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Pastor's Page

"Lost in Translation?"

I have been thinking lately about the life of the church and how it connects with the life of our surrounding community. One simple

thought that I had was this: In the same way that I cannot imagine a life WITHOUT Jesus Christ, there are many within our community who cannot imagine their life WITH Jesus Christ. So, how do we effectively translate Jesus into the lives of others who don't know him?

One of the most important things that we can be doing as followers of Jesus Christ is to take what we know through Scripture and worship and translate it into the lives of other people in ways that can be understood and appreciated. Too often our well-intentioned actions and desires are lost in translation to the community around us. When we know and love Christ, we want to be able to share this love with people all around us. But it doesn't always come off in the right way.

St. Francis is reported to have said, "Share the gospel of Jesus Christ at all times. If necessary, use words."

What are some of the ways that we can be sharing Christ's love as we effectively translate faith into the lives of others? Here are some ways that I would love for you to think about and incorporate in your daily living:

- <u>No hypocrisy.</u> There is no space in our lives as we interact with others for saying one thing and doing another.
- <u>**Truth always.</u>** Falling into little white lies is far too easy for all of us.</u>
- <u>No judging.</u> There will always be those in our communities who live differently than we do.
- <u>Gratitude always.</u> It is incredibly important to our faith and the faith of others to consistently be living in a spirit of thanks.
- <u>Choose joy</u>. Joy in our life can be seen by others. Cultivate it. Radiate it.
- <u>Live with hope</u>. In a day and age where there is so much chaos and fear, your presence of hope can change lives.

I want others to see Jesus in you. You are the only Bible someone else may ever read. Don't let God's message of love get lost in translation. Believe it. Live it. Share it. Translate it.

Pastor Scott



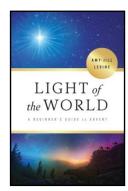
All Saints Day this Weekend

All Saints Day is that moment in worship when we recognize those saints who have died in this past year. Join us November 2 & 3 in all the worship services. It is always celebrated on the first weekend in November, so you are invited to come



and be a part of candle-lighting as we remember not just those who have recently passed, but anyone in your life who has been meaningful in your memory. Far beyond grieving, this is an annual moment to celebrate the lives that have shaped and created us.

December's Advent Bible Study



Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent will be our congregation's Bible study and worship series as we approach Christmas. This study is written by Amy Jill Levine and guides us into the Christmas season.

There will be small groups forming. Studies will begin the week of December 1. The time is now to start thinking if you would

like to lead a study or host a study. Watch for more information!

Children's Church

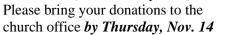
Hello Friends! I can't believe it has been two full months since starting Children's Church! It has been a great time so far! We had a record number of children attending since the beginning of Children's Church. The week of October 13th we had at least 18 children within Children's Church and regular church. It has been an exciting month to watch Children's Church grow.

We will be learning about honoring others throughout November. CYFM is also looking forward to our training day on November 17th. All are welcome to join; especially those who are interested in volunteering or getting an idea of what Children's Church is about. The training will be following the 10:30 service and chili will be provided. I am excited to see what November has in store for us!

Thanks, Katie Clark

Fall Produce Needed for Altar Display

Pumpkins, squash, corn and gourds are needed for the November altar decorations (*no zucchini please*).



so that Dennis Suiter can create his display for everyone's enjoyment.

We Need You!



Team members are needed for our January and February mission teams to Honduras. Medical/dental skills of all types are needed, BUT non-medical team members are also vital. We need YOUR help to make a difference. Please contact Gloria Borgman for details. ron.borgman@yahoo.com 605-642-5321.

Lunch with Pastor Scott



On Sunday November 10, 2019 at noon, you are invited to "Lunch with Pastor Scott" in the library. This is your opportunity to ask about life in the church or membership or ways to become involved. Because lunch is being prepared for you, please RSVP by November 5, by contacting the

church office at 642-3457 or <u>office@spearfishumc.org</u>. Let us know if you have children who will need to be cared for in the nursery. It will be fun meeting others and learning more about life in the church.

Charge Conference & Potluck

We will have a Potluck dinner on Monday, Dec. 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by our Annual Charge Conference meeting at 6:30 p.m. At this meeting we will be discussing some of the really important "nuts n' bolts" issues that affect the life of our church. We will be looking at our 2020 budget and nominations report.

We will be talking about the new pillars of planning that are foundational for our church programming for the next three years. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion on local, annual conference, and global issues. You are invited to come and learn more!

Dinah's Book Club

The book club will meet Monday, November 11 at noon in the UMC parlor. The group will be reading and discussing *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. The books may be picked up in the church office.

"Coffee & Conversation"

Because these are busy times for everyone "Coffee & Conversation" will not meet in November and December. The group will start again in January 2020.

Children First

On "Grubby Sunday" a group of volunteers painted the Children First office and the following day new carpet was installed. It looks so nice! It is exciting for all of us when the UMCOC gets improvements.

Sarah Hazledine, Becky Hiermeier and Emily

Culver (CF's 3 Montessori certified teachers) did a morning of Montessori training for the rest of the Children First staff on October 14th. It was a great morning! Everyone learned more about Montessori education and the Children First Board of Directors provided us with a delicious breakfast!

The first Mac & Cheese day for this school year was held at the church on October 15th. The children look forward to these days and love to come to the church for lunch.

Children First has been blessed with several donations recently and we want to extend our gratitude for the generosity. A heart-felt thank you goes out to: All who donated to Children First in September while we were the mission of the month:

- The UMW for donating \$500 to our field trip fund
- The Yoga group for donating \$600 toward our playground improvements
- The generous couple from the church who donated money for the purchase of a record player

The classrooms are all settled into their routines and it is exciting to see all the learning and growing taking place every day.

Cinnamon Rolls are Coming!



Yummy Honduras team cinnamon rolls are coming at all services the weekends of November 16 and January 5. This is the main fundraiser for the Honduras

medical/dental mission team, and all donations are used to buy the medicine and supplies for our January and February mission teams to Honduras. Thank you for your support.



- Youth interested in DakYouth November 8-10 should let Brenda know ASAP. There's still time to register!
- Middle and High School youth have Coffee and Current Events discussion during the Sunday school hour (9:15-10:15) each week at various coffee shops

each Sunday. We meet at church and leave from there. Join us!

- A dozen youth from Spearfish attended the West River Youth Gathering in Rapid City in October for an evening of food, activities, worship and small groups with students and adults from around the area. Over 90 attended!
- Thank you to everyone who donated or shopped at the Fall Rummage Sale. Youth were able to raise over \$1000 for their summer missions! What a blessing!

Chili and Rolls Lunch



The youth will be having cinnamon rolls and chili lunch at the church on Saturday, November 23^{rd} from 10 to 2 p.m.

along with the Quilt and Crafters' Bazaar.

Come and shop, then relax with some great comfort food!



Quilt & Crafts Sale

The Quilt & Crafters will have a sale following all church services on November 23 & 24. Proceeds help fund supplies needed for baby quilts, prayer quilts, lap robes and graduation quilts. Your support is very important to us.

Family Game Night



On Sunday, November 17th from 5-7:00 p.m., join us for Family Game Night! We have been having so much fun and really want you to be a part of it! This month's entree will be load-up yourself baked potatoes. Bring a side,

dessert, or non-alcoholic beverage to go with that if you would like, or just bring yourself! All are welcome!

United Methodist Women (UMW)

Hi ladies, our Business Meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. Anyone can attend this meeting and bring any business to our group at this time.

Wed., Nov. 20 is our regular UMW meeting with fellowship time at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. Our hostess will be Vi Zwickl

and the program facilitator will be Betsy Williams.

An upcoming event in November is our annual Bake Sale on Sat. & Sun., Nov. 23 & 24 after each worship service. Anyone can provide goodies for this event to help us raise funds to do Missions locally and nationally.

Remember that Thur., Nov. 28 is Thanksgiving Day. Our Bake Sale could be a help to you as family and friends that come to your home to celebrate that day.

We invite all women of the church to come, check us out and enjoy our fellowship as sisters in faith learning and doing Missions together.

Debra Richardson, UMW President

Christmas Dinner Just Ahead!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 8th for the annual Christmas dinner served by the youth.



Tickets will be available by November 15th. More details as they become available!

Women's Walk to Emmaus

Because of a blizzard the Women's Walk to Emmaus Weekend has been rescheduled for November 14-17, 2019! If you are interested, please contact Mary Ann Sheldon at 605-871-9941 to register for this weekend of spiritual renewal and your walk with the Lord.

Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual walk with Christ. It is based on Luke 24:13-35. The 72 hours offers a time of inspiration, challenge, and equipping leaders for Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work, and communities. On an Emmaus weekend, you will: sing, reflect, pray, worship, learn, share Holy Communion, and participate in small groups.

Also you will experience God's grace in community and in the world, and find Christian love in action. On the Walk to Emmaus, there is no "physical walking distance," but a "walk with other people in worship, fellowship, learning and fun."

As a member of a local church who is 18 years and older, if you desire to strengthen your spiritual life, this may be for you. Or if you are seeking answers to faith questions and willing to dedicate your everyday life to God, the Emmaus weekend may be for you.

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened Scripture to us?" (Luke 24:32)

Women's Weekend – November 14 - 17, 2019 at Storm Mountain Center For more information, dakotaswalk.org or <u>emmaus@upperroom.org</u>. May God bless and guide you as you prayerfully consider participating in the Women's Walk to Emmaus weekend at the beautiful Storm Mountain Camp.

Prayer Opportunities

A growing church is a praying church and a praying church is a growing church. Prayer can be done in many different ways. God hears all of our prayers. Prayer is so simple a concept,



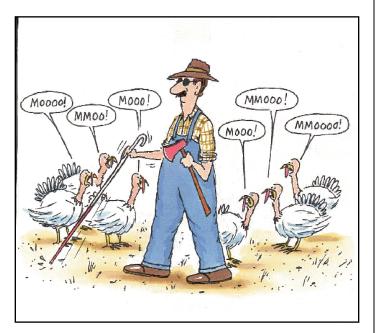
that is, communicating with God. Pray always-never give up!

- <u>Communion Prayer stations</u>: The first Sunday of each month, when we share communion, there is an opportunity for prayer at the Communion Prayer stations: personal prayers, prayers for family/friends, prayers of Thanksgiving, other.
- **<u>Prayer prior to surgery</u>**: Pastor Scott and Congregational Care Members (CCM) are available to pray for you at the hospital before surgery or during a time of illness. You may call the church office (642-3457) to let us know about your hospitalization or illness. Also, you may call the church office to request prayers for any reason. These requests will be forwarded to the prayer team and Pastor Scott. There is so much power in prayer!
- <u>Sanctuary</u>: The sanctuary and alter are available for prayer during the day and ½ hour prior to the weekend church services. The office door is open from 8:30 A.M.-noon and 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.
- <u>Prayer Quilts and Prayer Calendar</u>: These are given out when there is an illness/hospitalization. Remember to tie the knot with a prayer and sign up to pray for that person. It means so much to the person who receives the quilt and calendar; knowing that people are praying for them and they care.
- <u>**Prayer list in church bulletin:**</u> Look at the weekly prayer list and pray for these people in need during the week. What a wonderful opportunity to serve your church from your home.
- <u>Monthly Church Prayer</u>: Can be e-mailed or mailed. Call church office if you would like to receive this monthly prayer. (Presently 400+ people are receiving this prayer). NOTE: A post card copy of the monthly prayer is in the sign- in book in the church pews. Feel free to take a copy and put it on your counter as a reminder to pray for our church.
- <u>Green Prayer Card</u>: A green prayer card is in the front of each pew. If you have a prayer concern/need you may write it on the card and place it in the

offering plate or return it to the church office. Pastor Scott and the prayer team will offer prayer.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer: Romans 12:12

The Health Ministry Teams mission is to enhance the caring community of the Spearfish United Methodist Church: assisting the church members and the community in health promotion and renewal of the whole person while reflecting God's love. Prayer is a wonderful way to show God's love.



Council Highlights October 16, 2019

- TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund income for the month of September is \$36,389.36 and expenses are \$33,191.23. The General Fund ended the month \$3,198.13 in the black. The year to date balance is \$8,011.58 in the black with all apportionments paid through September. The income for UMCOC is \$6,105.00, and expenses are \$6,151.00, leaving the UMCOC Fund in the red \$46.00 for the month of September but still in the black \$10,232.73 for the YTD balance. Children First income for September is \$35,843.05, and expenses are \$32,521.10. Children First ended September in the black \$3,321.95. Year to date balance is also \$3.321.95 as September is the beginning of the CF fiscal year. The Debt Retirement/Capital Fund income for September is \$3,203.63. Expenses are \$51,174.09, reflecting more payments on the UMCOC Heating Upgrade project. Year to date balance is \$31,073.42. Mission-Giving for September was \$2,254. Mission expenses (distributions) were \$2,165.55. The last payment to our Elisha Intern is reflected in the expenses. Children First was the Mission of the Month and received \$2,655.00 in donations.
- ✓ <u>CHILDREN FIRST</u>: The Montessori staff training was held on October 14 with breakfast provided by CF board. Mac & Cheese Day was held on October 15. The CF

office was painted on Grubby Sunday and new carpet was added. The CF board goal is to increase wages. Minimum wage goes up again from \$9.10 to \$9.30/hr. Thank you for mission of the month support. This is important because CF is owned and operated by Spearfish United Methodist Church.

- ✓ <u>MEMORIALS REPORT</u>: There were no new memorials funded since last month. Dyan Nagel did meet with the new finance person to clarify and compare our bookkeeping. Dyan also revamped the memorial documentation forms to streamline information. The committee is currently seeking a third member to join.
- ✓ <u>STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS REPORT</u>: SPRC met on Tuesday, Oct.8 and worked on next year's budget and our staff evaluation process.
- ✓ <u>TRUSTEES REPORT</u>: Trustees did not meet in October but did find 2 tables from Wal-Mart that we are purchasing for Church Sunday School Children.
- ✓ WORSHIP REPORT: The committee reviewed the planning for World Communion Sunday. There was also a discussion of how to develop more lay leaders in worship services: candle lighters; readers, and communion servers. Michelle Jennings recruits lay assistants for the Blue Jeans Services very effectively. Her quiet way of contacting and encouraging people is a good model. Advent planning includes the book study, *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent* by Amy-Jill Levine. Taizé services will be on December 5, 12, and 19. The children's program will take place at the 8:15 a.m. service on December 15. There will be a performance of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* at SUMC on January 11 and 12. The CCLI license fee has been paid for the year.
- ✓ <u>YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT</u>: Youth continue to meet regularly on Wednesday nights. Sunday school for youth has started meeting for Coffee and Current Events as they apply to our faith. Confirmation classes continue monthly. Beginning in October at Canyon Lake UMC, area youth will gather at a central location for special worship, activities & small group time each quarter of the year. Youth Rummage sale is coming up Saturday, October 19th. Trunk or treat will be held Sunday, October 27th and all church folks are invited to take part in this community outreach event. Youth shopped for Christmas shoeboxes for reservation kids. DakYouth, the conference youth event in Aberdeen, is coming up November 8-10.
- ✓ Discussion Items...Pastor Scott shared the idea of a narrative budget that he learned about through his classes. Using the example, a joint office effort with Mary Tracy, Pastor Scott, and Orvette Stepper worked to develop a narrative budget for Spearfish UMC. Having a second Charge Conference in December at our own church was discussed. Plans will be firmed up at the November Council meeting.
- ✓ Action Items. . . There were no action items.
- ✓ Learning/Planning...Kirk asked for committees to report on their progress on the goals. Pastor Scott from the Lay Leadership Committee shared that they had four ideas.
 - **First**, the plan is to implement Discipleship Pathway immediately. This will take the place of the

Membership classes and is part of Pastor Scott's Leadership certification.

- **Secondly,** they would like to implement a parallel course geared toward youth that will revamp the confirmation program.
- Third, a suggestion was made to revamp Wednesday evenings at our church.
- Fourth, expanding Children's Church into Saturday night service. Janelle reported on the progress of the Family Involvement Committee. The idea was a strategy of quarterly events. For example, have a family event once a quarter such as Valentine Night Out with either babysitting for parents to have a date night or design a family event at the church for all ages; Vacation Bible School would be the focus of the next quarter; Fall Kick Off would be the third quarter; and Christmas Eve service focusing on children or a Shopping Day with kids or babysitting so that parents can shop. There was a question as to whether a weekly Wednesday night could become a Game Night. Another idea was to host a public forum on early childhood education. A suggestion was "No Small Matter" which was recommended. It was also suggested to bring in a trainer for families, educators, child care staff, and legislators. Kirk asked about certification of Children First through the state department's standards. He mentioned that other preschools had been contacted, such as Little Jackets. The Outreach Committee and the Capital Needs Committee will work on getting goals for the November meeting.



Bishop's Thanksgiving Offering to Assist Farmers and Ranchers



So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10 CEB

As Dakotans, we are blessed to live in and be stewards of some of the most productive land in the world. Yet, during this growing season we have seen an unprecedented number of stressors that are impacting our farmers and ranchers and those that support the agricultural industry. A wet spring delayed planting, the wet fall is delaying harvest and depressing yields. Some producers are facing drought, others have been flooded, the markets are volatile for crops and livestock.

An increasing number of farmers and ranchers and their families are filled with despair as they deal with the lack of production and depressed markets. Farm income continues to decline; an average loss of 10-12% since 2012. Family farms and ranches that have been part of a lineage for a century or more are now in jeopardy of being lost. The cumulative impact of these multiple stressors is manifested in increases in fatal farm accidents, abuse of drugs and alcohol, and suicides. Our friends are in need of support through encouragement, prayer, and professional assistance.

So, I appeal to each of our 250 congregations in the Dakotas Conference to join together through our annual Thanksgiving offering to help support our friends and neighbors who produce our food and fiber. We have an opportunity to be a blessing to those who produce so many of our blessings. We have an opportunity to give a tangible expression to the promise God made to the people of God.

Our offering will be utilized to partner with Lutheran Social Services in North Dakota and Avera Behavioral Health in South Dakota. Our plan is to provide services to farmers and ranchers at no costs or at reduced costs.

"Your Thanksgiving offering is a gift that will bring honor to God. Thank you in advance for your extravagant generosity. Thank you for blessing the Lord as you bless others." – Bishop Ough

Benevolence Fund

The Benevolence Fund helps the members and attendees of our church with special emergency financial requests. In the past, some of these needs have been related to housing and medical expenses. This fund is accessed through conversation with the pastor and a formal application, and distributions must be approved by the Stewardship/Finance Committee and the Administrative Council. <u>Note</u>: This is not the same as the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which provides Safeway cards to those in need.



November Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Chili
- Jam
- Boxes of Cereal
- Stuffing

Chunky Peanut ButterBoxed Potato Mixes

• Jelly



Condolences to the families of:

- *Robin Stensgard*, who died October 2, 2019 and whose memorial service was held Oct. 11 at the Lead-Deadwood Memorial Chapel with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *Joann Hoffman*, who died September 3, 2019 and whose memorial service was held Oct. 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the church with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

BIRTHDAYS

Jim Jennings	11-01	Sue Cole	11-16
Mya Meredith	11-01	Susan Ellerton	11-19
Alyce Schavone	11-02	Cameron Hendricks	11-19
Danielle Ligtenberg	11-02	Penny Doering	11-20
Melody Larsen	11-02	Layton Loup	11-21
Isabelle Karinen	11-02	Carolyn Page	11-22
Carol Veazie	11-03	Everett Burgeson	11-22
Elizabeth Higbee	11-03	Margie Hesson	11-22
Rebecca Higbee	11-03	Mariatu Vaughn	11-22
Keith Allison	11-04	Bonnie Crain	11-23
Betsy Wilson	11-05	Vaughn Heckel	11-23
Janice Helmer	11-06	Craig Triplett	11-24
Heather Schmidt	11-06	Jozie Hyatt	11-24
Holden Ayer	11-06	Lucas Hayford	11-24
Patty Kruske	11-08	Laura Oliver	11-25
Corttnee Herman	11-09	Lollie Meade	11-25
Skyla Babb	11-09	Parker Reede	11-25
Rob Bentley	11-10	Peyton VanDeest	11-26
Carrigan Finley	11-10	John Kissack	11-27
LyRic Swanson	11-10	Paul Pierson	11-27
Lyle Ericsson	11-12	Allan Bonnema	11-28
Pearl Swartz	11-12	Lillian Mitchell	11-29
Pat Conger-Sweaney	11-12	Connie Hubbard	11-29
Walter Hurd	11-12	Nate DeMarcus	11-29
Joe Royall-McKeown	11-12	Ryder Niesent	11-29
Monica Burgeson	11-12	Carrie Swanson	11-30
Lanee Powers	11-15	Madison Downes	11-30
Connie Johnson	11-16		



Ryan & Tiffany Bolsta Sam & Sheri Perry Gerry & Pat Hazledine Raymond & Mariatu Vaughn Scott & Colleen McKirdy Ricky & Misty Ball

11/02~6 yrs. 11/12~14 yrs. 11/21~65 yrs. 11/22~6 yrs. 11/24~35 yrs. 11/26~3 yrs.



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 2019				
Month	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference		
Jan.	34,146.37	38,646.63	-4,500.26		
Feb.	32,314.14	29,699.48	2,509.99		
Mar.	39,914.00	37,192.46	2,721.54		
Apr.	39,090.19	38,279.60	810.59		
May	34,799.73	30,196.68	4,603.05		
June	37,094.03	32,358.53	4,735.50		
July	35,064.05	34,669.89	394.16		
Aug.	38,609.31	44,675.17	-6,155.86		
Sept.	36,389.36	33,191.23	3,198.13		

DEBT RETIREMENT/CAPITAL FUND 2019				
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income	
Jan.	3,101.09	Feb.	2,594.00	
Mar.	4,085.00	Apr.	2,910.00	
May	10,475.87	June	150,009.68	
July	3,663.18	Aug.	3,081.54	
Sept.	3,203.63			

Worship Attendance for Oct.: 817 (Avg/Wk = 204) **Sunday School Attendance for Oct.:** 100 (Avg/Wk = 25)

Special Gifts for October

Youth Fund TOTAL	1,095.25 \$ 5.342.55
Cornerstone Mission	1,354.00
World Communion Day	181.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
Marj Balo Memorial	50.00
Joann Hoffman Memorial	350.00
Children First Donations	1,225.00
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Yoga Charity Fund	397.00
Sprinkler System	100.00
Food Pantry	\$ 60.00

Special Funds for October

Benevolence Fund		\$ 200.00
Pastor's Discretionary		2,100.00
	TOTAL	\$ 2,300.00



THE TRUMPETER

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Return Service Requested

Sunday Worship:

"The Gathering" ~ 8:15 a.m. "Children's Church" - 8:30 & 10:45 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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