

# CORNERSTONE

Here's what is happening at Hartford UMC this month!



## April Birthdays

- Raleigh West - Apr 1
- Niklaus Leimbach - Apr 2
- Kylie Schneider - Apr 3
- Elsie West - Apr 4
- Don Ewoldt - Apr 5
- Barb Thaler - Apr 6
- Dale Smith - Apr 7
- Dennis Bossman - Apr 14
- Lynne Redenius - Apr 14
- Lochlann Skots - Apr 21
- Seth LaBounty - Apr 22
- Erik Edberg - Apr 26
- Joyce Hoefert - Apr 29
- Langdon Klinkhammer - Apr 29




## Easter People

Easter is more than a celebration of the empty tomb — it is a powerful reminder of the new life we are given through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As Scripture proclaims, “He is not here; he has risen!” (Luke 24:6). This good news transforms not only our understanding of death but also our purpose in life. Because Christ is risen, we are invited into a living faith — one that calls us to step out of fear and into hope, out of despair and into renewed purpose. Easter reminds us that we are a resurrection people, shaped by God’s grace and sent into the world to reflect God’s light.

With this new life comes a clear calling. Jesus commissions his followers in Matthew 28 to “go and make disciples of all nations,” reminding us that our purpose is to share the love and hope we have received. Whether through acts of service, words of encouragement, or simply living with compassion and integrity, each of us is called to be a witness to the risen Christ. This Easter, may we embrace our identity as people transformed by resurrection, stepping boldly into our calling with joy, faith, and a renewed sense of purpose.

God bless!

-Pastor Seth LaBounty

	<b>To start the Prayer chain call:</b>	
	Lois Kaiser	605-941-1294
	Nancy Gacke	605-940-7714
	Pastor Seth	605-528-3822 or 308-641-2761



United Women in Faith

### United Women in Faith Meetings

Evening Blessings will be meeting on April 6th at 7:00 pm.

Faith Circle will be meeting on April 2nd at 1:30 pm.

The Circles will host a Brunch & Bingo at 10:00 am on April 11th



Clothes donated BY the community FOR the community

### The Closet

We are proud to host "The Closet"! This is a second-hand clothing ministry which will offer clean, gently used clothing to anyone in need throughout our community. To learn more about how to help or otherwise get connected, contact Darin Johnson or Danielle Polley!



### Across our Connection: Annual Conference 2026

The 33<sup>rd</sup> session of the Dakotas Annual Conference will be held June 5-7, 2026, in Bismarck, North Dakota. The gathering will include time for worship, connection, learning, serving, and looking to the future together.

The theme for this year's gathering is **"Created to Serve Joyfully."** Continuing the emphasis on our United Methodist vision and grounded in the message of Philippians 4, we will focus on how we are called to align our hearts, minds, and lives with the servant heart of Jesus. It will be a reminder of the call we have to put the things we see Jesus do into practice.

Throughout the conference we will highlight the ways we have been in ministry together in the past year and are serving joyfully across the Dakotas.

As part of our time together, **Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank** from the California-Pacific Annual Conference will serve as our connectional guest. Conference attendees will delight in her Spirit-soaked leadership that flows from a deep love of community and a fierce commitment to justice. Her authenticity as a Wesleyan leader reminds us that holiness in the Wesleyan tradition is to be embodied in real relationships, real neighborhoods, and real courage. Her voice and presence will call us to be rooted, relational, and relentlessly hopeful.

To learn more about Annual Conference and more specific details regarding legislation to be considered, please contact Pastor Seth!

## Christian Education Opportunities:

- Sunday School at 10:35 am
  - Ages: PreK to 2nd Grade
  - Starts September 15
- Wild Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
  - Meal from 6:00 to 6:30 pm
  - Classes from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
  - Ages: PreK to High School
  - Confirmation Classes
  - Adult studies offered during the seasons of Advent and Lent.
- Bibles & Brews at Buffalo Ridge Brewing, Sundays at 4:00 pm

Whether you have been part of Bible Studies your whole life, or are just looking for a place to start, you are welcome to join any of our Christian Education groups! For more information, please contact Pastor Seth or Abbey Nevins.

## Leadership Team Meeting - April 14th at 6:30 pm

All are welcome to participate in our next Leadership Team meeting, scheduled for April 14th at 6:30 pm. Help us dream and plan for the ministry of God's Church!



## Current Study: What's Your Story?

Joseph had quite the story, but it didn't really begin until he saw his story as part of God's story. His great accomplishments came only after he recognized the significance of what he had done and what God was doing through him.

**HARTFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
LOVE GROW SERVE

*Holy Week*  
AT HARTFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Maundy Thursday - 6:30 pm	April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Good Friday - 6:30 pm
April 4 <sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt - 1:00 pm Holy Saturday - 5:30 pm	April 5 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunrise - 7:00 am Easter Service - 9:30 am



### United Women in Faith: Mission Pins

Please congratulate Lynn Margeson, Dan Kistler, Erin Alderson, and Kaitlyn Retzlaff, our recipients of the UWF Mission Pins! These awards recognize the acts of service that these individuals have shared with the Church and the community, and the ways in which they reflect the love of Christ!



### Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4th at 1:00 pm

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Church on April 4th! Weather permitting, the hunt will take place on the Church yard, with different sections for different age groups. If weather is a factor, we will move the hunt indoors and have different sections of the Church building for the different ages.

If you would like to help, we are looking for some adults helpers and donations of candy! We would prefer candy that won't melt easily in the sun and is nut-free, so that we can avoid any potential allergy concerns.

Hartford United Methodist Church  
hosts an evening learning about:

## Elder Fraud and Scam Prevention & Protection

Stay Safe, Stay Smart!



While the focus will be on more  
vulnerable community members,  
fraud can happen to anyone - at any age!



Please join us:

Wednesday, April 15th - 6:45pm

HUMC Fellowship Hall - 102 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Presented by:  **FirstNationalBank**  
The First National Bank in Sioux Falls\*



# Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL)

a strength, balance, and fitness class for adults 65+

## We are proud to be a host site for the SAIL program!

We are a host site for SAIL (Staying Active & Independent for Life) on Mondays and Wednesdays! This is a strength, balance, and fitness class specifically designed for adults 65+. Participants improve balance and mobility, reduce risk of falls, and improve their quality of life while having fun meeting new people. To learn more, call Valerie Horacek at 605-261-7488.

## Last week of Wild Wednesday will be April 29th!

A huge "Thank you" to all of our teachers and volunteers who helped make Wild Wednesday such an amazing experience this year!

## Amplify Media

Churches across the Dakotas now have a powerful new tool for ministry: the **Amplify Dakotas channel**. This is a **shared platform for digital discipleship and resource sharing** that both celebrates the unique gifts of the Dakotas Conference and draws on the rich theology and tradition of the wider United Methodist connection.

Churches and individuals are encouraged to explore Amplify Dakotas, using it in worship, small groups, youth ministry, leadership training, and personal discipleship. Together, these resources create a stronger foundation for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world—right here in the Dakotas. To learn more, ask Pastor Seth!



**WILD WEDNESDAY**

**Worship. Interaction. Learning. Devotion.**

COME WORSHIP AS FRIENDS, INTERACT THROUGH LEARNING, AND BECOME A DEVOTED DISCIPLE OF GOD BY MAKING NEW FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY!

6:00 PM: MEAL  
6:30 - 7:30 PM: CLASSES

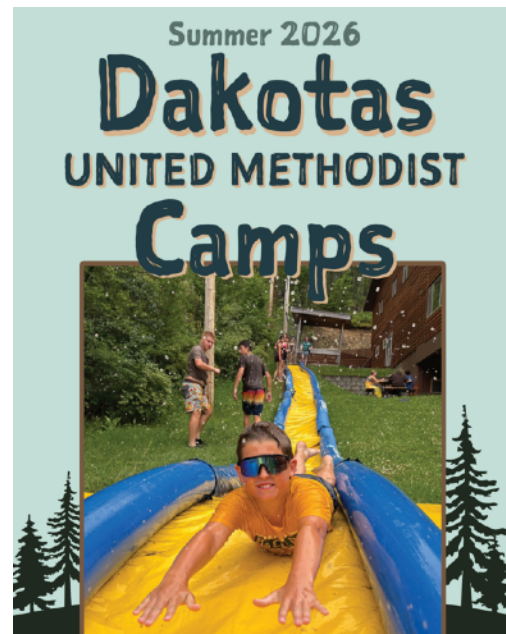
## Help with Worship!

We are always open to having more people involved with worship! If any of these opportunities interest you (or if you have other suggestions on how you'd like to make worship better), please let us know! We can offer training and other support to make any or all of these work for you and your schedule!

- Read Scripture
- Usher / Greeter
- Light candles
- Sing or play with the Praise Team
- Share a Musical Offering
- Play with the Chime Choir
- Run sound or video for the service
- Lead the Children's Moment
- Preach
- Coffee / Treats
- ...and more!

## Noisy Bucket Offering for April - Breakthrough T1D Walk: Carson's Crew

Our Noisy Bucket offering for the month of April will support Carson's Crew in their Breakthrough T1D Walk! This is the leading global type 1 diabetes research and advocacy organization. Your contributions will help chart a path to cure, prevent, and better treat type 1 diabetes and its complications – and ensure access to treatments globally.



## Church Camp Registration is OPEN!

Summer will be here before we know it, and our Dakotas United Methodist Camps are gearing up for a wonderful time at camp! Go online to [dakotasumc.org/camping](http://dakotasumc.org/camping) to look up what programs will be offered at our three camp & retreat centers. Register by April 30th to receive a free \$25 credit for the Camp Store, and use Hartford UMC's promo code (**112261CA**) for an additional discount! For more information or additional financial support, please contact Pastor Seth!

## Hartford Food Pantry Sponsor

We are asking members of Hartford UMC to consider being a food pantry sponsor of the month. If you wish to make the donation in honor of a birthday, anniversary, loved ones, etc. please list that on the form. Funds received will be utilized to purchase items of greatest need for the pantry throughout the year. Sponsors will be highlighted in the newsletter and bulletin. A full month sponsorship is \$100 and a half month is \$50. You can turn in your pledge form at the office, in the offering plate or email a copy to [humcsd@gmail.com](mailto:humcsd@gmail.com). Monthly sponsors will be assigned in the order they are received.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Month	\$100
Half Month	\$50

### Hartford Food Pantry Sponsor of the Month

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Thank you to our Food Pantry sponsors for the month of April! This month, our sponsors are: **Linda & Charles Lueth** in memory of Bob & Virginia Bossman, and **Gerry & Patsy Bossman** in honor of Edwin Kolb and Ernie & Marvel Landreau.



Wild Wednesday Meal Schedule	Volunteer	Main Course
April 1	UW Faith	Tater Tot Casserole
April 8	Roth	Pulled Pork Sandwiches
April 15	Norgaard	Spaghetti
April 22	Wild Wednesday Students	Sack Lunches
April 29	UM Men	Hamburgers

Worship Volunteer Schedule	Usher/Greeter	Fellowship Food	Acolyte	Liturgist
April 5 Easter Sunday	Polley	Polley	Polley	TBD
April 12 2nd Sunday of Easter	Weber	Weber	Weber	N/A
April 19 3rd Sunday of Easter	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
April 26 4th Sunday of Easter	TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A

If you would like to help out with any of the areas listed in these tables,  
 please contact either Pastor Seth or Linda Blue!

# April 2026

 US Holidays  
 Christian Holidays  
 humcsd@gmail.com

March 2026							April 2026							May 2026						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Palm Sunday 9:00AM SAIL Palm Sunday 9:30AM Sunday Worship 4:00PM Bibles & Brews	30 9:00AM SAIL	31 April Fools' Day Passover 9:00AM SAIL 6:00PM WILD Wednesday	1 Maundy Thursday 1:30PM Faith Circle 6:30PM Maundy Thursday Worship	2 Good Friday Good Friday 6:30PM Good Friday Wor- ship	3 Holy Saturday 5:30PM Saturday Night Worship	4 Holy Saturday 5:30PM Saturday Night Worship
5 Easter Sunday Easter 7:00AM Easter Sunrise Ser- vice 9:30AM Sunday Worship	6 Easter Monday 9:00AM SAIL 7:00PM Evening Blessings Women's Group	7 9:00AM SAIL 6:00PM WILD Wednesday	8 9:00AM SAIL 6:00PM WILD Wednesday	9 7:30AM DHI Meeting	10 5:30PM Saturday Night Worship	11 5:30PM Saturday Night Worship
12 Orthodox Easter 9:30AM Sunday Worship 4:00PM Bibles & Brews	13 9:00AM SAIL	14 6:30PM Leadership Team Meeting	15 Tax Day 9:00AM SAIL 6:00PM WILD Wednesday	16 7:30AM DHI Meeting	17 5:30PM Saturday Night Worship	18 5:30PM Saturday Night Worship
19 9:30AM Sunday Worship 4:00PM Bibles & Brews	20 9:00AM SAIL	21 9:00AM Coffee Quilters	22 Earth Day 9:00AM SAIL 6:00PM WILD Wednesday	23 9:00AM SAIL 6:00PM WILD Wednesday	24 5:30PM Saturday Night Worship	25 5:30PM Saturday Night Worship
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For the most up-to-date calendar, please go to [humcsd.org](http://humcsd.org) and use the "Calendar & Newsletter" tab.