

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, March 19

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
(UMCOR Sunday)

Monday, March 20

- 7:00 p.m. Valley Troubadours

Tuesday, March 21

- 1:30 p.m. Tuesday Bible Study
- 1:30 p.m. Sermon Text Study

Wednesday, March 22

- 9:00 a.m. Soul Fill-up
- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Meal
- 6:15 p.m. Lenten Service
- 7:00 p.m. Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 25

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. Worship

March 19, 2023

10:30 am Worship

LUKE

JESUS AND THE
OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS,
AND OUTLAWS

*Fourth Sunday
in Lent*



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Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

*Simon, Do You See
This Woman?*

Lifting Up the Lowly

It's Not About You

*Shaking the Salt and
Shedding the Light*

Today—

Parables from the Underside

by Rev. Duane Coates

Next Sunday—

*On the Journey to
Jerusalem*

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 Question— Whom in our society needs to be seen?

+Call to Worship—

Leader: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home.

All: God calls when we wander from the path and squander the gifts we have been given.

Leader: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day.

All: Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever.

Leader: Let us worship God together.

All: We worship the God who sees and redeems the least, the last, and the lost.

Based on a Call to Worship from Presbyterian Church at Woodbury (New Jersey), Sept. 11, 2011

Opening Song—No. 568 *Christ for the World We Sing*

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord God, as we search our hearts through this season of Lent, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from those in need. We have not lifted up the lowly. We have strayed from your will. We have failed to do the things you have called us to do. We have looked on others with judgment rather than compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Lift us out of our sin and fill our hearts with your goodness and love. See us as we are. Show us mercy and remember us today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

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Lifting our Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

People: Hear our Prayer

Call to Prayer—No. 437

This Is My Song (vs. 1 & 2)

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.

Call for Children—No. 191 *Jesus Loves Me* vs. 1

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.



Time Mostly for Children—

Special Music— Sunday School Children

The Church Hears God's Word

First Reading – *Luke 18:9-14* (A parable about status disparity)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Scripture— *Luke 16:19-31* (A parable about income disparity)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message—*Parables from the Underside*
by Rev. Duane Coates



The Church Responds to God's Word

Offertory—

+Doxology—No. 95, *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week

In Hospital

Fighting Cancer

Sue Olson
Duane Triebold
Jan Barlow

In Hospice Care

Tom Vagle
Bonnie Burchill

Prayer Requests

Our 4GoG Ministries
mental health concerns
Pastor Dayne
Lori Glaser
World Leaders
Military
People of Ukraine
Pastor Duane
Jake Steen
Allen & Shirley Storkson
Karen Pullen
Jaxon Horsager
Dottie Werkhoven
Kathy Mah

In Joy

First Responders
Care Teams

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. This helps our church family care for one another.

Ministers of the Gospel

All members of the congregation.

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+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.

Announcements—

+Closing Hymn—No. 2151 *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

+Dismissal with Blessing—

Leader: Like the shepherd who lost a sheep, or the woman who lost a coin, or the father whose son went far away,

All: God looks for those who are lost and rejoices when they are found.

Leader: Let us go, celebrate, and be glad when lost things are found!

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. Enjoy 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



- 20th Melissa Cook
- 25th Kailee Nielson
- 26th Sheryl Hanson
Gideon Lint
- 27th Aimee Zachrison
- 28th Gabrielle (Cummings) Wavra
Journey Cruff
Pearl Pritchert
- 29th Liam Bruns
Jenny Mueller
- 30th Neil Pederson
- 31st Tonya Hovland

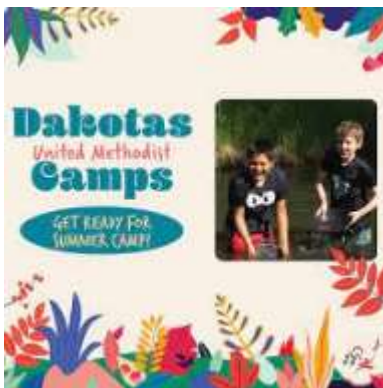


24th Jordon & Allison Ranum

Thank You for Everything

On behalf of the Barnes County Senior Citizens Council, we would like to thank you for your donation to our food pantry. Your support of our program is greatly appreciated.

Camp is coming! Get out the calendar and mark the dates.



Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun., March 12

In-person—39 Online— 33

Sunday School—cancelled

Youth—March 14— 9

Stewardship: March 12-14

Daily Expenses— \$1152.00

Glory of God’s House— \$125.00

Church Use— \$75.00

Christian Education— \$201.00

Matthew 25— \$25.00



In Ministry Today

Pianist—Hayley Winkler

Tech Team

Greeters— Volunteers

Ushers—Volunteers

Lector—Cindy Heidelberger



UMCOR Sunday celebration is today. Did you know that 100% of your donation to UMCOR goes where you specify? It provides major support for immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace.

Lenten Prayer Vigils Held on Mondays, 2:00 pm

Each Monday during Lent, at 2 pm, you are invited to join in a prayer vigil. You may participate at church or at home and stay the whole hour or just a portion. A prayer guide is provided each week.

Prayers will be for our church families and church ministries, with our church families grouped by first letter of last name as follows: March 20 - N,O,P,Q

March 27 – R,S,T,U April 3 – V,W,X,Y,Z

Easter Lilies—You are invited to share an Easter Lily in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones. Lilies will be accepted in the office common area during Holy Week (April 2-April 8) and will be moved to the sanctuary on Saturday. Please give names to person in the office.

Easter Eggs—Easter candy is needed so Hayley can prepare the Easter Eggs for filling! If you would like to help by filling eggs with small trinkets or candy, please feel free to “gather” some eggs! You may also bring donations of candy and small trinkets to the church. Please contact Hayley if you have questions.

Ushers and Greeters

Epworth is in need of a volunteer to help call members to be ushers and greeters. Please contact Pastor Duane or the church administrator at 701-845-0340.



Volunteers Needed—We need volunteers! Hayley has begun to look for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School which is scheduled for May 30—June 2. Kitchen helpers and leaders for different areas are needed. Pastor Duane continues to welcome volunteers to assist with technology, too! If you would be interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact Hayley or Pastor Duane. Ph. 701-845-0340 or e-mail: pastor@epworthvalleycity.com

Luke is Focus of Lenten Study

Books are still available for the Lenten study on the gospel of Luke. This is the text used for both the Thursday morning (10 a.m.) Bible study and the Sunday morning (9 a.m.) adult Sunday school class in the library. All youth and adults are welcome to either opportunity. Large-print books for the study, written by the Rev. Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in the Kansas City area, are available in the office for \$15.55.

Loving our Neighbors Food Drive Continues into March with a Focus on the Hi-Liner & VCSU Food Pantries

Once again, our church is eager to show Christian love to our neighbors through conducting a food drive for the VCHS Hi-Liner and VCSU food pantries. Everyone is encouraged to bring various items as donations. Please think in terms of young people’s tastes. Suggestions for different areas are listed below.

- Goods quick and easy (beef jerky, crackers, Ramen Noodles, Instant Mac & Cheese, trail mix)
- Breakfast items (cereal, Pop-tarts, granola bars)
- Paper and personal-care items (shampoo & conditioners, body soap, deodorant, body lotion, laundry detergent, toothpaste and tooth brushes)
- Drink mixes (Hot Cocoa, Crystal Light packets, Gatorade Packets)

