



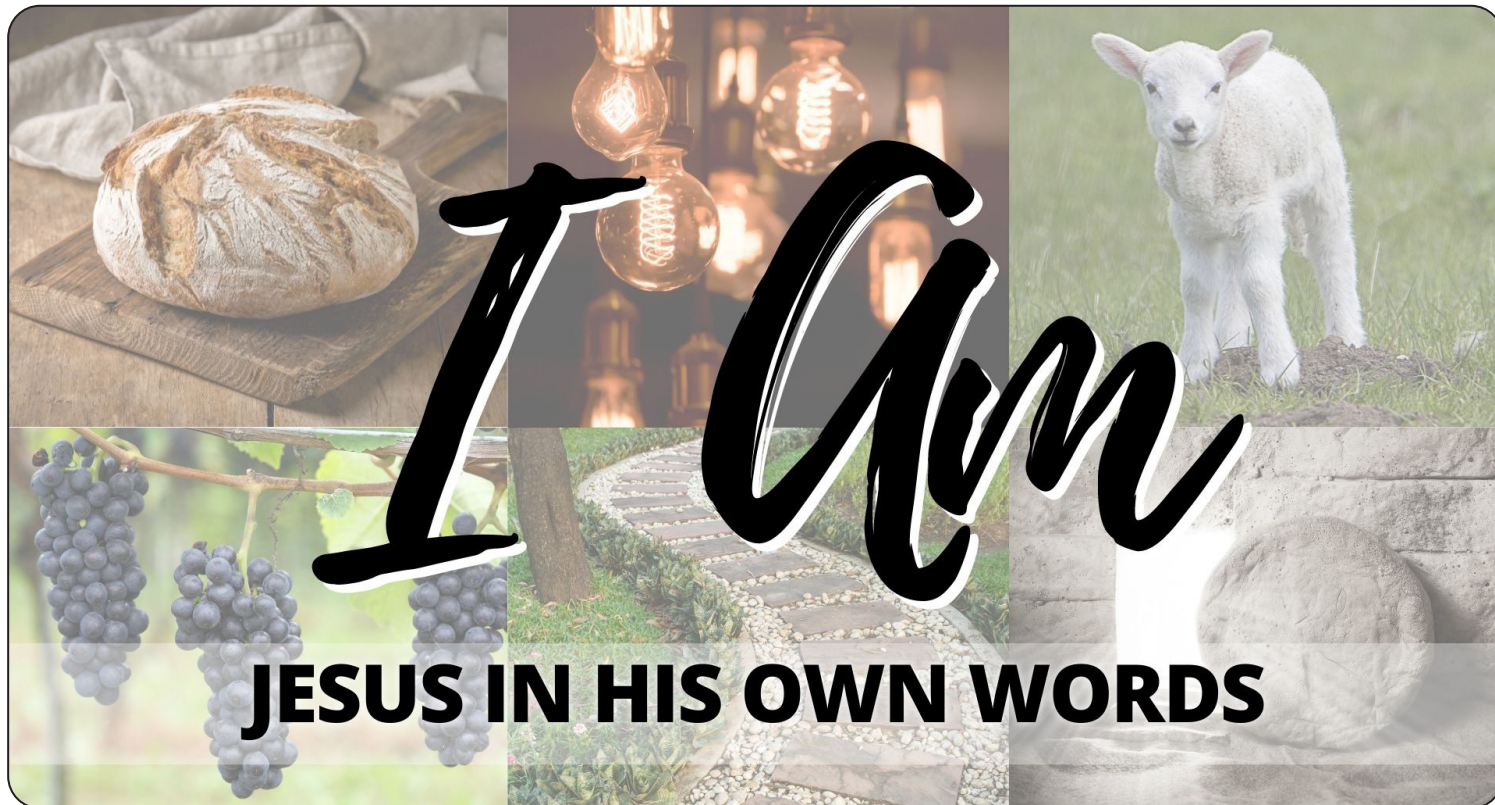
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Pastor Jordan Louks

**New Beginnings** with Pastor Jordan Louks

**Greetings, First Church!**

It is such a joy to be your new Associate Pastor. I come to you with hope for new beginnings in a new church and city, with delight for the opportunities to take part in the current ministries and missions, and with anticipation of the new paths of discipleship and outreach we will create together. I already feel very welcome after meeting many of you at annual conference and over the last few months.

New beginnings are one of the more thrilling yet equally anxiety-inducing parts of being human though. We look forward to the new friendships and the new stories. Yet we wonder how we will be judged and if we will live up to the standards we set for ourselves. I remember when I first was invited to be part of the church choir at Spearfish United Methodist Church as a high school student. Back then I worried about what this would mean for my social status, even though I hardly had any at all. Apparently I thought singing with older adults would make me an outcast. So it kept me from initially going.

Eventually Georgi Streetman, the choir director, convinced me to come. When I arrived that first Wednesday I found friendly faces that would plant seeds into me throughout the years and my anxiety lessened. Ultimately those seeds would produce the fruit that is in part my calling into

pastoral ministry. I am grateful I did not let prejudice and fear prevent me from joining the church choir because it was so much fun, I made friends, and God was moving.

New beginnings are challenging because they involve change and transition. They involve stepping out of our comfort zone to something that is unfamiliar. They involve risk and being vulnerable with someone we do not know yet. However, they also provide us with an opportunity to look at the world from a different perspective. They allow us to meet people we have never known. They help us to grow and discover new ways to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are in a season of change and uncertainty in our world and in the United Methodist Church. We are coming out of a pandemic that has ravaged our country and is still ravaging the world. There are many things that may make us want to retreat inward as even some of our oldest relationships may feel like new beginnings. Yet we worship a God of new beginnings who is making all things new. Therefore, I have a deep abiding trust that the Holy Spirit is at work calling each of us to go out into our community to preach good news to the poor, make disciples of Jesus Christ, and, especially at First Church, welcome all to be a vital part of a sanctuary of Christian hope, love, and encouragement in the heart of Sioux Falls.

God's peace be with you,

*Pastor Jordan Louks*

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# Currently @ First Church

## IMPACT Sioux Falls, July 18-22

Make an **IMPACT** — Intentional Ministry Promoting Active Community Transformation!

Sioux Falls mission and serving opportunities for all ages able to work and serve. If younger than 6<sup>th</sup> grade, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**Cost for the whole week? \$10/Day**

Sign up online at [sfumc.org](http://sfumc.org) or at the Information Center. Questions? Contact Pastor Andrea @ [johnsona@sfumc.org](mailto:johnsona@sfumc.org).

**See the full IMPACT schedule under the Next Generation article in this newsletter.**



by Kathy Martens, Executive Director

## Summer Enrollment Is Up!

**Hello, Kidstop's summer program enrollement has increased to 38 Children!**

We have been busy having fun and learning new things as we have been making the most of summer vacation.

We have gone on a variety of field trips. Including the Candy Cloud Factory, Sertoma Butterfly House and Outdoor Campus, Cherry Rock Park, Miracle League Field, Emerson Park, Eastway Bowl, Mansor-Pioneer Spray Park for some water fun and Skate City.

We are excited that the painting project is completed in the West entrance that we did along with United Child Care and Preschool to make our entrance to our programs more fun and child friendly. Coming soon will be a new sign for our programs as well!

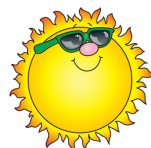
We are so excited to be making these updates and want to thank the United Way, First Church and the wonderful boards of United Child Care and Kidstop for making these changes a reality!

**Thank You!**



## Summer Worship Services

- **8:30 a.m.** — Traditional Service (In-person in the Sanctuary and ONLINE\*)
- **9:45 a.m.** — Unity Service (In-person in the Sanctuary and ONLINE\*)
- **11 a.m.** — Outdoor Service at Leif Ericson Campground



Stay for a BBQ the last Sunday of the month at 12pm.



by LuAnn Berkhof, Executive Director

## Happy Anniversary!

As you read this newsletter you can be assured that our children are **thanking you for ALL the toys** you, First Church, blessed us with this summer. Thank you for including us in your services and, your prayers, on June 27.

Below are a couple photos of the fun we have had this summer at the parks and pools. Our tie dye t-shirts have seen many years of sunny days, but I still think we are an impressive burst of color when all 70 children and 9 teachers get together.



# Congregational Care

## A Call To Volunteer

A sincere welcome reaches out and positively pulls guests into the hospitality environment they have chosen and makes guests feel like they have made a good choice.

A cordial and courteous welcome gives guest the feeling they have been invited to join the setting even though they chose to go on their own.

**This is exactly the feeling we want to offer at First Church!**

Join the Connections Team by becoming a Greeter, Usher, or Information Center Attendant!

Please let Pam Knuth [knuthp@sfumc.org](mailto:knuthp@sfumc.org) know that you would love to join the team.

## Celebrations at First Church

Thank you to Connie Colwill, Mary Jane Richardson, Carol Flynn, Bill and Judy Hoff, Curtis Mittendorf, Kalani Jorgensen, and Heather Barthelman for representing First Church as Lay Members to Annual Conference which was held June 11-13.

**Your service to our church is appreciated!**

## Join the Funeral Hospitality Team

Our Funeral Hospitality Team consists of a group of caring individuals who wish to take the burden off of the grieving family.

Each time there is a meal scheduled after a funeral the team sets the tables and serves a nice meal for the family and their loved ones to enjoy. They are there to serve the family and show the love of Christ during a difficult time.

If you are interested in joining this caring team please contact the church office.

## Heart Touch Visitor

Yes, I would like to be a Heart Touch Visitor!

As a Heart Touch Visitor, you will visit your senior friend at least once a month. Get to know them and offer prayer, conversation, and friendship. For those that cannot make it to church, you could share what the church is recently planning or watch a pre-recorded service together.

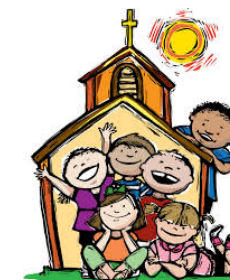
There is a short and simple training session before our group of Heart Touch Visitors will be commissioned and blessed to go out and spread joy from First Church.

Any questions or to become a Heart Touch Visitor, please call the church office or email Pam Knuth at [knuthp@sfumc.org](mailto:knuthp@sfumc.org) or return this form to First Church.

## CHURCH FAMILY

### PRAYER LIST

- Don Ditmanson
- Marcene Barkleg (cousin of Rachelle Stricherz)
- Roberta Callaghan/Luther Manor



### DEATHS

- Bev Semmens (wife of Gene Semmens)

### ATTENDANCE

- May 16: Total 450 — YTD 773
- May 23: Total 537 — YTD 761
- May 30: Total 598 — YTD 754
- June 6: Total 543 — YTD 745
- June 13: Total 420 — YTD 731



## "The Bag Ladies" AA Women's Only Group Meeting

Bring your "brown bag" lunch  
Wednesdays, 12 - 1 p.m.

Fireplace Room  
First United Methodist Church

## Al-Anon Family Groups

"3C's"

## Al-Anon Family Group Meeting Thursdays 1:30-2:30 p.m., Fireplace Room First United Methodist Church

To request Zoom link send email to:  
[SDAAnonOutreach@gmail.com](mailto:SDAAnonOutreach@gmail.com)

[www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org) / [www.sdal-anon-alateen.org](http://www.sdal-anon-alateen.org)  
Sioux Falls Hotline / meeting information: 605-679-5497  
Rapid City Hotline / meeting information: 605-390-6432

# Discipleship and Fellowship

## United Methodist Women News

Once again, UMW would like to remind you about the UMW Reading Program, grocery card sales, and your contributions to the upcoming directory and cookbook. Information and materials for the UMW reading program are in the church library. Completed forms for this year's program are due by August 15, but of course, you are welcome to read any of the selections at any time. Some of the selections are available in video format as well.

Please help UMW's mission projects by purchasing grocery store gift cards and greeting cards. Items are available for purchase Sunday mornings in the church library, or in the church office throughout the week. A percentage of all sales comes right back to UMW.

In case you haven't already heard, as part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of First Church, we are creating an updated church directory and 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook. You may submit your own photo, or utilize a "photo booth" at the church. There is a team ready to start putting these together, and we need your submissions! For additional information, see the article below.

## Pictorial Directory/Cookbook

As part of our church's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration we are creating a church pictorial directory and cookbook.

Church members are asked to email a high resolution jpeg or png photo to a Gmail account that has been set up for this use. Photos can be formal or casual, in your home, backyard, local park, or even from a vacation trip. If you don't have a picture to upload, we will have photo booth opportunities at the church in the near future.

All members that submit a photo, or have their photo taken at the church photo booth, will receive a directory.

Recipes for the cookbook can also be submitted through the Gmail account.

**Please email your photo and recipes to:**  
firstumc150th@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Richardson at maryjane@sio.midco.net.

Submit your favorite recipe and photo for our upcoming cookbook/photo directory!



## Guys Night Out Update - August 18

Guys Night Out is approaching fast!! Hold the evening of Wednesday, August 18 on your schedule. And watch for tickets going on sale in the coming weeks and make sure you buy them early.

We need our brother's help. It takes many hands to make an event like this one happen, and we need yours too.

Please call Sean Ervin at 759-5199 or Brian Jans at 231-1164 to volunteer to help this great event thrive in our church.

## Wedded Band / S.A.G.E.S.

Thank you for your generous response to the Veteran's Services Outreach Program. We asked for donations to purchase items on the "wish list" of the mission that serves homeless vets. If you have not had the opportunity to contribute, please send your gift to Lyle Kranzler. We will work with the church office to record gifts on your giving record.

Several of us met with Mat, an employee of the outreach facility. We learned meals are served several times a week; freezers store leftover foods donated by local businesses; bathroom, shower and laundry facilities, along with personal health products are provided; clothing like socks, Tshirts and underwear are needed; and help in finding work and housing is available. Mat was enthusiastic about the opportunities that help our veterans.




(L-R) Mat, Carol, Carolyn, Kay, and Lyle



The **August Here @ First** newsletter information and articles are due by **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 20.**

The August newsletter will be mailed on **Wednesday, July 28.** Please email your information to Jill Johnson at [johnsonj@sfumc.org](mailto:johnsonj@sfumc.org)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>All Sunday Services are offered online at <a href="http://sfumc.org">sfumc.org</a> and on Facebook Live</i>						
<p>4 Sunday Worship: In Person &amp; Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:00am (Leif Ericson Camp)</p> 	<p>5 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>6 Facebook: Take 5 Tuesday 11am</p>	<p>7 Feeding SD Food Distribution: 5:30pm</p>	<p>1 Facebook: Throwback Thursday 11am Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm</p>	<p>2 Facebook: FYI Friday 11am</p>	<p>3 Men of Integrity: 7:30am</p>
<p>11 Sunday Worship w/Communion: In Person &amp; Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:00am (Leif Ericson Camp)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Serve the Downtown Banquet: 5:30am Facebook: Take 5 Tuesday 11am</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Facebook: Throwback Thursday 11am Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm</p>	<p>16 Facebook: FYI Friday 11am</p>	<p>17 Men of Integrity: 7:30am</p>
<p>18 Impact Mission Sunday Worship: In Person &amp; Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:00am (Leif Ericson Camp) Reception: Welcome Pastor Jordan 8am-11am (Lewis Friendship) VBS "Suit Up! Putting on the Armor of God" 1pm</p>	<p>19 Impact Mission United Childcare &amp; Preschool Board Meeting: 5:30pm Finance Meeting: 5:30pm</p>	<p>20 Impact Mission Serve the Downtown Banquet: 5:30am Facebook: Take 5 Tuesday 11am</p>	<p>21 Impact Mission</p>	<p>22 Impact Mission Facebook: Throwback Thursday 11am Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm</p>	<p>23 Facebook: FYI Friday 11am</p>	<p>24 Men of Integrity: 7:30am</p>
<p>25 Sunday Worship: In Person &amp; Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:00am (Leif Ericson Camp) 12:00pm (Church Cookout @ Leif Ericson Camp)</p>	<p>26 Nightwatch at Hayward: 5pm Trustees Meeting: 5:30pm Church Council: 7pm</p>	<p>27 Facebook: Take 5 Tuesday 11am Serve Banquet West: 4:30pm</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Facebook: Throwback Thursday 11am Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm</p>	<p>30 Facebook: FYI Friday 11am</p>	<p>31 Men of Integrity: 7:30am</p>

Just call the front office @ (605) 336-3652 to request a copy and we can either email, mail, or you can stop by in person to receive yours.

**Did you know that you could get a copy of Pastor Sara's Sunday sermons?**

# Next Generation News

## IMPACT Week July 18-22, 2021

Cost For the Whole Week? \$10/Day

Sign up online at [sfumc.org](http://sfumc.org) or at the Information Center.  
Questions? Contact Pastor Andrea @ [johnsona@sfumc.org](mailto:johnsona@sfumc.org).

### Sunday, July 18

- 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. **VBS "Suit Up" Putting on the Armor of God** (help needed)
- 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. **IMPACT Kick-off** (welcome/information about the week, team building activities, food)

### Monday, July 19

- 8:30 a.m. – Noon **Feeding SD** (meet at First Church to ride together, 15 people needed)
- Noon **Lunch at First Church** for those serving in the a.m./p.m. or both
- 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Prayer walk, neighborhood clean-up, rock painting for 150<sup>th</sup>**
- 3:30 – 8:30 p.m. **Wild Water West** (bring \$ for food)
- 8:45 p.m. Head home from First Church

### Tuesday, July 20

- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Miracle Field Kickball/lunch with LifeScape** (25 people needed)
- 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. **Variety of projects at First Church** (Any number of people)
- 5:30 p.m. **Dinner with "Spoke Folk" Travelling Ministry Team**
- 6:30 p.m. **"Spoke Folk" show** (music, puppets, sharing)
- 8 p.m. Head home from First Church

### Wednesday, July 21

- 8:30 a.m. – Noon **Feeding SD** (meet at SFUMC to ride together, 15 people needed)
- Noon **Lunch** at First Church for those serving in the a.m./p.m. or both
- 1 – 5 p.m. **Art in the Park** with 'Church on the Street' Prep (walking to handout invites)
- 6 p.m. Meet at First Church to head to **Canaries game**. Wear your 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration T-Shirts! Bring \$ for food/snacks.

### Thursday, July 22

- 5:30 – 8 a.m. **The Banquet** (need 20 people, 3-5 adults at 5:30am to prep/cook)
- 8:30 a.m. – Noon **Various projects/Prep for Art in the Park**
- Noon **Lunch** at First Church
- 1 – 7 p.m. **Art in the Park** with 'Church on the Street'



SPOKEFOLK



CELEBRATING



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE MONTH OF

July

- ◆ Commit to praying the Breakthrough Prayer Card.
- ◆ Pick up your complimentary 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirt.
- ◆ Take a *Walk Down Memory Lane*, our historical display, located in the Wesley Dining Hall.
- ◆ Add your hope for the future of our church to the Tree of Hope, located in the Wesley Dining Hall.
- ◆ Gather a group of family or friends and commit to 150 of something, such as:
  - Collecting 150 items for an agency or program in need
  - Performing 150 hours of volunteer work
  - Sending 150 "thinking of you" cards to nursing home residents
  - 150 hours of prayer for our church, community, military, etc.
- ◆ Make a donation to an existing group's 150 project:
  - S.A.G.E.S/Wedded Band - Veteran's Outreach
  - Music Department – 150 backpacks filled with school supplies for the Banquet
  - TripleF – 150 pairs of winter socks and 150 gift cards for guests at the Banquet.
- ◆ Contribute towards the 150 hours of service by participating in one of our mission opportunities:
  - Feeding SD Food Distribution Team – July 7 ([prostrollo@sfumc.org](mailto:prostrollo@sfumc.org))
  - Habitat for Humanity Team – July 10 ([dougandamy@alliancecom.net](mailto:dougandamy@alliancecom.net))
  - Banquet Downtown Team – July 20 ([ghealy6@sio.midco.net](mailto:ghealy6@sio.midco.net))
  - Banquet West Team – July 27 ([marilynclm@icloud.com](mailto:marilynclm@icloud.com))
- ◆ Be a part of Impact Sioux Falls (see the article under Next Generation News in this newsletter)

Questions?

Contact the church office or any of the members of the 150<sup>th</sup> Planning Team