

Spearfish United Church of Christ

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

Prayers for: Rodger, Michele (parents), and Dylan Slott, spinal cord injury, 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) and Connie Zimbleman. **Please let Marie know of any changes.**

"Grow Closer to Christ During Lent"

It is my prayer that we all grow closer to Christ during the Lenten season this year. We have 40 days to study, pray, and worship and grow as followers of Christ.

You can see by the worship service plans for Lent, that I'm bravely incorporating songs into worship that have absolutely nothing to do with Jesus! But, they do relate to the journey we are on, the challenges and conflicts that we encounter along the way, and the Jesus revolution that is a result of the life, death and resurrection we experience every year on Easter!

The Songs of the Beatles will be used each week as illustrations for the Gospel lesson. We will have special soloists and performers as we enjoy Beatles songs each Sunday morning. So, let's invite others to join us this season. Postcards and posters will be available, so you can invite friends and neighbors.

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The '60s & '70s were radical times – counterculture, religious movements, & a renewal of the Holy Spirit.

Songs of the Beatles

2025 Lenten Sermon Series

March 9: "Long & Winding Road" Luke 4: 1-13
March 16: "Let It Be" Luke 13: 31-35
March 23: "All You Need is Love" Luke 13: 1-9
March 30: will be a break in the series
April 6: "Hey Jude" Isaiah 43: 15-21
April 13: "Here Comes the Sun" Luke 19: 28-40
April 20: Easter! "Revolution" John 20: 1-18

"YOU are invited."
- Jesus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR RANDY'S office hours have been adjusted slightly. They are now Tuesdays 9-11 a.m., Wednesdays 1-3 p.m., and Thursdays 3-5 p.m. If you would like to schedule a visit or need to see him, please call the office and let Marie know, or email him at: pastor-randy1057@gmail.com.

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

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. Hear are 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.

COFFEE TIME: Looking for a great small group? Our weekly coffee group is a social group with a purpose. We meet every week for an hour, and after some social time, we dig into the Word a bit. This group gets a preview of the scripture and discusses the topic and direction the sermon may be headed on Sunday. **Join our Tuesday group meeting at Burger King at 9 a.m.**

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COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for **Sunday, March 23rd.**, after the service.

Women's Fellowship will meet on **March 19th at 1:00 p.m.**

The **2025 LITURGIST and USHERS, GREETERS:** Don't forget to sign up!

Mission News

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who attended and helped with the Missions Brunch on Sunday, February 23rd. Thanks to your generous donations of \$398.00, we will be able to purchase Perkins and Northern Hills Cinema gift cards for a Spearfish SD Kids Belong Foster Family.



Monday March 17th

WE WILL CONTINUE to provide fruits and veggies for the Good Shepherd Clinic on the 3rd Monday of each month. A new volunteer sign up sheet for 2025 is on the glass counter. We are looking for volunteers through December. More information is available on the sign up sheet.

We will once again be sponsoring our **LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION** to benefit the Spearfish Food Pantry. The food collection will take place **beginning Sunday, March 9th through Palm Sunday, April 13th**. There will be a collection bin on the table in the back of

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the church to receive your non perishable food donations. This is a wonderful opportunity to help those in need in our community, especially during this Lenten Season.

The UCC Special Mission Offering, **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**, takes place on **Sunday, March 30, 2025**. This year's theme is "You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors of the world". Matthew 5:14. This Special UCC collection channels resources to international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response, administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing Resources. More information about this offering is available at ucc.org. A collection jar will be on the table in the back of the church on Sunday, March 30th if you would like to participate in this special offering. Checks should be made payable directly to ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING or to Spearfish UCC with ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING in the memo line.

"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. The last meeting will be March 10th. For more information contact Sally Leven-good 605-642-2329 or sally.levengood@gmail.com.

LENTEN LUNCHEON: Our church is once again one of 4 Spearfish churches providing food for the Lenten Lunches held this year at Our Saviors Lutheran Church-1020 State Street. Our Women's Fellowship will be providing and serving soup, sandwiches and bars and cookies to 60-100 people on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at noon. Pastor Randy will also be our speaker and leading the music that day. We need volunteers to make cookies or bars for the lunch. We also need volunteers to help make sandwiches, assemble plates of cookies and bars, serve soup & sandwiches and help with clean up on March 26th. We will begin set up at around 9am at Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Lunch is served at noon. There will be Volunteer Sign Up Sheets on the glass counter for making cookies or bars and also for helping to set up, serve or clean up on March 26th. The bars or cookies need to be delivered to our church by 3pm on Tuesday March 25th or to Our Savior's Lutheran Church by 9am Wednesday March 26th. Please consider volunteering to help with the March 26th Lenten Lunch. If you have any questions, please speak to Shirley Jenssen or Marcie Nuenke.

Dear Church Family,

Our church will soon have a vacancy for the office manager position. Marie Hanson notified us this week that she intends to retire. And, while we don't have an exact date for her departure yet, we are beginning to recruit for her replacement. If you have questions about the position or know someone who may be interested, please ask one of us. The announcement will be on our website and posted on Job Service's website, Facebook, and other places.

Marie has been a blessing to this church family in her role, always greeting people with a smile and a laugh, and providing a listening ear. May God bless her in her retirement!

~ Calendar for March 2025 ~

Sun.	3/2	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion/ Fellowship
Mon.	3/3	10:00 a.m.	10 Women Who Changed The World / Fireside Rm.
Tues.	3/4	9:00 a.m.	Coffee @ BK
Wed.	3/5	12:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Wed.	3/5	2:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service at Edgewood Vista
Thur.	3/6	5-7 p.m.	Bereavement Support Group
Sunday 3/9	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship	Deacons Mtg. Fireside Rm.
	After Service		

March 9th Daylight Savings Time Begins- Clocks ahead 1hour

Mon.	3/10	10:00 a.m.	10 Women Who Changed The World / Fireside Rm. FINAL
Wed.	3/12	12:00 Noon	Lenten Lunch
Thur.	3/13	5-7 p.m.	Bereavement Support Group
Sunday 3/16	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship	
Tues.	3/18	9:00 a.m.	Coffee @ BK
Wed.	3/19	12:00 Noon	Lenten Lunch
Thur.	3/20	5-7 p.m.	Bereavement Support Group
Sunday 3/23	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship	Council Mtg.
Tues.	3/25	9:00 a.m.	Coffee @ BK
Wed.	3/26	12:00 Noon	Lenten Lunch
Thur.	3/27	5-7 p.m.	Bereavement Support Group
Sunday 3/30	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship	

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

March Altar & Tables Committee

Danette Bryant: Altar
Danette Bryant: Tables

March Birthdays

8th. Marna Bergstom
11th. Clifford Hanson
Hilda Locke
Bonnie Mundhenke
14th: Eileen Lewis
20th: Adeline Kinney
30th: Jerry Riggs
31st: Trudy Crawford

Happy Birthday!

March Anniversaries

None

March Liturgists

2nd: Holly Hedge
9th:
16th: Lorie Umphrey
23rd: Rosalie Aslesen
30th:

March Ushers & Greeters

2nd: Katie Hood &
Connie Zimbleman
9th: Katie Hood
16th: Katie Hood
23rd: Katie Hood
30th: Katie Hood



February Attendance & Facebook Viewers

February 2nd: 33/FB Viewers: 3
February 9th: 43/FB Viewers: 4
February 16th: 32/FB Viewers: 5
February 23rd: 43/FB Viewers: 5

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