



Prayer List: World leaders and Local leaders. Paula Cotrill; 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); Elsie Hanson; 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; June Kinkel; Family of Max Durgin; Family of Cliff Hanson; Family of Sharron “Kay” Simons; Roberta Wolf (mother of Summer Digioia); Janice Key (in hospice care).

Please let Shirley know of any updates or additions.

“Too Much Salt”



“Make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt.” Colossians 4:5-6

When I was young, my sister and I loved to play practical jokes on our parents when it was April 1st (April Fools jokes). One year Cathy and I thought it would be great fun to put salt in the sugar bowl, because we knew dad would never suspect a thing. He was always on the run in the morning, trying to beat the clock to his first meeting in the morning (okay, I think I inherited this trait).

Anyway, Dad always put a scoop of sugar in his coffee and he ate breakfast cereal every day (I think it was Rice Crispies). Another scoop went on top of the crispies. When he sat down to quickly eat breakfast, he was surprised to have an awful taste of crispies and salt. What a funny face he made. Breakfast went down the drain. Then coffee. The very same experience. We laughed and laughed. Dad thought we were pretty funny too!

Paul is telling us our conversations with others about our faith can be the same. We need the right spice, and not too much. Too much salt or sugar is not good. Just as a little bit of your faith (of God’s truth) can make a person interested and they will be hungry for more (they probably won’t dump it down the drain!).

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May the Lord sensitize you to those conversations and the moments to add the right amount of salt. May you be empowered to share your faith and encourage others to know Christ. I believe if we do this, more people will be curious about us and want to know Christ. We will fill the church on Sunday mornings if we live our faith this way. I'm sure of it!

Pastor Randy

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OFFICE HOURS: 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 USHERS/GREETERS: Don't forget to sign up! We are in need of Ushers/Greeters for August and the rest of the year. The sign up sheet is on the glass counter.

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

FRIENDSHIP BOOKLET: A new booklet titled "7 Bible Stories to Deepen Your Friendships" from the Our Daily Bread Ministries 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. (Note: No Coffee/Bible Study on Tuesday August 5.)**

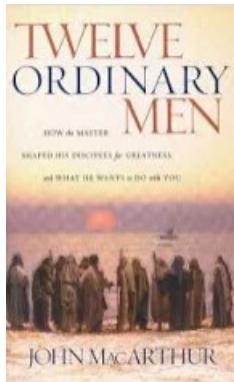
DEACONS MEETING: A Deacons Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, August 10th** after the worship service.

COUNCIL MEETING: A Council Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, August 24th** after the worship service.

FOOD PANTRY: Just a Heads Up!! Our time for manning the food pantry is fast approaching! We will be responsible for the pantry September 17-29 (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). A sign-up sheet will be on the glass counter the first part of September. Please consider volunteering if you are able. Thank you! - Shirley Aman



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FALL BIBLE STUDY: A new Bible Study based on the book *Twelve Ordinary Men* by John MacArthur will be held on Monday mornings, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., starting September 8 and running through November 10. Each week will be a stand-alone study of one or more disciples, so you can come to all or as many as you like. Everyone is welcome!! Books and a sign-up sheet are available on the glass counter. Please be sure to include your email address so I can send you the reading assignment and worksheet for each session. For more information, contact Shirley Brost at shirleybrost@gmail.com or call the office at 605-642-8253. — Shirley Brost

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATIONS FOR AUGUST: The local schools were very grateful for the donation of school supplies we made in the past. This year we plan to collect supplies **August 3rd, 10th and the 17th**. We will deliver these before school begins. PLEASE read the lists below noting items that are needed AND some items they usually DO NOT need.

THINGS THE STUDENTS NEED:

1" 3-ring binders

Dividers for binders

Ear buds or earphones-wired not wireless

Kleenex

Paper towels

Wet wipes for sanitizing hands

Snacks (peanut free)



These 3 items are especially needed!



Suggested snacks were fruit snacks, applesauce pouches, cereals, crackers, granola bars

Small zip snack bags

Re-usable water bottles (each student uses one throughout the day to encourage drinking more water and less trips to the fountain)

Glue sticks

Solid color pocket folders

Markers/ Crayons

Colored pencils



THINGS they DO NOT need-Spiral notebooks, loose leaf paper, glue bottles, pencils and rulers.

Thank you for supporting the children of our community! —Mission Committee

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WORSHIP IN THE PARK: On Sunday, September 14, 2025, we'll be holding a special Sunday morning worship service at 11:00 am with the Methodists in the Spearfish City Park! Lunch will follow. (There will be no service in the church that Sunday.) We'll meet together at the bandshell in the park for the service and afterwards gather in the picnic shelter for lunch. This is a public event, and everyone is welcome – invite your friends and family to join us. The Deacons are working hard on this and there is a small committee working diligently as well. Watch for more information as we get closer to the event!

Vance Umphrey plays "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" on his steel pans during the worship service July 6.



~ Calendar for August 2025 ~

Fri Aug 1st		Office Closed
Sun Aug 3rd	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion/Fellowship
Tues Aug 5th	9:00 a.m.	NO Coffee Time @ BK
Tues Aug 8th	10:45 a.m.	NO Chapel @ Edgewood
Sun Aug 10th	9:30 a.m. After service	Worship/Fellowship Deacons Meeting
Tues Aug 12th	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time @ BK
Sun Aug 17th	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship
Tues Aug 19th	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time @ BK
Sun Aug 24th	9:30 a.m. After service	Worship/Fellowship Council Meeting
Tues Aug 26th	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time @ BK
Thurs Aug 28th	12:00 p.m.	September Inspire Deadline
Sun Aug 31st	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship



Happy Anniversary !!

August Anniversaries

- Aug 14th Trudy & David Crawford
- Aug 20th Cindy & Alan Merkel
- Aug 21st Diane & Juell Plumier



Happy Birthday !!

August Birthdays

- Aug 4th Nevaeh Covell
- Aug 6th Rory Zimbleman
- Aug 10th Stuart Reiswig
- Aug 17th Kathy Eddy
- Aug 26th Gianni Digioia

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians
13:4-7

August Altar & Tables Committee

Alter: Connie Zimbleman
Tables: Sally Levengood

Shirley's Office Hours:
T,W,Th,F 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Closed Mondays

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August Liturgists

- Aug 3rd Rosalie Aslesen
- Aug 10th Jim Hood
- Aug 17th Holly Hedge
- Aug 24th Holly Hedge
- Aug 31st Glenn Umphrey

August Ushers & Greeters

- Aug 3rd Connie Zimbleman
- Aug 10th Sally Levengood and Lynne Quissell
- Aug 17th
- Aug 24th
- Aug 31

July Attendance & Facebook Viewers

- July 6th 48 / FB Viewers 2
- July 13th 46 / FB Viewers 11
- July 20th 49 / FB Viewers N/A
- July 27th 40/ FB Viewers 3



August Good Shepherd Clinic Volunteers

Fruit: Norma Riggs
Veggies: Mary Ann Eddy

