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Pastor Jordan Louks

Gather, Grow, Go! with Pastor Jordan Louks

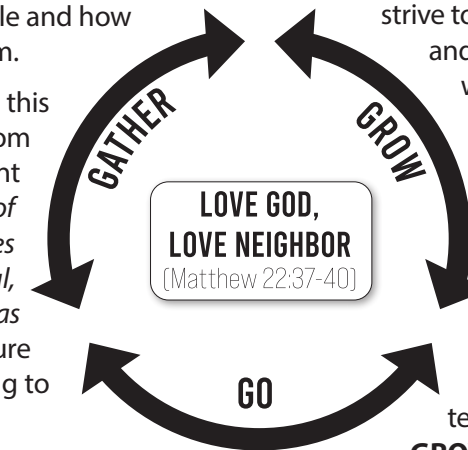
The mission statement of the United Methodist Church is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." This is vital to who we are. Therefore, it is important to understand what it means to be a disciple and how we are partnering with God to make them.

To begin, we have defined a disciple in this way, incorporating a core teaching from Jesus—the double love commandment (Matthew 22:37-40). *With knowledge of God's saving grace through Jesus, disciples love God with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength, and love their neighbors as themselves.* Alongside this core Scripture are values that are important in cultivating to develop as a disciple:

- (1) Passionate Worship
- (2) Radical Hospitality
- (3) Intentional Faith Development
- (4) Risk-Taking Mission and Service
- (5) Extravagant Generosity

Our pathway to discipleship is non-linear; there are multiple avenues whereby disciples are strengthened and continue to be throughout their lives. Disciples do not always begin at the same point. Some enter through worship, some in a small group, and some with a mission project, in service to others. Each area is vital to participate so that we grow holistically as disciples.

We have determined that these avenues and opportunities fit nicely with the words **Gather, Grow, and Go**. **Gathering** disciples seek purpose and belonging through passionate worship of the living God and growing in their hospitality toward others. **Growing** disciples intentionally develop their faith throughout their life within the community of faith in fellowship and small study groups. **Going** disciples strive to give extravagantly out of their resources and take risks in their mission and service with and for others. Through becoming a gathering, growing, and going disciple, one grows in their ability to love God and love neighbor as themselves. Through various opportunities at First Church, we can Gather, Grow, and Go!



Ultimately, Jesus **GATHERED** people together so they could find purpose, belonging, and community. Jesus, through teaching and discussion, helped people **GROW** in their faith in God and in their calling as children of the living God. And Jesus propelled people to **GO**, giving extravagantly out of their resources, serving others, and leading others boldly. Let us grow in our discipleship through taking part in worship, fellowship, extending hospitality, jumping into small groups, giving, leading, and serving with others. We do all of this in response to what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.

In Ministry Together,

Pastor Jordan Louks

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One community joined by hope

SUNDAYS @ 11:01AM
MODERN WORSHIP

First United Methodist Church
401 S. Spring Avenue
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www.sfumc.org/the1101



July Sermon Series

Information is correct at publication.

Please visit our website, sfumc.org, for further details and updates.

Adult Discipleship by Pastor Jordan



Loving the 605 with Veterans Community Project

Love the 605 is all about showing the love of our God to our neighbors around us. One of the exciting things happening in the city of Sioux Falls is the building of a tiny home community for veterans. The Veterans Community Project (VCP) is all about helping homeless veterans find their footing again. Not only does it provide a nice temporary, transitional home for them, but it also provides much needed one-on-one counseling services to help identify why the individual may have been struggling with homelessness.

They broke ground on this project on **June 30** this year and will continue working on the project. But they need community assistance to make this project go well and create a place where veterans can find health and healing.

The best way you can support Veterans Community Project is to donate financially. Throughout July, Veterans Community Project will be our Love the 605. So please donate! We are in communication with the Veterans Community Project, and we will update you as we determine how best to support them continually throughout the years to come.

Homelessness affects many people in our community. Those folks, veterans included, are also served by our partner Church on the Street. Therefore, for Second Service Sunday at the 11:01, which will be the third Sunday this month on July 17, we will be putting together **"Canteen Kits"** filled with snacks that will then be distributed by Pastor Chris Matson and others at Church on the Street to those who are experiencing homelessness. Let us love our neighbors here in the 605 by seeing that they are fed and that the veterans of our community are served.

Church Office Closed

Due to the holiday the church office will be closed Monday, July 4th. Happy Independence Day!

"Because You Asked..." July Bible Study

This July, we will be going through a sermon series based on topics people in the congregation are interested in exploring. Therefore, we will also go deeper through a Bible study based on those same topics.

This five-week Bible study will begin Wednesday, July 6, and go through Wednesday, August 3. We will meet @ 5:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room except for the first night, where we will meet in the Leopard Library. Join us for great discussion and fellowship. Pastor Jordan will be leading this study.

20s and 30s Group

- Are you in your 20s or 30s?
- Do you like food, hanging out, conversation, and games?

This young adults' group gets together regularly. The date and time fluctuate, so please contact Pastor Jordan to see when the group meets next.

S.A.G.E.S.

S.A.G.E.S. meets **Wednesday, July 13 at 11:20 a.m.** in the Wesley Dining Hall. The meal is \$7 and catered by Tony's. The menu will be swiss steak with mushrooms, baked potato, lettuce salad, and desert. Our speaker will be Amy Carter from the Childrens Inn. Also a time for devotions. Come join us for fine food, fellowship, and a drawing for a free meal! Call (605) 336-3652 to R.S.V.P.

Wedded Band

Wedded Band will meet **Wednesday, July 13, at 1 p.m.** in the **Friendship Room** following the Sages meeting.

We will visit about those who have influenced our lives in a special way and those in our church who have had an impact on us as Christians.

Our Wedded Band member of many years, Harlan Meyer, will celebrate his 100th birthday in September!

Thank You!

We, the family of Ardeth Rang, are very grateful to everyone for your continued prayers, cards, and gifts during Ardeth's journey and being there for us at her Celebration of Life as well.

Blessings to all,

*Rodney, Rodge, Robynn, and Roland Rang and families.
Clarice Voigt and family.*

Congregational Care

Open House
for
Irene Schryver!
Saturday, July 9, 12-3pm
Dow Rummel Gathering Hall
Irene turns 100 on July 12!
SEND CARDS TO:
1310 W. Madison St. Apt. #15, SF, SD 57104

**All Church
Worship
and Picnic!**
**Sertoma Park
Sunday, July 10
10 a.m.
Picnic @ 11 a.m**
**Family Fun
After The Picnic**
• Butterfly House (Group Discount)
• Scavenger Hunt @ The Outdoor Campus with PRIZES!!
• Fun Playground



The **August Here @ First** newsletter articles are due by **4:30PM, Tues, 7/19**. The August newsletter will be mailed on **Wed, 7/27**. Please email information to Jill Johnson at johnsonj@sfumc.org

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHS

- Madeline Rose Brenneman (daughter of Trevor & Mariah Brenneman, granddaughter of Rich & Anita Brenneman)

BAPTISMS

- Oliver Leland Lawson (son of Nicholas and Jordan Lawson)
- Franklin Charles Kirby (son of Nathan & Callie Kirby)

HOSPICE

- Mary Newcomb (Lake Loraine)
- Ray Bucklin (father of Val (David) Mickelson)
- Dennis Reents (husband of Lucille Reents)

DEATHS

- Ardeth Rang
- Eleanora Austin

PRAYERS

- Raven Smith
- Jim & Arlene Kieffer (parents of Cynthia (Mike) McConniel)
- Heidi & Ernie Geranen
- Rachele Stricherz & the residents and staff at Good Sam Lennox
- Roberta Callaghan
- Donna White

ATTENDANCE

- May 15: In Person 305
Online 364
- May 22: In Person 279
Online 322
- May 29: In Person 159
Online 358
- June 5: In Person 261
Online 298

"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



"3C's" Al-Anon Family Groups

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

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



United Women in Faith

Women's Ministries at First Church

Please join us Wednesday, July 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room for a light supper and a time to help shape Women's Ministries at First Church.

Pastor Sara is going to join us to help brainstorm ideas about Women's Ministries and how we can get more women involved, including our younger women.

We're hoping to have some of our women in the 30-45 age group attend to give their ideas of what they would like to see in Women's Ministries at our church.

We know summer is a busy time, but hopefully we can have a good crowd to do some brainstorming and help shape the future of Women's Ministries at our church!

Evangelist, Catalyst for Jesus: 2022 Denman Award Winner Pastor Sara Nelson!



At the Dakotas Annual Conference this year, Pastor Sara was the clergy recipient of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award, which is given to a person excelling at spreading the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed through their ministry. She was quite surprised when she won the award, but the honor is very much deserved.

Some of the areas of Pastor Sara's ministry that were highlighted included her ministry in Watertown, founding the People Against Child Hunger (PACH) program. She helped inspire the congregation and community to ask what could be done to alleviate hunger in their community. Additionally, she was recognized for her leadership here at First United Methodist, including in welcoming St. Michael's Ethiopian Orthodox Christian Church to worship in our chapel space, encouraging us to dream of sending more kids to camp this year, and the launching of our new worship service, the 11:01. Not to mention her spiritual leadership continues to help mobilize the staff and the congregation to share the love of Jesus with others and inspires us to dream big about how we can live out our mission and vision.

Congratulations Pastor Sara!

"Read @ First" Book Club

Read @ First is a new monthly book club where we will build faith and community together. Open to all adults.

3rd Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Leopard Library, Led by Jane Healy

- **July 19** — *The Time is Now* by Joan Chittester (United in Faith Reading Program, Spiritual Growth, available in Leopard Library)

"A series of short essays to encourage and refresh the spirit of activists . . . applicable to both progressive and conservative Christians. Will appeal to spiritual readers seeking an encouraging book for social justice advocacy."—Library Journal (starred review)

Pairing scriptural insights with narratives of the truth-tellers that came before us, Sister Joan Chittester—a rabble-rousing force of nature for social justice and fervent proponent of personal faith and spiritual fulfillment—offers a compelling vision for readers to combat complacency and to propel ourselves toward creating a world of justice, freedom, peace, and empowerment.

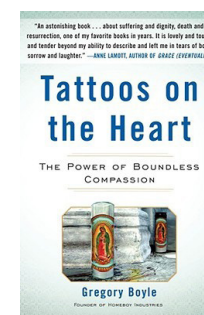
For the weary, the cranky, and the fearful, the energizing message in *The Time Is Now* invites us to participate in a vision for a world greater than the one we find ourselves in today. This is spirituality in action; this is practical and powerful activism for our times.




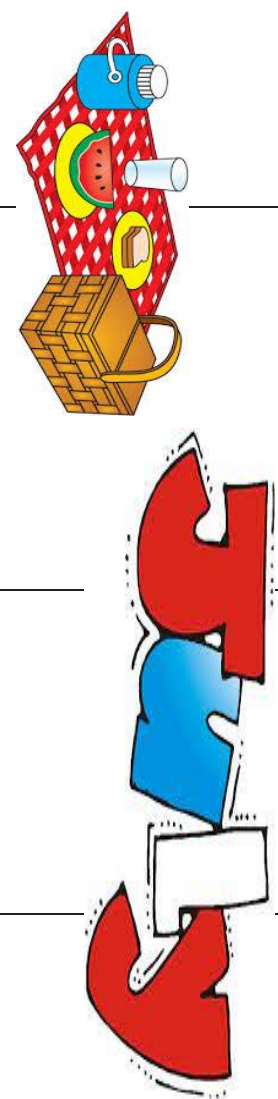
Participants are responsible for obtaining their own copies. A copy is owned by the Leopard Library. This book is on the UMW Reading List in the Spiritual Growth category.

Future Dates and Titles:

- **Aug 16** — *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger (not at Leopard Library, but available in several formats at Siouxland Library)
- **Sep 20** — *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Gregory Boyle

Email Jane Healy jheitman22@hotmail.com or call the church office if you have questions or want to sign up. The group is limited to 12 to enhance discussion, so sign up now!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 Communion Sunday Worship: In-Person & Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:01am (Wesley Dining Hall)</p> 	<p>4 Office closed Nighthatch at Hayward: 5pm</p> 	<p>5 A Matter Of Balance Class: 10am (MPR) Midweek Refresh: 12pm (Fireplace Room)</p> 	<p>6 Feeding SD Food Distribution: 5:30pm Because You Asked... Bible Study: 5:30pm (Library) Women's Ministry Session w/Pastor Sara: 5:30pm (Fireplace Room)</p>	<p>7 11:01 Band Rehearsal: 6pm Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm</p>	<p>8 Facebook: FYI Friday 11am</p>	<p>9 Men of Integrity: 7:30am Habitat for Humanity Team Build: 8:30am</p>
<p>10 Outdoor Sunday Worship w/Picnic: 10am (Serfona Park) Scavenger Hunt: 10:30am (Outdoor Campus)</p>	<p>11 A Matter Of Balance Class: 10am (MPR) Midweek Refresh: 12pm (Fireplace Room)</p>	<p>12 A Matter Of Balance Class: 10am (MPR) Midweek Refresh: 12pm (Fireplace Room)</p>	<p>13 Sages: 11-15am Wedded Band: 1pm Because You Asked... Bible Study: 5:30pm (Library)</p>	<p>14 11:01 Band Rehearsal: 6pm Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm</p>	<p>15 Facebook: FYI Friday 11am</p>	<p>16 Men of Integrity: 7:30am</p>
<p>17 Sunday Worship: In-Person & Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:01am (Wesley Dining Hall)</p>	<p>18 August Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>19 Serve the Downtown Banquet: 5:30am A Matter Of Balance Class: 10am (MPR) Midweek Refresh: 12pm (Fireplace Room) Carefirst Meeting: 5:30pm Read @ First: 5:30pm</p>	<p>20 Because You Asked... Bible Study: 5:30pm (Library)</p>	<p>21 11:01 Band Rehearsal: 6pm Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm</p>	<p>22 Facebook: FYI Friday 11am</p>	<p>23 Men of Integrity: 7:30am</p>
<p>24 Sunday Worship: In-Person & Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:01am (Wesley Dining Hall)</p>	<p>25 A Matter Of Balance Class: 10am (MPR) Midweek Refresh: 12pm (Fireplace Room) Serve Banquet West: 4:30pm Finance Meeting: 5:30pm SPRC Meeting: 5:30pm Trustees Meeting: 5:30pm</p>	<p>26 A Matter Of Balance Class: 10am (MPR) Midweek Refresh: 12pm (Fireplace Room) Serve Banquet West: 4:30pm Finance Meeting: 5:30pm SPRC Meeting: 5:30pm Trustees Meeting: 5:30pm</p>	<p>27 Because You Asked... Bible Study: 5:30pm (Library)</p>	<p>28 11:01 Band Rehearsal: 6pm Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm</p>	<p>29 Facebook: FYI Friday 11am The New Generations Singers Concert: 7pm (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>30 Men of Integrity: 7:30am</p>
<p>31 Sunday Worship: In-Person & Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:01am (Wesley Dining Hall)</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



High School Mission Trip to the Carolinas! June 17 - 24

Students: Alivia Grann, Nevaeh Grann, Anissa Baumberger, Eli Reisner, Garrett Reisner, Faith Moir, Hayden Ask, Julie Ask, Isaac Johnson, Katherine Mickelson, Max Mickelson, Mara Nelson, Reagan Lovrien, Jacob Vostad

Adults: Valerie Mickelson, Julie Moir, Jason Vostad, Pastor Andrea Johnson

As we move into the summer season, we will have some fun special events for kids and families:

- **July 10** — Following the all-church worship at Sertoma Park we will have a Scavenger Hunt at the Outdoor Campus. It will be fun for everyone!
- **August 14** — 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at First Church. Inflatables, food, games, and fun. Come before worship, after worship or both! We will have a back-to-school blessing during worship that day as well.

Other upcoming youth events and activities:

- **Middle and High School Youth** will have monthly gatherings. Watch for details.
- **Summer Camp.** We have a lot of kids and youth going to camp this Summer! We'd love to hear from campers about their time at camp...share your stories with us.
- **Middle School Mission Trip to Omaha** is August 5-7. There is still plenty of time to get signed up for this trip!

Questions? For more information or how you can be a part of helping with any of these ministries, contact Pastor Andrea at pastorandrea@sfumc.org.



Reading Bridge to Provide Summer Tutoring in the Leopard Library

For 21 years, Reading Bridge has offered summer tutoring to children who have completed Kindergarten - 5th grade. The mission of the program is to minimize the "summer gap" that children can sometimes experience over the summer months.

Between July 11-August 4, students have the opportunity to participate in this program at First Church. Trained tutors meet with their small groups for 1 hour a day, 2 times a week over the 4 week period. This will give **each child a total of 8 hours of FREE small group tutoring**. Research shows that this makes a difference! Time for reading, writing, spelling, and choosing library books (to take home to read) make up the 1 hour time frame. Our tutors make this hour easy and fun for the students!

Reading Bridge is also hosted by 6 other local Siouxland Libraries. For more information visit ReadingBridge.org. There are still open spots at First Church only. These afternoon sessions are on Mon. and Wed. from 12:45-1:45 or 2-3 p.m. To register your child at the Leopard Library, contact Michelle Lusk at: readingbridgeinc@icloud.com.

Reading Bridge is a 501c3 non profit organization in the state of SD which is funded by individual donations and with help from the Sioux Falls area Community Foundation.



by **Kathy Martens, KidStop Executive Director**

Summer is Here!!

We're having a fun and busy summer here at KidStop. We have 46 kids in our summer program. We've been going to parks to play, we also enjoy going swimming and using the sprinkler. When indoors, we enjoy baking, going to the gym or library, and making slime or playdough. We hope you are having a great summer too!!



Summer @ First

Worship

Sundays @ 8:30, 9:45, & 11:01 a.m.

All Church Worship Service & Picnic

Worship @ Sertoma Park
Sunday, July 10, 10 a.m.
Picnic @ 11 a.m.

Midweek Refresh

Bible Study
Tuesdays @ Noon, Fireplace Room
Led by Deb Stowers.

Service Opportunities

Nightwatch - 1st Mondays
Feeding SD - 1st Wednesdays
Habitat for Humanity - 2nd Saturdays
The Banquet - 3rd and 4th Tuesdays

AMens Golf Tournament

Sunday, June 5
Spring Creek Golf Course
2 p.m.

S.A.G.E.S.

Senior Adults:
Growing, **E**xploring, **S**erving
2nd Wednesdays @ 11:30 a.m.
Wesley Dining Hall
Meal is \$7 - RSVP requested

A Matter of Balance (AMOB) Classes

Tuesdays, June 14 - August 2
10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Free!
Led by Deb Stowers.



Pastor Jordan's Ordination "Open House"

Sunday, June 12
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room

"Read @ First" Book Club

3rd Tuesdays @ 5:30 p.m.
Leopard Library, Led by Jane Healy
7/19 - The Time is Now by Joan Chittester
8/16 - This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger
9/20 - Tattoos on the Heart by Greg Boyle

Kids & Families Events

7/10 - Scavenger Hunt @ Outdoor Campus, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Free!
8/14 - Food, Inflatables, Games @ First Church, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Free!

The New Generation Singers Concert

Friday, July 29 @ 7 p.m.
High School Students from St. Joseph, MO. They sing, present skits, and share their stories.
Freewill Offering.

"Because You Asked..." Bible Study

Wednesdays, July 6 - August 3,
5:30 p.m., Fireplace Room
Based on the Sermon Series for July.
Led by Pastor Jordan.

High School & Middle School Events

Watch for Monthly High School and Middle School Events!

Guys' Night Out

August, Leif Ericson Day Camp



"Beneath the Surface" Bible Study: Parables

Wednesdays, August 10 - 31
5:30 p.m., Fireplace Room
Based on the Sermon Series for August.
Led by Pastor Jordan.

High School & Middle School Missions

High School, June 17 - 24, The Carolinas
Middle School, August 5 - 7, Omaha Urban Plunge

