



Prayer List: Government officials, World leaders and Local leaders.

Prayers for: Rodger, Michele (parents), and Dylan Slott, their 20ish-year-old as they adjust to his spinal cord injury affecting his legs, Shari Reuppel, Alan Stults (Mark Stults brother who is fighting cancer), Rich and Sharon Cooper, Brandon Rosenau (Marilyn's grandson) for a successful liver transplant, Grayson Chapeau, Pat Patterson (cancer), Rhian Elmido, Clifford & Elsie Hanson, Mark Milton (inoperable cancer), Larry Jebens cancer problem (Les and Karen's neighbor), Connie Zimbleman and Larry Reuppel.

Please let Marie know of any changes.

WORSHIP TIME MOVING TO 9:30 A.M. - Begins Feb. 9th

Dear Members of the Congregation,

As promised, the Council has been monitoring the success and any concerns about our change in worship time to 9 a.m. as a trial period for the past few months. The positives include more time available for committee meetings after worship, and there is also opportunity for other activities and programs of the church after worship. It appears this works for our music staff and musicians currently. We have heard concerns that some of our members find it a hardship to get to worship services an hour earlier than previously, and were concerned that if choir rehearses at 8 a.m., this is very early to sing, but it is doable.

As a reminder of the steps taken,

1. In August, the Council provided feedback about worship when we became aware Carolyn Gosse would be retiring. It was important to the Council that we provide worship with organ for our members. We began looking for an organist, and found one possibility - sharing the organist from the Methodist Church.
2. The Council voted to try worship service an hour earlier to accommodate the organist we hoped to hire - Emma McKirdy Wilsey. We tried worship at 9 a.m. in September and October, and late October (when Carolyn Gosse retired), the position was offered to Emma.
3. We discovered that the Methodist Church was meeting at 11 a.m. rather than 10:30, but this was a trial period for them as well, and they would decide after Christmas whether they would stay at 11. This gave Emma 30 minutes more time than we originally anticipated.

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However, the Council decided to stay with the 9 a.m. trial period for our worship until we were sure about the Methodists. We have learned that their time will remain at 11 a.m.

4. We now are sure of the timing of Emma's commitments on organ. In consulting with Emma about the time she needs to gather her things and get her two young daughters from the nursery and get over to the UMC, she still believes it is possible. 30 minutes is pretty tight, but if we keep our service under an hour it is still possible to share her time.

5. Council decided at their meeting last week that we will move our service to 9:30 a.m. beginning Sunday, February 9. Choir will shift their rehearsal to 8:30 a.m. as well.

We hope this helps you understand that organ and choir music is important in our church, so pursuing an outstanding organist like Emma was important. Organists are difficult to find, and Emma was willing to try this, so the Council moved on it. Decisions made about our music have provided a worship experience that continues the excellence in music that we have been accustomed to.

Thank you for your patience. Remember, we move to **9:30 a.m. on February 9!**

May God Bless each one of you!

Pastor Randy

Shirley Jensson

Moderator

Jim Hood

Treasurer

Glenn Umphrey

Head Deacon

PASTOR RANDY'S regularly scheduled office have been adjusted slightly. They are now **Tuesday Mornings, 10:00 a.m. to 11a.m. Wednesdays from 1 - 3 p.m.** If you would like to schedule a visit or need him, please call the office and let Marie know, or email him at: pastorandy1057@gmail.com

DEACONS MEETING is on **Sunday, February 9th in the Fireside room after Worship.**

ANNUAL REPORTS MEETING will be held on **February 2nd after the service.**

RECOVER the PEWS CAMPAIGN: Here's an opportunity to help cover the costs of reupholstering our pews! Both the seat and the back will be upholstered. Your gift or memorial will be recognized with a plaque attached to a pew or chair. It will be like the current plaques on the pews. The placement of a plaque is not a seat or pew reservation!! The project cost is estimated to be \$21,100.00.

Your gift or memorial may be paid in a lump sum at the time of your gift or in equal semi-annual, quarterly or 12 monthly payments.

HERE'S THE DETAILS:

Pews in the Nave at \$600 a pew – 30 available.

Pews in the Choir Loft at \$500 a pew – only 4 available on a first come basis.

Chairs in the Chancel at \$200 a chair – only 3 available on a first come basis.

Pledge forms are available in the office.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Mission News

A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated in the personal hygiene collection for the patients of The Good Shepherd Clinic. Chris Davis, the GS Clinic director was very grateful to receive our generous donations.

We supported the UCC 2025 California Fire Appeal that took place for 2 Sundays in January. \$287 was collected in support of the California Fire survivors.

Missions will once again be sponsoring a meal after the service in February. With our earlier service, missions will be hosting a brunch immediately after the service on Sunday, February 23rd. We are planning to serve a variety of breakfast casseroles along with fruit, rolls and muffins. This will be a free will offering with the proceeds going to 2 South Dakota Kids Belong Families here in Spearfish. As we have done for the past 2 years, we will be purchasing Perkins and Northern Hills Cinema gift cards for the families. Please plan to join us after the service for brunch and fellowship in support of a good cause.

"10 Women Who Changed the World"! Come join us as we learn about 10 very influential missionary women. Beginning on Monday February 3rd at 10 am we will meet to discuss these ladies and their impact in the world. We will also share about the women who have impacted our faith. This class meets in the Fireside Room and will run for 5 weeks. For more information contact Sally Levengood 605-642-2329 or sally.levengood@gmail.com.

The Last Word... Pastor's Thoughts

We have a few things starting soon in the life of our church! Can you feel the Holy Spirit working?

The Bereavement Support Group is starting again on Thursday, February 6 from 5-7 p.m. If you know someone struggling with grief or loss, then tell them. Invite them. For more information call 605-745-4967.

The Lenten Lunches will be hosted by Our Saviors Lutheran Church this year. Mark your calendars (March 12th, 19th, 26th and April 2nd).

There will be a special sermon during Lent this year. It will feature a Beatles song each week, paired with the gospel reading. Be watching for more information ...and invite someone to come to church with you!

God Bless!

Pastor Randy



~ Calendar for February 2025 ~

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| Sun. 2/02 | 9:00 a.m. | Worship/Communion/ Fellowship / Annual Meeting - after worship |
| Mon. 2/3 | 10:00 a.m. | 10 Women Who Changed The World / Fireside Rm. |
| Tues. 2/4 | 9:00 a.m. | Coffee @ BK |
| Wed. 2/5 | 10:30 a.m. | Chapel at Edgewood |
| Thur. 2/6 | 5-7 p.m. | Bereavement Support Group |
| Sun. 2/9 | 9:00 a.m. After Worship | Worship/Fellowship Deacons Meeting |
| Mon. 2/10 | 10:00 a.m. | 10 Women Who Changed The World / Fireside Rm. |
| Tues. 2/11 | 9:00 a.m. | Coffee @ BK |
| Thur. 2/13 | 5-7 p.m. | Bereavement Support Group |
| Sun. 2/16 | 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. | Worship/Fellowship Concert Series Fundraiser |
| Mon. 2/17 | 10:00 a.m. | 10 Women Who Changed The World / Fireside Rm. |
| Tues. 2/18 | 9:00 a.m. | Coffee @ BK |
| Thur. 2/20 | 5-7 p.m. | Bereavement Support Group |
| Sun. 2/23 | 9:00 a.m. | Worship/Fellowship Missions Brunch |
| Mon. 2/24 | 10:00 a.m. | 10 Women Who Changed The World / Fireside Rm. |
| Tues. 2/25 | 9:00 a.m. | Coffee @ BK |
| Thur. 2/27 | 5-7 p.m. | Bereavement Support Group |

Marie's Office Hours:
M,T,W,T: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Closed Fridays

**February Altar & Tables
Committee**
Rosalie Aslesen: Altar
Marcie Nuenke: Tables

February Birthdays

4th: Shirley Jenssen
12th: Gary Zimbleman
25th: Vance Umphrey
28th: Delaney Johnston

Happy Birthday!

February Anniversaries

None

February Liturgists

2nd: Jim Hood

9th: _____

16th: _____

23rd: Rosalie Aslesen

February Ushers & Greeters

2nd: Connie Zimbleman

9th: Lynn Quissell &
Connie Zimbleman

16th: _____

23rd: Dana & Brian Eberhard

January Attendance & Facebook Viewers

January 5th: 29/FB Viewers: 3
January 12th: 40/FB Viewers: NA
January 19th: 30/FB Viewers: 4
January 26th: 42/ FB Viewers: 4

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