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Personal Statement by Pastor Seth

Grace and peace!

For the last month or so I've been facilitating a study on Wednesday evenings on how to manage our time in a Biblical way (I say "facilitate" because it was a study on RightNow Media, and lead by someone much more knowledgeable on the subject than myself). It was interesting, and convicting at the same time. I realized in the midst of this study that I am not practicing the kind of healthy time management that I could/should.

For example, I'm not sleeping as much as I should. Instead of getting the 8 hours of sleep that all the science and other research says I need, I choose to do other things like read or mindlessly fiddle with my phone to the point where I may get 6 1/2 hours a night. Speaking of my phone, I also allow it to distract me with its multitude of notifications and alerts, which only serve to pull me out of the task at hand and derail my efforts to be productive.

These are clearly things that are within my control to change, and yet I haven't had the drive or interest to do so. However, after watching this series, I'm wanting to renew my commitment to practicing healthy methods of time management. It won't be easy, so I would welcome any "check-ups" from you to follow-up and see how things are going.

I bring this experience up both to invite your help and support, but also to highlight the resources that helped me spark this interest in self-improvement: Our RightNow Media library of studies, and our Wednesday Adult Bible Study class. RightNow Media is a very helpful resources for anyone interested in Bible studies on a wide variety of topics such as work, parenting, leadership, Bible basics, and even has a huge catalogue of children's programs. All you need an email, and you can access the full database of studies for free as part of the Church's subscription.

I also want to highlight our Wild Wednesday program, and the faith community we are developing there. With a meal at 6:00 pm, a brief worship at 6:30 pm, and classes for all ages and experiences at 6:45 pm, there's an option for everyone. Whether you come for part of the night, or all of it, it's a great chance to grow in community together. And if you choose to join one of our classes, remember that like me, it's never too late to learn something new. Whether you are "experienced" in faith or have a child-like faith, we would love to have you join us and grow with us!

God bless!

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**November Birthdays**

- 1 Tom Kaiser
- 4 Elaine Foster  
Lars Langrehr
- 7 Adam Johnson
- 9 Esther LaBounty
- 10 Joyce Loof  
Whitney Stockwell
- 12 Grace Severin
- 13 Rick Ankeny
- 14 Val Grauel
- 15 Crystal Exelson  
Miranda Jacobsma  
Kaitlin Retzlaff  
T.J. Stineke
- 16 Renee Umland
- 19 Addison Jacobsma
- 20 Jen Hotchkiss  
Bentley Klinkhammer
- 22 Charles Meyer  
Courtney Person
- 24 Bridget Bossman  
Bryon Shumaker



Church Data — October 2022

Totals for October

Total Attendance—

Tithes and Offerings— \$

Monthly Budget for 2022 – \$14,799

**Sign up to Serve at The Banquet**

**Our Church will be serving breakfast at The Banquet Tuesday, November 8. We are looking for 5 or 6 folks to come at 5:30 am to prepare the meal, and 8-10 folks to come at 6:30 to serve. The Banquet is located 900 E 8th St and enter the north door. If you can help, sign up at the table in the back of the sanctuary or call Jan Nordlund, 605-906-0934, or the church, 606-528-3822. You will be a blessing to those who are hungry.**



**We are collecting new gloves for folks who come to The Banquet for meals. If you would like to contribute gloves of any size, there will be a tub at the table in the back of the sanctuary for you to put them. We will deliver them right before Thanksgiving. Thank you helping warm their hands during the winter!**

*Missions and Women in Faith*

## Hartford United Methodist Church Leadership Team Updates

The goal for the new leadership team is to keep our church informed. Each month, we will have an insert in the newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the team members.

### Members include:

**Christian Education**-Katie Peterson 605-360-1805

**Worship**-Lexy Klinkhammer 605-201-3495

**Lay Member**-Carrie Severin 605-209-1320

**Trustee**- Jeff Peterson 605-261-4702

**Outreach and Missions**- Darin Johnson 605-595-2040

**Finance**- Melissa Caslin 605-941-6355

**Staff/Parish Relations**-Scott Nordlund 605-351-2831

## Christian Education

We have been having lots of fun on our Wild Wednesdays! Our average attendance for all ages has been around 50 people. Carving pumpkins will be our highlight of October. As a reminder, we have fun for all ages on Wednesday nights. Each Wednesday: Meal at 6:00, short contemporary worship at 6:30, PreK-5th Grade, MS youth, HS youth, adult studies all start at 6:45.



If you have any Christian Education questions, please contact Katie Peterson

## Worship

We are excited to continue with our contemporary music worship service. These services will be held the third Sunday of each month with our next one being November 20.

# Advent Paint Party



Join us for an Advent kickoff and make your very own door sign! Please reserve your spot on the link. Fellowship to begin Tuesday, November 29th at 5:30pm and painting to start at 6pm. Bring your friends and join in the Holiday spirit!

## Trustee

Please make sure to reach out if you have any questions regarding the many projects we are working together to complete. If you are interested in lending a hand or funding a project please contact Jeff Peterson 605-261-4702. One change you will notice in this update is the use of memorial funds. After researching and getting a better understanding of our current memorial funds I have learned that 1)The funds are not fully being utilized, 2) There are a lot of meaningful ways we could use the funds.. I recently shared the following article with our leadership team, if you are interested in learning more about memorial funds please click here to read.

### Completed Projects in October

- Chapel sheetrock repaired, ceiling and walls painted. Please thank Erin Alderson, Langdon Klinkhammer, and Lexy Klinhammer for completing this project.
- Pyramid Cedar Tree removed from front entry; Please thank Leighton Peterson.
- Gutter and downspout replacement to N addition completed. Cost of \$990 covered in memory of Ernest(Bud) and Marcella Edberg. Thank you Eric and Buffy Edberg.
- New outdoor Security lighting installed by Siemonsma Electric; 17watt vs 100 watt. This meaningful change was funded by undesignated memorial funds.
- New signage installed; handicap, safety signage, package delivery signs. This meaningful change was funded by undesignated memorial funds.
- \$193.40 LED rebate received from Sioux Valley Electric in response to our LED updates. More to come.
- Parsonage Audit completed. Click here to view notes If you are interested in being part of a task force to fund or complete a project please contact Jeff Peterson.

In 2018 a 4,000 bid was approved for completion of the same job, but unfortunately we could not get the contractor to show up. Repairing the belltower is an unavoidable maintenance cost that must be completed to ensure architectural safety and protection. Please consider giving to the building fund to cover the costs of projects like this!

## **Outreach and Missions**

Serving at Lunch is Served in Sioux Falls - Date Change - New date is December 19, 2022. More info to come in December Newsletter.

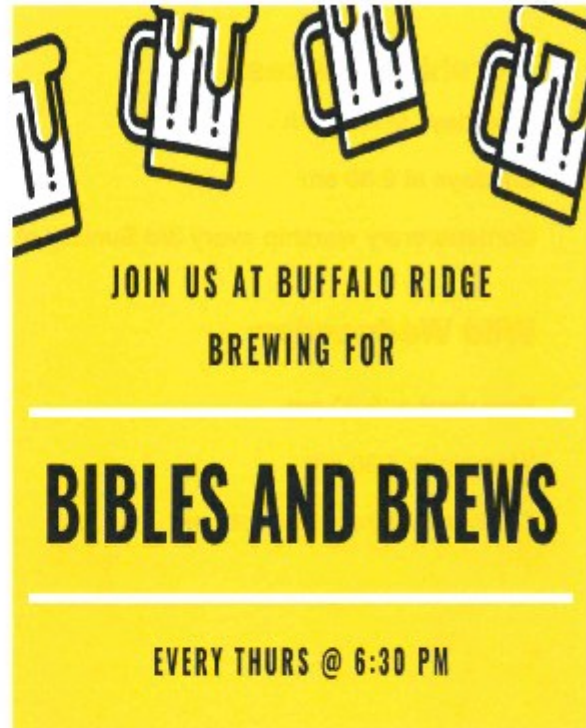
## **Finance**

- September Offerings Total - \$8,689
- September Expenses Paid - \$11,340
- Apportionments Due - \$1,303
- 2023 Budget was prepared and presented at Oct. 23 annual charge conference.

## **Lay and Staff/Parish Relations**

Our focus this quarter is on fostering a vibrant and Christ affirming environment of the church. On Sunday, November 23, Pastor Seth spoke about self-reflection on all the ways we can give to support our ministry and those who seek and need Christ in their lives. There are more ways to give than just financially. I encourage all members to prayerfully consider ways they can use their talents to help in the ministries at church. We are currently in need of ushers and greeters. This ministry is crucial in creating a welcoming environment to future and current members. Ushers and greeters are the first step in the mission of our church "To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World." Please, consider joining our team of ushers and greeters today! The first step is to make sure that your contact information is up to date. If you have not done so already, please fill out this Google Form

**Come just as  
you are, and  
discuss all  
things faith,  
life, and beer!**



**Come join our  
Children's Halloween  
activities!**

**October 26th: Pumpkin carving**

Free Meal - 6:00 pm  
Worship - 6:30 pm  
Pumpkin carving - 6:45-7:45 pm  
(pumpkins are provided)

**October 30th: Halloween Party**

After worship on Sunday (~10:45 am), we want to invite kids to change into their costumes and trick-or-treat around the sanctuary!

