

## This Week at Epworth

### Sunday, September 25

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery

### Monday, September 26

- 7:00 p.m. Valley Troubadours

### Tuesday, September 27

- 1:30 p.m. Sermon Text Study
- 5:30 p.m. Open Table
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

### Wednesday, September 28

- 7:00 p.m. Youth

### Thursday, September 29

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

### Friday, September 30

- United Women in Faith Conference @ Aberdeen

### Saturday, October 1

- United Women in Faith Conference @ Aberdeen
- Pastor Appreciation Month begins!

### World Communion Sunday, Oct. 2

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Bazaar Set-up begins
- 2:30 p.m. Out of the Darkness Valley City Walk

*16th Sunday after Pentecost*

September 25, 2022

10:30 am Worship



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## Previous Sundays—

*Celebrating Creation*

*A New Ramp*

*Faith and Love over Fear*

*In What do We Place*

*Ultimate Faith?*

## Sermon Series

### Today—

**—Blessed to be a  
Blessing**

by Rev. Duane Coates

### Next Sunday—

Oct 2— Rev. Duane  
Coates

### Our Mission

To make disciples  
of Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the world.

### Our Vision

Living, sharing and growing  
in God's love by bringing the  
world to Christ and Christ to  
the world through open  
hearts, open minds, and  
open doors.

### Our Strategy

Radical Hospitality  
Spiritual Growth  
Signature Ministries  
Collaborative Leadership

## Sunday Worship

**10:30 a.m.**

—Traditional/Praise Team

Where + is indicated, standing or sitting, we praise God.

You are invited to read aloud the **bold text**.

Large print hymnals are available upon request to an usher

On the screen—Leader=white text, People=yellow text

## The Church Gathers to Worship

Connection Builder: *Besides the church, what is one of your favorite charities and why?*

### +Call to Worship—

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who sends us the Word:

**People: Who promises to shelter us  
under the wings of hope and grace.**

Leader: The word has come to us from Jesus Christ:

**People: Who encourages us  
to remember the good news we have received.**

Leader: The word flows to us from the Spirit:

**People: Who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.**

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[www.http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/)*

### +Opening Song—TFWS, No. 2002, *I will Call Upon the Lord* (2X)

WORSHIP  
with us

## The Church Lifts Prayers to God

### Prayer of the Day in Unison

**We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus,  
how often we are not content with the simple gifts  
and lives you offer. Tempted by everything,  
we can become insensitive to those who have nothing.  
Encouraged by the world to accumulate more,  
we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness.  
Chasing after all that has no value, we may not have the energy  
to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us.**

**Forgive us, God of Reversals. Help us to remember how you have  
redeemed us. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Savior, now and forever.**

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### Call to Prayer—TFWS, No. 2167, *More Like You*

More like you, Jesus, more like you. Fill my heart with your desire  
to make me more like you. More like you, Jesus, more like you.

Lord, you are my mercy. Lord, you are my grace.

All my deepest sins have forever been erased.

Draw me in your presence. Lead me in your ways.

I long to bring you glory in righteousness and praise.



## Lifting our Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

People: Hear our Prayer

**A time of Silent Prayer**

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer in Unison

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Prayer Response—TFWS, No. 2167, *More Like You*

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## The Church Hears God's Word

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (Putting faith in God rather than money)

Response—Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Call for Children—No. 143, *On Eagle's Wings*

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

### Time Mostly for Children—

### Special Music—Epworth Choir, *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*



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## In Our Prayers This Week

### In Hospital

#### Fighting Cancer

Sue Olson

Rev. Jolene Knudson-Hanse

Duane Triebold

Jan Barlow

Rita Beaudry

Herbert Triebold

### In Hospice Care

#### Prayer Requests

Our 4GoG Ministries  
mental health concerns

Pastor Dayne, Aimee, &  
Camille

Lori Glaser

Bonnie Burchill

Bishop Laurie Haller

World Leaders

Military

People of Ukraine

Pastor Paul

Pastor Duane

Jake Steen

Family & friends of Donn  
Larson

People of the United  
Kingdom

Family of Queen Elizabeth II

### In Joy

Sunday School started!  
Church Family Gatherings

Garden Goodies

If you or a member of your family is going into the hospital or moving from one care center to another and you would like the church to know about this, please call the church office at 701-845-0340 or email [office@epworthvalleycity.com](mailto:office@epworthvalleycity.com). This helps our church family care for one another.

## Ministers of the Gospel

All members of the congregation.

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## **+Sermon Scripture—**Luke 16:19-31

(The parable of a rich man and his servant)

**Message—***Blessed to be a Blessing* by Rev. Duane Coates

# The Church Responds to God's Word

## Responses to the Word

Announcements—

## **+Breakthrough Prayer—**

**Dear God, Unleash in us your bold, limitless Spirit.  
Help us to break free from where we are  
and lead us to where you want us to go.  
Call us to risk. Call us to change.  
Call us to follow your Good News. Amen.**



**+Closing Song—**Epworth Praise Team, *Step by Step*

## **+Dismissal with Blessing—**

Leader: Serve your God with patience and passion.  
Be deliberate in enacting your faith.  
Be steadfast in celebrating the Spirit's power.  
And may peace be your way in the world.  
**All: Amen.**

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## **+Postlude—**



## **We Welcome You!**

**Welcome!** If you're a guest, know that we're glad you're here, and that we'd love to get to know you better. If this is your first visit, welcome. If you are returning, welcome back!

**Coffee Fellowship** time is at 10:00 a.m. and is a great time for fellowship while enjoying coffee, lemonade, water, and a treat. We welcome our visitors to join us!

## **We Care For Our Community**

Please share with the church office if you, a family member, or another in our church family are experiencing illness, hospitalization, or need of pastoral care.

Pastor Duane Coates, Office: 845-0340 Cell: 605-695-5561

# SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

25<sup>th</sup> Betty Thompson



2<sup>nd</sup> Laura & Derek Bruns

3<sup>rd</sup> Bruce Ranum

4<sup>th</sup> Ellie Kvilvang

Jan McCarthy

5<sup>th</sup> Lily Nielson

6<sup>th</sup> Kevin Rohrbeck



### Valley Troubadours—The

Valley Troubadours begin rehearsals on Monday, Sept. 12, 7:00 p.m. here at Epworth. They

are a men's chorus that meets each Monday for a time of singing and fun. The chorus performs an Annual Christmas Concert and Spring Concert along with a couple other performances throughout the year. All men are welcome.



### St. Mary's Fall Supper —

October 2, 2022 serving from 4-7 p.m. Located six miles east of Dazey, ND. Turkey, trimmings,

corn, homemade sauerkraut, and dessert. Takeout meals available and also a chair lift. Unique gift baskets and decorated pumpkins for sale.



**American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**



**OUT OF THE DARKNESS**  
Community Walks

**Out of the Darkness Walk**—The Out of the Darkness VC Walk to support suicide prevention is scheduled for Sunday, October 2, @ VCSU's Lokken Stadium. Registration begins at 2:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 3:00 p.m. Need info? Call 701-845-7316.



## Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun., Sept. 18, In-person—85  
Online views—31

Sunday School—14      Adult SS—12

Youth—September 21—N/A

Stewardship: Sept. 18-22, 2022

Daily Expenses—\$4,517.00

Building/ Trustees—\$130.00

Glory of God's House—\$430.00

Endowment—\$500.00, Parking Lot—\$50.00,

Sunday School—\$56.50



## In Ministry Today

Pianist—Marian Drevecky

Music—Epworth Praise Team, Choir

Music Director—Lance Drevecky

Livestream—Matt Nielson

Projection—Skye Nielson

Greeters—Bruce & Susan Larson

Ushers—Sheryl Hanson

Lector—Dave Hanson



### Welcoming Pastor Duane—

The Servant Leadership Team is encouraging members of our church family to plan and invite Pastor Duane to a welcoming event where

he can get to know members of our church better. You can invite to your home, plan an event at the church, or your favorite restaurant. Gather a few church friends to join you, too! This doesn't have to be anything big! Coffee & treats, ice cream, indoor or outdoor (Depending on the weather of course!). Call Pastor Duane to invite and schedule.



Bazaar 2022!—October 8th is just around the corner! Please help us make this year a wonderful success! Bring your

crafts, basket fillers, and helping hands to the church during bazaar prep week Oct. 2-6! We put in long days of assembling baskets, preparing spaces, and seeing to all the fine details that make our bazaar something special. Please remember to bake something for the Heavenly Bakery and bring them Fri., Oct. 7, or early Sat., Oct. 8. Price lists and instructions will be available. We are collecting donations for lefsa. This is a nice option if you don't bake. Leave donations in the office or with Jan McCarthy. Don't forget to come and shop! The Bazaar starts at 10:00 a.m. and serving for lunch begins at 11:00 a.m.



**Choir Practice**—Choir practice is scheduled for Wednesdays, Oct. 5, 12, & 19 at 7:00 p.m. Lance would love to see new faces! Your voices are welcome and needed!



### Open Table Community Meal—

Join us for our next Open Table Community Meal on Tuesday, September 27th, at 5:30 p.m.

Volunteers are welcome! Please contact Anita in the office if you would like to help.



### Servant Leadership Meeting—

The SLT will meet on Monday, October 10th at 5:30 p.m.

### September Ministry Opportunity—



Ninth grader Abby Wangrud is a Cadette Girl Scout who is working on her Silver Award. She has provided boxes and info on a table in the gathering space that describes the need for food and personal items in the VCSU pantry.

Abby recognizes that we are a giving and caring church and that we help those in need. She asks that we open our hearts and donate to the VCSU Resource Pantry during September!



**Flu Shot Clinic**—A Flu Shot Clinic will be held at Epworth on Sunday, October 9, from 9:45-10:30 am.

Vaccinations will be provided by City-County Health District Nurses. Please bring your insurance card(s) with you to the office area in the church. If you have questions, feel free to call 845-8518 for more info.



**GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK**

### Food Distribution Scheduled—

The Great Plains Food Bank truck will be arriving on Monday, October 10! Food distribution time will be from 1:30 to 3 p.m. It will include a variety of fresh and shelf-stable foods. We are looking for 6 or 7 volunteers! Please call the church office if you would like to assist with this ministry. 845-0340. Volunteers are essential to the success of this important ministry! Thanks to all those that continue to volunteer for each distribution!



**October is Pastor Appreciation Month—** October is almost here so it is time for Pastor Appreciation Month!

Please let Pastor Duane know that he is appreciated in some way this month. Send a card, e-mail, text message with your note of appreciation. Small gifts throughout the month are also welcome!