

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, November 19

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship
- 4:00pm Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 20

- 7:00pm Troubadours

Tuesday, November 21

- 1:30pm Tuesday Bible Study
- Backpack Distribution

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving — Office Closed

Friday, November 24

Office Closed

Sunday, November 26

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship
- 12:15pm Meals on Wheels

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!



Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

Glimpsing God's Glory

Community Christianity

Finding Blessing in Mourning

On the Gratitude Path

Today—

Giving Thanks in Every Situation

by 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

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

+ Call to Worship –

Leader: Come, let us hear and rejoice in the blessings of God.

All: We taste and see that the Lord is good. Happy are those who take refuge in God.

Leader: Let us worship the one who provides all that we have.

All: Young lions suffer want and hunger but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Leader: Let us worship our God with continual praise.

All: We will glorify the Lord, exalting the name of God, and returning thanks for all we are provided.

Based on Psalm 34

+ Opening Song – No. 131

We Gather Together

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Unison Prayer –

Bounteous God, you have lavished your finest gifts on each one of us. We thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed our lives – with love, hope, friends, our church, and so many other cherished benefits. Help us to give thanks in every situation, even those that are sad or troublesome. Help us to focus on our blessings rather than to count our troubles. Give us hearts of courage and confidence to step out into the world in service, bringing hope where there is doubt, peace where there is strife, love where there is discord. These things we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

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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.

Announcements —

Call for Children — No. 2233 *This is Where Children Belong*

Time Mostly for Children —

Noisy Offering —

The Church Hears God's Word

Scripture — Acts 16:16-34 (Paul and Silas in prison)

+ Scripture Hymn — No. 102 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Sermon Scripture — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 (Rejoice always)

Response — *Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God

Message — *Giving Thanks in Every Situation* Pastor Duane Coates



**Believe on the
Lord Jesus,
and you
will be
saved...**

Acts 16:31, NRSV

In Our Prayers This Week

Fighting Cancer

Jan Barlow
Jo Thorson
Jill Olson
Arin Lutiker
Dale Neuberger
Don Baasch

Prayer Requests

Our 4GoG Ministries
mental health concerns
Lori Glaser
World Leaders
Military
Lewiston, Maine
Jaxon Horsager
Kathy Mah
Mark Ziebert
Vivian Ziebert
Cindy Heidelberger
LeRoy Magnuson
Wayne McKirdy
Erin Reielbach
Wyatt Tulp
Karen Pullen
Evan Fraedrich
Neil Pederson
Gail Pederson
Family of Allen Storkson
Chesney Thomsen
George McCarthy

In Joy

Thanksgiving
Time with friends &
family

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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The Church Responds to God's Word

Offertory –

+ Doxology No. 95

+ Prayer of Dedication

+Breakthrough Prayer –

God of our journey, we pray that you would break through anything that keeps us from encountering you and experiencing your transformational power. May we, on our journey, feel our hearts burning within us. May you empower us to respond to your presence in ways that others might know the resurrecting power of Jesus Christ. We ask this through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

+Closing Song — No. 246 *Joy to the World*

+Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: Beloved of God, place your whole trust in God's absolute abundant love. Feel the powerful presence of God in your life and know that God's blessings are with you.

All: We accept God's love for us and go in peace, taking God with us into all of the situations, ups and downs, pits and peaks of life. Amen.

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+Postlude —



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.

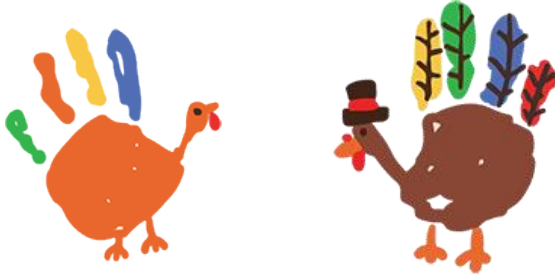
Pastor Duane Coates, Office: 845-0340 Cell: 605-695-5561

NOVEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

23rd Braeden Olauson
25th Jossi Zahn
30th Glenn Haugen

25th Kevin & Anita
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Address Change?

If your address has changed, please notify the church office @ 845-0340 or e-mail: office@epworthvalleycity.com

Please help us keep our postage costs down by notifying the church of your address change.

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!

Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun. November 12

In-person—72 Online—31

Sunday School—8 Adult— 10

Youth— 17

Stewardship: November 12—November 18, 2023

Daily Expenses— \$1,493.00

Glory of God's House— \$87.00

Building & Maintenance— \$62.00

Backpack Program— \$50.00

Sunday School— \$32.00

Study Books— \$15.00

Matthew 25— \$12.00

In Ministry Today

Pianist— Hayley Winkler

Tech Team—

Lector— Matt Nielson

Ushers— Don & Bev Enger

Ushers Needed



Hunger the Focus of Conference's Thanksgiving Offering—

Bishop Lanette Plambeck has named hunger as the cause for the 2023 Thanksgiving offering. Bishop Plambeck is basing her call for offerings on the John 6 version of the feeding of the 5,000, which started with five loaves and two fish. So, calling the campaign "Five and two," Bishop Plambeck is inviting every United Methodist in the area to give \$5 to two food ministries this Thanksgiving season, or \$52 to a food ministry of your choice. Since Epworth's Servant Leadership Team has already decided to raise funds for the local Bridges Backpack Program (BBP), we will collect this special offering throughout November with a special "noisy" offering received today.

Christmas Shoebox Update—

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Christmas Shoebox Mission Drive! 47 shoeboxes were delivered to Jamestown First United Methodist Church on Monday, November 6th.

Thank you to those who donated money for gifts, wrapped shoeboxes, shopped, and filled shoeboxes. Thank you to Cassidy for printing up information sheets and including information about the drive in the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters.

What a blessing these Christmas Shoeboxes will be to the children of the Spirit Lake Nation!

—Randi Watterson and Mission Team

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Today— Christians in Valley City are invited to come together in worship today, Nov. 19. The service will be held at the Congregational Church, starting at 4 p.m. Several pastors from Valley City are planning and participating in the service. Our own Pastor Duane will be the preacher. An offering will be taken for the ecumenical assistance the Barnes County Ministerial Association gives to people in need throughout the year.

United Methodist Student Day Nov. 26—

On Nov. 26, we will observe United Methodist Student Day and take the last of this year's eight special offerings set by the connectional structure of the broader United Methodist Church. This offering funds the scholarships and loans that the general church gives for higher education, both undergraduate and graduate levels. For more than 100 years, United Methodists have been supporting our students' educational needs through a special offering. Right now, there are United Methodist young people who might not have the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all. But because of people like you, they will be sent into the world God loves with gifts made through United Methodist Student Day. Your contribution is an acknowledgment that the church has confidence in them and in their abilities. Supporting this ministry allows us to invest in future missionaries, engineers, teachers, pastors, film producers, and so many other careers. If you are a college student, or have one in your family, go to www.gbhem.org/loans-and-scholarships/scholarships for more information about United Methodist scholarships and loans.

