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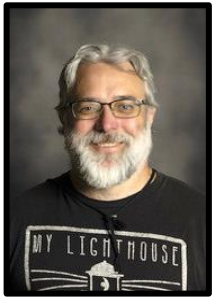
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## **Pondering Prayerfully with the Pastor Paul**

### **Acts 10:1-36**

I have heard many people complain about “young people” or “this generation” or some other reference to people not as mature as they are. The complaints often have to do with work ethic or care for others and often mention smart phones and intentional isolation. I wonder how many of these people who make such comments have made the effort to spend time listening and sharing life and stories with those they complain about.

The story of Cornelius and Peter found in the 10th chapter of Acts is one of the theme scriptures for this summer’s camp curriculum and I was blessed to walk alongside some of those young people of this generation as we learned about this interesting and challenging story. In between long hikes in the beautiful Black Hills, intense (yet friendly and encouraging toward “old people” trying our best) games of volleyball, delicious meals, and team-building, we learned about what it meant for us to listen to God and let God’s dreams challenge us to change the world. None who experienced the way this group rallied together to stain fences, decks, and cabins would ever believe that these amazing disciples didn’t want to work. None who sat and listened to their explanations of the ways they felt God calling them to create more just systems, stand up for those who feel silenced, or put their time and energy in healing the division of our current world would dare to claim that even one of these children of God didn’t care about others.

After walking with a group that spent a week together learning how to be in relationship with others who thought and felt differently while challenging and encouraging each other to live lives that make a difference with a God who loves them and fills them with the gifts and power to serve well, I spent a few days with another group of those “young people,” of “this generation.” The new youth leaders of your Conference Council on Youth Ministries are taking the mantle and trusting God to use them to inspire and guide others on

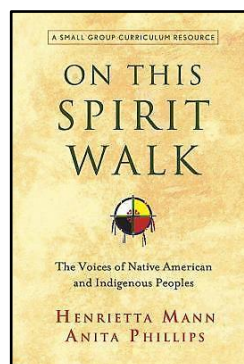
their spiritual journeys. I rejoice that “this generation” of “young people” are already leading and allowing God to move them in ways that will change the Church and transform the world.

We may not always understand what you say or want to follow what you do as you follow Jesus because it is uncomfortable or weird, but God clearly is calling and using you and what God calls clean I will not call unclean. Go with God to turn the world upside down.

*Pastor Paul*



## **Study “On This Spirit Walk”**



We often find comfort in our own perspective on pretty much everything. Trying to understand what others see and experience can seem like either a waste of time or impossible to accomplish so we don’t try.

Over the next few weeks, we will intentionally listen to voices from First Peoples of the continent we live upon to better understand who we are, what our values say

about each of us, how we relate to others, and what it means to tell stories or the story.

While we each have something to bring to this conversation we will first be listening to voices from various tribes and nations who will open the scriptures to us in a unique and beautiful way. Along this Spirit Walk, we will be challenged and will be invited to see the world from a different perspective or even many different perspectives.

Many of our small groups will be reading and



discussing the material and ideas of this book along with the Biblical texts that are lifted up in each chapter.

We will follow the first 4 chapters as a worship series, possibly coming back to the rest of the book for a second series in the future. If you would like a copy, they are available for \$20 in the church office.

## New Bible Study

On Tuesday, August 5 at 1:30 PM Mary Hayenga will begin a new Bible Study at her home located at 574 Flat Top Circle. Contact her at (605) 380-2151 or at [mhayenga@nvc.net](mailto:mhayenga@nvc.net) if you have questions or need directions.



**Sunday, September 14 at 11:00 AM**

There will be a combined worship with Spearfish United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ in Spearfish at the Band Shell in the City Park. Lunch will be provided for everyone in the big shelter next to the Band Shell. This is not a potluck.

Pastor Paul Lint and Pastor Randy Hedge will both be leading worship together. Music will be provided by musicians from both churches. Everyone is welcome!

## Resignation Letter from Melissa Raad

*The Children First Board of Directors and the Staff Parish Relations Committee have accepted the resignation of Children First Director, Melissa Raad. The search for a new director is underway. The open position is posted on Indeed.com.*

It is with a heavy heart that I submit this letter as formal notice of my resignation from my position as director of Children First. Due to Sarah's devastating situation, my heart is broken, and my mind is unable to give my job the focus and dedication needed. My last day of employment has yet to be determined, as I have agreed to remain on staff as long as needed to ensure a new director is fully trained and comfortable taking over. The continued success of Children First is very important to me, as are the employees, the children, and their families and I am willing to continue to offer help for as long as needed.

This job has been such a blessing for me, and God has used it to stretch me and grow my faith in Him. I believe that all I have learned from the children and from all those I have worked with, been on committees with, laughed with, prayed with, and cried with. I am a better person than when I started due to all those who have touched my life in the past 17 years. I am grateful for the opportunities and experiences I have had during my time here. Working with such a dedicated team has been both inspiring and rewarding.

I will do my utmost to ensure a smooth transition of my responsibilities before my departure. I leave with deep appreciation and heartfelt gratitude. Children First will remain in my heart and prayers always.

Peace and Blessings,  
Melissa S. Raad (July 15, 2025)



## Melissa Raad & Sarah Hazledine



Melissa Raad and Sarah Hazledine have served 17 years as the leaders of Children First. We thank you both for your passion for children and their families. Thank you for your cooperation and patience with individuals and committees of Spearfish UMC. Children First has an outstanding reputation due to the hard work of you and your staff. May God be with you now and in the months and years ahead.



Do you enjoy singing but don't want to attend a mid-week rehearsal? Summer Choir is for you! Gather in the choir room at 10:30 am on Sunday morning to learn an accessible song for performance during worship. All ages and abilities are welcome!

## Congregational Care Ministry (CCM)

*Come, take the bread; Come, drink the wine;  
Come, share the Lord*

During the first weekend of each month, we celebrate Holy Communion during our three worship services. Our communion team members make sure that bread and juice are purchased, bread is cut and placed on serving trays, juice poured into cups, and all placed on the altar. The Saturday team member prepares for Saturday night and the 9:00 AM Sunday service. The Sunday team member clears after the 9:00 AM service, prepares for the 11:00 AM service, and then cleans after.

New team members are always welcome to join this ministry to prepare Holy Communion for our services. The more people that help, the more people bless the communion service. If you would like to know more or would like to become a team member, please contact Chris Davis at [clDavis57@hotmail.com](mailto:clDavis57@hotmail.com) or (218) 340-5610.

## United Women in Faith (UWF)

Join us for a Planning Meeting on **Saturday, August 2** at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.



## Native American Awareness Workshop



**Saturday, August 16** in the Fellowship Hall a Continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. with a program from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

All are invited to this special morning of community-building. With a presentation on Native Spirituality by Lily Mendoza, a dive into scripture, an exploration of our Dakotas tribal groups, and a collaborative art project (no artistic talent needed!), we will learn about living in love and hope with our Native neighbors. This is a free event, open to all (not just our church members), and a free-will offering will be taken.

## Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading "*New Mercies*" by Sandra Dallas. The group will meet on **Monday, August 11** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

## Children, Youth & Family Ministry (CYFM)

Looking ahead with families and volunteers in mind, we're already planning for **Fall Sunday School, which starts back up on Sunday, September 7th!** We've missed our kiddos and can't wait to dive into another year of joyful learning through music, crafts, games, and stories centered on God's Word. **Please let us know if you're interested in helping with our younger or older kids Sunday Schools**, as Katelyn Smith prepares everything and just needs some joyful helpful hands to aid in making the magic happen for our kids and families!

Also: Mark your calendars for more details later – the following week on **Sunday, September 14th, our worship team will be joining the United Church of Christ community for a Park Fall Kickoff Worship at 11AM.** Sunday School will still take place from 10–11AM, but families are welcome to pick up children a bit early to head over to the park event.

And as always, if you'd like to get more involved with our family and children-based events and activities, whether it's through our **9:20–10:00 AM Children's Sunday School (starting again on September 7th)**, Children's Sermons during worship, seasonal events, or by attending our **CYFM committee meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 7PM**, please don't hesitate to reach out. **You can email Katelyn at [workksmith@gmail.com](mailto:workksmith@gmail.com) or call/text 419-296-5723.**

Thank you for being a vital part of our mission. We hope your summer is filled with laughter, adventure, and blessings — and we can't wait to see you and your families soon! **Let's make this summer one full of faith, fun, and fellowship!** 🚗❤️

## United Methodist Men



United Methodist Men (UMM) are **NOT** meeting in August. We will resume meeting on Saturday, September 6 at 8:00 AM with breakfast and fellowship.

On Saturday, July 5, the UMM served breakfast to 18 Sasquatch baseball team members. Good food was shared by all.

*God Bless,  
Kelvin Lower, UMM President*

## Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** 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.

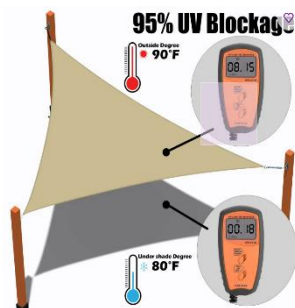


## Children First Update

Children First would like to thank everyone who donated or purchased auction items at our Summer Solstice Gala or donated money to Children First! We would also like to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful board members for all the work they put in to make the Gala happen!

Over \$3,000.00 was raised and we are so grateful! We plan to use the funds to purchase and install some shade sails on our playground, similar to the photo. We are in the process of researching options so we can present something to the trustees for approval.

The children LOVE to be outside and having extra shade for the very hot days or UV protection for their delicate skin will make outdoor time much more enjoyable. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!



## Church Picnic Fun

The church picnic held at Evans Park on Sunday, July 20 was well attended. Good food was provided for all to enjoy.





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, August 17 at 5pm** and will feature Japanese Curry. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

## Thank You

Thank you to all those who helped cut and sew for Solar Oven potholders and bags. We were able to deliver 232 wonderful potholders and 48 bags for the upcoming shipment. You have blessed many future solar oven cooks with your skills and caring.



*Gloria Borgman and Solar Oven Partners*

## Prayer Partners



O God. Guide us as we transition to a new phase for Children First. May your will be done as we seek a new director and administrative assistant to guide the staff, children and families of Children First.

Bless the spirit of vision and caring for those who laid the foundation for use of an old school building: Rev. Grace E. Huck, Shirley Doten, Dnyee Swisher, Laura Lloyd-Smith, Bev Carr, Pastor Dar Berkenpas, Ron borgman and many others who saw early childhood education as a labor of love.



### Sympathy to the families of:

- *Mariagnes Caron* who passed away June 21, 2025, and whose private graveside service with Pastor Paul Lint was held at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

- *Max Durgin* who passed away June 17, 2025, and whose memorial service was held July 11 at United Church of Christ in Spearfish with Pastor Paul Lint officiating.



## Donations for August needed are:

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| • Cereals                 | • Canned Peaches   |
| • Kidney Beans            | • Chili Beans      |
| • Canned Mixed Vegetables | • Canned Spaghetti |
| • Canned Ravioli          | • Ketchup          |



### *Mission of the Month*

## Senior Nutrition Center & Meals on Wheels

Spearfish Nutrition Site and Meals on Wheels have been providing food to people in our community for over 40 years.

The Spearfish Nutrition Site provides a meal for a small fee to anyone in the community from 11:00-1:00 during the week at The Hickory House. Seniors over 60 years old are asked to donate whatever they are able, but payment is not necessary for them to receive a meal.



Meals on Wheels prepares meals which are delivered to homes by volunteer drivers. People who are homebound are the recipients of these very important meals. The Meals on Wheels program is looking for drivers. If you are interested in helping deliver meals, call Gayle Bercier at (605) 642-1277 or email at [gbercier@4-evergreen.net](mailto:gbercier@4-evergreen.net).

Funds raised this month through your donations will be used to help pay the operating expenses for this much needed service to our community. With the cost of groceries rising, our support is much appreciated.





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|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Bob & Laura Oliver                | 08/03~51 yrs. |
| Jordan Louks & Alyssa Warns Louks | 08/08~10 yrs. |
| Vaughn & Peggy Heckel             | 08/09~50 yrs. |
| Dave & Cindy Burris               | 08/09~45 yrs. |
| Terry & Dyan Nagel                | 08/12~53 yrs. |
| Bill & Peggy Bosch                | 08/13~47 yrs. |
| Ross & Alyssa English             | 08/15~13 yrs. |
| Kenneth & Jessica Ellerton        | 08/18~24 yrs. |
| Nathan & Janna Swanson            | 08/18~13 yrs. |
| Riley & Barbara Chrisman          | 08/20~59 yrs. |
| Eric & Heather Schmidt            | 08/20~9 yrs.  |
| Ron & Gloria borgman              | 08/21~59 yrs. |
| Bob & Carolyn Baker               | 08/22~65 yrs. |
| Don & Bobbi Looney                | 08/23~51 yrs. |
| Steve & Donna Peters              | 8/24~51 yrs.  |
| Rex & Rilea Moyer                 | 08/26~43 yrs. |
| Rod & Kay Fuhrer                  | 08/31~48 yrs. |



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|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Allison Jensen          | 08-01 | Don Wood           | 08-22 |
| Wayne Lueders           | 08-03 | Elizabeth Hubbard  | 08-22 |
| Barb Brady              | 0803  | John Tollison      | 08-23 |
| Marci Stanford          | 08-06 | Barry Penn         | 08-23 |
| Addy Lint               | 08-09 | Lori Kunka         | 08-24 |
| Jalen Holt              | 08-13 | Bob Cline          | 08-24 |
| Atalie Foltz            | 08-16 | JoAnna Loux        | 08-26 |
| Jordan Louks            | 08-19 | Kim Tollison       | 08-27 |
| Wyatt Ross              | 08-19 | Eric Jennings      | 08-28 |
| Bob Oliver              | 08-20 | Jodi Penn          | 08-30 |
| Charlie Pierson         | 08-20 | Ben McKirdy-Wilsey | 08-30 |
| McIntyre McKirdy-Wilsey | 08-20 | Lane Keil          | 08-31 |
| Melissa Raad            | 08-22 | Lexi Burtzlaff     | 08-31 |



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 July

|                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Church Fundraiser           | \$ 130.00            |
| Adult Studies               | 420.00               |
| Children First ERC Income   | 50,592.64            |
| Yoga Charity Fund           | 372.00               |
| Trustee Emergency Fund      | 165.00               |
| ERC Future Needs Income     | 30,060.19            |
| Carr Education Center (CEC) | 380.00               |
| ERC Income                  | 14,512.45            |
| Children First Gala         | 96.00                |
| Lyle Harvey Memorial        | 1,415.00             |
| "KC" Phillips Memorial      | 500.00               |
| Clothe-A-Kid                | 3,345.00             |
| Solar Ovens                 | 25.00                |
| UMCOR                       | 1,080.00             |
| Youth Fund                  | 10.00                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>\$ 103,103.28</b> |

### Special Funds for July

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Benevolence Fund | \$ 10.00         |
| UMC Help Fund    | 450.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>\$ 460.00</b> |

**Worship Attendance for July:** 563 (Avg./Wk=141) (4 wks)

**On-Line Attendance for July:** 488 (Avg./Wk=244) (2 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.



**venmo**



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](mailto:finance@spearfishumc.org).



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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.

E-mail Addresses:



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



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