

Spearfish United Church of Christ

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May
Inspire



Prayer List: World leaders and Local leaders. Paula Cotrill; Janice Key; Rodger, Michele (parents), and Dylan Slott (spinal cord injury); Rich and Sharon Cooper; Mel Cooper (for successful surgeries – Rich and Sharon’s daughter, friend of Dana Eberhard); Grayson Chapeau; Pat Patterson (cancer); Rhian Elmid (sponsored child); Clifford & Elsie Hanson (Cliff is on hospice); Larry Jebens (cancer problem - Les and Karen’s neighbor); Angie Riggs (friend of Lorie Umphrey – 3rd round of cancer battle); Les Turgeon; Larry & Shari Reuppel.

Please let Shirley know of any additions or changes.

“Good Works!”



For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10 ESV)

Do you feel ordinary? As you go about your day (running to the grocery store, driving here and there, piling laundry in the washer, preparing dinner, fixing the car, and more), do you feel lost in the shuffle?

Well, let’s remember we are also God’s creation - and part of an incredible plan for this world. There is no one like you. I was sharing with people the other day that the presence of God was with us during the birth of each of our children. And, it was so incredible to see each of our children so uniquely and incredibly made by God. Ephesians 2:10 says that we are God’s handiwork, and Ephesians 5:1 calls us dearly loved children. The Maker of the Universe sees us as something special and something to be cherished. There is no one else like us.

And, there is no one else who can do what God has asked us to do. We each have a purpose in this world. So, if we feel lost in the shuffle, it’s only because we haven’t stopped to ask what God has in store.

God’s plan for this world is a beautiful plan. Are you listening to it? And, are you living God’s workmanship? Your life as you were created?

Take a moment to ask Him today to remind you how extraordinary you are! Just listen! And, do the good works he has in store for you!

Pastor Randy

ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS: PASTOR RANDY'S office hours are 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 at 605-642-8253 or email him at: pastorrandy1057@gmail.com

2025 LITURGISTS and USHERS, GREETERS: Don't forget to sign up! We are in need of liturgists and Ushers/Greeters for several Sundays in May and throughout the summer. The sign up sheets are on the glass counter.

OUR DAILY BREAD: The new *Our Daily Bread* booklets for June through August, 2025 are available on the glass counter.

2025 LAWN CARE: Volunteers are needed to help take care of the church's lawn. Volunteers will sign up for a month at a time. A sign up sheet is available on the glass counter.

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 group for the Coffee/Bible Study at Burger King at 9:00 a.m. every Tuesday.**



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Women's Fellowship will meet on **Wednesday, May 21st at 1:00 p.m. at Killian's** for their annual luncheon. There is a sign-up sheet on the glass counter for those planning on attending.

UCC SUMMER SUPPER SERIES: The **UCC Summer Supper Series** will be held on Wednesdays in July. There will be supper at 5:30 followed by a short program at 6:15.



- July 2nd "Romanian Travels" with Cindy and Alan Merkel
- July 9th "Six Animals and Their Significance in the Bible" with Connie Zimbleman
- July 16th "Twelve Ordinary Men" Intro to the Fall Bible Study with Shirley Brost
- July 23rd "He Made the Moon to Mark the Seasons" with Glenn Umphrey
- July 30th Faith filled Inspirations with Karen Turgeon

Mark your calendars and join us for fellowship and fun. — Sally Levensgood

DEACONS MEETING: A Deacons Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, May 11th** after worship service.

COUNCIL MEETING: A Council Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, May 25th** after worship service.

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RECOVER the PEWS CAMPAIGN: Here's an opportunity to help cover the costs of reupholstering our pews! Both the seat and the back have been 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 are the details:

Pews in the Nave at \$600 a pew - **Several available!** Pews in the Choir Loft at \$500 a pew - **None available!** Chairs in the Chancel at \$200 a chair - **None available!**

Pledge forms are available in the office and on the table in the back of the nave. Thank you for your consideration.

MISSION NEWS: 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.

Our Lenten Food Collection to benefit the Spearfish Food Pantry concluded on Palm Sunday. We were able to make a total donation of 89 pounds of food to the Spearfish Food Pantry. Thanks to everyone who supported our Lenten Food Collection!

The UCC Special Collection, One Great Hour of Sharing, took place on March 30th and April 6th. Through your generous donations we were able to donate \$290 for 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. A big **Thank You** to all who participated in this UCC Special Collection. — Marcie Nuenke



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PRESENTATION: The History of Elmore - Thursday, May 22, 5 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Pastor Randy and Holly live at Elmore in Spearfish Canyon and would like to share a historical presentation that was presented to the community at the Senior Center recently. Randy has compiled some great information and historical photos. The program will be from 5-6 p.m. on Thursday May 22.. Elmore was a small community in the Canyon that has rich history in the train and mining history. Its beginnings were in the 1880's as a logging and mining camp, and the town has a rich train history. Elmore had a train depot, a school, a general store, and a post office at one time.. — Pastor Randy

BIBLE BASED BUDGETING CLASS: A Bible based budgeting class is coming! It is being offered by Kathy Johnston on each of the Thursday nights in June. Stay tuned for more information!

FOOD PANTRY REPORT: Many thanks to our workers Shirley B, Marcie N, Darlene P, Connie T, Dana E, Lorie U, Glenn U, Ian U, and John Daum – our outdoor guy!

We served 6 times in very cold and some sunshine weather! There were a total of 105 families who gave us a breakdown of 64 people over 60 years old, 120 people who were ages 19 to 59, and 72 people who were under 18 years old. For all of March, there were 303 families—23 of them new to the pantry—and 759 people. We are finding we have more families who don't use the pantry every month – they only use it when they really need it!

There are no paid people working at the pantry – all volunteers! Twelve churches work the pantry. The average number who come to the pantry each month is 300 families or 749 people. This is about a 65 people / 25 families increase over last year's numbers.

The pantry receives “leftover” items from WalMart and Safeway twice a week. We buy from Feeding South Dakota and our local stores. Our income consists of all donations and some grants. The Post Office and Scouts of America have big food drives each year, and some school kids and organizations (like us!) help with food drives as well.

Items that are always welcome are cereal, soup, canned vegetables and fruit, crackers, hamburger helper, macaroni and cheese, and ramen noodles. If you'd like to donate, you can take your donation directly to the Food Pantry or leave it in the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall and someone will take it to the Food Pantry for you.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them for you! — Shirley Aman

~ Calendar for May 2025 ~

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| Sun. | 5/4 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship/Fellowship/ Communion |
| Tues. | 5/6 | 9:00 a.m. | Coffee/Bible Study @ BK |
| Wed. | 5/7 | 10:30 am | Chapel @ Edgewood |
| Sun. | 5/11 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship/Fellowship After Worship Deacons Meeting |
| Tues. | 5/13 | 9:00 a.m. | Coffee/Bible Study @ BK |
| Sun. | 5/18 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship/Fellowship |
| Tues. | 5/20 | 9:00 a.m. | Coffee/Bible Study @ BK |
| Wed. | 5/21 | 1:00 p.m. | Women's Fellowship @ Killian's |
| Thurs. | 5/22 | 5:00 p.m. | History of Elmore Presentation Fellowship Hall |
| Fri. | 5/23 | 12:00 p.m. | <u>June Inspire Deadline</u> |
| Sun. | 5/25 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship/Fellowship After Worship Council Meeting |
| Mon. | 5/26 | | —Memorial Day— |
| Tues. | 5/27 | 9:00 a.m. | Coffee/Bible Study @ BK |

May Good Shepherd Clinic Volunteers

Shirley Brost: Fruit
Shirley Aman: Veggies

May Altar & Tables Committee

Karen Turgeon: Altar
Karen Turgeon: Tables

Shirley's Office Hours:

T,W,Th,F 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Closed Mondays



May Birthdays

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| 13 th | Scott Temple |
| 14 th | Elsie Hanson |
| 15 th | Norma Riggs |
| 21 st | Kathy Reiswig Les Turgeon |
| 24 th | Luke Temple |

Happy Birthday

May Anniversaries

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| 17 th | Lynn & Sally Levensgood |
| 20 th | Dave & Marcie Nuenke |

Happy Anniversary

May Liturgists

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| 4 th | Holly Hedge |
| 11 th | Lorie Umphrey |
| 18 th | |
| 25 th | |

May Ushers & Greeters

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| 4 th | Loretta Thomas |
| 11 th | |
| 18 th | |
| 25 th | |

April Attendance & Facebook Viewers

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| April 6 th : | 52 / FB: Viewers: 2 |
| April 13 th : | 49 / FB: Viewers: 1 |
| April 17 th : | 23 / Maundy Thursday |
| April 18 th : | 24 / Good Friday |
| April 20 th : | 66 / FB Viewers: 3 |
| April 27 th : | 43/ FB Viewers: 5 |

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