

**2025**  
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*November*  
**Inspire**



**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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> round of cancer battle); Les Turgeon; Larry & Shari Reuppel; June Klinkel; Roberta Wolf for health (mother of Summer Digioia); Family of Janice Key; Lorrie Loobey (Jo Hansen’s sister) and Martina Loobey (Jo Hansen’s niece) for health concerns; Family of Marilyn Wenlund; Marna Bergstrom for recovery; Family of Dorothy Gadd.

*Please let Shirley B. know of any updates or additions.*

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## **“The Harvest is Plentiful”**

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Matthew 9:37

Harvest is a community affair - it takes more than a couple of folks running the combines and trucks on a farm. Even though Holly and I only lived in a rural farming community for a few years, we learned it takes a village to harvest crops! Seriously, it takes a whole lot of people.

Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” That makes a farmer very nervous, and would bring an urgent call for help from family and friends! Jesus also calls us to “go into the harvest” and to help the people we serve in our community. We can bring them hope - we know Jesus, and how He has blessed us. And, just the act of serving someone in need is sharing faith!

Another aspect of our faith is our generosity, and each year as part of “harvest” if you will, we prayerfully consider our offering pledge for next year, and turn in the amount on the pledge slip on the Sunday we dedicate these (November 23rd). This is what Paul reminds us about giving:

*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7*

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Please consider this week, how Jesus has blessed you this year! And then consider how you will serve this coming year in this ministry and how you will contribute. I'm all in for the harvest. Are you?

In Christ,

Pastor Randy

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### **Remembering Our Saints Special Worship - November 2, 2025**

In the Church year, All Saints Day is celebrated on November 1st, and we have been holding an "All Saints Sunday" service to honor those who have passed. As we did in past years, we'll light a candle for all those who have passed since last year, and then we'll have others follow (those who passed prior to November 2024 whose information we have). If you missed the deadline for getting the names in the bulletin, there will be an opportunity to light candles for your loved one by simply filling out a slip as you go forward to the altar on that Sunday. We will need the name of the departed, the date passed, the relation to you, and who is submitting the name. May we commune with our "saints" at our worship service on this special Sunday, November 2nd! Grace and peace to you all this day!

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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. He works from home on Mondays, and Friday is his Sabbath. 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](mailto:pastorrandy1057@gmail.com)

**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.**

**DEACONS MEETING:** The Deacons Meeting scheduled for Sunday, November 9 after the worship service has been **canceled** due to the Turkey Dinner Potluck.

**COUNCIL MEETING:** A Council Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, November 23** after the worship service.

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**FALL BIBLE STUDY:** Our Fall Bible Study on the book *Twelve Ordinary Men* is winding down, but we still have a few disciples to cover. We will be meeting in the Fireside Room Monday mornings at 10:00 November 3 and November 10. Everyone is welcome to come! For more information, contact Shirley Brost at [shirleybrost@gmail.com](mailto:shirleybrost@gmail.com) or call the office at 605-642-8253.

**LAWN CARE: THANK YOU** to Brian Eberhard and Sally and Lynn Levensgood for all the work they did keeping the lawn cared for during the summer. It was a lot of work, and we really appreciate all that they did.

**TURKEY DINNER POTLUCK:** The annual Turkey Dinner Potluck will be held after services on **Sunday, November 9**. Women's Fellowship will provide the turkeys. There is a signup sheet on the glass counter for those of you who can bring something to complete the meal. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this pre-holiday tradition!



**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Once again Women's Fellowship will be doing a Dedication of Funds on the first Sunday in November, which will be **Sunday, November 2nd**. We have been doing this annual Women's Fellowship fund raiser for the past several years instead of a bazaar or craft fair. It is also an opportunity for those unable to bake for fellowship or funerals to make a contribution to Women's Fellowship. If you would like to participate in the Dedication of Funds, there will be envelopes in the November 2nd bulletin to receive your donations. You can put the envelopes in the collection plate.

Women's Fellowship will meet at 1:00 on **Wednesday, November 12** in the Fellowship Hall. (Note the change of date.) A Remembrance will be held for all the church women who have passed in the last year.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** The annual "Hanging of the Greens" will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 29. Join us as we prepare the church for the Advent season.



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**PIANO:** Questions have been asked regarding the recent purchase of the "new" Kawai baby grand piano. The cost was \$5,600 and funds in the Memorial Account Piano Fund were used to pay for the piano. Those funds were either memorials or donations directed by the donors to the Piano Fund. There is a balance of \$139.87 in that fund which will be used to help pay for the next piano tuning expense.



**November Altar:** Thanks to Cindy Merkel for the beautiful November altar!

**OUR DAILY BREAD:** The new *Our Daily Bread* booklets for **December 2025 through February 2026** are available on the glass counter. A supplemental *Our Daily Bread* Christmas reflections booklet titled *A Gift for All* is also available. Help yourselves!

**CHURCH WEBSITE:** Our website, [uccspearfish.org](http://uccspearfish.org), continues to attract visitors, with approximately 200 visits per month, or about 7 per day. If you would like to help maintain the website, please contact the office at 605-642-8253. No experience necessary—we'll teach you everything you need to know!

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS:** Large print bulletins are available! Let the office know (605-643-8253) if you would like to have one printed for you each week. Large print Inspires are available on the table in the back of the church.

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**MISSION NEWS:** A big thank you to everyone who participated in the UCC Special Collection, Neighbors in Need, on October 5th and 12th. We were able to send \$175.00 in donations to the UCC Conference in support of Neighbors in Need Special Collection.

The Mission Committee will once again sponsor the Elder Tree to benefit residents of Spearfish Canyon Healthcare, formerly known as The Dorsett Home. The tree will be up in the back corner of the church beginning the first day of Advent, Sunday November 30th. If you would like to participate, please take a gift tag from the Elder Tree. There will be a number on the tag which represents one of the residents. On the back of the tag will be a list of gift items for that particular resident. Please purchase any of these gift items. You are NOT required to purchase all that are listed. Please keep in mind if candy is NOT a listed item, please do not include as one of your gifts. Normally candy is NOT listed when this particular resident has diet restrictions. Please place your purchased items in a GIFT BAG and place it under the Elder Tree WITH THE GIFT TAG ATTACHED. We MUST have the gift tag attached so that we can match the gift to the correct resident. **We need your gifts under the tree NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH.** If you have questions or are unable to make the December 14th deadline, please call Marcie Nuenke at 605-717-7808 or the church office at 605-642-8253.



**2026 ESTIMATE OF GIVING:** Please fill out a 2026 Estimate of Giving form and return it to the office or the collection plate by Sunday, **November 23, 2025.** The information will be used in planning the 2026 budget. Thank you!



### 2026 ESTIMATE OF GIVING

I plan to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each \_\_\_\_\_ week \_\_\_\_\_ month in 2026  
For an annual total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that this commitment can be changed at  
any time by giving notice to the church office.

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### For Your Records

Date \_\_\_\_\_

With others in my congregation, I commit  
myself to give in proportion to what I have  
for the proclamation of the good news of  
Jesus Christ for the year 2026.

I plan to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Each \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Month

Annual Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

~ NOVEMBER 2025 CALENDAR ~

Sun.	11/02	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion/ Fellowship All Saint's Sunday Women's Fellowship Dedication of Funds Daylight Savings Time Ends
Mon.	11/03	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study Fireside Room
Tues.	11/04	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time/Bible Study @ BK Election Day
Wed.	11/05	10:45 a.m.	Chapel @ Edgewood
Sun.	11/09	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship Turkey Dinner Potluck No Deacons Meeting
Mon.	11/10	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study Fireside Room
Tues.	11/11	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time/Bible Study @ BK Veterans Day - Office Closed
Wed.	11/12	1:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Remembrance of Church Women who have passed
Sun.	11/16	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship Combined Choir Sings
Tues.	11/18	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time/Bible Study @ BK
Sun.	11/23	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship Choir Sings After Service Council Meeting 2026 Estimate of Giving Due
Tues.	11/25	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time/Bible Study @ BK
Thurs.	11/27		Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
Sat.	11/29	3:00 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens
Sun.	11/30	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship First Sunday of Advent



*Happy Anniversary !!*

**November Anniversaries**

Nov 1 Keith & Marna Bergstrom  
Nov 29 Les & Karen Turgeon

*Happy Birthday !!*

**November Birthdays**

Nov 12 Rosalie Aslesen  
Nov 15 Clinton Covell  
Nov 18 Josie Grimmett  
Nov 20 Keith Bergstrom  
Nov 21 June Klinkel  
Beth Novotny  
Larry Reuppel  
Nicolle Covell Domutat  
Nov 24 Karen Collins  
Nov 25 Danette Bryant  
Nov 30 Shirley Brost

If your birthday or anniversary is missing or wrong, please let the office know so we can update our records. Thank you!



**November Liturgists**

Nov 2 Jim Hood  
Nov 9 Sally Levengood  
Nov 16 Karen Turgeon  
Nov 23 Rosalie Aslesen  
Nov 30 Glenn Umphrey

**November Ushers & Greeters**

Nov 2 Katie Hood  
Nov 9 Joyce Collins & Eileen Lewis  
Nov 16 Sally & Lynn Levengood  
Nov 23 Jerry & Norma Riggs  
Nov 30 Katie Hood

**October Attendance & Facebook Viewers**

Oct 5 41 / 2 FB  
Oct 12 45 / 5 FB  
Oct 19 51 / 3 FB  
Oct 26 39 / 11 FB

**November Good Shepherd Clinic Volunteers**

Fruit & Veggies:  
Marcie Nuenke

**November Altar & Tables Committee**

Alter & Tables:  
Cindy Merkel

**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.

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