



First United Methodist Church November 2025



FIRSTCHURCH

4 Second Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201

Word from our Pastor:

Throughout Jesus' ministry, he spoke of the Kingdom of God – a reminder of where God calls us to. Like we shared a few weeks ago, the Kingdom of God is where God calls us to live. But the reality of our world is not quite there and the work of Christians is to pull these two realities towards each other: to mind the gap.

Jesus spends his ministry trying to remind the disciples and the crowds, that the kingdom of God is something different. A moment, a place, a connection that goes beyond the expectations we have, to a world that lives out God's love.

The church at it's best lives this out. In mid-October, we gathered for Charge Conference. A business meeting and a reminder to reflect and see where we have lived out God's calling. We look at the ways we deepen our faith in study and connection through our small groups, from the faithful studies each week on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. There are multiple monthly groups and shorter-term studies. We estimate at least 110 unique people participating in our adult studies in the last year.

Our kids and youth programs are thriving – even to the point of needing every space we can find in the building and more volunteers.

Our music is a joy shared throughout our community and beyond. Did you know your choir went to sing at Jenkins Living Center after church in October? Bringing joy through song is a celebration we all can share.

The service and outreach of this congregation is incredible. Blessings Bags for the Beacon Center, Serving the Banquet, Delivering Meals on Wheels, The Diaper Giveaway, Sandy's Closet, the support of PACH and the Salvation Army. Did you know this last Monday at our Covered Event – we served 101 different families with clothes and diapers. This has been an incredible connection and outreach!

This all is a sign of the Kingdom of God in our midst, living out God's love. We take the love that God has for us, and we share it with everyone we can.

As we continue to share in the Kingdom of God (our sermon theme this month), so too we will be talking about what it means to give generously of ourselves, our time and our funds. In the changing economic situation of our community and our country, some in our midst are struggling harder – struggling to find enough to pay the bills, trying to find ways to make up the difference. On the other hand, some in our community have benefited from shifts and changes, making more money than ever before. So as we look into the last few months of the year and into the new year, we ask that you seriously look into your giving – to prayerfully consider where God might be asking you to increase your generosity.

In the next few weeks, we'll be sending letters with pledge cards and information about the budget for next year. But even now, let us look to ways we can support one another and God's ministry through Watertown First United Methodist Church.

Together in Christ,

Pastor Sara

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November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Wednesday Night Schedule 4:15—5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:15—6:00 pm Community Meal—All are invited 5:30—6:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00—7:10 pm Children & Youth Activities 6:15 pm Book Study in the Lounge 6:30—7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:10—7:30 pm Worship—Fellowship Hall						1 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge 9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant 3:00 pm Band Rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship Communion All Saint's Weekend Family Worship Weekend
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Weekly at First Church

Mondays

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

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:15—5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal
 5:15—6:00 pm Community Meal—All are invited
 5:30—6:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal
 6:15 pm Book Study in the Lounge
 6:00—7:10 pm Children & Youth Activities
 6:30—7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:10—7:30 pm Closing Worship

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—Worship Schedule

8:30 am Adult Sunday School—Lounge

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

2nd Wednesday of the Month

10 am Morning Glories Women's Fellowship/Mission Group

1st Thursday of the Month—Home Communion

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

November Mission of the Month is the Salvation Army One Roof Program

Donate online at

www.watertownfirst.church/giving

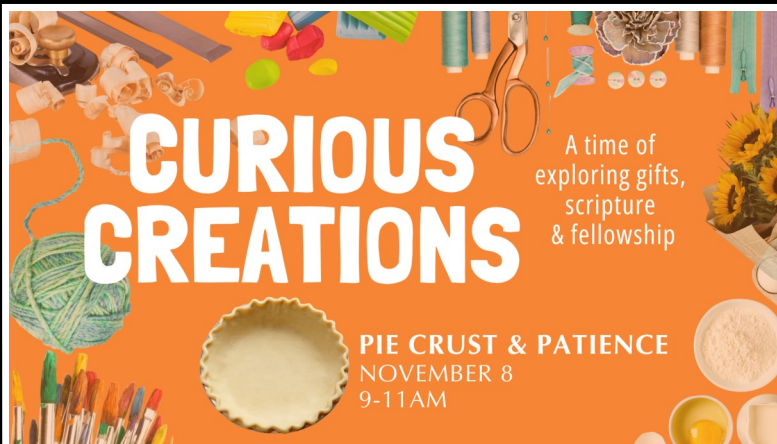
select Mission of the Month. In the Comments Note "One Roof Program"

Non-perishable items can be dropped in the basket at the back of the sanctuary or taken directly to the Salvation Army.

All Saint's Celebration at First Church

November 1-2 during worship

Remembering our loved ones who have gone on before us. Please join us and light a candle for your loved ones no longer with us.



Has the name ***Curious Creations*** peaked your interest? Wondered 'what exactly is this thing'? Hasn't crossed your mind, but now you NEED to know more? Well - this is for you!

One day, Pastor Kim and Pearl were talking about Pearl's granddaughter, Ava, and her drawing skills - there was a lightbulb moment about just how much creativity existed in our congregation...and in God's creation. So, why not explore it some more together, while also exploring the Bible?

Curious Creations is a monthly-ish opportunity to come together for fellowship, learning a new skill or creative outlet, and dig into our Bible through a question or theme. With Thanksgiving and Christmas, just around the corner - what better way to start, than with pie crusts! A talent that is often envied, thought to be difficult or maybe even a lost art...pie crusts offer a learning that can be used often and are the perfect example of the word 'patience'.

Whether you love to make pie, want to learn or just enjoy a slice - come join us on Saturday, November 8th from 9am-11am as we explore the creation that is pie crusts and get curious about patience. Bring a favorite pie dish, rolling pin or other essentials...or just bring yourself and we will have extras on hand. If possible, call the church office at (605) 886-4427 to let us know you will be there, but walk-ins are welcome too! We can't wait to see you!

You are invited to our Intergenerational Game Night— Wed. November 12th, 6:00-7:30 pm

Join us for a night of fun and games. And in the spirit of the season, please bring a non-perishable item for the Salvation Army.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:00 – 7:30 PM

INTERGENERATIONAL GAME NIGHT
Adults are invited to join
the children & youth!

Bring your favorite board game and be
prepared for a night of fun and laughter!

Do you have a favorite game that you would like to share with our children and youth? Are you up for a challenge to see if you are really the best at your game or if one of us can beat you?

Our Children & Youth would love to spend time with some of the Adults. This is a time to get to know each other better, have a few laughs and a lot of fun. We have some great kids in our children & youth program, come and meet them!

Join us for our community meal and stay for the game night in Fellowship Hall.

First UMC Foundation Fact

Did you know the Foundation has been supporting First Church for many years?

- 1995—\$2,000 “Pass it on Campaign” - Conference Camping Program
- 1996—\$7,000 “Pass it on Campaign”
- 1997—\$3,242 “Pass it on Campaign” - to repair seawall at camp
- 1998—\$3,000 “Pass it on Campaign” - for water damage repair
- 1999—\$89 Chimes repair
- 2000—\$1,500 First UMC for staff training and continuing education
- 2004—\$2,000 History & Archives Committee for 125th Anniversary booklet
- 2005—\$1,500 Bell Tower Repairs

Thank you to the Foundation for helping keep our church building & equipment maintained!

FUMC General Budget Financials - 2025

		Monthly Actual	YTD Cash Flow
Jul-25	Income	\$ 25,356	\$ (34,154)
	Expense	\$ 37,234	
	Difference	\$ (11,878)	
Aug-25	Income	\$ 36,058	\$ (32,543)
	Expense	\$ 34,447	
	Difference	\$ 1,611	
Sep-25	Income	\$ 27,749	\$ (44,585)
	Expense	\$ 39,791	
	Difference	\$ (12,043)	

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

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

Or use the QR Code to give online now!
Thank You 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!

Leadership Team Meeting

October 14, 2025 5:35 p.m.

Members present: Pastor Sara, Pastor Kim, Peggy Lindahl, Sue Luken, Marcia Schneider, Stephanie Long, Adam Fox, Doug Wishard and Sue Stern

Members Absent: Josh Hartley, April Geffre, and Pastor Amy.

Devotion & Opening Prayer was given by Adam Fox: Trusting Gods timing. Ecclesiastic 3.1: A Time for Everything.

Accessibility Team update: A preliminary plan will be taken to the annual Charge Conference meeting on 10/21/25. The architect will get everything to Pastor Sara tomorrow. Funding for the Bell Tower clean-up was approved by the Foundation.

Pastor Updates: Pastor Sara reported that Charge Conference is next week. Staffing is more complicated with all the part time staff. We are working on better communication. She is meeting with Pastor Kim and Pearl on Monday mornings. She has a couple of other people that have submitted applications for the Leadership Team. There has been a request to have a youth be part of the Leadership Team. Heidi moved to add a youth to the Leadership Team. Marcia second the motion. All aye. She will write up and amendment to include a youth to be a part of the Team. She has a retreat in two weeks and will be taking the week off.

Pastor Amy is working with the Youth Program. On their way home from Aberdeen the van broke down at Kellers Korner west of Florence. There were 12 youth & 3 adults who attended Dak Youth in Aberdeen. Pastor Kim reported Pastor Amy has a lock-in scheduled for Saturday October 25.

Pastor Kim is working on more discipleship and care. She is working with the Ministry Team. She went to Alabama to see her Grandmother who has been put on hospice. (Prayers to Pastor Kim's family). She has a welcome center video completed.

Building and Grounds: Sump Pump has been fixed, it had a short circuit. AC on the roof: part has been ordered.

Finance: The budget for 2026 was presented. As of the end of August our income was \$284,407.18; Expenses were \$316,949.94. As of today we are \$32,542.76 in the red.

Staff Parish Relations Committee: Sue Luken reported that they met with Clark SPR per our agreement. They are to meet every quarter. They looked through the agreement and discussed success stories within the two churches.

Ministry: Marcia reported that they did the diaper sorting. On the 27th of October will be the diaper giveaway and Sandy's Closet from 5-7 p.m. The Beacon Center is this month's Mission of the Month. There was a suggestion of having a progressive dinner (going home to home for different courses). The dinner would be housed within the church where different groups would sponsor a part of the meal. This would be possibly January 2026. The Thursday Bible Study has volunteered to do the desserts for the Wednesday supper through the end of this year. Curious Creations is a new ministry where people can meet to share a craft and explore the Bible together. The first one will be Pie Crusts & Patience on November 8th from 9-11 a.m. They will be looking at patience in the Bible. In the future they may explore woodworking, painting, etc. Pastor Kim and Pearl will be meeting to discuss what will need to be brought for the class. Possibly doing this once a month but not pin point a certain day.

Things that need to be voted on at Charge Conference: Budget, salary.

Sue Luken moved to enter Executive session at 6:10. All aye. Out of Executive Session 6:25. Sue Luken moved to accept the budgeted salary. Peggy second the motion. All aye. Stephanie moved to send the proposed budget to the Charge Conference. Adam second the motion. All aye.

Trunk or Treat will be October 29th.

Next meeting November 11, at 5:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m. Devotion will be given by Pastor Kim.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lindahl, Recording Secretary

NOTE: If you would like a copy of the Charge Conference Minutes, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Foundation Report

In 1994 our church received a bequest from a member with no designation as to its use. A group of our church leaders got together to discuss use of the funds, and from that was born our church Foundation. The governing documents placed restrictions on use of Foundation funds as well as how much could be spent on an annual basis. These restrictions have been tweaked periodically over the years but the basic premise remains: to maintain and grow these funds with a restricted amount used each year for ministries to support the work of our local and wider church.

The Foundation is governed by a six member Board of Directors which is elected by the membership each year at our Charge Conference, with one member being a representative from the Leadership Team. In general, the Board is limited to spending no more than 5% of the account value as of the end of the previous year. The amounts granted are voted on by the Board in collaboration with the Leadership Team and Pastors. The assets are currently managed by the local office of Wells Fargo Advisors. The Board meets roughly every quarter with all meetings being open to the membership as a whole.

Since its humble beginnings 31 years ago, the Foundation assets have grown to a current value of approximately \$1,054,000 and has distributed grants over the years totaling just over \$373,000.

As I step aside as President of the Foundation, I would like to make a few comments and observations:

I applaud the wisdom of the original founders and Board members for their foresight and ongoing governance of the Foundation. Leaders with the best interest of the church have nurtured and grown the Foundation to what it has become today.

Unfortunately, the Foundation is being underutilized as many of our members are not even aware of its existence and the ministry it potentially could carry out. We need to do a better job of promoting the Foundation as a vehicle for donations, large and small, that would help carry out the mission of our church.

We must not allow Foundation assets to be "raided" for funding of a large project, no matter how worthwhile it may be.

The assets must be wisely, but not speculatively, invested.

At all times, we must remember that we are merely stewards of what God has entrusted to our care.

As I close I want to thank the membership for allowing me to serve as a member of the Board the past six years and a special thank you to those that I have served with during that time. I also want to recognize Nancy Titze for her work in providing legal counsel and advice to the Foundation for many many years-all on a volunteer basis. THANK YOU Nancy!!

As I step aside, I want to provide a list of the current Board members that will guide the Foundation going forward:

Susan Geyerman-President

Luke Muller-Vice-President

Jamie Veeder-Secretary

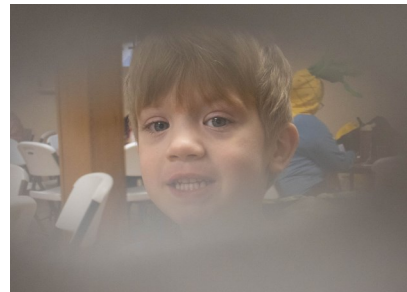
Beth Schutt-Treasurer

Adam Fox-Leadership Team Representative

Mike Grann

Thank you! Yours in Christ,
Glen Vilhauer-Outgoing President

Trunk or Treat at First Church



A fun time was had by all.

FIRSTKIDS K-3 Grade

FIRSTSQUAD 4-6 Grade

FALL 2025 CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

- * Nov. 1-2: Family Worship Weekend
- * Nov. 8-9: Superheroes Miriam & Moses
- * Nov. 15-16: Superheroes Peter & John
- * Nov. 22-23: Superhero Lydia
- * Nov. 29-30: Thanksgiving Weekend
- * Dec. 6-7: Family Worship Weekend
- * Dec. 13-14: Superhero Paul
- * Dec. 20-21: Superhero Jesus
- * Dec. 27-28: Christmas Weekend

If you have any question about our Children's Ministry Program, please contact
Lori Jurgens lori@watertownfirst.church or
Bobbie Jenner bobbie@watertownfirst.church

Children's Ministry

◇ WEDNESDAYS

- ◇ Nov. 5-First Kids—To Jenkins, First Squad Craft
- ◇ Nov. 12-Intergenerational Game Night—Kids, Youth and Adults alike—Please plan to join us
- ◇ Nov. 19-First Squad—To Jenkins, First Kids Craft
- ◇ Nov. 26-Thanksgiving Break

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

- ◇ Nov. 1-2—Family Worship Weekend—No Children's Church
- ◇ Nov. 8-9—Regular Children's Church
- ◇ Nov. 15-16—Regular Children's Church
- ◇ Nov. 22-23—Regular Children's Church
- ◇ Nov. 22-23—Regular Children's Church
- ◇ Nov. 29-30—Thanksgiving Break

UPCOMING EVENTS—

- ◇ Sat. Nov. 8—Get to Know Your Bible Event 2-4 pm
- ◇ Nov. 8-9—3rd-4th Grade Bible Presentation
- ◇ Wed. Dec. 17—Cocoa, Christmas Goodies & Caroling
- ◇ Sun. Dec. 21—Children's Christmas Program
- ◇ Dec. 24—Jan 4—No Children's Activities—Christmas Break

"Get To Know Your Bible" Event for 3rd & 4th Graders—Note Date Change

Saturday, November 8 / from 2:00-4:00 in Cook Hall. Parents are invited to attend if they would like to. We will then do a fun activity during the Children's Message that day with their Bibles.



Has your child received a Bible from the First United Methodist Church? If not, please let us know and we'll have one ready for them on November 8 & 9 at whichever service your family attends.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 29th lori@watertownfirst.church OR 605-886-4427

OUR YOUTH NEED YOU

IT'S A WONDERFUL PROBLEM TO HAVE - LOTS OF YOUTH - THEY ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH - BUT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ADULTS TO HELP WITH PROGRAMING



Give us a couple hours each week of your time to help our thriving youth group continue to make new disciples of Jesus Christ.

You'd be surprised how your love and care of these youth can impact their future.

Contact Amy Atkins
youth@watertownfirst.church
or any of the other First Church Staff
for more information or to say YES!

Registration forms for children & youth can be found on the office door. Please take one, update your information and return to the church office or give to Lori or Bobbie.

DAK
Youth!



We had a slight delay on the way back from Aberdeen when the church van broke down. Thanks to those who came to the rescue!



LOCK-IN

- October 25-26
- 12 Hours with 25 Youth and 9 Adults
- Worship, Games, Food, Fun, and very little sleep



If you have any questions Please contact Pastor Amy Atkins: youth@watertownfirst.church

FIRST FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Our deepest sympathy is extended to this family:

Family and friends of Ordean R. Stern who passed away on October 24, 2025.
Ordean is Sue Stern's husband.

Family and friends of Gleva Schlotter who passed away on October 29, 2025.
Gleva is Doug (Bobbie) Jenner's Grandmother and Denver, Tiesen & Izrael's great-grandmother.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOMES

Edgewood Assisted Living 901 14th Ave NE—Watertown, SD 57201	Audrey Rhodes #412—Wes Larson #413 Bonnie Lien #105—Karen Ostrander #424
Edgewood Memory Care 901 14th Ave NE—Watertown, SD 57201	Tom Baxter
Jenkins Living Center 215 S. Maple—Watertown, SD 57201	Adelia Thorn #225 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
Avantara Milbank 1103 S 2nd Street—Milbank SD 57252	Marilyn Vogt #504

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

November 5, 2025 (Location Change: Edgewood)

"Dementia Reality Room" by Dana Bass, Sales & P.R. Director At Edgewood.

December 3, 2025

"Caregiver Christmas" by Dar Fuchs and Friends

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	Garrett Dorneman
1-Nov	Dylan Wirkus
1-Nov	Debbie Engels
1-Nov	Emrie Schaunaman
2-Nov	Janet Workman
2-Nov	Bonnie Wolff
3-Nov	Denise Mayer
3-Nov	Violet Ford
4-Nov	Andrew Hanson
4-Nov	Katelyn Hanson
4-Nov	April Noem
5-Nov	Pete Stevenson
6-Nov	Clayton Muller
6-Nov	Margaret Houfek
6-Nov	Sara Jorgenson
7-Nov	Dylon Luckhurst
7-Nov	Bobbi Hoffman
7-Nov	Trenten Vanderlinden
8-Nov	Mackenzie Enstad
8-Nov	Samuel Meek
8-Nov	Richard Schmidt
8-Nov	Korbin Wangen
8-Nov	Addison Briggs
8-Nov	Isabella Ries
8-Nov	Hannah Karges
9-Nov	Beth Buckley
10-Nov	Wayne Leiner
10-Nov	Hayden Thomas
10-Nov	Blake Paulson
11-Nov	Evelyn Thompson
12-Nov	Will Fiebelkorn
12-Nov	Harlan Veen
12-Nov	Dylan Kasperek
12-Nov	Theodore Jace Hartford
13-Nov	Sue Togel
13-Nov	Dawn Wangen
13-Nov	Kathy Johnson
13-Nov	Autumn Kunkel
14-Nov	Angela Boadwine
14-Nov	Quinn Boadwine
14-Nov	Regan Raanes

Birthday	Happy Birthday To:
15-Nov	Corrine Dahl
15-Nov	Kelly Dale
15-Nov	Wacey Ward
15-Nov	Amanda Schaeffer
15-Nov	Harper Rae Alwin
15-Nov	Hoyt Livingston
16-Nov	Douglas Heaton
16-Nov	Lyle Ratliff
16-Nov	Connor Hanson
17-Nov	Anthony Norton
17-Nov	Paige Fiebelkorn
17-Nov	Sawyer Barrie
18-Nov	Dravyn Carlson
18-Nov	Marilyn Spurrell
19-Nov	Breckin Buechler
19-Nov	Brandon Johnson
21-Nov	Brad Gilbertson
21-Nov	Wesley Nelson
24-Nov	Cheryl Dorneman
24-Nov	Cheri Erlandson
24-Nov	Alex Urevig
24-Nov	Todd Blair
24-Nov	Brent A. Ford
25-Nov	Allana Johnson
25-Nov	Phoebe Stavick
26-Nov	Shirley Boone
26-Nov	Cindy Hartwig
26-Nov	Paul McElhany
26-Nov	Genny DeLong
27-Nov	Candace Jurgens
27-Nov	Owen Rishoi-Andreassen
28-Nov	Ryan Alwin
28-Nov	Curt Lindahl
28-Nov	Zyrah Weidenbach
29-Nov	Brett Schutt
29-Nov	Cambry Nicola
30-Nov	Kegan Kasperek

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

THANK YOU!
 Thank you to the over
**40 volunteers throughout the
 last month who sorted, folded
 and bagged both the clothes for
 Sandy's Closet and the Diapers
 for our latest giveaway!**
**We served over 101 families on
 October 27th!**
 A special Thank You to
**Marilyn Spurrell, Nichole Smith,
 and Pearl Geffre for leading
 these ministries.**



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November 2025 FIRST NEWS

MEET THE STAFF

Senior Pastor

Rev. Sara McManus

Associate Pastor

Rev. Kim Hastings

Associate of Youth Ministries

Rev. Amy Atkins

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

Lesa Dahl

Bell Choir Director

Marilyn Spurrell

Music & Chancel Choir

Director

Blair Titze

Contemporary Worship

Coordinator

Lea Ann Alwin

Band Leader

Dave Alwin

Custodian

Beth Schutt

Wedding Coordinator

Kathy Mielitz

Worship Times

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

Current Sermon Series



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