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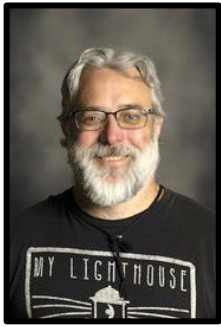
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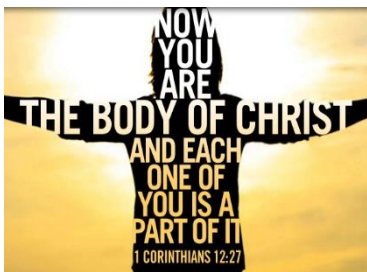
Pondering with Pastor Paul

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27)

This central idea to Paul’s understanding of what the Church is supposed to be, has been in my mind in recent weeks. Some of that has to do with the transition of power in our national, state, and local governments and what that means for us as the body of Christ, but also as we look at the calling and responsibility of leading and guiding the local church to be successful in it’s part of being the body of Christ.

These thoughts are met with a leadership philosophy that I have and value that says that the best leaders surround themselves with great people, especially people who think differently and have knowledge and expertise in a wide variety of areas. Look at these few proverbs credited to Solomon who was said to be the wisest king ever:

- *Without counsel, plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed. (Proverbs 15:22 NRSV)*
- *Without guidance, a people will fall, but there is victory with many counselors. (Proverbs 11:14 CEB)*
- *Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to advice. (Proverbs 12:15 NRSV)*



Spearfish United Methodist Church will always be stronger and healthier with great people working together. We need people with a variety of gifts and expertise. Right now,

we are looking for someone to step up into several leadership and advisory positions so that we can be the body of Christ as effectively as possible. We expect our leaders to seek the advice of those with knowledge, experience, expertise, and passion for what they are

called to do. We are seeking to be that kind of leader and advisor for each other and we would love to help you succeed in a leadership or advisory position within our congregation. You have been blessed with gifts that we all need to thrive as the body of Christ together.

Pastor Paul



A Heartfelt “Thank You”



Thank you for your overwhelming generosity supporting the church. Our year end fundraiser was an amazing display of God’s grace and your support. Nearly \$12,000 was donated to support the Dakota’s Conference.

Supplemented with a portion of the Luena Lent Bequest, we fully met our apportionments for 2024. Apportionments fund the operation of the Dakota’s conference and missions such as the Tree of Life (helping the Rosebud reservation), Spirit Lake Ministry, Solar Oven Partners, rural ministry, maintaining church camps, disaster relief and other programs.

Also, nearly \$13,500 was donated for boiler and plumbing repairs. Absolutely amazing and much needed to keep our heating system running properly.

Finally, with the stewardship of the church committees and the congregation’s generous support, the general fund ended 2024 with a balanced budget. The general fund pays for the operation of the church (staff salaries, church and parsonage utilities, worship, and Sunday school). It is the resource to impact our community with worship, pastoral care, and outreach.

We can’t thank you enough for your support.

Keith Haiar, Treasurer

In Search of Leaders



The committee on Nominations and Lay Leadership has been working toward a healthy and efficient leadership group to guide and encourage us forward through 2025. We still have room for some strong leaders so we want to invite you to prayerfully consider and then come and talk to us about where you may be feeling called to serve. It is not our belief that people should feel coerced or guilted into serving, but rather we should serve as a response to God's calling and empowering us with the skills, passions, and knowledge to serve within the local church.

Right now we are looking for someone to be the Treasurer. This person would be blessed to work on the committee of Stewardship and Finance with others who have history, knowledge, and skills to help you succeed. This person will be directly involved in knowing and understanding the current financial resources of the church and writing the checks out of those accounts to support the ministries that we all do together.

We also currently are looking for people who are passionate about supporting the pastor and staff as well as helping to hold them accountable to their positions and the mission of the local church (Staff-Parish Committee).

If you have other passions or a sensing a nudge to lead in other ways, we will find a place for you. We want to help you to serve God in this world.

Your Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development: *Pastor Paul Lint, Orvette Stepper, Brenda Swanson, Colleen McKirdy, and Kelvin Lower.*



Ross & Alyssa English



Ross and Alyssa and their three children have been very active in our church.

Ross has served on the Staff Parish Relations Committee as a member, then as chairperson of SPRC. Duties include care and evaluation of

each staff person for Spearfish United Methodist Church.

Alyssa has worked closely with Sunday school and

VBS (Vacation Bible School) and the committee on Children, Youth and Family Ministry. Their children are Clara, Emily, and Garrett.

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading "*The River We Remember*" by William Kent Krueger. The group will meet on **Monday, February 10** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.



Monday, February 24, 2025, Clara Christensen will officially be a Centenarian (100 yrs. old). A worthy milestone to celebrate. Please join us at an Open House in her honor on her birthday from 1-4:00 PM at the Spearfish United Methodist Church, 845 N. 5th St. in Spearfish, SD.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men (UMM) did not meet in January due to weather issues. We didn't meet on January 4th because of snow. And January 18th was because of extreme temperatures and wind chills.



Our February meetings will be at 8 am. on the 1st and the 15th, in the fellowship area of the church. 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*

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.

United Women in Faith (UWF)



It was cold and windy outside but warm and tropical inside as women gathered for treats and fellowship before getting down to work on making potholders for the solar ovens. Gloria Borgman gave background information on how

the project was started and she handed out kits. Monica Ingalls gave instructions on how to sew the kits together. Those who brought



sewing machines went right to work while others took kits home to complete. Many more kits are needed to be sent with the solar ovens.



Next month the UW in Faith focus will be on Freezer Meals. On Saturday, February 22nd beginning with refreshments and fellowship at 9:30 am, the program will involve putting together freezer meals for the Caring Meals Ministry as well as looking at freezer meal options you can do for yourself. Please feel free to bring your favorite make-ahead meals to share with the group! All are welcome to join!



The UW in Faith business meeting is Saturday, February 1st at 10 am in the church library. All are welcome!

January CYFM Update



Here at CYFM, we are excited about the new year and all the activities and plans that we have to provide programs and events for children and their families! We are excited to say that our January "Nourish to Flourish"

event was a lot of fun, and we really appreciate all that supported us through either volunteering or attending the event, as we had an even bigger turnout than our last Nourish to Flourish event! Our theme for January's event was Peace, and while adults were led through a group discussion involving peace, kids went upstairs to learn through a story, crafts, songs and games how peace is something that may look different for different people, but it is something everyone can have an strive towards for themselves and others in ways that can be used in everyday life. We look forward to having your support in spreading the word or attending our upcoming Nourish to Flourish events on **the first Sunday of each month from 5-6:30PM** for our themed activities and discussions!

For February, we have some upcoming events to keep the new year focused on the importance of family and connections through:

- **Nourish to Flourish** event on **February 2nd 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 love-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!
- We are looking into gathering information in new digital forms to keep consistent and easily accessible information on our families and their children in order for our Sunday School staff to know what children and their families need for us to best support them. This will be done in a Google survey that will also be provided by the Sunday School staff, to gain information on children names, ages, any allergies or other information families would like us to know to best support their



children, information about photo/media permissions for their children, as well as what information parents would like us to know about signing kids in and out of our programs. If you are a parent of a child in any of our Sunday Schools, whether for pre-k through 5th grade, or 6th grade and up, please feel free to ask Katelyn Smith or the office for a survey flyer in order to fill out the Google Survey, so that we can best support your family through the information you provide. You can find the survey by also following this link or QR code here as well.

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 now in motion, we hope you will consider looking for ways to further support our church through **volunteering, donating or through 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 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** once we have enough volunteers 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, 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.

We thank you all so much for being a continued support and special part of our Spearfish UMC family.

Spearfish United Methodist Church
845 N 5th St. Spearfish, SD 57783

Nourish to Flourish

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

February 2nd @ 5PM-6:30PM

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

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

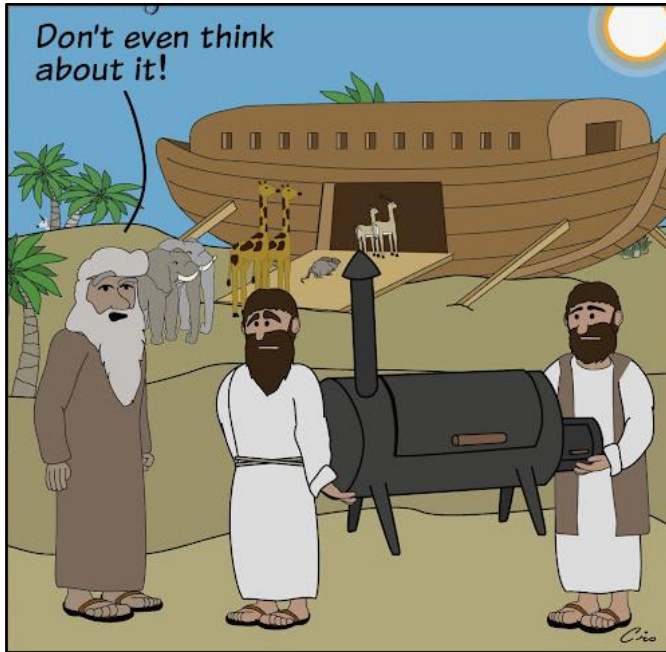
Children First



As we enter into 2025, all of us at Children First have been reflecting on all we have to be grateful for from 2024. We have a wonderful, loving, dedicated staff, who come to work every day and give their hearts to the children in their care. We have been at full or nearly full enrollment. We have been blessed by so many people, with donations, volunteering in classrooms, snacks for the staff, prayers, a new washer and two dryers, a new sink and cabinets for washing dishes and donated labor and supplies to expand our infant and waddler outdoor play area! Thank you, thank you!!

Each day that we get to come to work and spend

time with the precious little souls we care for and educate is a gift that we do not take for granted. We are excited to see what 2025 has in store for us!



Prayer Partners



Holy Spirit.

Grant me each day “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23. Help me to live the commandment to love

my neighbor (everyone) as myself. May I live with love not fear. Amen.



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, February 16 at 5pm** and will feature Tonkatsu Pork. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.



Sympathy to the families of:

- *Pastor Wayne McKirdy* who died January 26, 2025. His services will be held at 10:00 AM at Epworth UMC, 680 8th Ave. SW, Valley City, ND. He was the father of Pastor Scott McKirdy.
- *Shirley McGilvrey* who died January 23, 2025. Her funeral will be held later in June at the Spearfish United Methodist Church.
- *Clara Ness* who died January 7, 2025, and whose services were held at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel with Pastor Paul Lint officiating.



Donations for February needed are:

- Diced Tomatoes
- Tomato Sauce
- Applesauce
- Hamburger Helper
- Pork & Beans
- Canned Ravioli



Mission of the Month **The UMC Help Fund**



The Help Fund staff and the people we serve are very grateful for the very generous contributions to the Help Fund, especially during the Christmas Eve Services. Now the Help Fund is the mission of the month for February.

We would like you to know that we provide a lot more than Safeway cards. We always try to have warm coats, hats and gloves. We also give out blankets, sleeping bags, and have snacks available. With this cold winter weather, we're running low.

We also have hygiene kits, including travel size

soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and lotion. It has recently come to our attention that some people have no way to shower, so we provide tokens so they can shower at the Spearfish Recreation Center.

Many of our people do not have transportation, so we provide bus tokens so they can go to the Food Pantry, Salvation Army or Job Service. Most are constantly looking for employment.

During February you will have the opportunity to help us fill the baskets of items our neighbors may need. Consider your contribution a *hand up*.



Ed & Leslie Sewell	02/14~33 yrs.
Lyle Ericsson & Connie Swander-Ericsson	02/17~24 yrs.
Bob & Debbie Cline	02/18~41 yrs.
Joe & Mary Hallenbeck	02/28~44 yrs.



Isabella Grosz	02-03	Maren McKirdy-Wilsey	02-18
Roberta Hilliger	02-06	Sandy Prante	02-20
Reese Sheffield	02-06	Jacqueline Milnes	02-21
Doris Parke	02-07	Layne Loup	02-23
Cynthia Bates	02-07	Clara Christensen	02-24
Jessica Jennings	02-09	Ava Peterson	02-24
Paul Lint	02-10	Sarah Hazledine	02-25
Stan Smith	02-14	Graham Liming	02-26
Connie Ericsson	02-15	Grace Lint	02-27
Lisa Foltz	02-15	Terrance Grosz	02-27
Clyde Smith	02-17	Rachel DeWeese	02-28
John Loux	02-17	Carter Foltz	02-28



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 January

Congregational Care Fund	\$ 200.00
Adult Studies	89.00
Church T-Shirt Income	15.00
Yoga Charity Fund	317.00
Honduras VIM Fund	1,965.00
Honduras Cinnamon Rolls	1,905.00
Carr Education Center (CEC)	380.00
Nourish the Children	250.00
Solar Ovens	25.00
Artemis House	100.00
UMCOR	130.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,376.00

Special Funds for January

Benevolence Fund	\$ 70.00
UMC Help Fund	402.00
TOTAL	\$ 472.00

Worship Attendance for Jan.: 519 (Avg./Wk=130) (4 wks)

On-Line Attendance for Jan.: 755 (Avg./Wk=251) (3 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.



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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.



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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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Administrative Assist.: office@spearfishumc.org

Finance: finance@spearfishumc.org

Technology Coordinator: kevinmasanaka@gmail.com

Nursery Supervisor: carriejoydaily@gmail.com

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



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