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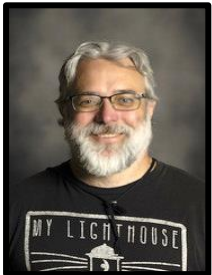
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Prayerfully Ponderings of Pastor Paul

The Snooze Button

Luke 9:59-62

What kind of roommate are you or were you. Often there is one in every family or in every dorm room that loves the snooze button. Every 9 minutes for an hour the intentionally jarring tone of the alarm goes off to remind them it is time to wake up only to have them hit the snooze button AGAIN. I am not that kind of person, or at least I like to think that I am not. In the gospel of Luke chapter 9, Jesus speaks to a few people who are seen as potential followers of Jesus. Two of them want to push the snooze button. “But first” they have other things they want to do.



**SNOOZE
BUTTON!**

How often have we felt the nudge or heard the cry and thought, “now is not a good time”? Jesus calls us and opens our eyes to things that are happening right now and that is the opportunity to respond. It may seem harsh that Jesus is persistent that these potential disciples must act now, but as someone who has to get up after the first alarm and someone who must get up and do the chore as soon as I think of it or it likely will be forgotten, I understand Jesus’ urgency.

As I said before I thought that I was not one of those people, but just today I made several excuses for not joining the yoga group. Every day, several times a day, I push the button to ignore my watch when it reminds me how many steps I still need to take that hour to reach my health goals. May we get up and move when Christ calls us. May we move when the Spirit says move. May we wake up to all that the Creator lays before us each day. The alarm is beeping, your wrist is buzzing, and there are new opportunities right now to share God’s love in the world.

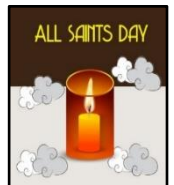
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All Saints Day

November 1 & 2

You’re invited to bring pictures of friends and relatives who have passed to the church by Friday, Oct. 31, and we will place them on a table for people to see during communion services. Please put your name on the back of the pictures.



Fall Produce Needed for Altar Display

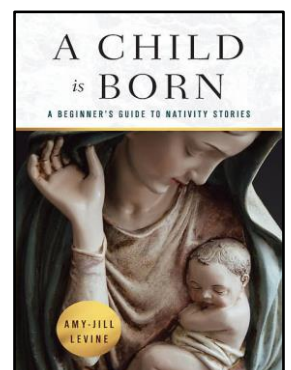


Pumpkins, squash, corn and gourds are needed for the November altar decorations (*no zucchini please*). Please bring your donations to the church office *by Thursday, Nov. 6* so that Dennis Suiter can create his display.

Advent Series and Study

It is beautiful how a new baby in a family, community, or church can shift the perspective so quickly. Advent is the New Year for the church so a change of perspective and a look toward the hope of new life is just what we need.

This year for our Advent Worship Series we will be guided by Amy-Jill Levine and her book *A*



Child Is Born. We will not only prepare ourselves for the newborn Jesus, but also get to reflect upon several birth stories in the Old Testament.

We have already ordered the books and are looking for small group leaders to come forward to let us know when you can lead a group. We would love to have some meeting in the church and others at homes or somewhere in the community. These classes can happen any day of the week and we hope that there are opportunities both during the workday and in the evenings as well as on the weekends.

If you are interested in leading a group or at least know you would like to be a participant in one of these groups please let Pastor Paul or the church office know when and what you would like to do.



Rod Garnett



Rod Garnett helps our church and community in many ways. His musical talents include playing several of his flutes with the praise groups at 5:30 and 9:00 worship at the church. He is part of a trio who play at the Spearfish Library each month

and Gamelan group and Taizé worship.

He serves our food pantry by transporting donations from Walmart routinely. Thank you, Rod.

Native American Spirituality Beliefs and Practices

This will be a presentation on **Saturday, November 8** at 7:00 PM at the church by Lily Mendoza who is an elder, matriarch and citizen of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe; a mother, grandmother, great grandmother, practicing Lakota Lifeways through ceremonies and Lakota teaching.



A soup supper will be served before the presentation at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall after the Blue Jeans worship. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Surviving the Holidays

Saturday, November 15th ~ 2-4 PM – UMC Library

What is Surviving the Holidays? This is a one-time, video-based event, designed to equip you with practical, biblical tools to navigate the holiday season. The video is about 35 minutes long, with expert teaching and real-life stories from people who understand grief.



Afterward, you'll have the opportunity for discussion and encouragement in a safe group setting.

Who is it for? Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. This is a safe and supportive environment where you can share your experiences with others who understand.

Helpful reminders for the holidays:

1. **Give yourself permission** – It's okay to say no and make changes this year.
2. **Plan ahead** – Decide in advance what you'll do and who you'll be with.
3. **Adjust traditions** – Keep, change, or create new traditions that bring peace.
4. **Care for yourself** – Rest, eat well, and allow space for quiet and reflection.
5. **Lean on support** – Stay connected to safe people and your church family.
6. **Hold on to hope** – "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted." (Psalm 34:18)

You are not alone. This holiday season may be difficult, but with God's help and the support of others, you can find strength and hope. Contact Kelvin Lower (307) 331 4619 or kelvinlower@gmail.com. Learn more at www.griefshare.org/holidays.

Emergency Food Bags

What would you do if you did not have money to get groceries? Do you know where you would be able to find help in Spearfish? Would you ASK someone to help you get food for 1-2 meals? Did you know that our church provides Emergency Food Bags for people who need a bit of help with meals?

Each bag holds a variety of non-perishable food items such as juice boxes, granola bars, fruit cups, cans of vegetables, crackers, plastic utensils, and napkins, and are stored in the church office until they are shared. The goal is to have at least five bags available each month. However, to have available bags, someone is needed to do the shopping, place the items in the bags, and bring the items to the church office.

A suggested list of food and distribution bags are already available. If you feel you could be "the hands" to help with this monthly ministry, please contact Chris Davis at 218-34-5610 or cldavis57@hotmail.com.

United Women in Faith (UWF)

Our United Women in Faith group is busy with Soul Care this year! We attended our conference's Annual Celebration at Canyon Lake UMC in Rapid City in early October with women from around the Dakotas. We also hosted our October meeting on vision. We talked about creating our individual visions and supporting them with goals. We then made vision boards!



Our group is preparing to attend the national UWF event, Assembly, in May 2026 in Indianapolis. We will join women from around the Dakotas and the country to grow our leadership and our call as women. We invite any women to join us, and we will be looking for sponsors and support for our trip!

Please join us at our next meeting on November 16th at 9:30 in the UMC library for a discussion and activity on thankfulness.

Children First

At Children First, October flew by with lots of activity and fun. We kicked off the month with a visit from the Children First Board for what we call "Breakfast Buddies". Parents and children got to enjoy a breakfast with our board in our multipurpose room. This was a true delight, and we thank our board for their involvement.



During that same week, we were visited by the Spearfish Fire Department. Children got to interact with both the firemen and women and a real-life firetruck! Throughout October, our 4- and 5-year-old classes were also visited by BHSU PE students and worked on lots of exercising skills. We then rounded out the month with a Picture Day and some Halloween dress up. October was filled with excitement, learning, and community connection. We're so grateful for the continued support from families, local partners, and our amazing staff.

As we head into November, we look forward to more opportunities to grow, play, and learn together at Children First.

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading "*The Stranger in the Lifeboat*" by Mitch Albom. The group will meet on **Monday, November 10** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.



Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, November 6** 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.



Bishop's Thanksgiving Offering



Each year, Thanksgiving invites us to pause, to notice God's abundant provision, and to respond with hearts of gratitude and generosity.

We are reminded that all we have—the resources we steward, the relationships we care for, the talents we engage, even the very breath in our body—is a gift from our Creator who tends the vast “farm of all creation.”

This year, as we reflect on the many blessings that sustain us, I invite you to consider how we might extend that blessing to our neighbors through the 2025 Thanksgiving Offering.

Across North and South Dakota, families are struggling to meet their most basic needs. Many are uncertain where their next meal will come from, how they will afford their heating bill this winter, or how to pay for critical medical care. When we pray, “Take our plowing, seeding, reaping, hopes and fears of sun and rain,” we are offering to God not just the fruit of our labor but our compassion for those whose harvests have been lean. We are praying that God would use our gifts—our time, our energy, our resources—to cultivate hope where scarcity has taken root.

As part of this year's Thanksgiving Offering, I encourage you and your congregation to give generously and serve faithfully. Consider partnering with local organizations in your community that address food insecurity, provide energy assistance, offer healthcare support, or meet other basic human needs. These are tangible expressions of God's love—ways of tending all of God's creation together.

May your gratitude this Thanksgiving overflow into acts of grace. May your table be full, your hearts be open, and your offering—of time, treasure, and love—become a prayer that ripens into God's abundance for all.



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, November 16 at 5pm** and will feature *Shepherd's Pie*. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men (UMM) meetings were held October 4th and 18th. Our October 4th meeting was at Perkins, our devotion was presented by Bill Lundgren, and scripture by Pastor Paul. The October 18th meeting was also held at Perkins due to the Kelly Wilsey funeral; the devotion was presented by Kelvin Lower.



The November meetings will be on the 1st and 15th from 8 am until about 9 am. Come join us for breakfast (usually scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, and pancakes or French Toast), fellowship and a short devotional.

*God Bless,
Kelvin Lower, UMM President*

Prayer Partners



Dear God,

Embrace us, O God, as we approach a season of outdoor cold but a spirit of warmth in relationships and thankfulness for your care and blessings. Amen.

Decorate Church for Christmas

On **Sunday, November 23** in the afternoon a group will be decorating the church for Christmas. Many hands are needed. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this time together in preparing for the holidays.



Sympathy to the family of:

- *Kelly Wilsey*, who passed away September 24, 2025, and whose services were held October 18 at Spearfish UMC officiated by Pastor Paul Lint and Pastor Scott McKirdy.



November Food Needs:

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit Cocktail
- Beef Broth
- Chunky Soups
- Chili Beans
- Applesauce
- Chicken Broth
- Tuna Helper
- Kidney Beans



Mission of the Month Winter Warm-Up

It's November and the weather is turning COLD. Most of us don't think much about it. Yes, we complain about it and then we put on our warm jackets, gloves and hats and away we go.



When working at the Help Fund on Tuesday and Thursday mornings we often see people that are without warm clothing. They have no warm coats or hats and gloves. Some are homeless and sleeping in their vehicles

and can use blankets or sleeping bags.

So, we have designated November as **WINTER WARM UP** as the Mission of the Month.

We need clean, used warm coats (all sizes), warm gloves, hats warm scarves, blankets or sleeping bags. Please check your closets for items you no longer use and bring them to the church office.

We who work for the Help Fund want to take this opportunity to say thank you for all you do to keep our doors open to those that need a little extra help. It "takes a village" and we couldn't do it without you.



Bonnie Witt



Sam & Sheri Perry
Raymond & Mariatu Vaughn
Scott & Colleen McKirdy
Don & Lane Keil

11/12~20 yrs.
11/22 ~ 12 yrs.
11/24~ 41 yrs.
11/28~55 yrs.



Alyce Schavone	11-02	Layton Loup	11-21
Donna Stanford	11-02	Carolyn Page	11-22
Kiynan Deane	11-05	Margie Hesson	11-22
Heather Schmidt	11-06	Mariatu Vaughn	11-22
Holden Ayer	11-06	Sandy Wellman	11-23
Connie Weisbeck	11-07	Vaughn Heckel	11-23
Patty Kruske	11-08	Ed Milnes	11-23
Rob Bentley	11-10	Craig Triplett	11-24
LyRic Swanson	11-10	Laura Oliver	11-25
Linnea Swanson	11-11	Lollie Meade	11-25
Lyle Ericsson	11-12	Peyton VanDeest	11-26
Pearl Swartz	11-12	Paul Pierson	11-27
Walter Hurd	11-12	Connie Hubbard	11-29
Becky Dorsett	11-13	Ryder Niesent	11-29
Sue Cole	11-16	Carrie Swanson	11-30
Susan Ellerton	11-19		



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 thru October 24

Food Pantry	\$ 100.00
Yoga Charity Fund	410.00
Carr Education Center (CEC)	380.00
Kelly Wilsey Memorial	100.00
Connie Nicholas Memorial	50.00

Backpack Program	1,480.00
Solar Ovens	25.00
Youth Fund	10.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,555.00

Special Funds thru October 24

Benevolence Fund	\$ 10.00
UMC Help Fund	310.00
TOTAL	\$ 320.00

Worship Attendance for Oct.: 412 (Avg./Wk=137) (3 wks)

Treasurer's Corner



As the year 2025 draws to a close we find the General Fund about \$25,000 in the red. We hope to be able to make up the deficit in November and December. Can you help?

The General Fund supports salaries for our dedicated staff, supports our programming (worship and music, Sunday School and Youth Group, fellowship and outreach, and more), supports building needs for the church and parsonage, supports office needs, supports our commitment to the Dakotas Conference which reaches out to the world in mission.

Our building needs are especially difficult to meet as costs of utilities and insurance continue to rise. We have to pay our utility bills otherwise we could not hold worship services and other church activities or offer our building to the various community groups that we serve (Co Op Preschool, AA, NA, blood drives, Clothe-A-Kid, and others). Insurance is also necessary. What would we have done without insurance a few years ago when the roofs of all three of our building were destroyed by hail? All but \$5,000 was covered for a \$200,000-plus price tag for replacing the roofs. Workers Compensation insurance is important as well. When Orvette fell and broke her shoulder while performing her office duties all her medical expenses were paid through our Workers Comp policy.

We understand that helping to pay for utilities and insurance may not feel as satisfying as, say, giving to a particular program or mission. But Spearfish United Methodist Church cannot support its many missions to the congregation, the community, and the world unless its operating account – the General Fund – is in good order. You can help meet our necessary expenses by giving generously to the General Fund as we near the end of another amazing year of doing God's work. Your help is much appreciated.

E-Giving is EASY

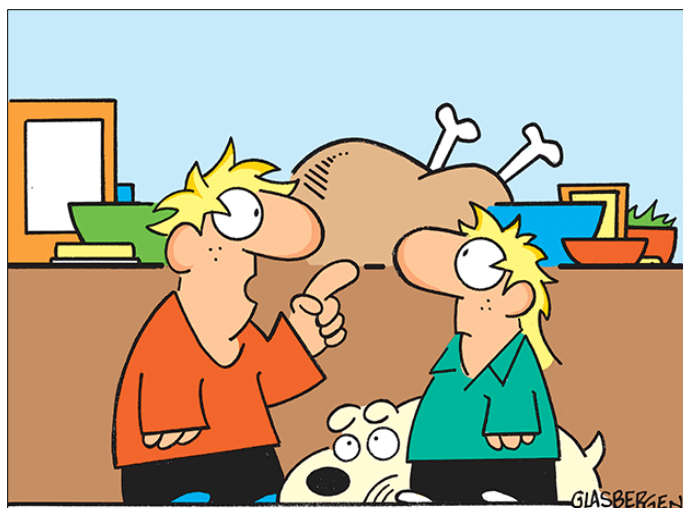
We have added another easy way to E-Give to the church. **VENMO** is convenient, you just need to Scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone. Make your gift.



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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.



"On Thanksgiving the Four Basic Food Groups are 'more', 'a little more', 'a lot more' and 'too much'."



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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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