



**First United
Methodist
Church
May 2026**



4 Second Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201

Hello!

I pray as you read this that the weather has warmed more and the wind has calmed. As with spring, or really most seasons in South Dakota, ya never quite know what you are going to encounter in a day – sweat-shirt to t-shirt, sneakers to flip flops and all the in betweens. The beauty of these changes and quick transitions is held in the fact that our lives can feel the same at times. Things can pivot in an instant, both for the good and the not so enjoyable. But learning what it is we can control within those changes and what we need to let go of, we find that these swings are beautiful glimpses at the blessings and opportunities we are given.

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Its been almost a year of being with you all, a transition that is always a possibility as a pastor, but was not expected – embracing the change and controlling what we could, I have found great joy in becoming your new part time Associate Pastor. The swing has been challenging, the new appointment structure has pushed me to learn more, but getting to know you is an absolute blessing. We are approaching summertime that also brings transitions for so many – students, teachers, parents...my prayer is you are able to find what you can control in those situations and to let go of what you cannot. To seek the opportunity to see sunshine even on cloudy days. In the life of the church, we celebrate with our Confirmands as they transition in their faith; with our graduates as they move to their next chapter; and with those witnessing to their love in marriage – hold each of them in prayer as they learn and grow in these changes.

As Christians, we are never promised a rosy life, one that is only good and never experience hardships or heart ache. However, we are promised that we will never face it alone. Not only do we have God with us, we are also here for each other in every season of life, no matter what it looks like. You are all incredible at looking for ways to serve each other and our community. I pray you continue to desire and seek new ways to help those you share pews with or zip code with. A simple “thinking of you” card, a phone call, a bag of cookies or an invite to go fishing can go a long ways to helping someone feel supported, seen and loved. May your next season be filled with love, memories and grace for the bumpy, yet beautiful road ahead.

Love and Blessings as we do ministry together –

Pastor Kim

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday Night Schedule 4:15—5:10 pm Children’s Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:15 pm Community Meal—All are Welcome 5:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00—6:20 pm Opening Worship—Fellowship Hall 6:20—7:30 pm Children & Youth (K-12) Activities 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal					1 Office Closed	2 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge 9 am Late Risers Stone’s Restaurant No Saturday Worship—Join us Sunday at 9:30 am for Confirmation
3 8:15 am Adult Bible Study—Lounge 9:30 am Worship & Confirmation Communion Family Worship Weekend	4 1:00 pm Home Communion 1:15-3:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation—Church Lounge 5:30 pm Women of Grace—Church Lounge	5	6 9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study—Lounge **Regular Wednesday Night Activities**	7 10 am Women’s Bible Study	8 Office Closed	9 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge 9 am Late Risers Stone’s Restaurant 3:00 pm Band Rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship
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17 8:15 am Adult Bible Study—Lounge 9:30 am Worship	18 1:15-3:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation—Church Lounge Memory Care Services 1:30 pm Edgewood 2:30 pm Cedar View 5:30 pm Staff Mtg	19 11:30 am Lunch a Bunch at Pizza Ranch	20 9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study—Lounge	21 10 am Women’s Bible Study	22 Office Closed	23 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge 9 am Late Risers Stone’s Restaurant No Saturday Worship Service This Night Please join us on Sunday morning at 9:30 am.
24 Adult Sunday School On Break for the Summer 9:30 am Worship No Children’s Church	25 Memorial Day Holiday Office Closed	26	27 9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study—Lounge	28 10 am Women’s Bible Study	29 Office Closed	30 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge 9 am Late Risers Stone’s Restaurant 3:00 pm Band Rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship
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Annual Conference—Bismarck, ND						

Weekly at First Church
Mondays

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

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4:15—5:10 pm Children’s Bell Choir Rehearsal

5:15 pm Community Meal—All are Welcome

5:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:00—6:30 pm Opening Worship—Fellowship Hall

6:30—7:30 pm Children & Youth (K-12) Activities

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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—Home Communion
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

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

Youth Mission Trip 2026

 Open to students currently in grades 7th—12th.

August 13-16, 2026

Destination: Sioux Falls for work and play

For more information or to sign up, please contact

 April: april@watertownfirst.church

Or

 Pastor Sara: seniorpastor@watertownfirst.church
Summer Worship Schedule at First Church

There will be No Saturday evening worship on the following weekends. We invite you to join us for One Service on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.

May 2—Confirmation Sunday
May 23—Memorial Weekend
June 20—Worship at the Plaza
July 4—Holiday Weekend
September 5—Labor Day Weekend

This gives our band members a break for any summer events or vacations they have planned.

A Huge Thank You to all our weekend (Sat. & Sun.) musicians for the beautiful music you provide all year long.

May Mission of the Month is the Bishop’s Miracle Offering.


The Miracle offering supports:

- ◇ The Endowment for Theological Education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines, helping United Methodists outside the US access theological education and prepare for pastoral leadership.
- ◇ Investment in education and training for laity across the Dakotas Conference, equipping everyday disciples for faithful leadership and ministry in their local contexts.

Donations can be made by the following:

- ◇ Make checks out to First UMC and note “Miracle Offering” in the memo.
- ◇ Cash donations welcome.
- ◇ Visit www.watertownfirst.church/giving—select Mission of the Month—Note “Miracle Offering” in the comments.

All donations will be compiled and taken to Annual Conference in June.
Thank you for your support!

Leadership Team Minutes—April 14, 2026

Team Members Present: Adam Fox, Sue Luken, Heidi Steffensen, Marcia Schneider, Allen Stern, Sue Stern, Lisa Stydel, Doug Wishard, Pastor Sara and Pastor Kim

Visitor - Gloria Van Dykhorst

On behalf of the funeral committee, Gloria presented concerns of safe accessibility of dishes needed when serving families after funerals. The dishes are heavy and are located in cupboards above the heads of people serving the meals. A step ladder is used to access the dishes. She brought the idea of purchasing carts that are made for holding plates, cups, and silverware. Carts would be able to be stored under the middle counter. Light weight items would be moved to the cupboards now holding the dishes. This matter will be brought back to the May meeting with more specifics of cost/cart. As a side note, Gloria also brought to the team the concerns of the dishwasher still not working. Allen will try to order the part to fix it. We were reminded that the dishwasher was purchased in 1977.

Visitors: Dave and Lea Ann Alwin

Proposed dates this summer where one service will be held on Sunday mornings only. Their concern was the availability of band members on holiday weekends.

These dates would correspond with confirmation and summer holiday weekends. Those dates are: **May 2** - Confirmation, **May 23** - Memorial Day, **June 20** - Father's Day, **July 4** - Independence Day, **September 5** - Labor Day. Leadership team agreed that these weekends would work for holding one service on Sunday morning

Devotion and Prayer: Sue Luken**AGENDA:****Accessibility Team Update:**

No new update

Pastor Sara Update:

*Josh Hartley has stepped away from the leadership team due to military deployment. Discussion about how we as a church can support the military families in our congregation.

*Holy week was busy and all services went well.

*New membership classes have begun with 3 new members joining on April 25

*Courtland Paulson has been chosen as a summer intern for the church.

*Pastor Sara will be going to Lake Poinsett for a Women Clergy Creativity Retreat

She will also be attending a sermon retreat.

*Annual Conference will be held in Bismark ND on June 5 - 7

Pastor Kim Update:

*Will be attending Rural Church Conference in the Ozarks as part of her continuing education.

*Holy week went well and she continues to create the weekly devotions to coincide with the sermon series.

Leadership Team Group Updates:**Building and Grounds** Allen Stern

Bell Tower: The screening repairs have been completed.

A new bid of \$20,880 was received for the bell system and installation. Lisa did note that we could install the bell ourselves and save \$5000. Team members were all in agreement that for the accuracy of installation and safety issues, we would choose the company to complete the installment. Sue Luken made a motion to use the Farmers Balance for the increase to the bid quote of \$20,880. Adam Fox seconded the motion. All members voted Aye

Closet & Classroom repair: not completed

Completed Repairs: The dishwasher continues to leak.

Van: A checklist has been completed for the van. Pastor Kim will try to drive it to from Clark once a month

Finance - Stephanie Long - Financial reports were looked over.

SPR - Sue Luken - The church is growing with more participants. SPR is interested in finding ways to alleviate some of the pressure on Pastor Sara.

Ministry - Marcia Schneider - Camp weekend took in \$2000 to be used for camp scholarships.

*Covered Event still had time slots available for helping with the event. A Kids Corner would be set up with children's activities and snacks during the event.

*Curious Creations being planned include teaching individuals the skills of canning and a puzzle competition. More details to follow.

New Business: Terry Jorgensen has signed for the Federal Service Agency (FSA) and crop insurance in the past. Sue Luken made a motion that Terry Jorgensen will be our designated signer for both documents. Allen Stern seconded the motion. All members voted Aye.

Next meeting: May 12, 2026

Devotions by Sue Stern

Submitted by,

Heidi Steffensen, recording secretary

FIRSTKIDS K-3 Grade
FIRSTSQUAD 4-6 Grade

Children's Church Note:

This summer we will only be having Children's Church on Saturday's during June and July. We will be taking a break in August to get ready for the fall.



LET'S SEE YOUR CREATIVITY...

It's contest time! Time for you to submit your design for our VBS t-shirts. **Anyone can submit their design, child or adult.** Our theme is "Race You to the Manger". Let's see who can come up with the most creative design.

Submit your ideas in the box at the back of the sanctuary or drop off at the church office by May 31.

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.

Children's Ministry

WEDNESDAYS

- ◇ **May 6**—Jenkins night for Preschool—6th Grade
- ◇ **May 13**—Last night of regular programming for kids until next fall. Nelson Park or City Auditorium

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

- ◇ **May 2-3**—*No Saturday Worship*—Confirmation on Sunday —No Children's Church this weekend
- ◇ **May 9-10**—Regular Children's Church
- ◇ **May 16-17**—Regular Children's Church
- ◇ **May 23-24**—*No Saturday Worship*—Memorial Day Weekend—No Children's Church this weekend
- ◇ **May 30-31**—No Children's Church this weekend

Children's Church on Break from May 23—June 7. We'll restart again on June 13

UPCOMING EVENTS—

- ◇ **May 16 & 17**—Kids singing during worship 2 songs of their choosing
- ◇ **June 1**—Registration for VBS opens
- ◇ **June 17**—Mini Mission Trip to Sioux Falls for Current 4th-6th Graders
- ◇ **June 21**—Kids Singing at Downtown Plaza during worship 2 songs of their choosing
- ◇ **July 20 thru 23**—**VBS—"Race You to the Manger"** with Kids Program Thursday Night

A Note to our Children's Ministry Volunteers:

To all of our volunteers - you are a true blessing and joy not only to the children but also to Bobbie and I. We could not do this without all of you. You are helping shape these kids' lives and helping them grow in Jesus. We are all continuing to grow and learn along the way at times right along with the kids which helps them see that our faith and walk with Jesus grows and is shaped throughout our lives. I love how we also are learning from the kids. Thank you all for being flexible at times and also for sharing your thoughts and ideas. May you all have a blessed summer and know how much you are loved and appreciated. -Lori and Bobbie

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

YOUTH LED BIBLE STUDY

Cady Weidner along with many other youth from our church and other walks of life have been meeting every Saturday at various coffee shops around Watertown for their Faith In Action, student led, bible study. We will be providing information for any youth, 7th-12th grade who are interested in joining in the near future.

WHAT OUR YOUTH HAVE BEEN UP TO...

- On Wednesday of Holy Week, the Middle School and High School youth went through the Stations of the Cross, reading bible verses and saying a short prayer at each station. We ended in the chapel for a time of silent prayer and a time for questions.
- The Wednesday after Easter we discussed what it must have felt like for the women to come to the tomb and find it empty. It must have been terrifying and exciting all at the same time. Jesus was crucified, died and rose again to give us all new life. As we go into Spring and notice all the new life, we are encouraged to remember Jesus and his sacrifice for us.
- In preparation for the Covered Event, the youth helped sort clothes for Sandy's Closet.
- Coming up, we will be playing some games and also digging into more bible stories the last few weeks of youth group. There will be one more mission night to pack Stable Blessing bags for distribution to different places around our community.

Confirmand	Mentor
Sawyer Barrie	Norm Luken
Quinn Boadwine	Cassie Kasparek
Brooklyn Buelow	Lauren Olerud
Tyson Clark	Randy Middleton
Izrial Jenner	Linda Haan
Sophia Julius	Linda Haan
Allana Johnson	Ashley Edwards
Annie Olerud	Lori Jurgens
Kaelee Ward	Lori Jurgens
Quinn Steiner	Heidi Steffensen
Jayda VanSickle	Cindy Wishard

Celebrating Our Confirmands - Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 at 9:30am

Confirmation Sunday is a meaningful milestone in the life of our church and in the faith journeys of our youth. On this special day, we celebrate the confirmands as they publicly affirm the growing faith that has been nurtured in them through family, friends, church, and community.

Throughout their confirmation classes, these students have explored what it means to follow Christ, studied the core beliefs of the United Methodist Church, and asked thoughtful and challenging questions. They have wrestled with big ideas and dwelt in the unknown. Throughout this year, I imagine they have felt impatient, uncomfortable, bored, and dissatisfied with the process. In the midst of that, I hope that there have been moments of connection, joy, service and love that have revealed how they can use their gifts.

Confirmation is not the end of this journey. It is an opportunity for each confirmand to say "yes" to God's love and to their place in the body of Christ.

During the Confirmation Sunday service, the congregation plays a vital role. This service is a reflection of this year's journey. As the confirmand's share their faith with us, we reaffirm our own baptismal vows and promise to continue supporting, encouraging, and praying for these young people as they grow in faith. This shared commitment reminds us that faith is lived out in community, across generations.

We give thanks for the confirmands, their families, and the mentors and teachers who have walked alongside them. May this day be a source of joy, pride, and renewed faith for our entire church family.

Please join us in celebrating our confirmands and keeping them in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.



Stable Blessings is a mission that began in the Fall of 2025. It is a shelf stable meal in a bag along with the recipe. Since we began this mission we have given out 445 meals. If you know of someone in need, please stop by the church and pick one up. Here is a list of where these meals have been distributed to.



Salvation Army	156
LATC Food Pantry	12
Beacon Center	18
Harmony Hill	100
212 Flats	24
Sanford Health	20
From Church	15
Covered Event	100
Total	445

Recap from our recent Covered Event held on Sun. April 19th

Each family was able to pick up 10 items of clothing per child, 1 pack of diapers per child & 2 bags of Stable Blessings Food per family.



- Over 50 families attended the event
- 100 bags of food were distributed
- 77 packs of diapers were distributed
- Many children visited our Kids Activity Corner

Prior to the event a lot of prep works was done by so many wonderful volunteers from our church.

Thank you to all who donated items or gave a monetary donation for clothing, diapers or food.

Thank you to the Children & Youth who helped sort clothing and assemble goody bags for our Kids Activity Center on the Wednesday prior to the event.

Thank you to the Thursday Morning Bible Study ladies who folded the clothes and got them onto the proper tables for distribution.

Thank you to the many others who dropped in to help with sorting, folding, etc. prior to the event and with clean up after the event.

Thank you to the many, many others who helped on the day of the event.

So many of you were God's hands & feet for this event and we thank you! And we thank God for you! Our church family is amazing!

First Church Finances

FUMC General Budget Financials - 2026			
		Monthly Actual	YTD Cash Flow
25-Jan	Income	\$ 30,943	\$ (6,253)
	Expense	\$ 37,196	
	Difference	\$ (6,253)	
25-Feb	Income	\$ 38,679	\$ (3,078)
	Expense	\$ 35,503	
	Difference	\$ 3,175	
24-Mar	Income	\$ 38,972	\$ (971)
	Expense	\$ 36,866	
	Difference	\$ 2,106	
1st Quarter	Income	\$ 122,739	\$ (3,367)
	Expense	\$ 126,106	
	Difference	\$ (3,367)	

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!



NOTE: To meet our 2026 budget in full each month, we will need a monthly giving of \$30,942. 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.

FIRST FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Our deepest sympathy is extended to:

Jackie Baxter and all other family and friends of Tom Baxter who passed away on April 2, 2026. Tom was Jackie’s husband.

Family and friends of Audrey M. Rhodes who passed away on April 21, 2026. Audrey was a long time and faithful member of First United Methodist Church.

MEMORY CARE SERVICES: Once a month we gather with residents at two of our memory care units in Watertown for a time of worship. There is singing, the sharing of scripture, prayer and Holy Communion.
 Memory Care Services will be held on the third Monday of each month;
May 18 - 1:30 pm at Edgewood Memory Care - 420 9th St SE
May 18 - 2:30 pm at Cedar View - 225 14th Ave NE
We invite and encourage everyone to join us for these worship services.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOMES	
Edgewood Memory Care 420 9th St SE—Watertown, SD 57201	Dorothy Irwin • Paul McElhany
Edgewood Senior Living 901 14th Ave NE—Watertown, SD 57201	Bonnie Lien #411 • Karen Ostrander #424 Arlene Berger #311 • Margaret Newl #208 Eleanor Prouty #315 • Lou Ann Kosier #109 Jackie Baxter #403 • Carol Pollard #202 LuAnn Edwards #206 • Wes Larson #413
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 Janice Pauli #49
Avantara Watertown 415 4th Ave NE—Watertown, SD 57201	Marilyn Vogt #504
United Living Center—Room 405 405 1st Ave—Brookings SD 57006	Mike Steffen

Watertown Memory Care Support Group (formerly the Alzheimer’s Support Group)
May 6, 2026
“Keeping Precious Memories” (Creating Memory Books) by Dar Fuchs & Friends
June 3, 2026
“Let’s Talk” by The Support Group
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-May	Malia Block
1-May	Owen McBride
1-May	LeAnn Smith
1-May	Sarah Bruns
2-May	Frank Johnson
2-May	Memphis Weidner
3-May	Peggy Engels
3-May	Ellie Zink
3-May	Jodi DeVaal
4-May	Ella Gruenwald
4-May	Piper Krueger
4-May	Havana Mikkelson
4-May	Karen Ostrander
4-May	Nyah Julius
5-May	Denise Meyer
6-May	Lennik Bender
6-May	Ryan Patino
6-May	Chad Hanson
7-May	Greyson Alan Koehn
7-May	Larry Engels
8-May	Kayleb Luckhurst
8-May	Jessica Kremer
8-May	Emily Rymerson
8-May	Stephanie Long
9-May	Adelaide Smith
9-May	Roger LaFramboise
9-May	Arlys Schutt
9-May	Jim Mayer
10-May	Rebecca Dolney
10-May	Jean Grovenburg
10-May	Raeanna Zink
10-May	Alex Kahre
10-May	Shelly Lenards
11-May	Jerry Grotewold
12-May	Aaron Hoffman
13-May	Brian Robinson
13-May	Jeffrey Grovenburg
13-May	Tim Steffensen
13-May	Lydia Gall

Birthday	Happy Birthday To:
14-May	Hannah Arnold
14-May	Jacquelyn Baxter
14-May	Barb Hanson
14-May	Dawsyn Wirkus
14-May	Lainee Wirkus
15-May	Aiden Fenenga
15-May	Mike Grann
15-May	Sean Fultz
16-May	Sue Stern
16-May	Amy Julius
16-May	Tessa Robinson
16-May	Wesley Larson
17-May	Kaelyn Melville
18-May	Abigail Ekern
19-May	Maverick Wight
19-May	Mark Fultz
19-May	Finn Thompson
20-May	Ladonna Weidenbach
21-May	Dianne Drake
21-May	James Mercie
22-May	Robert Shultz
22-May	Derek Hanson
23-May	Branch Valsvig
24-May	Dawn Voelsch
24-May	Jordin Jurgens
24-May	Quinn Steiner
25-May	Gavin Jurgens
25-May	Kenny Mayer
25-May	Karn "Kit" Jacobson
27-May	Darin Wellman
27-May	Chad Miller
28-May	Laura Bayles
28-May	Lisa Cady
28-May	Linda Oslund
28-May	Heidi Steffensen
28-May	Isaac Solum
30-May	Eric Stevenson
31-May	Mya Rae Myers
31-May	Kevin Smunk
31-May	Brian Heuer
31-May	Jerry Fleischhacker

Anniversary	Happy Anniversary To:
5-May	Jeffrey & Suzette Hiedeman
9-May	Steve & Karen Gorseth
12-May	John & Marsha Dahl
12-May	Jack & Renae Luckhurst
14-May	Adam & Kara Heagel
14-May	Daniel & Rebecca Mortenson
20-May	Marty & Pearl Geffre
22-May	Brad & Gina Enstad
23-May	Terry & Nancy Hoffman
27-May	Doug & Bobbie Jenner
27-May	Paul & Sharon Klose
28-May	Terry & Sherry Jorgenson
30-May	Arthur & Stephanie Long

**Mark your calendars for our
2026 Confirmation
Celebration.**

Sunday, May 3rd during our
9:30 am Worship Service.

There will be NO Saturday
worship on May 2nd as we plan
to worship all together and
celebrate our Confirmands on
Sunday May 3rd.

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May 2026 FIRST NEWS

MEET THE STAFF

- Senior Pastor**
Rev. Sara McManus
- Associate Pastor**
Rev. Kim Hastings
- Associate of Youth Ministries**
Rev. Amy Atkins
- On-Call Pastor**
Rev. Elmer Brinkman
- Children's Minister**
Lori Jurgens
- Weekend Children's Leader**
Bobbie Jenner
- Youth Ministry Coordinator**
April Noem
- Office Manager**
Pearl Geffre
- 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

Regular Worship Times
Saturdays, 5 pm—Contemporary
Sundays, 9:30 am—Blended

Current Sermon Series



**THE
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