



# The **Trumpeter**

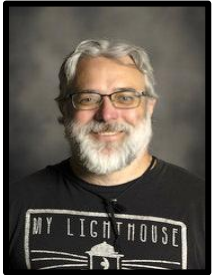
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## **Prayerfully Pondering with Pastor Paul**

### **Walls and Other Barriers**

Joshua 6:20

<sup>20</sup> When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.

John 20:19

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

Acts 16:25-26

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.

In our lives we are often protected, kept out, or kept in by walls. We often rely on walls and other barriers to separate us from those things that we fear. Our world is filled with barriers that we have built or that others have built. Some of these barriers are physical barriers and others are figurative.

What do we do when the walls and fences that surround us begin to feel like they are no longer giving us support or protection, but rather preventing us from experiencing the gifts of God that are also surrounding us? That is the question that some of the leaders of Spearfish United Methodist Church have been grappling with. In the scriptures, we read of God breaking through those kinds of barriers in many different ways, so we are providing an opportunity for us all to engage God in prayer for that kind of breakthrough.

We find in Micah 6:8 a reminder of how humanity is called to engage each other and live in the world. As a church we will be praying for God to break through our fears, distrust, and hardened hearts so that each of us, our whole church, and the world we encounter can experience the justice, mercy, and humble faithfulness that Micah 6:8 encourages.

It will be our challenge to pray for ourselves, each other, and the Church each day at 6:08 (because Micah 6:8). With this plan we will know that 2 times a day several people will be praying together at 6:08am and 6:08pm. There is a provided prayer that we will use, yet we invite you to add your own prayers as well. Invite God into your heart. Allow Him to be with you in this time and space, as we are linked together through prayer every day. Experience the breakthrough and the power that God has to move us and the world.

*Pastor Paul*



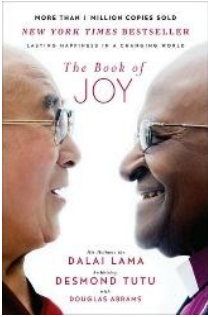
## **Annual Spring Block Party**

Join us for our Community & Family Block Party on **Friday, May 1st, 5:00pm – 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall.**

This evening of fun will feature a bouncy castle, free food, carnival games, crafts, and information about upcoming summer events, including Vacation Bible School. See you there!



## United Women in Faith Program



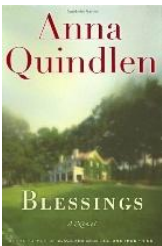
United Women in Faith will host a program on “The Possibility of Joy” on **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am** in the Library, with refreshments at 9:30am. Pastor Scott McKirdy will share his reflections on living with joy (which he lives every day!), and share insights from *The Book of Joy*, by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. All are welcome!

## Taizé – A Time of Quiet Prayer

You are invited to join us for a prayer service in the style of Taizé on **Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. Enter into a time of prayer, quiet reflection, and meditative singing. Center your spirit, heart, and mind. Enjoy the quiet. Ease your mind.



## Dinah’s Book Club



Dinah's Book Club is reading “*Blessings*” by Anna Quindlen, a novel about redemption and the redefinition of family. The group will meet on **Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** in the Parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

## Dinner and Game Night

Dinner and Game night is a time for people of all ages to gather and enjoy some fellowship and great food together. Kevin Nakajima provides a main dish, and you are encouraged to bring a side dish, non-alcoholic drinks, or just yourselves. Stay for dinner, stay for games, just talk, or all of the above!



This month it will be **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**, and our shared meal will be Beef and Mushroom Stroganoff. Please join us! Contact Kevin Nakajima for more information, [kevinmasanaka@gmail.com](mailto:kevinmasanaka@gmail.com).

## United Methodist Men



Since the last report was made for the Trumpeter, we met on March 21<sup>st</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Our next meetings will be on **May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>** at the church from 8:00am until about 9:00am. Come join us for breakfast, fellowship, and a short devotional.  
*God Bless,* *Kelvin Lower, UMM President*

## “Wesleyan Vile-Tality – Reclaiming the Heart of Methodist Identity” Book Study


Dive in with us and explore the moment John Wesley “submitted to be more vile” in spreading the love of God to all people, as presented by author Ashley Boggan. Book studies will be during our Adult Sunday School at 10:00am, Tuesdays at 1:30pm in the Parlor, and Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Parlor, starting May 5<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate this being roughly a 5-week series. Please call the church office, 605-642-3457 for more information or stop in to pick up your copy of the book for \$20.


## Spearfish UMC


### Breakthrough Weekend

~ May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> ~

Mark your calendars! This will be a brilliant weekend, with **so much to celebrate and lift up in prayer and gratitude**.

 **Prayer Initiative:** Our Breakthrough Prayer cards will be distributed, as we dedicate ourselves to **connect together in prayer every day**, using Micah 6:8.

 **Celebrating our 2026 Graduates:** We will honor our graduates and bless them on their journey beyond high school. We’ll **lift up our graduates in prayer at the Sunday 9:00am service** and enjoy cake and fellowship at 10:00am.

 **A Potluck and Listening Session:** We will host a **Potluck lunch at noon** and discuss our Breakthrough Prayer initiative. We’ll also lead a listening session, centered around the possibility of transitioning to one Sunday worship time in the future. There will be Fellowship time after the Saturday Blue Jeans service to discuss these same topics.

## A Thank You from the Spearfish Cooperative Preschool ❤️

The church received a very sweet homemade Thank You card from our friends at the Spearfish Cooperative Preschool. They're ever so grateful for the church's donations of art clay and for the funds they received as our March Mission of the Month.



## Shout Out to All of Our Musicians

We would like to sincerely thank all of the musicians that lent their amazing talents to our Holy Week and Easter Sunday worship services! Thank you for sharing your musical gifts with the congregation and for making our worship time so special. We appreciate you all!



## Mission Trip Opportunity: Dominican Republic – June 2026

Volunteers are invited to join Solar Oven Partners for a mission trip to the Dominican Republic June 21 -27, 2026. Help build solar ovens, assist with cooking, and experience local life! Costs are still being finalized, with fundraising options available. Please contact the church office if you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, 605.642.3457.



## An Update from Our Friends at Spearfish Cooperative Preschool



We had an **AMAZING APRIL:**

- Art Show (thank you for the clay donations!)
- Kindergarten visits
- A visit from the Swanson family's calves
- A visit to the Spearfish Animal Hospital

We're staying busy and enjoying the sunny days as much as we can!

~Spearfish Cooperative Preschool  
spearfishcooppreschool@live.com

## Grateful Hearts for Our April Mission of the Month



Paula Culver, from *Black Hills Foster Parents Association*, is pictured carrying a bountiful supply of diapers, baby clothes, and stuffed animals, ready to offer comfort and joy to foster children in the Black Hills. **Thank you** to everyone for your generous donations. **You are making a difference** in so many lives!

## CYFM Spring Update

We are looking forward to our **Annual Community & Family Spring Block Party on Friday, May 1st from 5:00pm –7:00pm**, to be held indoors in the Fellowship Hall, rain or shine. This evening of family fun will include bouncy castles, free food, carnival games, crafts, and information about upcoming summer opportunities such as camps and Vacation Bible School.

Our last day of Children's Sunday School will be Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. We will keep you informed of plans and dates for Vacation Bible School and other events.

~ *CYFM Committee*

## Summer Choir Starting Soon

Summer Choir **will begin on May 31<sup>st</sup>**! We will meet upstairs in the choir room at 10:30am to learn an easy song, then sing it at the 11:00am Sanctuary worship. All ages and singing abilities are welcome! Contact Colleen McKirdy for more information, [colleenmckirdy@icloud.com](mailto:colleenmckirdy@icloud.com).

## Children First Update

This past month at Children First, our hearts have been full as we've watched the children learn not only through play and discovery, but also through acts of kindness and service. One special highlight has been our time spent helping care for our school and church home.

The picture below shows how the children recently took part in a simple but meaningful activity – helping clean up garbage around the playground and church grounds for Earth Day. With eager hands and joyful spirits, they worked together to take care of the space we all share. It was a wonderful opportunity to teach responsibility, teamwork, and the importance of caring for God's creation.

Moments like these remind us that even our youngest learners can make a difference. We are so proud of their willingness to help and the pride they showed in their work. With gratitude,

~ *Nicole Martz, Director*

[nicmartz@speartown.com](mailto:nicmartz@speartown.com)



## Youth Group Dates to Note

Here are a few dates to note for Youth Group:

- **April 29<sup>th</sup>** – No Youth Group
- **May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Community Worship at Jorgensen Park: Food at 5:00pm, Service at 6:00pm
- **May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Last day of Youth Group

## Adjourning for the Summer

Please note the following groups and programs that will adjourn for the summer, listed with their end dates.

- Bell Choir – May 10<sup>th</sup>
- Circle of Friends Sunday School – May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Group – May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Children's Sunday School – May 31<sup>st</sup>

# Mission Of The Month

## Spearfish Community Food Pantry

The Spearfish Community Food Pantry has been an **active organization and an essential resource** for those in need in our community since 1960. They currently serve approximately 258 families per month. Families and individuals from Spearfish and St. Onge can visit the pantry once/month and are given nonperishable food items, as well as dairy products, meat, and fresh produce.

For the month of May, help us “**Sink the Canoe**” with your donations! **Look for the canoe** in which to place your donations of these nonperishable food items.

- Ramen Noodles
- Canned Chili
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Pork & Beans
- Tuna Helper
- Tomato Sauce

\* Please note, the pantry is currently well-stocked with canned vegetables. They do not need more of this item.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated, as some food items can be purchased at a cheaper price through a partnership with Feeding South Dakota. For monetary donations, please designate as “**Spearfish Community Food Pantry**” in the memo line of your check.

The Pantry is *grateful for the support* of the community and especially the support of the Spearfish United Methodist Church.

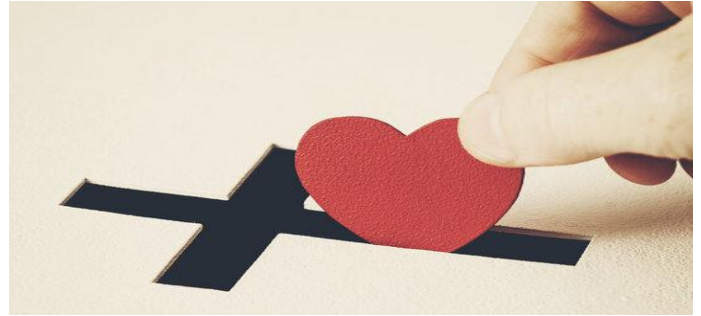
**Sink the Canoe** with us for the month of May! For more information, contact Bob Oliver, 605.645.4839.

## Community Events & Announcements:

The **2026 Special Olympics SD State Summer Games will be taking place May 14<sup>th</sup> – May 16<sup>th</sup>** at Black Hills State University. Come and cheer on our athletes as they compete in various competitions, including swimming, soccer, and volleyball. **Volunteers are needed and would be so appreciated for the swim events on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** at the BHSU Young Center. Please contact Peggy Heckel at 605.642.7837 if you would like to volunteer.

The **Spearfish Sasquatch** are looking for host families for their 2026 Summer Season, for approximately 10 weeks. Receive season tickets, discounts on merch, and the chance to build life-long connections! Contact Eric Schmidt: 605.484.8225 or [spearfishsasquatch@gmail.com](mailto:spearfishsasquatch@gmail.com).

## Gifts & Offerings



### Special Gifts for April 2026 as of 4/26/26

Yoga Charity Fund	\$	88.00
Children First Scholarships		150.00
Solar Oven		25.00
Spearfish Co-op Preschool		50.00
Foster Parent Group		1,855.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,168.00</b>

### Special Funds for April 2026 as of 4/26/26

Benevolence Fund	\$	10.00
UMC Help Fund		670.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>680.00</b>

**Worship Attendance for Apr:** 651; Avg./wk = 163 (4 wks)

**On-Line Attendance for Mar 22 – Apr 12:** 378; Avg./wk = 95 (4 wks)

## E-Giving is EASY

**VENMO** is convenient! Please scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone to make your gift.



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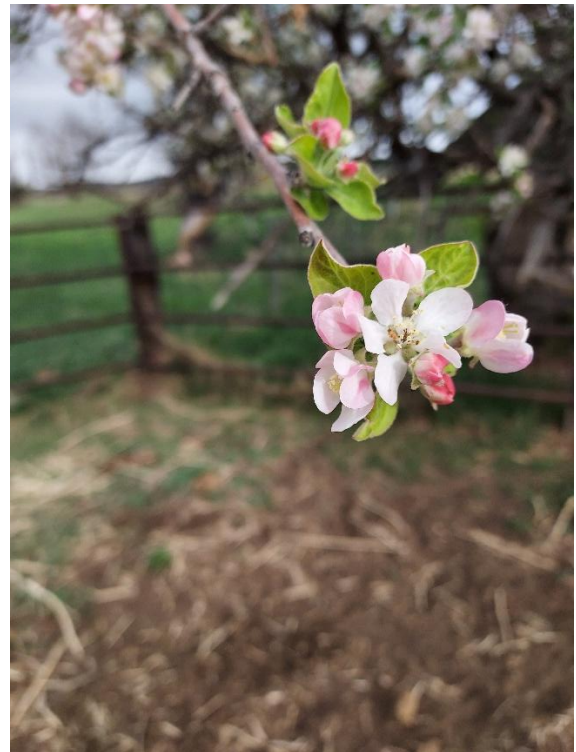
We have **VANCO** which allows you to set up sustained giving. If you have any questions about giving in this manner, contact Mary Tracy at (605) 642-3457 or [finance@spearfishumc.org](mailto:finance@spearfishumc.org).



And now, some inspirational Spring content!



Spring pictures from the Jennings Ranch  
Owned and operated by  
Eric & Michelle Jennings



**Good and gracious God**, thank you for the promise of spring, bringing new life, warmth, and hope. We pray for soft, soaking rains to nourish the earth, filling the streams and comforting the land. Let this rain wash away our heavy burdens, and let the rising green bring joy and new energy into our lives. May the turning of the season turn our fears into strengths and our worries into peace.

We pray in your holy name, *Amen*.

# THE TRUMPETER



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## Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 9am – 4pm

## 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

Saturday Blue Jeans 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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