

# The Trumbeter

*Spearfish United Methodist Church*

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## Pastor's Page

### "Chicken? Egg?"

"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Soooo... which did come first? The chicken? The egg? We can go round and round on this, usually with some pretty good conversation and laughter. It's one of those unanswerable questions. But there is a Christian version that, although it still goes round and round, actually does have an answer.

Which came first? Faith? Good works?

This is not just a heady, ethereal question. It's not just a debate for theologians. It's a question that affects us each and every day.

Many of you know that our oldest daughter, Grace, and her husband Eamon live in northern Thailand. A while back, Colleen and I went to visit them in their city of Khon Kehn. The predominant religion there is Buddhism. Roughly 90% of the people follow the teachings of the Buddha. They are perhaps the kindest and most gracious people I have ever met. Their religion is ancient and fascinating. They do not have a set day of worship like in Christianity have with our Saturday nights / Sunday mornings. Their temples (called "watts") are open every day. You come and go and worship as you wish any and every day through the week. They are extremely religious not just in what they believe, but also in how they live and what they do. They absolutely believe that how you live right now counts in the life following this one. If you are strong and good here and now, you will be blessed in your next life. If you are abusive and negative here and now, you will definitely NOT be blessed.

One evening Grace and I were walking home through one of the central parks which is by a lake. By the water's edge was a dock. On the dock were buckets of fish...minnows, actually. For a cash donation you could purchase these fish and release them back into the

lake. This was one small lovely example of how they simply live a life of good deeds. My daughter's Buddhist neighbors know their answer to the religious question of which comes first the chicken or the egg: Which comes first faith or good works? The answer for them, I believe, would be good works.

As Christians we take a different spin. Which comes first faith or good works? For us it would be faith. We hear the words of the writer of Ephesians. We are saved by grace through faith. "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works." Faith comes first as we learn to believe in God. That faith is never complete as we live our lives; there are always ways to grow deeper in faith. But then immediately, we are called into making our world a better place through the works we do.

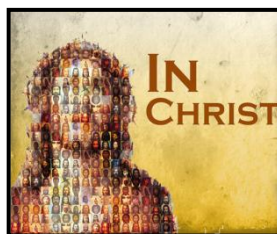
We learn faith, and we do good stuff. We do good stuff, and then grow in faith. I love this circle!

The world needs your faith. The world needs your good works. There is so much to be done. May you be one of those who lives in God's grace and makes things happen!

*Pastor Scott*

## Participation Opportunities

# Ephesians



Are you looking to dive deeper into the Ephesians sermon series? If so, then this Bible study is for you! You will meet in the parlor at **7 p.m. on Monday nights starting July 23<sup>rd</sup> for six weeks.** Bring a friend, your bible, and your sermon notes as we explore

Paul's letter to the Ephesians and see how we, like the Ephesians, are called to live a life for Christ.

## Summer Choir!

Summer choir meets at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary to rehearse a song for the 10:30 a.m. worship services on the following Sundays: August 5, 12, 19. Anyone is welcome, even if you don't regularly sing in choir. Just show up!

## Dinah's Book Club

The book club will meet on August 13 at noon in parlor. They will be discussing *Informing the News* by Thomas E. Patterson. This is "One Book South Dakota" that Joanna Jones was able to get for the group. She will lead the discussion. The books will be in the church office.

The book selected for September is *The Land of the Burnt Thigh*.

## WANTED!

### Knitters & Crocheters for Lydia Project!



In 2020, our denomination will gather in Minneapolis for General Conference. The Host Operations Team is working on a special hospitality initiative to welcome every delegate, dignitary, bishop and spouse with a handmade scarf. **The goal?** To gather 10,000 scarves to be blessed at the 2019 Annual Conference. **Will you help? It's easy!**

1. Scarves should be hand-knitted or hand-crocheted. Since this is a Minnesota event, the scarves should be solid PURPLE yarn (Minnesota Vikings). No lavender or variegated yarn.
2. Yarn should be acrylic, so that it can be washed.
3. The pattern can be creator's choice, but sample patterns are found at <https://www.dakotsumc.org/lydiaproject>. Finished products should be 6-7 inches wide and *at least* 60 inches long. If fringe is added, the scarf should still be 60 inches in length before the fringe.
4. When the scarf is done, place it in a gallon-size Ziploc bag. Include a tag (which will be provided to you). Contact Chris Davis for the tag and delivery of your scarf.

5. As you knit or crochet, pray for GC2020 and the recipient of your scarf.
6. Questions? Contact Chris Davis at 218-340-5610 or [cldavis57@hotmail.com](mailto:cldavis57@hotmail.com).

## Children First News



Children First will be having a Rummage Sale fund raiser on **August 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am to 11:00** in the parking lot (or inside Children First in the event of inclement weather). If you would like to donate items to sell, they can be dropped off at Children First starting on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

The staff and children at Children First have had a busy summer so far with field trips, water days, bike days, VBS and swimming lessons. The rest of the summer will be filled with more fun activities and then the new school year starts on September 4<sup>th</sup>!

## Children First Needs

Children First is still in need of the following items:

- Coffee Filters
- Wooden Spools
- Elmers White School Glue
- Ziplock Bags of all sizes

Also, we always welcome donations of fresh fruits or veggies to serve the children for a healthy snack. Thank you for your support!

## Worship is a verb

*by John Elving*

I remember traveling in my car some time ago where the radio reception was spotty at best. Often times I will listen to some of the CDs I keep in the car for just such occasions. A lot of those CDs feature love songs from years past, many from 50 years ago or more. One of the things I noticed was that those love songs were different than many modern love songs. They tended to center much more on the object of love; that is, the particular person one is "in love" with, rather than upon

the actual experience of love and its accompanying feelings; which tends to be the focus of contemporary love lyrics.

Those older songs talked about *"The Man I Love," "Michelle," "When I Fall In Love,"* even an old classic *"O Danny Boy."* The newer songs are things like *"Hooked on a Feeling," "A Moment Like This,"* and *"Make You Feel My Love."*

But what do romantic lyrics have to do with Christian worship?

The shift from person-centered to experience-centered lyrics that one observes in romantic music and relationships has its parallels, it seems to me, when it comes to our relationship with God and how we worship Him. In other words, our public worship sometimes tends to center more on the good feelings we experience, or wish to experience in worship, than on the One we worship.

I am not saying that experiencing ecstasy as we encounter God's love for us is somehow wrong or something about which we must second-guess ourselves the moment we have a positive, emotional feeling as we worship. After all, is there anything greater than experiencing the reality of being loved beyond measure by God, and feeling the responding tide of love flowing back from ourselves to Him? Knowing and experiencing these things is clearly crucial to Christian worship. Think of King David who was so overcome in his worship that he danced in next to nothing before God!

The problem comes when critical masses of Christians take on a consumer attitude toward worship. That is, when questions such as, *"What's in it for me?"* become dominant in *"the search for a more meaningful worship experience."* Or when someone thinks, *"I could get better if I went over there"* or *"Am I getting all I should from my worship experience?"* Or more crassly: *"Have I cut the best deal I could by coming to this church?"*

This was very evident this past weekend as I watched people immediately react when a familiar song was started, or someone said, "Let's worship." It became very evident not only to me, but to others, that those people were concerned more about the acts and gestures of worship and less on the Lord being worshiped.

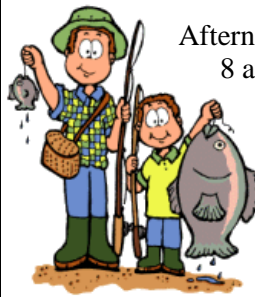
There are more than 250 times worship is mentioned in the Bible. It was so important that God wanted to make sure we understood its importance. As we go about our daily lives, we need to realize that worship is an all the time, never ending part of our life. We need to make God the only object of our worship.

When we worship, there is nothing wrong with showing emotions when we realize all that God has done in our lives. If we look at King David, he was so overcome with emotions that he danced before God in next to nothing. What was important to him was that he met God and worshiped Him.

Dr. William Loveless, in one of his publications, says about worship the very first question we should ask ourselves is, "Did I meet God during worship time?" When guests or visitors worship with this congregation, do they know that they in fact encounter God here? That's a question I ask myself all the time.

When it comes to Christian worship touching, evocative, and poignant as it may be and should be, what matters most is the One for whom and to whom it is all presented. It is our call to Him and above all His call to us that must in fact be heard when all Christians worship; or why in fact are we worshipping at all? And in the end, what quality of meaning will it all have? While we all too often use the word worship as a noun, which, according to the dictionary, it isn't, at its core it is a word of action, a verb, if ever there was one.

## Afternoon Out



Afternoon Out will be held on Wed., August 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

"Fishing" is the topic. Bring your fishing stories or the biggest fishing stories you have heard. What about Biblical fishing stories? Come, share and enjoy a cup of coffee and a treat with the group.



- Start thinking about DakYouth coming in November! It's a great time to re-connect with conference friends or to meet new friends! AND the Skit Guys are going to be there!
- Hiking, swimming and playing tourist were part of the activities for youth in the month of July! We live in an awesome area with wonderful opportunities! Thank you, Lord!
- Join us for **drive-in movie night** in Hermosa Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. We'll take a van-load for the double-feature. Bring a lawn chair, blanket and money for snacks! Fun for the whole family! Maybe we can load a bunch of cars!
- 1<sup>st</sup> day of School – August 23
- Youth group fall kick-off – Wed. Sept. 5



## Off to Spirit Lake!

Seven middle school students and 3 adults are off to Spirit Lake Reservation in North Dakota August 5-10 for a week of mission and service.

The team is staying at the Spirit Lake Ministry Center and working Monday through Thursday in the area. On Tuesday night is culture night and the group will be experiencing some local culture. On the way home will be a stop at a water park for a little relaxation and fun!

Team members include: Jacob Brewer, Logan Brewer, Hannah Chastain, Elise Derrek, Bailey Jensen, Karlee Paulson, Josie Tobin, Mary Ann Sheldon, Ron Borgman and Brenda Swanson. Please keep the team in your prayers.



## Vacation Bible School



## United Methodist Women (UMW)



The 2019 Planning Meeting will be on August 15 at 3:30 p.m. in the Library. Come with ideas to plan or to facilitate a program for next year. We are

open to hear from anyone in our congregation who has any interest in UMW to feel like you can come and share your ideas.

Regular meeting dates and some programs are set, but our retreat and our Christmas Party need dates and

facilitators to be chosen. Are you having a call to share yourself with our women's group? Please feel like you can talk with any UMW member or contact Debra Richardson, UMW President at 717-2625 or her **new email address** [d.a.r.rosetree333@gmail.com](mailto:d.a.r.rosetree333@gmail.com). Looking forward to seeing you August 15<sup>th</sup>!

The UMW Reading Program is coming to a close. Please submit the list of books you've read to the church office by August 1 for Josephine Boyer.

## Native American Ministry

The High Plains Initiative on American Indian Ministries of The United Methodist Church that will be meeting in our church August 21 – 23. Barbara Karst, the leader, is in need of a home with a spare bedroom for an older couple from Colorado Aug 21 and Aug 22. If you can help please contact Debra Richardson at 717-2625 to make arrangements.

They have also extended an invitation to anyone who would like to attend all or part of their meetings. They are looking for people from the Dakotas Conference who are interested in Native American ministry to be a part of their group.

## Council Highlights

July 18, 2018

- **Treasurer's Report...** Total General Fund income for June was \$30,077.35 and expenses were \$28,763.56, leaving a difference for the month of \$1313.79. We did not pay apportionments in June, leaving us in arrears for 2 months. UMCOC income for June was \$5060.00 and expenses of \$1906.02 leaving a difference for the month of \$3153.98. Year to date balance for UMCOC is \$7054.51. Children First income was \$32,936.16 and total expenses were \$28,491.01 leaving a monthly difference of \$4,445.15. A reminder that the Children First fiscal year begins on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Dreams had income of \$1407.30 with no expenses bringing the Dreams balance to \$87,634.77. Parsonage Loan repayment income was \$1519.68 leaving the fund balance at \$12,859.04. Mission Giving beginning balance for June was \$20,660.92 with income of \$6327.36 and expenses of \$3989.37, leaving an ending balance of \$22,998.9.
- **Stewardship & Finance...** We are reviewing some policies and making updates. These will be reviewed at the July council meeting. Karen reported that we have a rebate from the Conference for Pension and Health Direct payments. The amount is \$6962.10. Rebates have occurred in the past and recommendations have been made by S & F as to how they should be used. Karen recommends, since the church is behind in apportionment payments, that the rebate money be returned to the

General Fund from whence it came. Continued discussion on the Dreams Fund and how it is to be spent.

- **Trustees...** Trustees are still seeking funds for Fellowship Hall tables, security lighting for the church and updating our door locks for the church.
- **Staff Parish...** We hired a new organist, Church Financial Assistant, and facilitated the retirement party for Donna Golliher. We discussed how things are going for our Elisha Intern, Natasha. We will look at our current way of doing staff evaluations and possibly make some improvements this fall. We are looking into our current and future reimbursement for Children's First Staff.
- **Missions...** Pastor's Discretionary \$363, Benevolence Fund \$100, Service Projects \$194.36, Solar Oven Project \$900, UMCOR \$100, Caring Meals \$50, Hope Center \$50, Food Pantry \$20, Honduras VIM \$200, Tree of Life \$150, Elisha Project \$4200.
- **Pastor...** Summer months are used for catching up from the first half of the year and preparing for the second half. Projects on the table: Confirmation preparation, Ephesians Worship Series for July / August, working with Natasha as Elisha Intern, parsonage improvements, creating new e-news format, NHSOS details, exploring options for fall Financial Peace University, preparing fall / winter worship series.
- **Youth...** Summer activities continue weekly when possible. Spearfish UMC was able to send 4 high school youth and 1 adult on the Conference Mission Trip to Racine, WI in June and the impact of the trip was deeply felt by our youth! Preparations are being made for the middle school mission trip to Spirit Lake Reservation in North Dakota in August. So far 7 youth and possibly 3 adults are planning to attend. Please pray for safety, health, and growing faith for the team.
- **Memorial...** The undesignated balance in the Memorial account is \$2,494.34. There haven't been any recent memorials.
- **Dreams...** The Dreams committee met on July 10 discussing the history and future of the fund. We also prepared a disbursement recommendation to present to the council on July 18.
- **Discussion Items:** Dreams Committee recommended payments of \$5000 each towards Fellowship Hall tables, external door locks, TV screens for sanctuary, and \$9000 for external lighting. These recommendations were approved. A sub-committee will develop recommendations for the pros/cons of making two funds (capital needs and mission/outreach) of the Dreams Fund. Pastor Scott presented his quarterly Pastor's Discretionary Fund report.
- **Action Items:** Council approved the policy (Policy for safeguarding of church revenue, Guidelines for Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Contribution Policy) updates as proposed by Stewardship & Finance.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, August 15 at 6:30 pm. These meetings are open to everyone.**

# Our Church Family

## Blessings Upon:

- Arlo Mathis, who was baptized July 5, 2018 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating at the church.
- Evan Roles, Ella Ellsbury and Livia Ellsbury, who were all baptized July 8, 2018 at UMC with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

## Condolences to the families of:

- Thomas Robison, who died May 31, 2018 and whose services were held June 8 in West Jordan, Utah. Tom was buried at National Cemetery in Sturgis on July 10 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating. A lunch was held after the services at the church.
- Marjorie McLain, who died July 4, 2018 and whose services were held July 12 at UMC with Rev. Patti Helmer-Aurand officiating. A lunch was held after the services.

# MISSIONS

## Spearfish Food Pantry

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 15.2% of Spearfish residents live below the poverty line; and in 2017, the Spearfish Food Pantry served 280 families per month. This month, we would like to "sink the canoe" and collect at least 800 pounds of basic food staples. Let's do our part in helping satisfy the needs of our neighbors in our community!

'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison or visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Matthew 25:37-40

## August Food Pantry needs

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| • Canned Pineapple | • Spaghetti Sauce      |
| • Soup             | • Noodles              |
| • Cereal           | • Chunky Peanut Butter |



# BIRTHDAYS

Faith Powers	08-02	Grace McKirdy	08-20
Wayne Lueders	08-03	Charlie Pierson	08-20
Marissa Tuttle	08-03	Lana Trasmondi	08-20
Cody Warns	08-03	Jim Hoxie	08-21
Kole Schell	08-03	Melissa Raad	08-22
Ryan Meredith	08-05	Donald Wood	08-22
Alexandra Kaddatz	08-05	Elizabeth Hubbard	08-22
Cathy Segrist	08-06	John Tollison	08-23
Chuck Bossert	08-06	Barry Penn	08-23
Tennyson Easton	08-06	Samantha Wood	08-23
Teri Roberts	08-06	Charity Crenshaw	08-23
Donna Fondy	08-08	Lori Kunka	08-24
Remington Wood	08-11	Chloe Dorsett-Koski	08-24
Linda Hoxie	08-13	Kim Tollison	08-27
Lori Kiewel	08-13	Aimee Palmer	08-27
Amy Sumners	08-13	Tyce Christensen	08-27
Samantha Tohm	08-13	Eric Jennings	08-28
Sandy TeBeest	08-14	Tayten Schatz	08-28
Mildred Cundy	08-17	Nancy Czaplewski	08-29
Sylvia Wetz	08-17	Ethan Nail	08-29
Jim McGilvrey	08-18	Ben McKirdy-Wilsey	08-30
Jordan Louks	08-19	Bri Prewitt	08-30
Wyatt Ross	08-19	Logan Gosse	08-30
Jean Lewers-Brail	08-20	Jill Leonard	08-31
Bob Oliver	08-20	Peter Darling	08-31
		Ella Ellsbury	08-31

# ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Laura Oliver	08-03~44 yrs.
Sid & Linda Foltz	08-07~42 yrs.
Jordan Louks & Alyssa Warns-Louks	08-08~3 yrs.
Vaughn & Peggy Heckel	08-09~43 yrs.
Terry & Dyan Nagel	08-12~46 yrs.
Bill & Peggy Bosch	08-13~40 yrs.
Lonnie & Sandy TeBeest	08-15~38 yrs.
Ross & Alyssa English	08-15~6 yrs.
Kenneth & Jessica Ellerton	08-18~17 yrs.
Nathan & Janna Swanson	08-18~6 yrs.
Riley & Barbara Chrisman	08-20~52 yrs.
James & Penny Louks	08-20~35 yrs.
Eric & Heather Schmidt	08-20~2 yrs.
Ron & Gloria Borgman	08-21~52 yrs.
Arne & Gae Koski	08-22~68 yrs.
Bob & Carolyn Baker	08-22~58 yrs.
Keith & Louise Allison	08-23~65 yrs.
Don & Bobbi Looney	08-23~46 yrs.
Dick & Eileen Jones	08-24~74 yrs.
Steve & Donna Peters	08-24~44 yrs.
Branden & Tara Ginter	08-24~5 yrs.
Rex & Rilea Moyer	08-26~36 yrs.
Tim & Sharon Toavs	08-26~18 yrs.
Russell & Susan Bauer	08-26~1 yr.
Jason & Jill Leonard	08-29~9 yrs.
Daryl & Jody Emery	08-29~2 yrs.
Kevin & Lori Cook	08-30~10 yrs.

# FINANCES

## Come, Share, Rejoice!

"Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness?"

GENERAL FUND 2018			
Month	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
Jan.	44,485.29	43,693.43	791.86
Feb.	31,525.88	30,605.20	920.68
Mar.	32,507.02	37,324.77	-4,817.75
Apr.	42,616.99	41,352.11	1,153.65
May	31,697.11	31,501.07	196.04
June	30,077.35	28,763.56	1,313.79

DREAMS FUND 2018			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	1,702.15	Feb.	1,734.09
Mar.	1,445.00	Apr.	1,542.28
May	1,623.33	June	1,407.30

\*As of July 23, 2018

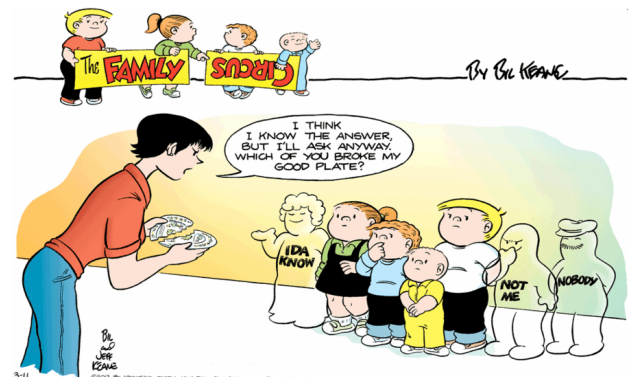
\*Worship Attendance for July: 797 (Avg/Wk = 199)

## \*Special Gifts for July

Food Pantry	\$ 110.00
Choir Scholarship Fund	105.00
Sprinkler System	200.00
Table Replacement	200.00
Yoga Charity Fund	150.00
Adult Choir Fund	50.00
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Children First Scholarships	1,125.00
Honduras VIM Fund	50.00
Solar Ovens	130.00
Kits - Ingathering	645.00
Clothe-A-Kid	2,225.00
Youth Missions	325.00
Youth Fund	150.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,845.38</b>

## \*Special Funds for July

Parsonage Loan Repayment Fund	\$1,913.14
Benevolence Fund	100.00
Pastor's Discretionary	312.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,325.14</b>





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### Return Service Requested

#### Sunday Worship:

“The Gathering” ~ 8:15 a.m.

“Children’s Church” – 8:25 a.m.

“The Sanctuary” ~ 10:30 a.m.

Nursery care/Van rides to worship  
CD’s of worship

Sunday School: 9:25 a.m.

Saturday “Blue Jean” Worship ~ 5:30 p.m.

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