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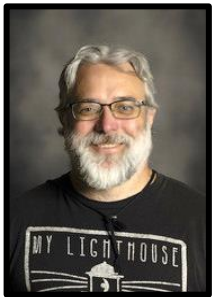
**Spearfish United Methodist Church**

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## **Prayerfully Ponderings of Pastor Paul**

### **The Gift of Education**

I grew up in a family and community that valued education and encouraged expertise and mastery of skills. I never thought of that as controversial. My parents often reminded me that if I was going to do something, I might as well do it correctly. The following verses from the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Proverbs (2 and 15) are a good framework for why we encourage education from our littlest ones at Coop Preschool and Children First and similar early learning centers through the independent and informal learning we see in the elders of our community.

*Fools find no pleasure in understanding,  
but only in expressing their opinion.  
An understanding mind gains knowledge;  
the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. (CEB)*

There are people in our world who are discouraging education and limiting access to education out of fear and misunderstandings. We do not fund education for all at a level that witnesses to the value of developing knowledge and understanding. We question the value of public libraries and public media.

I rejoice that we live in our communities with HIGH QUALITY public education, well-used and well-supported public libraries, several quality private education opportunities, and a university that enriches the lives of not only the students who enroll but our whole community. The continued access to education and support for learning opportunities by the people of this region shows understanding and wisdom. Our future as a community, as a church, as a state, as a country, as a global community is better when everyone is educated to a high level.

Jesus was a Rabbi, a teacher, and had the heart of a teacher. May we as the Body of Christ in the world have that same heart. May we celebrate those who teach. May we pray for those who teach, those who create and maintain systems and buildings where teaching and learning occur, and those who seek knowledge of all ages

and situations. May we support a wide variety of ways that people can learn and rejoice when we and others grow in understanding.

*Teach the wise, and they will become wiser;  
inform the righteous, and their learning will  
increase. (Proverbs 9:9 CEB)*

*Pastor Paul*



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 on **Sunday, September 14 at 11:00 AM**. There will not be a 9:00 AM Worship. 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!

## **Welcome!**

Spearfish UMC welcomes Nicole (McCourt) Martz as the new director of Children First. She will be the “new kid on the block” since Children First is owned by the church and all staff of the



church and Children First are employees of the church. This block is the UMC campus.

Nicole is a passionate advocate of early childhood education and has worked in a variety of daycare settings. She is currently active in Rotary and a board member of Northern Hills CASA (court appointed special advocates). She volunteers at Grace Fellowship educating about 10-15 children, ages 3-10 years old.

Wisconsin was her home where she started as an Early Childhood Education student. At BHSU, she graduated with a Business Management degree. Nicole will be getting married Sept. 20, 2025, to Gavin Martz. Congratulations.

Welcome Nicole—from Children First families and Spearfish UMC families.

## Welcome Time for Nicole Martz

It's time to celebrate a new director for Children First, Nicole Martz. Sept. 6 & 7 worship services will include a time to get to know Nicole. Plan to attend fellowship time Saturday after worship or Sunday at 10:00 AM for a meet and greet opportunity.

The Mission of the month each September is for Children First. The specific need this fall is for scholarship funds to assist families who can afford part of the tuition fee but need some assistance. Please give generously.

Children First Board and the Staff-Parish Relations Committee will host the two fellowship gatherings.



## Bobbi Looney

Thank you to Bobbi for the decorations on the Fellowship Hall tables, along with partner Jayne Brenneisen. Bobbi is an active member of the Children First Board and Staff-Parish Relations Committee. She has been the primary person to seek and secure a new director at Children First. Trivia: she is a Juneke, cousin of Dennis Suiter and attends worship at 5:30 on Saturdays. She and her husband Don are retired BHSU faculty members.



## Rummage Sale

September 12 & 13

It's time to gather up your unwanted items for a Rummage Sale! UMC and Children First will have a combined sale. The sale hours are Friday 9-5:00 PM and Saturday 8-12:00 PM. We will be collecting gently used items including household items and children's items. We will not accept adult clothing, electronics, tires, appliances, TV's or mattresses. The "Bag Sale" will be the last part of Saturday morning, and everything in a bag will be \$2.

Donations may be brought to the church starting Monday, September 8. For more information contact Jeanette Keck at (605) 390-3068.



## Homemade Christmas Ornaments



Lane Keil would love some help making homemade Christmas Ornaments for a church event for the holidays. Anyone that would be willing to make 5 or more ornaments, please contact Lane at (605)

499-8732 or let Orvette in the church office know. The ornaments can be quilted, crocheted, embroidered, felt, wooden, painted or any other idea you may have. The goal is to have 200 ornaments. Thank you.

## Congregational Care Ministry

*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)

United Women in Faith started our 2025-26 season with a Native American Awareness Workshop in August. We learned about our Indigenous neighbors in South Dakota, recognizing that we are living on borrowed land.



Our theme for the 2025-26 school year is Soul Care! Soul Care teaches us to care for your whole person—body, mind, and spirit. Each month, we will have an event that focuses on one aspect of Soul Care, such as Visioning, Thankfulness, and Joy.

For our September event, we will meet on Sept. 20th at 9:30 AM in the UMC library for fellowship, a discussion on Belonging, and a craft. Please come over to care for ourselves and get creative with friends!

## Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading "*The Summer of Songbirds*" by Kristy Woodson Harvey. The group will meet on **Monday, September 8** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

## Bell Choir Starting Up

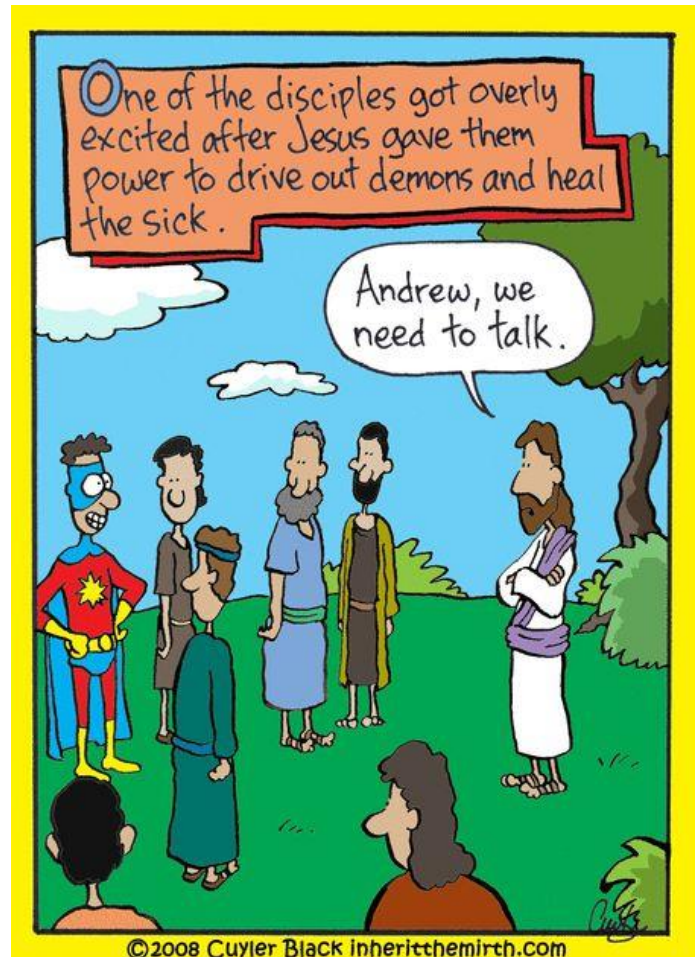
I can hear a far-off ding-a-ling which means it is time to start up the Bell Choir for the year. Our first rehearsal will be on **Sunday, August 21** following the worship services or by 12:30 pm at the latest.



If you have apprehensions about joining, there are seasoned members as well as the director who are willing to help you learn. Contact Kevin Nakajima for more information at [kevinmasanaka@gmail.com](mailto:kevinmasanaka@gmail.com) or (605) 210-3984.

## Background Check

Do you need a background check? If you work with children, youth or vulnerable adults for Spearfish United Methodist Church, you need a background check. See Pastor Paul to complete it.



## Church Committees

Talk to Pastor Paul if you have an interest to serve on specific church committees or to be replaced from any committee. Contact Orvette in the church office if you would like a list of committees and who the members are.

## CYFM September Update Back to School & Sunday School

Here at Spearfish United Methodist Church, our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries (CYFM) committee continues to joyfully create meaningful opportunities for families to gather, grow in faith, and build lasting memories. Through each event and program, we aim to deepen the bonds within our church family and extend God's love in fun, welcoming, and practical ways to the wider community.

We had a wonderful turnout at this year's Summer Family Block Party & Vacation Bible School! From bouncy castles and messy science fun to heartfelt stories and crafts, our "*On the Road with God*" VBS theme took us on an incredible journey together. We're so grateful to all the families and volunteers who made this 4-day



celebration of faith and community possible. Whether your family joined us for one night or all of them, we hope your hearts were filled with joy and God's love.

Now, as we shift gears into **Back-to-School season**, we're excited to continue journeying together through **Sunday School**, which starts back up on **Sunday, September 7th from 10:00am–11:00AM!** 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 – the following week on **Sunday, September 14th, our worship team will be joining the UCC church for a Park Fall Kickoff Worship at 11AM.** Sunday School will take place at that time instead of our normal time at Spearfish Park's band shell with food, a story, music and a craft before enjoying some time on the playground. We hope to see you there!

Lastly, as always, if you'd like to get more involved with our family and children-based events and activities, whether it's through our Children's Sunday School, 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 start to the school year will be filled with joy, community, love, and blessings — and we can't wait to see you and your families soon! Let's make this new school year one full of faith, fun, and fellowship!

## United Methodist Men



United Methodist Men (UMM) meetings are resuming after our summer break and are scheduled for September 6 & 20 at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall with breakfast and fellowship.

*God Bless,  
Kelvin Lower, UMM President*

## Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, September 11<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.



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, September 21 at 5pm** and will feature *Apple Cider Pork Roast* and *Fondant Potatoes*. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.



## Melissa Raad's Birthday

The Children First Board members celebrated Melissa's birthday at Guadalajara's in August. A fun time was had by all attendees.

## Thank You

Thank you to Yvonne Adrion for her many years of service on the Children First Board of Directors. She began 17 years ago and was a member of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee to represent the 2000-2025 staff of UMC at Children First. May God bless you.

*Children First Board*

## Prayer Partners

Dear God,

Thank you for your love and care and guidance. Be with Pastor Paul and the Lint family. Bless all God's children as they begin a new school year—infants, waddlers, toddlers, preschoolers and those in elementary, middle school, high school and college. Guide each one physically, mentally, emotionally to grow to be more like Christ. Be with family and friends, caregivers and teachers as we all help to nurture each child. Amen.



### Sympathy to the family of:

- *Floyd "Buzz" Stiles, Jr.* who passed away June 8, 2025, and whose private graveside service with Pastor Paul Lint was held at Black Hills National Cemetery.



### September Donations:

- Jelly
- Rice
- Elbow Macaroni
- Pancake Syrup
- Peanut Butter
- Spaghetti
- Pancake Mix

## Spearfish Community Pantry Needs Donations



The Spearfish Pantry expenses have exceeded its income every month this year except for the month of June. That means that our emergency fund is being reduced more each month. If this continues, the amount of food

given to each family will have to be reduced again.

In April the board of directors voted to discontinue purchasing pancake mix, syrup, pudding and Jell-o, cookies, jelly and bread and to buy only 2# flour and sugar. Produce purchases not from Feeding SD were reduced to apples, oranges and baby carrots only and meat purchases to hot dogs only. We are able to get ground beef, chicken, potatoes and onions from Feeding South Dakota as of yet.

The pantry desperately needs not only increased monetary donations but also donations of the food items that have been discontinued, especially pancake mix, syrup and jelly.

New families keep coming to the pantry each month, so our numbers keep increasing. The first 6 months of this year have seen an increase in families of 22% over the same period in 2024.

Please bring a check or food items to the church to help the food pantry continue to meet the needs of the hungry in our community.

## Spearfish Food Pantry Urgently Needs Help

The Spearfish food pantry is in need of increased funding to meet the food needs of the hungry in our community. New families are coming every month so more food is needed. Costs have outpaced donations received for 5 out of the first 6 months of this year.

Because of this some items have already been eliminated from our boxes and more may have to be if this continues.

Please help the pantry by either bringing money or a check written to UMC with Food Pantry in the memo or bring food items such as pancake mix, pancake syrup or jelly (especially grape) to the church office basket. Thank you.





## Mission of the Month Children First Scholarships

- FIRST**, with JOY and PRAYER-FILLED CELEBRATION, let's take a moment to thank **Melissa Raad** for her many years of exceptional leadership at Children First. We wish her all the best in the next phase of her life. ❤️
- SECOND**, with JOY and PRAYER-FILLED CELEBRATION, let's take a moment to welcome Nicole Martz as Children First's new Director. Please join us in doing all we can to help her feel welcome and supported. 🤝
- THIRD**, with JOY and PRAYER-FILLED CELEBRATION, let's take this month to be especially grateful for the children and their families that attend Children First, and 🔍 focus on ways we can support them.



One of the ways is through the Scholarship Program at Children First. More specific information about the Scholarship Program and Funding will be shared throughout this month.

For now, start saving your loose change, and more, as the weekend of September 20/21 there will be a **NOISY OFFERING** collected at each of the services to support the scholarship fund!!

Thanks in advance for all you do!



Stan Smith & Laura Lloyd-Smith	09/03~31 yrs.
Gary & Angie Smith	09/05~33 yrs.
Bill Lundgren & Bev Hill	09/09~26 yrs.
Ryan & Jessica Jennings	09/12~16 yrs.
Craig & Michelle Triplett	09/12~10 yrs.
Marty & Chris Davis	09/15~46 yrs.
Kyle & Felicia Beltman	09/18~5 yrs.
Roman & Jennifer Roberts	09/20~31 yrs.
Drew Huisken & Molly Hall-Martin	09/21~1 yr.



Gloria Borgman	09-01	Nathan Swanson	09-17
Don Hammerquist	09-01	Anna Eisenbarth	09-17
Clara Arnold	09-05	Fahbia Ahmed	09-18
Sharon Culbertson	09-05	Owen Haiar	09-19
Tobi Miller-Ayer	09-05	Haroe Swanson	09-19
Michelle Triplett	09-05	Dyan Nagel	09-20
Clara English	09-05	Erik Foltz	09-21
Sherry Haiar	09-06	Ardan Fischer	09-22
Donna Peters	09-07	Jim Hesson	09-23
Christine Pierson	09-08	Rilea Moyer	09-24
Caleb Stricker	09-09	Xander Triplett	09-24
Colleen McKirdy	09-10	Everett Follette	09-25
Parker Louks	09-10	Racann Mettler	09-25
Ron Borgman	09-13	Mary Goerlich	09-27
Monica Ingalls	09-15	Paul Sheffield	09-28
Dennis Suiter	09-17	Janna Swanson	09-28
Rod Garnett	09-17	Zoey Stricker	09-28



**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 August

Grief Share Income	\$ 200.00
Yoga Charity Fund	572.00
Carr Education Center (CEC)	380.00
Children First Scholarships	50.00
Clothe-A-Kid	600.00
Solar Ovens	25.00
Senior Nutrition	1,403.00
Youth Fund	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,240</b>

#### Special Funds for August

Benevolence Fund	\$ 110.00
UMC Help Fund	70.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 180.00</b>

**Worship Attendance for Aug.:** 533 (Avg./Wk=133) (4 wks)

**On-Line Attendance for Aug.:** 329(Avg./Wk=329) (3 wks)

## Treasurer's Corner



Fall is the season when the church reviews the past and plans for the new year. Our Annual Charge Conference is on Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We celebrate the church's past generosity and look forward to the many ministries of

our church and how to support our staff, members and mission programs. This church in the past has met the many financial challenges to maintain the Church, Carr Education Center and parsonage. Now we are preparing the budget for 2026.

This time of year, we also learn what our insurance costs will be starting August 21, 2025 through August 20, 2026. The annual premium will be \$68,500. This is an increase of over \$9,000 from last year, with a huge portion (over \$16,000 for wind and hail coverage) due in August 2025. Please give as you are able now and as you estimate your giving for 2026.

Thank you for all the ways you serve and support this church. Please consider how you can contribute time, talents and monetary resources for the church as we meet the future together

## 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](mailto:finance@spearfishumc.org).

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(See Genesis 6-8)

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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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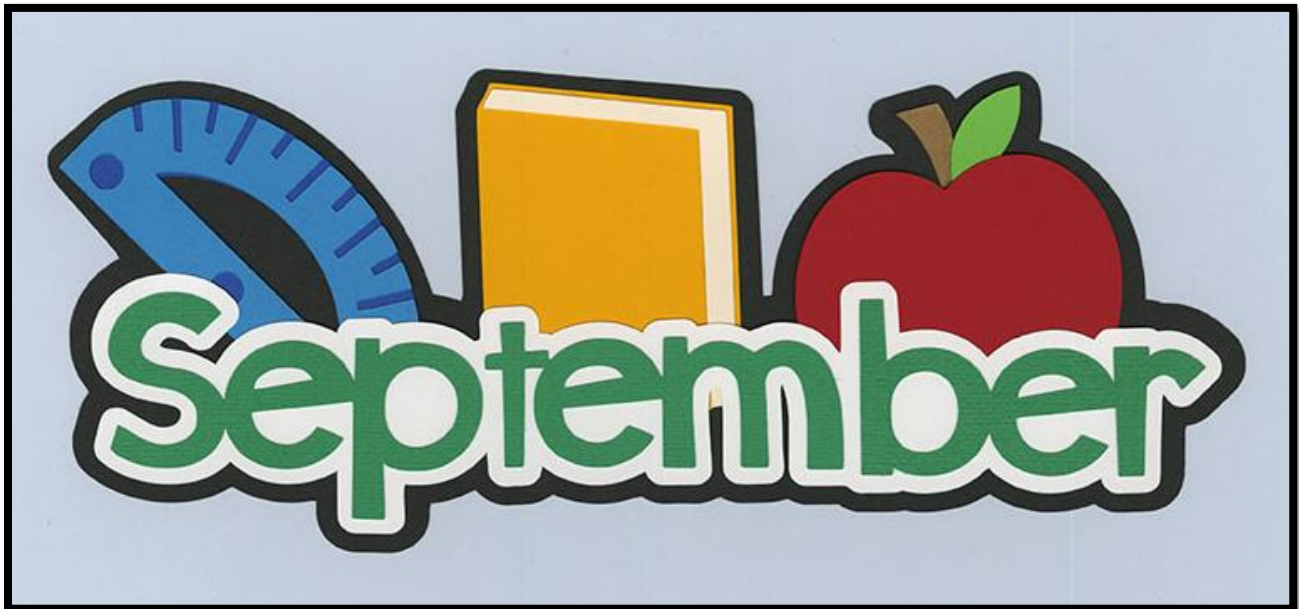
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