again hold a "Free Store". Since Sandy loved children and they all loved her, we chatted with some of the children at First Church and they all wanted to help honor Sandy by creating "Sandy's Closet" in which we would collect new or gently used children's clothing, coats, hats, mittens, boots, etc. of any size.

The collection would be thru the month of June and especially during VBS. We would then pick a time in August before school started and invite families to do some school clothes shopping for free in "Sandy's Closet"

### How can you help?

#### Help Support our VBS Program—Supplies, Evening Meal, & Snacks

Donate online at [www.watertownfirst.church/giving](http://www.watertownfirst.church/giving)

select Mission of the Month

In the Comments Note "VBS Program"



#### Help Support "Sandy's Closet"

There will be an area at the back of the sanctuary for donations of New or Gently Used Children's Clothing.

Help us fill "Sandy's Closet" and help out the children going back to school this fall.

**Registrations for VBS will be taken from June 1 thru July 12. Whether you plan to attend as a participant or a volunteer, please click on this link ["VBS"](#) to register.**

Any child in Preschool thru 5th grade are invited to participate. Older children who wish to attend can do so as a helper (volunteer). Invite a friend, bring a neighbor!

Our theme this year is Camp and we look forward to all the fun this year's VBS has to offer. Some of the items needed for our crafts are Soup, Veggie or Fruit cans to make pencil holders and Plain Pillow Cases to make prayer pillows. Items can be left at the back of the sanctuary.

We hope to see you at VBS this year and we invite you to bring a friend!



**The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their families had a great time cleaning up at Lake Poinsett on May 10th. And they had a little fun too as they “Pied” Pastor Sara!**





# FIRSTKIDS

**Camp VBS is July 21-24** This year we are going to be doing a Craft instead of Science experiments! We also will be telling our Bible Story through our Snack Station.

## Items Needed for VBS

Plain Pillowcases to make prayer pillows  
Empty and Clean Soup, Veggie or Fruit Cans for Pencil Holders  
Mason Jar Rings

**VBS Sign Up** will start on June 1<sup>st</sup> and go through July 12. If you want to help out in any way please contact Bobbie or Lori.

Whether you plan to attend as a participant or a volunteer, please click on this link ["VBS"](#) to register.

**VBS Mission**—See page 6

## Fun Activity for kids and Adults:

During the June 8<sup>th</sup> worship service we will pass out Bingo cards to all the kids and kids at heart. We will see what items and who we can see during the ordination service. After the service we will collect the cards and have something fun for each of the kids. Who knows what we will have on these cards for everyone to look for. Will there be a spider on the card?

## Children's Ministry—Looking Ahead

### WEDNESDAYS

◇ Meal and other Wednesday activities on summer break

### SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

◇ **May 31-June 1**—Communion—Family Worship Weekend—No Children's Church

◇ **June 7-8**—Ordination Weekend—No Children's Church

◇ **June 14-15**—Regular Children's Church

◇ **June 21-22**—Regular Children's Church

◇ **June 28-29**—Regular Children's Church

◇ **July 5-6**—Family Worship Weekend—No Children's Church

### LOOKING AHEAD—

◇ **Mon. July 21 thru Thurs. July 24**—VBS at First Church



Hello, I am honored and privileged to serve as the new co children Ministry coordinator. As a children Ministry coordinator I embrace the responsibility to care, protect and lead First Church Children connecting them to God and helping them build their belief while sharing God's love, grace and words.

My husband Doug, and I live in Henry with our three children (Denver, Tieson and Izrial). We have been blessed to be part of First Church since our wedding in 2005. During our free time, we enjoy the great outdoors, whether we are fishing, camping, in the garden or sitting by the fire.

Over the years I have been blessed to lead and support children's learning in several capacities including as the nursery coordinator, an elementary teacher, special education teacher, First Kids volunteer, youth group volunteer and a specialist who provided therapy for children with autism. I am blessed to continue to support and lead children alongside Lori in their journey of discovering and building their faith.

*Bobbie Jenner*

**Children's Bell & Vocal Choir** We are working on getting a Children's Choir and Bell Choir started in the fall - if you are interested in this please let Lori know.

If you have any question about our Children's Ministry Program, please contact Lori Jurgens [lori@watertownfirst.church](mailto:lori@watertownfirst.church) or Bobbie Jenner [bobbie@watertownfirst.church](mailto:bobbie@watertownfirst.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*



# FIRST YOUTH

## Upcoming Events!

June 4— Bible Study  
 June 5-8 — Annual Conference  
 June 11— Bible Study  
 June 18— Bible Study  
 June 21-26— Chicago Mission Trip  
 July 2 — Bible Study  
 July 9 — Bible Study  
 July 16 — Bible Study  
 July 21-24 — VBS  
 July 30 — Bible Study  
 August 6 — Bible Study

## Youth Summer Bible Study:

Youth going into grades 7-12 are invited to join us on Wednesdays at noon for a Bible study on the Gospel of Luke.

We will meet at Breakout Coffee on the dates below.

Please read the scripture passages BEFORE the date they are next to.

June 4— Introduction  
 June 11— Acts 1-3  
 June 18— Acts 4-7  
 June 25— Off  
 July 2— Acts 8-11  
 July 9— Acts 12-15  
 July 16— Acts 16-19  
 July 23— Off  
 July 30— Acts 20-24  
 August 6— Acts 25-28

**First Youth Snapshot:** In May our youth wrapped up the school year with time in service at the Beacon Center and games down at Nelson Park. We also celebrated our graduating seniors as they look forward to what is next. The year was capped off with a lock-in full of food and all of our favorite all-church games.

Congrats to our confirmation students who were confirmed on Saturday, May 3rd. We are so excited for them and this step they have taken in their faith journey.

## Chicago Mission Trip:

We are less than a month away from our trip! While preparing to work with the Jesus People organization, we have learned about homelessness here in Watertown from Beth Lalim, Executive Director of Watertown Cares. We have also learned about the Jesus Church movement in the 1970s that the Jesus People organization came from. Check out Jesus People online to learn more about what our work might look like at:

<https://www.jesuspeoplechicago.org/>



## 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	

## Meet the newest members of First Church who were confirmed in faith on Saturday, May 3rd.



**Front Row from left:** Camden Weidner, Justyn Jones, Sarapheen Stavick, Leighton Dolney, Avery Anderson  
**Back Row from left:** Beau Anderson, Tieson Jenner, Pastor Sara, Elyse Wegner, Pastor Bryce



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

### 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)**

**June 4, 2025**

*"Let's Talk" by Support Group Discussion*

**July 2, 2025**

*"Codington County Search and Rescue" by Commander DJ York*

**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-Jun	Wade Fiebelkorn
1-Jun	Nicklos Hoffman
1-Jun	Aaron Steiner
1-Jun	Gloria VanDykhurst
1-Jun	Shirley Roe
1-Jun	Lennex Dale Mayer
1-Jun	Silas Murphy
2-Jun	Julie Schutt
3-Jun	Audrey Rhodes
3-Jun	Kayla Miller
4-Jun	Camden Weidner
4-Jun	Kaleb DeBoer
5-Jun	Dalton Krueger
5-Jun	Jaydon Endres
6-Jun	Kamiela Rymerson
6-Jun	Jennifer Landon
7-Jun	Harrison Wegner
7-Jun	Dale Spurrell
8-Jun	Carson Hansmann
10-Jun	Julie VanSickle
10-Jun	Conner Mack
10-Jun	Jennifer (Jen) Bender
11-Jun	Doug Jenner
12-Jun	Sadie Johnson
14-Jun	Donna McElhany
14-Jun	David Traufler
15-Jun	Megan Wight
15-Jun	Tayden Martell
17-Jun	Duane Caron
17-Jun	Jill Ford
18-Jun	Carol Kannegieter
18-Jun	Sheila Raml
18-Jun	Melissa Todd
18-Jun	Kaylie Jorgenson

Birthday	Happy Birthday To:
19-Jun	Aaron Dale
19-Jun	Erin Murphy
20-Jun	Marcia Urban
20-Jun	Olivia Ries
21-Jun	Kathie Grann
21-Jun	Isaiah Asche
21-Jun	Ivy Sangster
21-Jun	Coop Birrittier
22-Jun	Chantell Schieber
22-Jun	Geraldine Telkamp
23-Jun	Olivia Stanley
23-Jun	Angie Stanley
24-Jun	Marlys Fie
24-Jun	Gennie LaFramboise
24-Jun	Henry Gall
24-Jun	Noah Weidenbach
25-Jun	Leighton Dolney
25-Jun	Kaden Zink
25-Jun	Desi Reis
25-Jun	Rebecca Lundy
26-Jun	Mandy Ward
26-Jun	Tyler Frensko
27-Jun	James Swenson
27-Jun	Jennifer VanDerLinden
27-Jun	Sara McManus
28-Jun	Kenzleigh Boughton
28-Jun	Kimber Ortmeier
29-Jun	Angie Rycraft
29-Jun	Sharon Klose
29-Jun	Hunter Maifield
29-Jun	Traver Hansmann
29-Jun	Addie Fordham

Anniversary	Happy Anniversary To...
4-Jun	Shane & Jenni Wirkus
6-Jun	Brad & Graci Gilbertson
8-Jun	Ted & Janet Tesch
9-Jun	Mark & Melanie Sanden
10-Jun	Jeff & Colleen Enstad
10-Jun	John & Monica Redlinger
13-Jun	Robert & Roxanna Shultz
13-Jun	Austin & Ashley Fordham
14-Jun	Ed & Sue Togel
14-Jun	Gary & Kathryn Wilson
14-Jun	Tom & Jeanne Berry
14-Jun	Nick & Ashley Dalton
15-Jun	Jerry & Judy Miller
16-Jun	Kevin & Dawn Berner
16-Jun	Chuck & Debbie Engels
22-Jun	Ordean & Sue Stern
22-Jun	David & Cindy Traufler
24-Jun	Brad & Marissa Willett
27-Jun	Mark & Marilyn Arnold
29-Jun	Richard & Melanie Schmidt
30-Jun	Joe & Kelsey Jellis



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### 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  
**Weekend Children's Leader**  
Bobbie Jenner  
**Media and Graphic Design**  
Dean Gorseth  
**Organists**  
Blair Titze  
Lesla Dahl  
**Bell Choir Director**  
Rena Mack  
**Music & Chancel Choir Director**  
Blair Titze  
**Contemporary Worship Coordinator**  
Lea Ann Alwin  
**Custodian**  
Beth Schutt  
**Wedding Coordinator**  
Kathy Mielitz

### Summer Worship Times

**Saturdays at 5:00 pm—Contemporary**  
**Sunday at 9:30 am—Blended**

 **June 8<sup>th</sup>: One Service**  
**A Celebration of Life and**  
**Ministry - Dakotas Annual**  
**Conference**  
*No Saturday Worship*  
*10:00 am Sunday Worship*

**June 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Poured In**

**June 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Be Still**

**June 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> I Will Follow**  
*Pastor Bryce' Last Services*

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