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## Unsung Heroes *with Pastor Sara Nelson*



Pastor Sara Nelson

Do you remember your favorite teacher? I do. Her name was June Moss, my high school youth group leader. June wasn't your stereotypical youth leader. She was in her seventies when she decided to take on our renegade group. Every Sunday we would meet in the high school room in the basement. We'd usually arrive late with our coffees or Diet Cokes in hand.

But we showed up every week and not because our parents made us go. We went because we wanted to. We came for June.

June was a character. She had lived all over the United States in places that we had only heard of. She was a wife, mother, and grandmother. She was an interesting, sharp-witted woman who loved God deeply and loved us fiercely. She welcomed our questions without judgment. She was curious about our lives, our thoughts, and our passions. Whatever we talked about, she involved us in the discussion. Our discussions only fueled my hunger to learn more.

June went home to live with the Lord a few years ago. When she passed away, I couldn't help but think about how important it is to have people like June in our lives. June was an unsung hero in my life. She inspired me. She helped me to keep learning and growing in faith.

The Apostle Paul writes about this in I Thessalonians 2:3 when he says: "We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing."

As summer arrives, we are going to be exploring the lives of lesser-known people from the Bible who made a significant impact for God in our sermon series called: "Unsung Heroes". We hope that you will be able to worship with us in-person or ONLINE as we discover how God worked through Esther, James, Jonathan, and Lydia, so that we can continue to learn and grow in faith together!

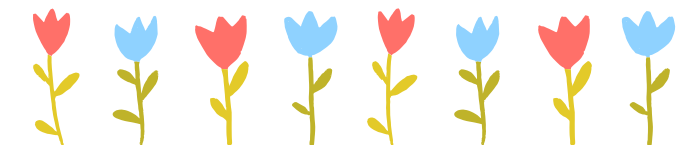
In Ministry Together,

*Pastor Sara M. Nelson*

Pastor Sara



The July Here @ First newsletter articles are due by **4:30PM, Tues, 6/21**. The July newsletter will be mailed on **Wed, 6/29**. Please email information to Jill Johnson at [johnsonj@sfumc.org](mailto:johnsonj@sfumc.org)



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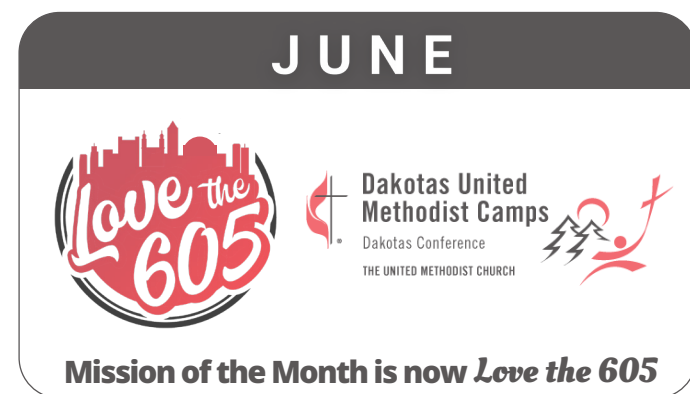
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# Adult Discipleship by Pastor Jordan



## Mission of the Month Name Change

We have renamed "Mission of the Month" to "Love the 605." We have renamed this ministry to fit within our vision to be a sanctuary of Christian hope, love, and encouragement in the heart of Sioux Falls. While Sioux Falls is not the entirety of the 605-area code, we love God by loving God's people in Sioux Falls and the 605. For the love of God, we **Love the 605.**



## Loving the 605 with Dakotas United Methodist Camps

Love the 605 is all about showing the love of our God to our neighbors around us. Our United Methodist Dakotas Camps are places where people of all ages can find community and come to know God. This year we have about 45 people so far signed up for camp. Some of them for the very first time! Therefore, we are all about making sure they have the means to do so for June. Every year we support people from First Church through our Foundation's campership program. This year because of the blessing of so many more signed up for camp, nearly five times our number from last year, including many of our Kidstop kids, we are making this month about getting people to camp and helping them feel loved by God and First Church.

### There are a few different ways you can help.

- First, you can give toward this cause. It averages out for us to cost \$200/person for camp. That is \$9,000. Any amount helps!
- Second, you can come to the 11:01 on Sunday, June 12, for we will be putting together care packages for kids going to camp as part of Second Service Sunday.
- Third, you can directly support the camping ministry in the Dakotas if you like by donating funds to them and other needed items.

- Also, just signup for camp yourself! There are camps for all ages, and camps often need counselors and shepherds. And pray that this year is a great camping year for everyone going to camp.

This June, we are all about supporting the camping ministry in the Dakotas and supporting our kids going there to experience God's love at a place apart.

## "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 monthly. 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, June 8 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Wesley Dining Hall. The meal is \$7 and catered by Tony's. The menu will be BBQ pork, steamed red potatoes, veggies, and homemade dessert. Our featured speaker will be Larry Zikmund giving an update on the 2022 legislative session.

Call the church office to RSVP.

## Wedded Band

Wedded Band will meet **Wednesday, June 8, at 1 p.m.** in the **Friendship Room** following the Sages meeting.

Pictured from our last meeting is Joyce Rosenberg telling the story of her treasure, a small doll belonging to her mother, as the rest enjoy the presentation.



# Congregational Care

## A Matter of Balance (AMOB)

The elderly have a fear of falling (FOF). A fall can begin a debilitating spiral: loss of confidence, avoidance of things that brought joy, depression, and loss of independence. Even, FOF can become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

A Matter of Balance (AMOB), a program of Sanford Medical Center, offers an eight-week class that addresses these concerns.

The two-hour class each week provides corrective information about the danger and frequency of falling among the elderly (It is not nearly as great as imagined); exercises to improve mobility, flexibility, and strength; and simple guidelines to make homes safer.

See the details below and join the AMOB class this summer at First Church!



## A Matter of Balance 8-Week Class

**Tuesday's, June 14 - August 2**  
**10 a.m. - Noon, FREE!**  
**Multi-Purpose Room**  
**Instructor - Pastor Deb Stowers**

### Who Should Sign Up?

Anyone who has concerns with their balance

### How to Sign up?

Sign up at the Information Center or email Pam Knuth [knuthp@sfumc.org](mailto:knuthp@sfumc.org)



## CHURCH FAMILY

### WEDDING

- Jason & Megan Byre

### BIRTH

- Ryan Levi Reker (son of Corey & Alicia Reker, grandson of Todd & Julie Hanisch)
- Madeline Rose Brenneman (daughter of Trevor & Mariah Brenneman, granddaughter of Rich & Anita Brenneman)

- Don Merrill (brother of Joann (Derald) Espeland)

- Dona Packer (sister of Rob (Jane) Leonhardt)
- Denice Wanner (sister of Dwight Vaught)
- John Mathis (stepfather of Sean (Patrice) Ervin)

### PRAYER CONCERNS

- Kennedy (great niece of Ron (Sally) Tilstra)

### BAPTISM

- Kendrick Richard Wilkinson (son of Shane & Susan Wilkinson)
- Laken Rae Block (daughter of Dylan & Kali Block)
- Oliver Leland Lawson (son of Nicholaus & Jordan Lawson)

- Raven Smith (daughter of Nichole & Greg Smith, granddaughter of Pastor Marilyn Spurrell)
- Michele Schuldt (daughter of Bob & Pat Lewis)
- Verlyn Vostad (father of Jason (Dina) Vostad, grandfather of Justin & Jacob Vostad)

### HOSPICE

- Mary Newcomb (Lake Loraine)
- Ray Bucklin (father of Val (David) Mickelson)

### ATTENDANCE

- April 17: In Person ..... 607 (Easter) Online.....332
- April 24: In Person ..... 485 Online.....518
- May 1: In Person .....359 Online..... 402
- May 8: In Person ..... 412 Online.....492

### DEATH

- Eleanor Austin
- Andra Blaufuss (sister of Chuck (Sherrey) Kellogg)
- Gene Jorgensen

## "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](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



# Next Generation News

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

- **June 7** — Come and enjoy a movie, “Despicable Me”, on the big screen at Century Theater-Dawley Farms. Doors open at 6 p.m., movie at 6:30 p.m. Free!
- **July 10** — Following the all-church worship 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.



- **High School Mission Trip to the Carolinas** is June 17-24. Be in prayer for this group of 18 individuals as they prepare to go and serve.

**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:** Valarie Mickelson, Julie Moir, Jason Vostad, Pastor Andrea Johnson

- **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](mailto:pastorandrea@sfumc.org).

## KIDSTOP

by Kathy Martens, KidStop Executive Director

### Summer is Here!!

Summer is here and we’re a busy bunch at KidStop. It’s so great to take long trips to the area parks and to enjoy some “outside” time.

We are super excited to start our **Reading Bridge Program** in the Leopard Library. Each of the kids will get a chance to practice and grow their reading skills in order to improve and maintain these skills during the summer break.

We are also thrilled that **we get to send 25 kids to Church Camp this summer!** Thanks for all you have done to make this possible!

We also want to share that one of our own, **Jovi Patro, currently is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> of of 542 freshman with a 4.0 grade point average!** Jovi is the daughter of Rob and Brandy Engels, and granddaughter of Karen Bunkers. We are so proud of her! When kids are given the support and resources they need they can do amazing things!

Thanks for supporting and praying for the Kidstop Ministry!



Pictured is Jovi Patro

## 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays  
Feeding SD - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays  
Habitat for Humanity - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays  
The Banquet - 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

### AMens Golf Tournament

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

### S.A.G.E.S.

**Senior Adults:**  
**G**rowing, **E**xploring, **S**erving  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays @ 5:30 p.m.  
Leopard Library, Led by Jane Healy  
6/21 - Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult  
7/19 - The Time is Now by Joan Chittester  
8/16 - This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger

### Kids & Families Events

6/7 - "Despicable Me" @ Century East Dawley Farms, 6:30 p.m., Free!  
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

