

# CORNERSTONE

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



## June Birthdays

- Keith Loof - June 3
- Abbey Nevins - June 3
- Taylor Umland-Moyer - June 4
- Ryley Nelson - June 5
- Andrea McGraw - June 6
- Craig Doss - June 8
- Timothy Pusch - June 11
- Judy Searles - June 12
- Amber Person - June 13
- John Blue - June 17
- Evan Alderson - June 19
- Daniel Kistler - June 24
- Mary McKay - June 24
- Mackenzie Grauel - June 25



## For Everything There Is A Season

As summer begins and our usual rhythms and routines shift, we are reminded that life is filled with seasons. There are times of planting and harvest, beginnings and endings, arrivals and departures. For our Church family, this season brings change as we prepare to say goodbye and each embrace a new chapter. Through farewells are never easy, Scripture reminds us that God is faithful through every transition. In Ecclesiastes 3, we read, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." This is an opportunity for us to look back with gratitude for shared ministry, and forward with hope for what God will continue to do in and through this congregation.

As your pastor, it has been a privilege to walk with you in worship, faith, celebration, and challenge. The apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 1:3: "I thank my God every time I remember you," and these words echo my own gratitude for this community. Yet the church's story is always larger than any one season or one shepherd, for Christ remains the constant guide and foundation of our life together. So as we move into what comes next, may your summer be filled with peace, hope, and confidence that God, who has walked with us thus far, will continue to lead us faithfully into the future.

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 is pausing their meetings for the summer.

Faith Circle will not be meeting on June 4th.

UWF Meeting on June 6th at 9:30am



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.



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**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30 - 8pm**  
 Meal, Music, Games, Crafts & Learning about Jesus!  
**Ages Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Join us!  
 102 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Register NOW**



**Want to Volunteer?**

We've got room for you, even if it's only for 1 day!




**Thank you to those who helped serve at St. Francis House!**

**Please continue to pray for our graduates!**





# 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.

## Jamboree Days - Worship in Park on June 21st at 9:30 am

Help us celebrate the Hartford Community and how God is at work through all the various congregations! We will share together in worship with some of the other congregations around Hartford on Sunday, June 21st at 9:30am at the City Park Amphitheater.

## 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!



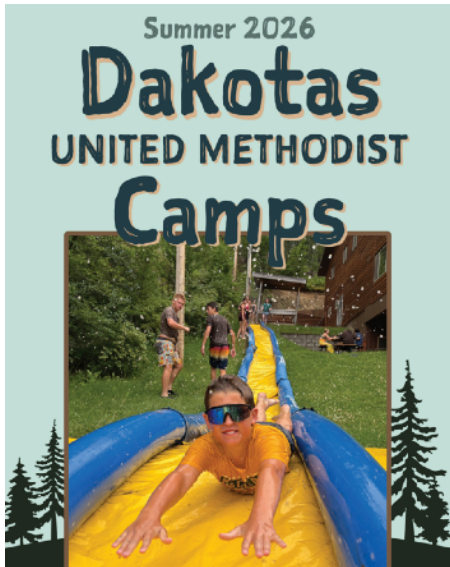
*David and Rachel Stearns*

INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THEIR

**50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

WITH AN OPEN HOUSE AT THEIR HOME -  
46475 -258<sup>TH</sup> STREET, HARTFORD

SATURDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>  
2:00 -5:00 PM



**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!

**Noisy Bucket Offering for June - Kids  
Against Hunger**

Our Noisy Bucket offering for the month of June will support "Kids Against Hunger," a non-profit in Sioux Falls that brings volunteers together to pack nutritious meals for children and families facing hunger – both locally and around the world. Every meal packed is a reminder that small actions, taken together, can make a powerful difference. Through volunteer-powered food pack events and donations from volunteers, individuals, churches, clubs, and local businesses, they deliver hope along with nourishment.

**Women's Retreat at Lake Poinsett**

*Save the date...*  
**AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
WE ARE HOSTING ANOTHER  
WOMEN'S RETREAT

- Who:
  - Women of any age
- Where:
  - Living Waters Retreat Center - Lake Poinsett
- What to expect:
  - Bible Study, Campfires, Singing, Free time to relax and visit.
  - We will also give back with a service project around camp
- Cost: \$155 for 2 nights, meals included!

**More information and sign up forms are at the back of the sanctuary**  
Contact Rachel Stearns @ 605-595-5259 with any questions

## 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 Sponsors of the Month

Thank you to our Food Pantry sponsors for the month of June! This month, our sponsors are: **LaVonne** and **Melvin Dieken**, in memory of Bill and Grace Dieken.



Worship Volunteer Schedule	Usher/Greeter	Fellowship Food	Acolyte	Liturgist
June 7th 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
June 14th 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	Aldersons	Aldersons	Aldersons	N/A
June 21st 4th Sunday after Pentecost	N/A <b>Jamboree Worship</b>	N/A <b>at the City Park</b>	N/A	N/A
June 28th 5th Sunday after Pentecost	TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A

## 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 Pastor Seth or Linda Blue 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!

