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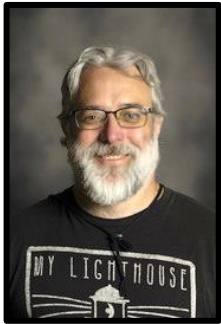
Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Ponder This with Pastor Paul

The Faithfulness of Gardening

There is a great deal of content and imagery around gardening and agriculture in the Biblical Narrative.

Many trees, vines, stalks of grain, seeds, grass, flowers, and fruit find their way into the 66 books of the Bible.

The Lint family does not garden. We have black thumbs and while we are coachable and able to learn new things, we rarely remember to do the things necessary to keep the right plants alive and the weeds away. Yet, one spring my children asked if we could grow pumpkins.

I don't know about you all, but when your kids ask to do something as wholesome as growing pumpkins to carve for Halloween, I wanted to be the kind of parent that says, "Yes." Brenda and I knew our history with anything that could be considered a plant, yet did not want to fail our children in this moment, so we called upon some agricultural experts in our lives and let them know the whole situation. We were told to take our kids to the hardware store and let them pick out their favorite pumpkin seeds and they would take care of the rest.



Days later our Gardening Angel showed up with three 5-gallon buckets, some spades and rakes. She worked with my kids for several hours and used all 15 gallons of

sheep manure to create a garden with 4 mounds and hope for a bountiful harvest.

In the 13th Chapter of Luke, Jesus tells the story of a gardener offering to save a barren fruit tree by digging up the soil around it and adding manure to it so that it will thrive and bear fruit. During this time of Lent we have been working alongside a Book by Rev. Tom Berlin called, "RESTORED: Finding Redemption in Our Mess." Maybe the work of restoration requires the same thing the fruit tree and the pumpkins needed, a little more mess to be made. We look forward to spring and the first flowers

and the seeds that will grow in their seasons. May we do the work now in our own lives, in our families, in our church, community and world to dig deeper stand in the manure and find God's gift of growth in from and through our messes. May the fruit that is produced in its season be a blessing to the world.

By the way, don't forget to water the mounds regularly!

Pastor Paul



Community Lenten Lunches

Our Savior's Lutheran Church located at 1020 State St. will be the location of all the Lenten lunches this year. Soup, sandwiches, cookies, and worship will be provided on the following Wednesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 PM:



- **April 2** – Spearfish United Methodist Church

A suggested donation of \$10 will go the Spearfish Ministerial Association.

Bless the Mess-Spring Cleanup

The Board of Trustees invite those who wish to see our church blossom, on the outside, to join us on Saturday April 5 from 9am till noon for a morning of spring cleanup of the lawn, shrubs and parking lot. It has been a hard winter on our landscape, and it is in need of a little TLC.

Please bring a garden rake, leaf rake, shovel, pruning shears/saw and push broom or whatever you have. Coffee, cookies and refreshment will be served starting at 8:45 am.

Any questions contact Bill Keck at 605-390-2721

or email bkeck4815@rap.midco.net. Thank you in advance for making our church blossom on the outside, for we know we blossom on the inside because of the love of Jesus Christ.

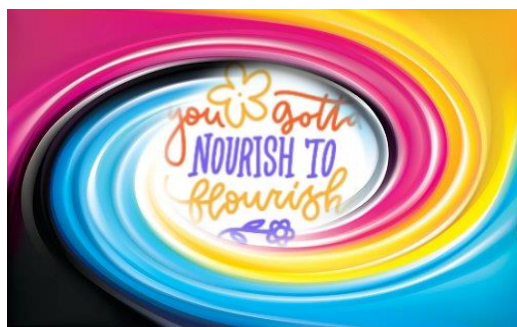
Easter Brunch



Let's Celebrate Easter on April 20 at 10:00 am with food and fellowship! Sign up to bring an egg bake or just bring breakfast food to share, like sweet rolls or fruit. Look for the sign-up sheet at church each weekend through Palm Sunday.

NOURISH to FLOURISH

Sunday, April 6 at 5:00 PM
for food, fun, and fellowship.



- **Free Meal.**
- **Children's Activities**
- **Discussion Time for Adults**

Meet in the Fellowship Hall of Spearfish UMC

Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, April 3** 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.

2025 Holy Week Schedule

Saturday, April 12

"Blue Jeans" Worship – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday

"Gathering" Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Time – 10:00 a.m.

"Sanctuary" Worship – 11:00 a.m.



Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary – UMC

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday

No Good Friday Worship

Saturday, April 19 – Lazarus Saturday

"Blue Jeans" Worship – 5:30 p.m. – UMC

Sunday, April 20 – Easter

"Gathering" Worship – 9:00 a.m. – UMC

"*Easter Potluck Brunch*" – 10:00 a.m.

– Fellowship Hall

Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 a.m.

"Sanctuary" Worship – 11:00 a.m. – UMC



Monday, April 21 – Easter Monday

OFFICE CLOSED



Lane Keil

Lane has been a willing worker in many ways. Thank you for being a regular team member for the Help Fund. She serves on the Finance Committee and assists with fundraising.

Recently Lane sewed many of the colorful potholders for the Solar Oven project. She has also given love and care in her neighborhood. Bless you for your service.



Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading "*This Tender Land*" by William Kent Krueger. The group will meet on **Monday, April 14** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.



United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men (UMM) met on March 1st and 15th. At the March 1st meeting our devotional was presented by Riley Chrisman and on March 15th



devotional was presented by Bill Lundgren. This month we voted to send money to the Society of St. Andrews, a United States based, United Methodist hunger-relief nonprofit that focuses on addressing food waste and poverty-induced starvation, operating a gleaning network and other programs to combat hunger.

Our April meetings will be in the Fellowship area of the church on April 5th and April 19th at 8 am. Come join us for breakfast, a short devotional and fellowship. If you are interested in coming to UMM but have a hard time remembering to come, let me know and I will send you a reminder.

*God Bless,
Kelvin Lower, UMM President*

United Women in Faith (UWF)

This last month, United Women in Faith met to learn about the camping program from Brenda Lint and enjoyed some camp snacks! Remember, the camping

program is for everyone of all ages!

This next month, we will meet on April 5th for our monthly business meeting, and everyone is welcome to come for input on our events! On April 19th at 10:00 AM, we will have our social and educational program where we will hear from the Honduras mission team after their trip. Oh, the stories they will have to tell!

In early March, UWF member Emma McKirdy-Wilsey went to Nashville for the UWF Program Advisory Group's annual meeting. This



United
Women
in Faith

group is a board on the National level of UWF that works directly with the UWF staff and Board of Directors to help build and grow the organization. They also stand as the bridge between National UWF and local, district, and conference units and officers. The event was a blast! They were educated about what National is doing, but also had education on the social action issues the organization promotes. Our main two Social Action campaigns are for Climate Justice and Racial Justice. UWF's goal is to work through local units and churches to help people act justly through our nation's climate and racial issues. Emma looks forward to sharing more about her trip in months to come.

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JUST LOOK AT HIM ... HE TOTALLY
THINKS HE'S GOD'S GIFT TO THE WORLD

Children, Youth & Family Ministry (CYFM)

Here at CYFM, we are excited for all the spring activities and plans that we have to provide programs and events for children and their families! Nourish to Flourish has been our main focus lately along with Sunday School to encourage families and children to

come together to celebrate love and community together, and we really appreciate all that supported us through either volunteering or attending the event, as we had an even bigger turnout than our last Nourish to Flourish event!



Our latest theme for March involved camping and learning ways to shine a light on the unique talents and gifts God has given us in the world around us and inside us. While adults were led through a group discussion involving how camp themes relate to their own lives in special and connecting ways, kids went on a camping Bear Hunt that then led them upstairs into a dimly lit starry camping atmosphere to learn through a story, crafts, songs and games the gifts that God has given us naturally in the world around us and inside ourselves. We listened to a story to learn how a firefly discovered her own unique talents and how to celebrate them with the people around her, and then we had our kids shine a light on the special talents and gifts they have too through discussion and games. The evening ended with creating their own light-up fireflies as a reminder to let their unique talents shine for themselves and others, and after dancing around in the dark with our candlelight Fireflies to “This Little Light of Mine”, we headed back downstairs with a prayer to end the night!

We have another Nourish to Flourish event occurring around the theme of Hope on April 6th from 5-6:30PM, with a creation toy station for children during our provided meal, and plenty of fun games, crafts and songs to do during adult relaxation and discussion time. We hope to see you there, as we begin to then change direction with our events to be more outdoors and community-oriented to encourage more people around the community to join us at our family-friendly events!

For Spring, we have some upcoming events to keep focused on the importance of family and connections through:

- **Nourish to Flourish** event on **April 6th from 5PM-6:30PM**— to which people of all ages are welcome join in for a night of a free provided meal, time for children to play with sensory toys and explore our creation station booth, followed by adult discussion

and gathering while children go upstairs to do hope-themed games, crafts, stories and music.

- **Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch** on **April 20th after the 9AM Church Service**, in place of Sunday School. Children will gather in the Fellowship Hall to have the Easter Egg Hunt happen either outside on the playground or down in the Youth Room (depending on weather) at about 10am. Then after children are done gathering their eggs, they may join their families in the Fellowship Hall for a yummy Easter Brunch!
 - **We are looking for candy and little gift donations** to stick inside our easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you have any donations, please drop them off at the Church office with Orvette!
- **Family Fun Day** will be a collaboration event of **Nourish to Flourish** and our usual **Spring Family Block Party** that will take place on **Friday May 9th from 4PM-6:30PM** outside in the Church Parking lot for **Spring-themed crafts, cookie decorating, yummy food, and lots of fun carnival games** for anyone inside the church or outside in the community to come join us for some family fun. Even if it's a rainy day, keep a lookout for Facebook announcements on where and what we have planned instead for some family friendly community fun!
- Lastly, we will end the spring fun times with our **last day of Sunday School before summer being May 25th from 10am-11am**. Please expect some **yummy treats and some posters** showcasing some of the fun that we have had at multiple events throughout the year **in the Fellowship Hall** in between Sunday church services!

As with all these opportunities, these are all made possible through the love and support of our church, whether through attending our church events, praying for success for our events, spreading the word of the opportunities we have, or through volunteering. We appreciate all that you all do to make our church the special home it is to be closer with ourselves, others and God through love and action. With the new year now in motion, we hope you will consider looking for ways to further support our church through **volunteering, donating or through joining a committee**, such as CYFM for family-related activities, please keep a lookout for sign-up sheets in the church, or read the Trumpeter, Sunday bulletins, or Facebook posts for the many opportunities that will arise throughout the year! If you are **interested in joining our CYFM Committee** to keep up and have a bigger say in upcoming family events, or if you are **interested in helping with already prepped Sunday School teaching** or our helping give a five minute **Children's Sermon**, or helping out in the **Nursery**, please feel free to **contact Katelyn Smith at workksmith@gmail.com or call/text at 419-296-5723**,

or letting the Church Office know, as we would absolutely love to have you!

We thank you all so much for being a continued support and special part of our Spearfish UMC family, and look forward to all the events and program we put on to build connections between families, youth and the overall local and church communities!

Dakotas Camping for Everyone



The mission of Dakotas Camping is simple: Helping campers and guests to experience Christ, creation and community through camp and retreat ministries. The camps offer a place apart to experience

Christ through study, nature, and the welcome provided to all just as they are. The three Dakota's camps have unique settings to experience creation and be reminded of the importance of creation care. However, the community is what most people remember from camping experiences. This make-shift unit that is created in days can become a lifelong friendship. This experience gives you access to mentors and allows all to be leaders and teachers of Christ's love. This place is where you find acceptance as you are. Lives have been changed by attending our camps. So, what does that mean for me?

1. **Financially support it.** Quite a few years ago the conference made the decision that camps should support themselves instead of relying on apportionment dollars. You can help support one of the camps, or you can give to the general camping fund which oversees all of the camps. You can also donate within Spearfish UMC to provide a week of camp for someone. Camping costs have gone up and some find it difficult to fund themselves. We can make a difference. The church has committed to paying half of the expenses, but you can offer to pay the other half. You can also support a specific project at one of the camps.
2. **You can volunteer.** Many parents work so taking time off to drive to camp is another expense. You can offer to make that commute. You can volunteer as a worker. Small projects are always needing to get done. Cleaning needs to happen. Cooking needs to happen. You can make a difference by asking what is needed and then offering services at every level.
3. **You can pray.** Prayers for our leaders, campers, and staff are needed especially during the summer but all year round.
4. **You can give a space for those campers who**

attend to tell their story. Be interested in their adventure and see how a person changed at camp can bring back some of that energy to our church.

5. **You can be support through letter writing.** How amazing would it be if every camper got a letter from someone in their home church with a note saying they are excited for them.
6. **You can use the camps.** Our camps host outside groups as a way to offer Christ to others. This means your quilting retreat can take place at camp. Your family reunion can take place at camp. Your yearly meeting can take place at camp. You can also set up a day-trip to tour and see how much has changed and how amazing it is.
7. **You can commit to sending campers.** There are family camps, elementary camps, middle-school camps, high-school camps, adult camps. There is a camp for everyone – and if not, maybe you just haven't invented it yet.

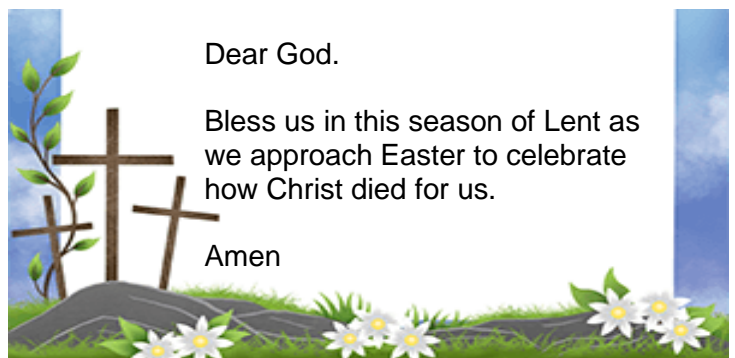
Support Lake Poinsett Camp, Storm Mountain Camp, and Wesley Acres Camp.



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 **Sunday, April 27 at 5pm** and will feature Strapatsada. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

Prayer Partners



“Be a Hero” Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive will be Monday April 28 from 11am till 5pm in Fellowship Hall. Please register by going online. Type www.donors.vitalant.org and enter the blood drive code-spearfish. Any questions please call Bill Keck at 605-390-2721. Thank you for saving a life.



Sympathy to the family of:

- *Arlys Smith* who died March 10, 2025. Her Memorial Service was held March 15 at the Spearfish United Methodist Church with Pastor Paul Lint officiating.



Donations for April needed are:

- Cereals
- Ramen Noodles
- Beef Stew
- Canned Chili
- Pork & Beans
- Canned Peaches



Mission of the Month

BH Foster Parent Association



The Black Hills Foster Parent Association has been around for 50 years. We did not get our 501C3 till 30 years ago.

As an association, our main desire is to encourage foster families. It is not an easy

journey that they have chosen to walk out. Sometimes children come so wounded that it is exhausting.

Classes are provided each month for foster families to obtain credit towards their annual license. Fun activities are provided throughout the year for families to

connect and to give them an opportunities to take a little break. School supplies are provided and help with extracurricular activities.

Our main purpose is to provide welcome bags for children when they come into care. Most of the time when they come into care, they come with only the clothes on their back. Often, they come in the middle of the night and that makes it challenging for them and for their new family if they have nothing with them.

In the welcome bags, we provide hygiene items, pajamas, a new outfit, underwear and socks, diapers and wipes, if necessary, and a new toy and book to let them know that they are special. So, we are always in need of items for our bags.



We need the following items:

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| • Duffel Bags (<i>new</i>) | • Diaper Bags (<i>new</i>) |
| • Diapers | • Wipes |
| • Shampoo (<i>travel size</i>) | • Conditioner (<i>travel size</i>) |
| • Toothpaste (<i>travel size</i>) | • Body Wash (<i>travel size</i>) |
| • Body Wash (<i>for babies</i>) | • Deodorant (<i>travel size</i>) |
| • Brushes | • Combs |
| • Hair Accessories | • Socks (<i>all sizes</i>) |
| • Underwear (<i>all sizes</i>) | • Little Toys |
| • New Books | • Stuffed Animals (<i>new</i>) |
| • Little items for teenagers | |

Cash donations are always welcome to be able to purchase items as needed. Thank you so much for supporting this mission of the month.

Thank You!



Many thanks for the support the congregation has given to the Spearfish Cooperative Preschool through your generous financial donations as well as donations of school supply items, along with countless toilet paper and paper towel tubes! The month of March provided a shower of blessings to the teachers and students.



Terry & Sheila Powell
Kelvin & Kathy Lower
Roger & Beth Garrett
Gordon & Chari Hogsett

01/01~58 yrs.
04/10~43 yrs.
04/25~38 yrs.
04/28~35 yrs.



Cheryl Voorhis	04-01	Keith Haiar	04-19
Jarrett Smith	04-02	MayBelle Loux	04-22
Lanny Swisher	04-03	David Ayer	04-23
Roger Garrett	04-03	Warren Johnson	04-24
Felicia Beltman	04-04	Gordon Hogsett	04-25
Theo Grosz	04-06	Sandra Asheim	04-26
Alyssa Warns-Louks	04-07	Charlie Hennessey	04-26
Katelyn Smith	04-08	Linda Stratton	04-28
Robb Harrington	04-09	Rylee Niesent	04-28
Sonya Albers	04-10	Bob Davis	04-29
Charlotte Schmidt	04-11	Steve Peters	04-29
Shirley Doten	04-13	Emma McKirdy-Wilsey	04-29
Mary Ann Sheldon	04-14	Ailie Fischer	04-29
Bode Beltman	04-14	Jay Adrion	04-30
Linda Lueders	04-17	Ida West	04-30
Jean Downing	04-17		



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 March

Adult Studies	\$ 309.00
Camping Scholarships	100.00
Yoga Charity Fund	585.00
Honduras VIM Fund	3,790.00
Carr Education Center (CEC)	380.00
Children First Scholarships	291.86
KC Phillips Memorial	1,000.00
Arllys Smith Memorial	555.00
Ukraine UMC Mission	50.00
Solar Ovens	25.00
UMCOR	90.00
Spearfish Coop Preschool	1,475.00
Youth Fund	10.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,660.86

Special Funds for March

Benevolence Fund	\$ 10.00
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UMC Help Fund	210.26
TOTAL	\$ 220.26

Worship Attendance for Mar.: 604 (Avg./Wk=151) (4 wks)

On-Line Attendance for Mar.: 633 (Avg./Wk=211) (3 wks)

E-Giving is EASY

We have added another easy way to E-Give to the church. **VENMO** is convenient, you just need to Scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone. Make your gift.



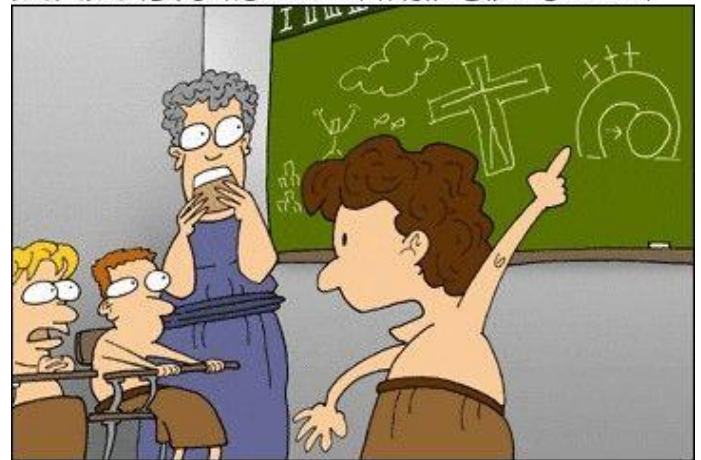
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We still have **VANCO** where you set up to give on a regular basis.

If you have any questions about giving in this manner, contact Mary Tracy at the church (605) 642-3457 or at finance@spearfishumc.org.

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Thanks to Rowena

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JESUS BLOWS SOME MINDS ON "WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP" DAY



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Sunday Worship:

“The Gathering” ~ 9:00 a.m.

“Sunday School” – 10:00 a.m.

“The Sanctuary” ~ 11:00 a.m.

Nursery care/Van rides to worship

CD's of worship

Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

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



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