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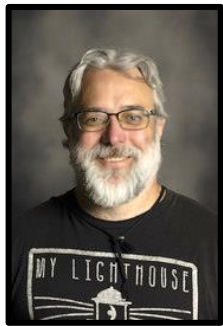
Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pondering with Pastor Paul

“What does your 2025 Calendar look like?”

This question could spark a wide variety of conversations. I would expect that some would respond with their newest daily desk calendar that has strange trivia for each day, obscure words for you to learn, questionably funny dad jokes for each day, or even quotes from your favorite TV series. Some may think right away of the calendar hanging in their bedroom with a different picture for each month, and start talking about classic cars, your favorite sports team, puppies, kittens, or even hard-working firefighters.



If you were at work, the answer to this question would likely be different as you would think right away about a google calendar, outlook calendar, or the giant “do-not-write-on-this-or-else” calendar in the office manager’s office. With those

calendars in mind the answers would likely be about dates already set for projects to be finished, special events that will be happening, and vacations that have been planned months in advance.

Some might even think instantly of a family calendar with a similar purpose, except it has school events, birthdays and anniversaries, planned doctor appointments and dentist appointments, and those vacations that you already had time to plan at least the dates for. Your first thoughts may be a bit of anxiety about trying to remember all of that without it in front of you and the person asking expecting you to be able to schedule something in January.

As I ask that question, I welcome all those thoughts and answers. We come into the next calendar and for many of us before the calendar can be put on the wall or be opened with any hope of it being useful on our laptop we have to fill out all of the information that has already been scheduled for the coming year. As you fill in

squares and add events or meetings what are your thoughts and feelings about the coming year? Are you excited and joyful about what is in store for you or frustrated and overwhelmed by what you already feel you are late to get done?

How we invest our time, and attention represents our values and what we lift up as important to us and to the world around us. I rely on many great “Calendar People,” in my life because the things I value, and I know are important to others reside on paper or electronic calendars which I often fail to look at and I often do not have writing privileges on those calendars either. These individuals have gifts for keeping calendars and I do not so I would have a hard time answering my own question.

My hope is that as we evaluate what we value with our scheduled-out time, we would find healthy balance. I hope that your family and important relationships are granted time and attention alongside the important work/school/volunteering expectations. I hope that your personal growth with God in Christ gets time as well as your engagement and service with a community of faith. I hope that dreaming, creativity, and exploration gets time. I also hope that you will hold valuable and important blank spaces on your calendar. 2025 is a gift that is about to be opened, let it bring you hope, peace, joy, and love.



Pastor Paul

What an out-pouring of generosity!



The Lint family has again been blessed by a community of love and support. So many cards and gifts and words of encouragement along with food and treats for us to enjoy together have come our way this

Advent season. We thank you for all that you have done to make us feel like this is our home and this is our

community. You all may need to invite me to go for some walks and make it to yoga on a regular basis this coming year as I will need to become a little healthier, the treats are delicious.

I also want to thank you all for the ways you care for all who carry the title of staff. This group of disciples works hard on behalf of this congregation and your support is such a blessing to each of us.

I thank you all for the ways you stepped up to help with a gap in our finances at the end of this year. We have done such great ministry with your support throughout the year and to see how we come together in this season to be sure our responsibilities are taken care of is pretty inspiring.

Finally, I thank you for all the ways you poured out your generosity into our community in this season. Many of you are intentionally anonymous with how you have supported the various care and crisis ministries that bless others who may be struggling. Know that I see and get to hear about the results of those blessings even if we don't know which individuals acted. Continue to be blessings and share the Hope, Promise of Peace, Joy, and Love in the coming year.

God bless you all,
Pastor Paul Lint



Thank you for generously donating to Church and Children First staff Christmas bonuses. Donations for the church staff were more than double last year. This was even more a blessing for the staff because they did not receive raises in the tight 2024 budget.

A heartfelt thank you for all the donations to repair the boiler and support the Dakotas Conference. Without your support the mission of the church would not be possible. Happy New Year to everyone!

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. — Proverbs 22:9

Cinnamon Rolls and Soup are coming again!

Sat., Jan. 4 – 6:30 p.m. & Soup Supper
Sun., Jan. 5 – 10 a.m. & noon.

The Honduras medical mission team members will be making Soup and hundreds of Cinnamon Rolls. Rolls will be available after all 3 services. In addition, we will have various kinds of soup after the Saturday evening service.



This is an important fundraiser for the team, and all funds are used to purchase the medicine and supplies we will use for our March team. Thank you for your support for the medical mission team.



Jen Roberts & Heather Brewer



Hat's Off for the Council leaders for 2024, Jen Roberts and Heather Brewer. These two have worked as a team to transition as Pastor Paul Lint began ministry summer of 2024.

Council began to meet at noon on the 3rd Sunday each month, briefly reviewing the actions of 3 major committees. Finance, Staff-Parish and Trustees.

Jen often plans interesting activities to get acquainted and share views. Heather kept track of agenda items and took notes at most of the meetings. Members of the Council were encouraged to attend regularly or designate an alternate person.



Jen and Heather, thank you for your 2024 leadership of the Church Council.

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading "The Yellow Bird Sings" by Jennifer Rosner. The group will meet on **Monday, January 13** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

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Nourish to Flourish

A night of fun, food & community for the whole family!

January 5th @ 5PM-6:30PM

5PM-5:45PM - Free Dinner & Kid's Creation Station with Bots & Beakers
5:45-6:30PM - Adult gathering/discussion & Kids Story, Crafts and Games

Nursery & Child Supervision + Activities provided during adult gathering time!

Gathering Worship Team



Rod Garrett, Ethan Garrido, Colleen McKirdy, & Heather Brewer (Unpictured Pastor Paul Lint). These devoted members are pleased to share with you Praise to Our Lord & Savior.

Our congregation is good at sharing their talents and treasures. BLESSINGS ALL!!!

Submitted, Char Clark



Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, January 30** 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.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men (UMM) met December 7 & 21.

Devotionals this month were presented by Riley Chrisman, both about "Silent Night".

The first was on the origin of "Silent Night" and the second was about how it is not silent when a baby is born, but maybe it's about the silence of standing in awe of the Christ Child. On Dec. 21 the UMM prepared food for the United Women of Faith's Christmas Brunch.

The January meetings will be at 8:00 AM on the 4th & 18th in the Fellowship Hall. 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)

Around 40 men, women and children enjoyed a lovely Christmas brunch for the December UWF gathering. The United Methodist Men cooked and served a delicious brunch, and while food was enjoyed, musicians treated the group to Christmas music. The event concluded with carol singing.



In January the UWF will be making solar oven potholders for mission teams with help from the Quilt and Crafters group. All are welcome to join this hands-on project on Saturday, January 25 at 9 AM at church.

The UWF business meeting is January 4th at 10 AM in the Library.

SPF United Methodist

youth-related

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

No monthly commitments needed, just help when you can!


It's a **new year**, and we hope as part of your 2025 goals, you might be looking for ways to **connect** more with our growing church family through our youth & volunteers!

Here are a few ways to volunteer with us:

- Nursery
- 10am-11am **Sunday Schools**
- (Preschool-1st Grade / 2nd-5th / 5th & Up / Adults with Disabilities)
- 5 minute **Children's Sermons**
- **Join CYFM** family event-related **meetings** (3rd Wednesday of every month @ 7PM in the Parlor)

If you're interested in volunteering with us, please contact us at the Church Office, use the Fellowship Hall Sign-Up sheet, or contact...

Text/Call Katelyn: 419-296-5723
worksmith@gmail.com



CYFM Update



Here with CYFM, December was a joyous time of learning about the true meaning of the Christmas season with our Sunday School children. We spent the month in Sunday School learning about the story that led up to the birth of God's greatest gift, Jesus, and how God's gift and Jesus' stories and journeys are a reminder to us that we are loved, seen and supported. This month's Orange Curriculum taught us a lot about feeling that love,

knowledge, and joy in our lives through both the easy and tougher times, and the importance of spreading that love, knowledge and joy to the people around us by sharing Jesus' story and God's love - therefore spreading the gifts God has given us!

This is something we took to heart this month, as our Director of Children's Music, Colleen McKirdy, worked hard with our Sunday School children this month teaching some songs to celebrate Jesus' story and God's love, which we then performed in front of the congregation as a mini-Christmas Concert on December 15 at the 9AM Sunday Service. Some of our older kids gave us an extra special gift of sharing a poem with the congregation as well during our 9AM performance, which they did with the most excellent presentation and voices! This was all our gift of thanks to the congregation for all the support that the church continues to show to our youth events and programs, and this was such a lovely time to share between the congregation and our youngest church members the love, joy and community that can be created and given when we come together in Christ.

Our Sunday School children did not miss out on the gift receiving end either, as we made sure in both services that children receive **Christmas goodie bags** to thank them for being such an important part of our church family, and for being such a gift and joy to the world by being themselves and continuing to grow to be their favorite selves in the light and love of Christ! Students that joined us in Sunday School on December 15 also got to work on making their own nativity and angel ornaments in Sunday School as keepsakes to remember what the Christmas season is all about!

For January, we have some upcoming events to start off the year focused on the importance of family and connections through:

- **Nourish to Flourish** event on **January 5th form 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 peace-themed games, crafts, stories and music.
- Reaching out to the congregation for **volunteers** for very much needed **helping hands in the Nursery, 10am-11am Sunday Schools** (age 3-1st grade; 2nd grade-5th grade; 6th grade and up; Adults with Disabilities), and for 5-minute **Children's Sermons**.
 - You are not alone in these classrooms, as there are always at least 2 volunteers – and guided lesson materials are provided! We mainly just need extra hands to engage with our kids through prepped games/activities and crafts!

- Looking to see what **4th graders** we have this year to **provide them their own youth-friendly bible** as part of our church's traditions. Reach out to **Katelyn Smith** to let her know, or let the **Church Office** know if you have a 4th grader that needs to be on that list!

We are especially looking for volunteer interest in expanding our children's Sunday School into groups of age 3-1st grade and 2nd-5th grade Sunday School group in February on Sundays from 10am-10:55am into officially 2 classrooms with each their own activities and curriculum videos each Sunday. **We need to know what volunteers we have to be helping hands in the rooms that would be willing to work with either our preschool-1st grade group or our 2nd-5th grade group, to your preference** – so that we can support these 2 age/grade-grouped rooms to keep it going strong! We have the guided materials already prepared for you, we just need the extra hands in the room to help with guided games, videos and crafts. The two rooms are upstairs in between the nursery and the choir room. Please keep a lookout for a **sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall**, as well as announcements and fliers involving this awesome change to meet the needs of younger worshippers! **You don't need to commit to every month, just volunteer as you can**, when you can, without worries of a concrete commitment. The Fellowship Hall sign-up sheet or texting/calling Katelyn Smith at 419-296-5723 are both available every month to provide an opportunity to let Katelyn know what you feel comfortable and available to do with what age groups.

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, we hope you will consider looking for ways to further support our church through **volunteering, donating or joining a committee**, such as CYFM for family-related activities, please keep a lookout for sign up sheets in the church, or read our Trumpeters, 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!



(See Genesis 3)

12-16-2005

THERE'S SOME SALESMAN HERE WITH A GOOD DEAL ON AN APPLE ... ARE WE INTERESTED?

GriefShare Program



We will be offering the 13-week GriefShare program starting Monday, February 10. The time will be from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please share this

information with anyone you feel may benefit from the sessions. For more information, contact Kelvin Lower at (307) 331-4619.

Prayer Partners

Dear God,

Thank you for the many blessings in our lives as individuals, families and the body of Christ together. Guide us to bless others as we have been blessed.

May we live, love and serve as Jesus teaches us.

May we honor the values of Spearfish UMC:

1. Welcoming fellowship
2. Christ-Centered worship
3. Multi-generational discipleship
4. Overflowing generosity
5. Compassionate outreach



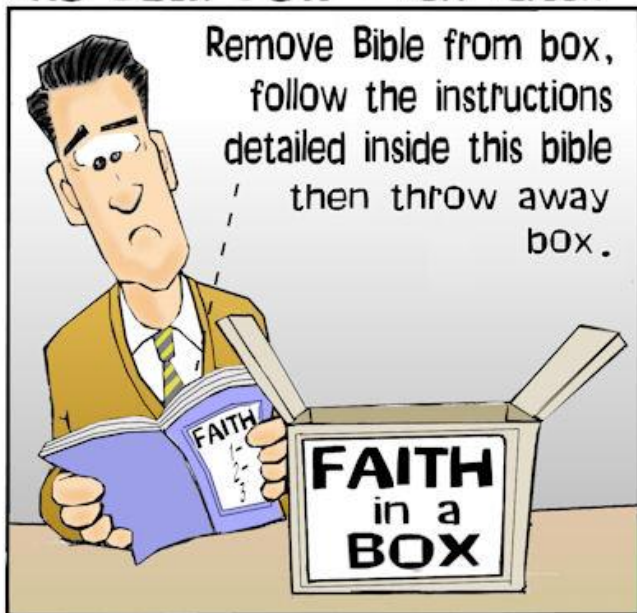
May God bless you. Amen.

Game Night

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, January 19 at 5pm** and will feature Balsamic Chicken.. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Karl was sooo excited to receive his mail order FAITH but soon realized.. this was not rocket science.



Sympathy to the family of:

- *Kenneth "KC" Phillips* who died December 24, 2024. His services will be scheduled for later in January at the church.
- *Bob Perry* who died December 6, 2024. His funeral was held on December 12 with Pastor Paul Lint officiating at the Spearfish United Methodist Church.



Donations for January needed are:

- Peanut Butter
- Chicken Ramen
- Canned Chili
- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Beef Ramen
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Spaghetti
- Saltine Crackers



Honduras Medical Mission Team



March 18 to 28, 2025, our medical mission team will again be serving in rural Honduras. We will stay at the dorm at Send Hope (check out <http://www.Send-Hope.org>), our host in Puerto Lempira, and travel to area rural villages to provide medical and dental care.

Team members pay their own way and attempt to raise funds to buy the medicine and supplies we use, so we are asking for your help. Please consider donating to the January mission of the month, Honduras mission team, and help us care for hundreds of our neighbors in Honduras.

Thank you,
Ron, Gloria, Michelle, Glea and team



Joel & Jodi Johannesen	01/01~25 yrs.
Don & Peony Hammerquist	01/02~43 yrs.
Rod & Sandy Garnett	01/04~50 yrs.
Jason & Rebecca Hill	01/09~16 yrs.



Gertrude Thompson	01-02	Kathy Harr	01-15
Heather Brewer	01-03	Rachel Sheffield	01-17
Noah Harlan	01-04	Reagan Niesent	01-17
Eliana Foltz	01-04	Hayes Haiar	01-18
John McCarthy	01-05	Ellen Lint	01-18
Sandie Hem	01-05	Beth Garrett	01-19
Rex Moyer	01-05	Raya Triplett	01-19
Sasha Pursley	01-05	Gabe Hicks	01-21
Peggy Heckel	01-06	JoAnne Cleveland	01-22
Tad Brewer	01-09	Madison Garvin	01-22
Hannah Adres	01-09	Boaz Foltz	01-22
Preston Hazledine	01-10	Emmy Rollin	01-23
Shirley Halse	01-13	Kathy Schneider	01-23
Patricia Wood	01-14	Marlyce Huyck	01-28
Terry Nagel	01-14		

Special Funds as of December 23

Benevolence Fund	\$ 10.00
UMC Help Fund	11,170.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,180.00

Worship Attendance for Dec.: 640 (Avg./Wk=160) (4 wks)

Christmas Eve Attendance: 320 (total for 3 services)

On-Line Attendance for Dec: 132 (Avg./Wk=44) (3 wks)
(low numbers because unable to present live)

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.



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 as of December 23

UMC Staff Christmas Fund	\$ 2,748.00
Adult Studies	48.00
Conference Apportionment Fund	7,662.59
Church T-Shirt Income	25.00
Children First Staff Christmas Fund	2,357.00
Children First Emergency Fund	4,455.00
Yoga Charity Fund	454.00
Honduras VIM Fund	13,637.00
Choir Scholarship Fund	1,000.00
Carr Education Center (CEC)	380.00
Perry Hansen Memorial	50.00
Bob Perry Memorial	1,000.00
Solar Ovens	150.00
Artemis House	675.00
UMCOR	30.00
Youth Fund	5.00
TOTAL	\$ 34,676.59



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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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Nursery Supervisor: carriejoydaily@gmail.com

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



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