

CORNERSTONE

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



November Birthdays

- Tom Kaiser - Nov 1
- Cynthia Meyer - Nov 3
- Adam Johnson - Nov 7
- Tucker Smith - Nov 7
- Esther LaBounty - Nov 9
- Joyce Loof - Nov 10
- Whitney Stockwell - Nov 10
- Jack Smith - Nov 11
- Logan Person - Nov 12
- Rick Ankeny - Nov 13
- Val Grauel - Nov 14
- Miranda Jacobsma - Nov 15
- Kaitlin Retzlaff - Nov 15
- Addison Jacobsma - Nov 19
- Jen Hitchkiss - Nov 20
- Bentley Klinkhammer - Nov 20
- Charles Meyer - Nov 22
- Courteney Person - Nov 22
- Bridget Bossman - Nov 24
- Bryon Shumaker - Nov 24




A Season of Unity, Gratitude, and Hope

As we enter a season marked by both the Thanksgiving holiday and upcoming elections, we are invited to reflect on our call to unity, compassion, and gratitude. While this time of year can bring differences to the forefront, our faith reminds us of the power of love and understanding. Just as the Thanksgiving feast celebrates community and shared blessings, we, too, are called to gather in gratitude and appreciate the diversity that enriches our lives and our church.

In the spirit of unity, I want to encourage us to approach this time with open hearts, focusing on what binds us together. Through prayer, fellowship, and acts of kindness, we can embody a spirit of gratitude and inclusion that transcends any division. Whether is in the Thanksgiving holiday, serving our community, or praying for wisdom and peace in the election season, let us remember that we are all part of God's family. Together, we can create a space of hope, love, and grace, giving thanks for the many blessings we share and the common ground that unites us. God bless!

-Pastor Seth LaBounty



To start the Prayer chain call:

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

Faith Circle will be meeting on November 7th at 1:30 pm.

Evening Blessings will be meeting on November 4th at 7:00 pm



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!



News from Across our Connection: DakYouth 2024

Over 150 youth and adult leaders from 26 United Methodist Churches gathered in Aberdeen, South Dakota to explore the theme "Crossroads" through various workshops, small groups, worship, and large group sessions. Youth workers were also able to connect, grow, and learn together all for the purpose of better serving the youth of the Dakotas.

This three-day event began with a hilarious, spirit-filled show and testimony from Eddie and Tommy, the Skit Guys. On Saturday, Rev. Stephanie Eliason from Canyon Lake UMC in Rapid City shared an inspiring message on change, and then Rev. Matt Rawle challenged the youth to really seek to understand "who" their house is, and "how" they will serve the Lord. Rawle helped them to not only understand more about who they were as individuals, but also encouraged them to be curious, understand how they can add value, and that they too can lead and innovate. This event concluded with Michelle Kroger from Bismarck McCabe UMC sharing a message reminding us that when we're at a Crossroad, we are never alone. God is at work, God is with us, and God will guide us.

In addition to all this, the middle school students and high school students each created ideas of how to apply what they learned at DakYouth beyond the event. Through a partnership with the Dakotas-Minnesota Foundation, these students will launch new projects to serve other youth in the areas of mental health and leadership development. We hope to learn more about these projects at Annual Conference 2025!

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 Darin Johnson.

Acreage Creations

We are hosting a fall Painting Part on November 14th in the fellowship hall at 6:30 pm! There will be extra kits available for anyone who would like to join but was not able to RSVP. For more information, contact Lexy Klinkhammer.

United Women in Faith is collecting items for Hygiene Kits

Faith Circle will be making personal hygiene kits for Midwest Mission. They distribute kits locally and around the world. Asbury United Methodist Church is a collection center. If anyone is interested in helping or donating, please contact Joyce Alderson at 605-360-2044.

Items needed for the kits include:

- Hand towels
- Adult toothbrushes
- Bar of soap (3-4 oz)
- Shampoo (12-19 oz)
- Deodorant (2-3 oz)
- Lotion (8-10 oz)



Lunch is Served

We are scheduled to pack sack lunches at Lunch is Served on **Monday, November 25th at 5:30 pm** at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Sioux Falls. Lunch is Served is a non-profit organization with the unique mission of delivering simple sack lunches for working men and women who are attempting to break the chains of poverty and hunger. This is a great volunteer opportunity for families with children (age 5+). If you are interested in participating, please contact Karen Niewald or Darin Johnson.

Serving the Banquet

We will be serving the breakfast meal at the Banquet Downtown location in Sioux Falls on **Monday, November 18**. Volunteers are needed at 5:30 am to prepare the meal and at 6:30 am to serve the meal. Look for sign-up sheets at worship or contact Karen Niewald or Darin Johnson.



Wild Wednesday Monthly Food Collection

Wild Wednesday families are collecting a different food item each month to be donated to the Hartford Food Pantry. October's items were canned fruit, and November is cans of soup (preferably family size Progresso. NOT Campbell's tomato or chicken noodle.. We are inviting the congregation to join us in our collection efforts. Please drop off any donated items in the back of the sanctuary.

History Note

In 1879, the first organized Sunday School for the church was held at Mrs. L.E. Oaks home northwest of Hartford. Later in 1884, a school district was organized and Church and Sunday School classes were held at the school. In 1885, the Church was founded and a building constructed in 1892. The school building was moved out to the Roy Brown farm and used for a granary. Arlayne Ruhaak is his daughter.

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 November - United Methodist Student Scholarships

Our Noisy Bucket offering for the month of November will support the United Methodist Student Day special offering. The funds received from this offering across the United Methodist denomination go into the United Methodist Student Loan Fund to underwrite scholarships for United Methodist students.



Thank you to the Stearns for their donation of pumpkins for our family carving party!



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. 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

Thank you to **Jan Nordlund**, our Food Pantry sponsor for the month of November! This sponsorship is in memory of Don Nordlund, her husband of 32 years.



Hartford UMC

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Charge Conference - 7 members in attendance

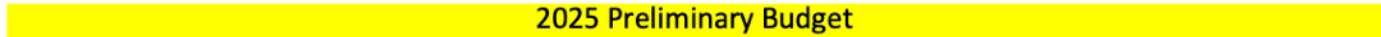
- Opened with welcome and introductions by District Superintendent Rev. Brandon Vetter at 2:03 pm.
- Time was given to celebrate what has been going well in Hartford over the last year. Items mentioned included: Harvest Home Turkey Dinner, installation of new boilers, growth of our Wild Wednesday program, The Closet, Vacation Bible School, new lighting updated in the building, grant and fundraising for the Hartford area food pantry;
- Business of the Charge Conference
 - Resources to Accomplish the Mission
 - Human
 - Laity of the Church
 - Membership report was presented. Motion to approve made by David Niewald. Second by Scott Nordlund. Motion passed.
 - Pastor (as one who mobilizes and equips people for ministry)
 - Clergy compensation form presented. Motion to approve by Darin Johnson. Second by Melissa Caslin. Motion passed.
 - Financial
 - Budget was presented. Motion to approve made by Scott Nordlund. Second by David Niewald. Motion passed.
- Time of Q&A and updates from the Conference.
- Adjournment with prayer and devotion at 2:46 pm.

If you have any questions or want more information regarding Charge Conference, please feel free to contact Pastor Seth.

Hartford United Methodist Church
2025 Preliminary Budget

Account Name	2022 Actual Spending	2023 Actual Spending	2024 Est YE Spending	2025 Budget	\$\$ Change	% Change
<u>CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS</u>						
General Apportionments	6,838	16,008	17,528	16,900	(628)	-3.58%
Pensions & Insurance	12,293	11,367	11,555	11,843	289	2.50%
TOTAL CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS	19,131	27,375	29,083	28,743	(339)	-1.17%
<u>INSURANCES</u>						
HealthFlex Participant Share	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
HealthFlex Direct Bill	7,062	7,818	7,818	8,013	195	2.50%
TOTAL INSURANCES	7,062	7,818	7,818	8,013	195	2.50%
<u>STAFF PARISH RELATIONS</u>						
Salary (includes housing)	50,437	52,959	54,418	55,779	1,360	2.50%
Pastor Pension Pd by Pastor	4,836	4,634	5,464	5,601	137	2.50%
Accountable Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Mileage	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pulpit Supply	719	200	1,082	1,020	(62)	-5.75%
Office Manager	13,158	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Custodian/Cleaning	2,643	2,269	2,743	2,811	69	2.50%
Organist & Pianist	4,739	5,285	5,244	5,376	131	2.50%
Social Security Taxes	3,710	1,801	1,403	1,438	35	2.50%
TOTAL STAFF PARISH RELATIONS	80,242	67,148	70,355	72,025	1,670	2.37%
<u>CHURCH OFFICE EXPENSES</u>						
Office Supplies & Copier	2,367	2,884	1,907	1,955	48	2.50%
Postage	258	-	68	70	2	2.50%
TOTAL CHURCH OFFICE EXPENSES	2,625	2,884	1,975	2,024	49	2.50%
<u>TRUSTEES EXPENSES</u>						
Church Utilities	10,810	11,087	10,307	10,564	258	2.50%
Parsonage Utilities	4,066	3,562	1,679	1,721	42	2.50%
Cleaning Supplies	68	-	119	122	3	2.50%
Snow Removal	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Insurance	11,205	12,918	14,269	7,651	(6,618)	-46.38%
Maintenance & Repair - Church	937	5,439	1,364	2,500	1,137	83.35%
Maintenance & Repair -Parsonage	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	#DIV/0!
Minnehaha County Property Tax	357	527	524	550	26	5.00%
TOTAL TRUSTEES EXPENSE	27,443	33,532	28,261	24,108	(4,153)	-14.69%

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Account Name	2022 Actual Spending	2023 Actual Spending	2024 Est YE Spending	2025 Budget	\$\$ Change	% Change
LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAMS						
Finance Committee	10	-		-	-	#DIV/0!
Members/Fellowship/Outreach	-	-		400	400	#DIV/0!
Christian Education	1,265	1,772	2,281	2,338	57	2.50%
Conference Delegates	912	290	589	400	(189)	-32.11%
TOTAL LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAMS	2,187	2,062	2,870	3,138	268	9.33%
MISSION EXPENSE						
Mission Committee			95	100	5	0.00%
TOTAL MISSION EXPENSE	-	-	95	100	5	0.00%
WORSHIP EXPENSE						
Worship Committee	-	2,052	1,382	1,416	35	2.50%
Publications		117	637	653	16	2.50%
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSE	-	2,169	2,019	2,069	50	2.50%
MISCELLANEOUS						
Miscellaneous	3,260	677	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Miscellaneous - Banking Fees	302	1,071	1,024	1,049	26	2.50%
Promotional /Marketing			269	500	231	85.87%
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	3,562	1,747	1,293	1,549	257	19.85%
GRAND TOTAL	142,252	144,736	143,768	141,770	(1,998)	-1.39%

Average Monthly Expense	\$ 11,854	\$ 12,061	\$ 11,981	\$ 11,814
Average Weekly Expense	\$ 2,736	\$ 2,783	\$ 2,765	\$ 2,726

Wild Wednesday Meal Schedule	Volunteer	Main Course
November 6	United Women in Faith	Chicken and Rice
November 13		Spaghetti
November 20	Retzlaff	Tacos
November 27	N/A	N/A

Worship Volunteer Schedule	Usher/Greeter	Fellowship Food	Acolyte	Liturgist
November 3	Lois Kaiser & Craig Doss	Lois Kaiser	Kynzie Lueth	N/A
November 10	Sandy Winter & Irene Shannon	Sandy Winter	Chase Polley	Irene Shannon
November 17	Keith Loof & Dan Kistler	Johnson	Evan Alderson	N/A
November 24	Lueth	Lueth	Kynzie Lueth	Scott Nordlund
Communion Stewards	Preparer: Rachel Stearns	Servers: Elizabeth Johnson, Jan Nordlund		

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

November 2024

October 2024							November 2024							December 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				

-  US Holidays
-  Christian Holidays
-  humcsd@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School Hour 4:00 PM Bibles & Brews 6:00 PM Yoga Recovery	28	29	30 6:00 PM WILD Wednesday Halloween	31 Diwali Halloween	1 All Saints' Day	2 All Souls' Day Day of the Dead 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
3 Daylight Saving Time End 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School Hour 4:00 PM Bibles & Brews 6:00 PM Yoga Recovery	4 7:00 PM Evening Blessings Women's Group	5 Election Day	6 6:00 PM WILD Wednesday	7 1:30 PM Faith Circle	8	9 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
10 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School Hour 4:00 PM Bibles & Brews 6:00 PM Yoga Recovery	11 Veterans Day	12	13 6:00 PM WILD Wednesday	14 7:30 AM DHI Meeting 6:30 PM Acreeage Creations Paint Party	15	16 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
17 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School Hour 4:00 PM Bibles & Brews 6:00 PM Yoga Recovery	18	19	20 6:00 PM WILD Wednesday	21	22	23 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
24 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School Hour 4:00 PM Bibles & Brews 6:00 PM Yoga Recovery	25	26	27 6:00 PM WILD Wednesday	28 Thanksgiving	29	30 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship

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