

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

Beloved—

I'm excited for Lent to begin. Okay, that sounds a bit strange—why would I be excited about a season of fasting and repentance (i.e., giving stuff up and

wallowing)? Well, while those practices are a part of Lent, let me tell you some other things that will be happening.

It all starts the day before it starts. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which happens to coincide with Valentine's Day this year (For that reason, I would not recommend fasting from chocolate, as all the unsold Valentine's Day candy will go on sale on the 15th—a day late for starting a chocolate fast. Unless you freeze the chocolate until Easter, but there's another big chocolate holiday—when all the unsold Easter candy hits the sale aisle!). The Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday is alternately called "Fat Tuesday" or "Mardi Gras". If you're not going to be in New Orleans, plan to attend our FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE FEAST here at the church. Invite coworkers, friends, and family to join you too! It's on February 13th, from 5-7pm. Hey—what a great idea for a cheap, pre-Valentine's Day date!

Our Lenten Study will focus on the "I am" statements of Jesus. When Moses encountered God in the burning bush, Moses asked for God's name. "I am" was God's response. In John's Gospel, Jesus utters several "I am" statements that understandably upset the religious leaders who held God's name to be too holy to utter aloud. For example, Jesus said "I am the bread of life" and "I am the resurrection and the life". Our study book is called *The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I am" Sayings of Jesus*, and it will be available soon. Please sign up if you'd like to facilitate and/or participate in this study, which will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?"

You may remember that we joined our neighbors at the United Church of Christ for a portion of the Lenten season last year. As a gift and remembrance of our time

together, we purchased new, violet paraments for the front of their sanctuary. If you have a chance, please stop by their church and take a look at these beautiful works of art that will enhance their sanctuary.

As we continue our 28-day journey of *Dynamite Prayer*, please continue to lift up the church and your next pastor, and I am also thankful for your prayers for me and wherever my next journey will take Evie and me. Our journey concludes right around the time we will have a prayerful discernment conversation about Children First and its ministry of childcare in our community. Please plan to attend that conversation on Saturday, February 10, at 9:00am.

What an exciting beginning to Lent!

God's Peace,

Pastor John Madvig

Interim Pastor

Coffee with Pastor John



If you'd like to grab a cup of coffee with Pastor John, he's at Common Grounds from **9:00-11:00 am most Mondays**. This has changed from Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome.

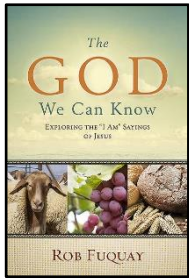


Lenten Study

The God We Can Know is a 7-week study designed for the entire congregation to explore the "I am" sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Perfect for Lent, this series will help you find and form an answer to the

most essential question in the Christian faith, “Who do you say I am?”

One by one, Jesus’s statements grab our imagination, reveal more about his identity and purpose, and connect us to the God of Moses, who spoke the first “I am.” These significant, yet ordinary images (bread, light, shepherd, vine, and more) give us insightful ways to experience Jesus and point us to a God who wants to be known.



The DVD, filmed on location in the Holy Land, allows you to travel with Rob Fuquay and actually see the places where Jesus stood while disclosing his true identity, and in what context he spoke each “I Am.” The book, DVD/study guide combo, and online support work together to provide one of the most meaningful, transforming initiatives your church can provide for the entire congregation.

Weekly themes include:

- Introduction to “I am” – Knowing God
- I am the Bread of Life – Knowing God’s Satisfaction
- I am the Light of the World – Knowing God’s Guidance
- I am the Good Shepherd – Knowing God’s Care
- I am the True Vine – Knowing God’s Power
- I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life – Knowing God’s Way
- I am the Resurrection and the Life – Knowing God’s Possibilities

Books will be available in the church office for \$15.



Community Lenten Lunches



The Spearfish United Methodist Church is honored to be the location of all the Lenten lunches this year. The first Lenten Lunch will be on **Wed., Feb. 21** at noon, during which we will provide soup, sandwiches, cookies, and worship.

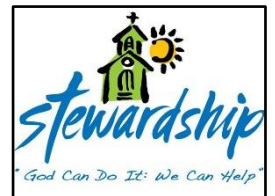
We need volunteers to bake cookies, make sandwiches and soups. Also needed are workers to put the sandwiches together in the church kitchen, serve, and clean up. Please sign up on the clip board in the fellowship hall. About 100 people will attend each of the luncheons.

The rest of the lunches will be at our church and led by:

- **February 28** – Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
- **March 6** – All Angels Episcopal Church
- **March 13** – United Church of Christ

Stewardship & Finance Update

We are off and running with the 2024 year. We closed out 2023 on a very positive note. Both the pledged and unpledged donations for December were off the charts and significantly reduced last year’s budget deficit. Please accept our most sincere and heartfelt thank you.



Several members of the congregation are planning and hosting events over the next several months to help raise money for our expenses and to have fun and build community. Your participation and support is essential for their success.

Finally, we want to highlight the generosity and outreach of our congregation. Through the Benevolence fund, SUMC was able to provide assistance to a local family for medical expenses from a car accident. This help was timely as they needed additional medical care at the end of December. Help like this makes a difference in people's lives.



Ron and Gloria Borgman, thank you for the many ways you serve the Lord and help this church. Ron and Gloria have led medical mission teams almost every year, guiding a team to help



some of the poorest of the poor in the western hemisphere.

Gloria has been part of the quilt group, mission committee and caring for health needs among our members. Both are part of a Bible study on Zoom.

Ron has been the building manager for the old school which houses Children First and other tenants that serve the needs of children. He has recently accepted a new three-year term to care for details at UMCOC. He has been on Trustees and now begins a term on the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). This group will be praying for the right new pastor who will begin July 1, 2024. Please join that prayer.

As a former treasurer of Spearfish UMC, Ron encourages financial support for many ministries plus the basics of church staff and property needs. We are a connectional church contributing to apportionments that support camping, Dakotas Conference staff and programs plus grants for specific local ministries and outreach. We are proud to be UMC.

Staff Tribute to: *Mary Tracy*



Mary Tracy is the Financial Assistant for Spearfish UMC. She began in August 2019 after she and her husband Mark moved to Spearfish from Colorado.

She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana in Sioux Falls and later a Master's in

Business Administration from Regis University in Denver. She has held several positions in accounting and human resources.

She was especially helpful in applying for the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) and other loans during Covid for both the church and Children First.

Mary enjoys hiking and snow shoeing in the beautiful Black Hills.

United Methodist Men (UMM)



United Methodist Men (UMM) met January 6th and 13th. On the 13th we had a presentation by Melissa Raad about Children First.

At our Charge

Conference our District Superintendent, Dan Bader, stated we need more presence out in the community. As a way of doing that UMM will be going to a restaurant once each quarter. On February 3rd at 8 a.m. we will be

meeting at Perkins. On February 13th UMM will be cooking pancakes, eggs, and sausage for our church's first Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5-7 p.m. February 17th our UMM meeting will be at the church at 8 a.m.

God Bless, Kelvin Lower
UMM President

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading "Like Dandelion Dust" by Karen Kingsbury. The group will meet on **Monday, February 12** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

Boy Scout Chili Feed

A Chili Feed to benefit Scouting in Spearfish will be held on **February 16 from 5-7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Chili, chicken noodle soup, cornbread, and a variety of desserts will be served. Coffee, lemonade, and water will be available.



Tickets are \$10 and are available to purchase from Tad or Griffin Brewer or you can pay at the door. Thank you for all that you have done in the past and for all that you do to support Scouting in Spearfish!

The Souls we Care for at Children First



Children First



Children First is so excited about some updates that have recently been completed.

We were gifted a new sink for doing dishes, with a handy light above it and lots of storage space. We also got a washer and two dryers for doing the school laundry on premises, rather than hauling it home every weekend, and for drying cold, wet, snow suits after the children have fun playing in the snow.



We are deeply appreciative to all of the individuals and the donors (Including the South Dakota Community Foundation) who made this happen for us!

Thank you from Children First to these tradesmen who took time from their very busy schedules, even over Christmas break, to help make possible the installation of a washer and dryers to help the children stay clean and dry after playing in the snow. We were told that no one would be available to do this work. These folks stepped forward:

- Kelly Krueger Plumbing
- Tim Ingalls Spearfish Glass
- Doug Mollman Builders
- Ben Wilen Masonry
- Freeman Electric
- Wolf's Plumbing

Thank you for sharing your gifts with Children First staff and children.

Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, February 15 at 7 PM** in the sanctuary at UMC. This is a prayer service in the style of Taizé. Enter into a time of prayer,

quiet reflection and meditative singing. Center your spirit, heart, and mind. Enjoy the quiet. Refresh your soul.

Dreams for the Future

by Janelle Jones



There is “seed money” available for new ministries or support for unbudgeted projects at Spearfish UMC. Think parable of five talents, two talents, 1 talent. What could we do to share Christ's stories and love in this area?

The Stewardship and Finance Committee announced that \$3434.12 is available for unbudgeted ministries or projects from the church Investment Fund distribution. All requests are to be submitted in writing by Feb 12 to Mary Tracy in the Finance Office at finance@spearfishumc.org by **Monday, February 12**. The funds are for new ideas, something not in the budget.

The Resolution establishing an investment fund states: “Each year a distribution will be made available to SUMC by the Investment Committee from The Fund. A maximum of 75% of the previous calendar year's earnings shall be available for distribution starting January each year.” Because investment returns have been up and down, there has been no distribution some years.

What is God's plan for the future of this church? We can use this to enter into dreaming, prayer, collaboration, more prayer and communication. Consider this, God and the laity lead us into the future. We can't sit back, saying, “This new pastor should bring in lots of children, youth, families!”

Here's Janelle's dream: Starting in the fall, each first Wednesday to hold an open family supper at 5:30 pm. Invite Coop Preschool families, Youth and Family Services families, Children First families and all staff. Conduct a special time 5-5:30 for “littles” (age 2 thru grade 2) with Bible story, songs and prayer. Funds might buy picture books of Bible stories. End with worship at the tables of the same Bible story, songs, prayer.

Expand the use of early release time for school children and youth (most first Wednesdays each month). Set up stations like VBS for music, acting the Bible story, crafts, prayer, hobby station. Can you see the energy? Where are you in this picture? First please pray!

What are some possible next steps?

1. Pray for the right new pastor to be appointed to begin July 1, 2024
2. Pray for God to reveal a new future or new ways to share Christ's love
3. Apply for funds by Feb 12, 2024
4. Form a core planning team for your ministry expansion
5. Connect with all groups in the church, focus on communication
6. Work with the new pastor in July and August to build the kingdom of God.



Frozen Meals



Join us for the next United Women in Faith event, Monday, February 26 in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30: Frozen Meals! We will be making frozen meals for each participant to take home. We are aiming for families and individuals who have a hard time getting meals together on busy days or who have a hard time cooking for one! We will eat a meal, put together 3 frozen meals (all supplies provided), and package them, ready for your freezer.

Space is limited, and an **RSVP is required, and the deadline is February 21**. Please contact Brenda Swanson (605-641-4864) or Emma McKirdy-Wilsey (605-269-

1063) to save your spot! We ask a suggested donation of \$15 for the meals. See you there!

United Women in Faith (UWF)



At our last meeting on January 17th, due to Lenton Luncheons, we made the decision not to have a Business Meeting in February

and March. We will meet on February 14th with Shirley Doten and Debra Richardson as our Hostess. Fellowship time will start at 9:30 with our meeting starting at 10 am.

We invite all woman in the church and their friends to come, giving us your gift of presence. We want our Women's Ministry to meet the needs of more women in our congregation and community by providing a fellowship of sharing ourselves with each other. You don't have to be a member to attend any of our events. But membership is not just for Methodists but any woman from any denomination is welcome to become a member of United Women in Faith.

If you have any questions feel free to contact any of the following members;

Spearfish United Women in Faith Leadership Team

Chair, Debra Richardson 605-580-6846

Colleen McKirdy 605-269-1054

Brenda Swanson 605-641-4864

Emma McKirdy-Wilsey 605-269-1063

Grief and Loss Group

The "Grief and Loss" Group meets in the church Parlor at **1:00 pm each Thursday** afternoon.

Roberta Hilliger RN and Mental Health

Nurse for 40 years will meet with group to guide discussions. All ages welcome for any grief or loss issues be it involving family, spouse fentanyl issues, Covid losses, ongoing sadness, difficulty in your day and grief. You will get a chance to speak and listen.

We do not have tapes or books or fees. Contact Roberta Hilliger with any questions at 605-389-1884.



Dinner & Game Night

Dinner And Game night is a time for people of all ages to gather and enjoy some fellowship together. Kevin Nakajima provides a main dish, and you are encouraged

to bring sides, non-alcoholic drinks, or just yourselves. Stay for dinner, stay for games, just talk, or all of the above are encouraged.

This month it will be **February 18** at 5pm and will feature a Sauerbraten and Mashed Potatoes. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

Prayer Partners

Dear God,
Guide us to know you and serve you. May we be faithful to the values of Spearfish UMC:

- 1) **Welcoming Fellowship**
- 2) **Christ-centered Worship**
- 3) **Multigenerational Discipleship**
- 4) **Overflowing Generosity**
- 5) **Compassionate Outreach**



May the right new pastor be appointed to this church by the bishop and cabinet. May the laity here do the servanthood work of preparing for a new pastor July 1, 2024. Amen.

Cancer/Caregiver Books Available

The Congregational Care Ministers would like to give you the book *May I Walk You Home*. It is a book for caregivers of the very ill. It provides courage and comfort for caregivers and also for the ill person.

We also have another very informative book, *CANCER-Now What?* The goal of this book is to help those with cancer and their loved ones navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges that cancer brings.

You may call the church office at 605-642-3457, if you would like a copy of these helpful books for yourself, family member, or friend.

Congregational Care Ministers (CCM)

Council Highlights

January 21, 2024

- This was the first meeting of the year with new Council members.
- Melissa Raad/Sarah Hazledine were present to discuss Children's First relationship with SUMC. Discussed upcoming meeting on Feb 10 for all interested.
- Staff Parish chair discussed they are working with District Superintendent on process for new pastor. Hopefully more information in the next month or two.



Mission of the Month Camp Scholarships

Adventure awaits for campers at our three Dakotas camps! Storm Mountain (here in the Black Hills), Lake Poinsett (near Watertown), and Wesley Acres (near Valley City, ND) have multiple camp experiences for youth and adults to take part in. However, some of our kids won't be able to attend camp if they don't have some financial assistance. So, during February, please consider donating to the Camp Scholarship Fund, so we can make sure our kids have the opportunity to experience the wonder of camp.

Camp booklets are available at the Sign-Up table, or you can go to www.dakcamps.org for more information.



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Apple Juice
- Beef Stew
- Jell-O
- Puddings
- 2 lb. Flour
- 2 lb. Sugar
- Jams or Jellies
- Pancake Mix



Isabella Grosz	02-03	Clyde Smith	02-17
Roberta Hilliger	02-06	John Loux	02-17
Reese Sheffield	02-06	Maren McKirdy-Wilsey	02-18
Doris Parke	02-07	Sandy Prante	02-20
Cynthia Bates	02-07	Layne Loup	02-23
Jessica Jennings	02-09	Clara Christensen	02-24
Annette Bailey	02-13	Ava Peterson	02-24
Stan Smith	02-14	Sarah Hazledine	02-25
Connie Ericsson	02-15	Terrance Grosz	02-27
Greta Stewart	02-15	Carter Foltz	02-28
Lisa Foltz	02-15		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Lyle & Gladys McGarvin 02/14~43 yrs.
 Ed & Leslie Sewell 02/14~32 yrs.
 Allan & Kathy Bonnema 02/14~23 yrs.
 Lyle Ericsson & Connie Swander Ericsson 02/17~23 yrs.
 Bob & Debbie Cline 02/18~40 yrs.
 Dave & Judy Wagner 02/22~60 yrs.
 Joe & Mary Hallenbeck 02/28~43 yrs.



Sympathy to the family of:

- *Bev Carr* who died January 23, 2024. A memorial service will be held June 8, 2024.

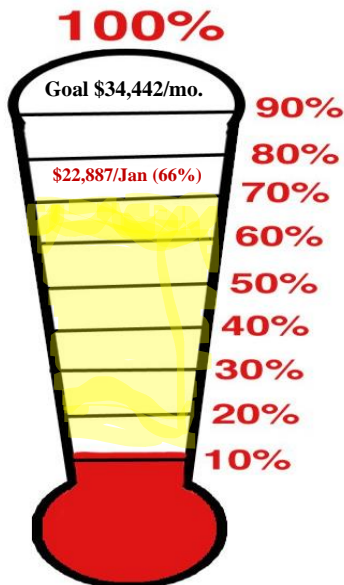
BUDGET

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

--2 Corinthians 9:11

Come, Share, Rejoice!

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



Special Gifts for January

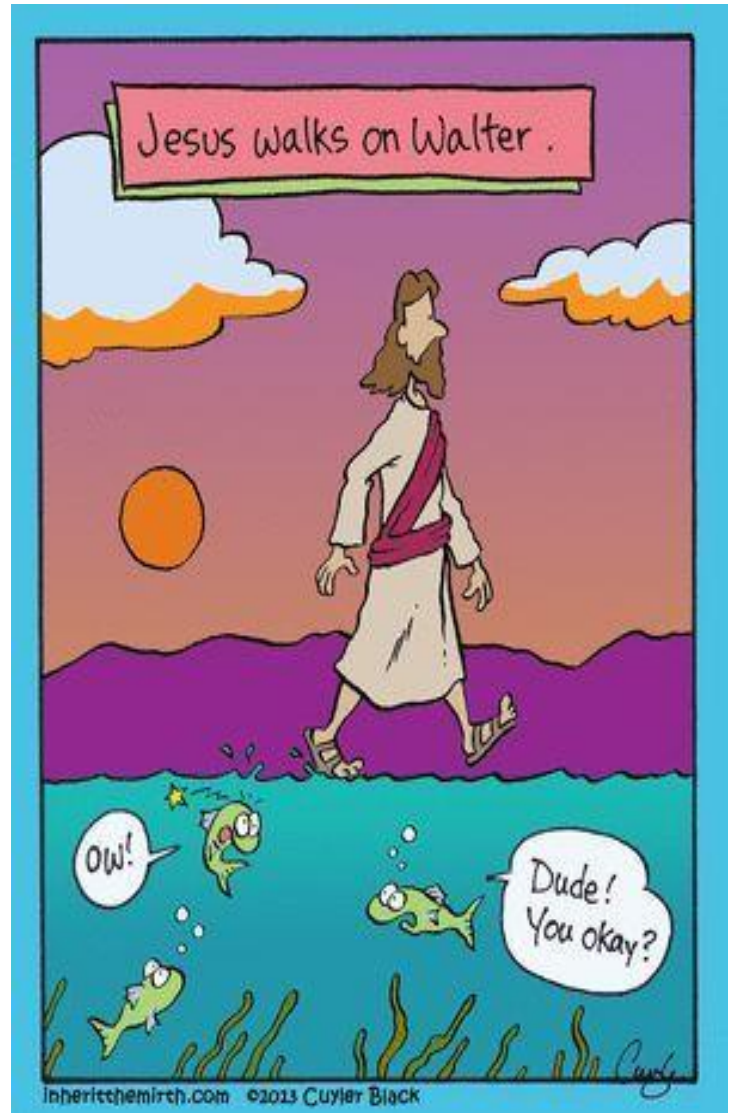
Adult Studies	\$ 333.34
Church Fundraisers	627.20
Yoga Charity Fund	290.00
Honduras VIM Fund	5,270.00
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Solar Ovens	50.00
Youth Fund	6.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,956.54

Special Funds for January

Benevolence Fund	\$ 60.00
UMC Help Fund	200.00
TOTAL	\$ 260.00

*Worship Attendance for Jan.: 490 (Avg./Wk=163) (3 wks)

*On-Line Attendance for Jan.: 649 (Avg./Wk=216) (3 wks)



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Sunday Worship:

“The Gathering” ~ 9:00 a.m.

“Sunday School” – 9:20 a.m.

“The Sanctuary” ~ 10:30 a.m.

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

Adult Sunday School: 9:20 a.m.

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

E-mail Addresses:

Website: www.spearfishumc.org



Pastor: john.madvig@spearfishumc.org

Administrative Assist.: office@spearfishumc.org

Finance: finance@spearfishumc.org

Technology Coordinator: kevinmasanaka@gmail.com

Bell Choir Director: hcm.kerchel@yahoo.com

Nursery Supervisor: carriejoydaily@gmail.com

Call the church office for more information at 642-3457.



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