

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, November 26

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

Monday, November 27

- 7:00pm Troubadours

Tuesday, November 28

- 1:30pm Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday, November 29

- 7:00pm Youth

Thursday, November 30

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts

Backpack Distribution

Saturday, December 2

- 9:00am Christmas Program
- Rehearsal

Sunday, December 3

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship

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!

You will be enriched
in every way
for your great

generosity,

which will
produce

thanksgiving

to God
through us.

2 Corinthians 9:11, NRSV

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Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

Community Christianity

Finding Blessing in Mourning

On the Gratitude Path

Giving Thanks in Every Situation

Today—

Bring in the Tithe

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 celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

All: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.

Leader: Praise be to God who provides for us.

All: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we love and care for others.

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+ Opening Song –

Reckless Love

Praise Team

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Unison Prayer –

O Lord, our God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for your sustenance. We pray to you who sustains us with the assurance of salvation when we call on you in faith. So, in faith, we pray that you inspire us to live and give in response to our countless blessings. May our contributions be proportionate to your gifts. Help us to live in such ways that others may find blessings for them in our actions and attitudes. Through us, may others come to know you and experience all that you are and all that you offer. We pray this through the blessed name of your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

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 —

The Church Hears God's Word

Scripture — Malachi 3:10 (Bring forth the full tithe)

+ Scripture Hymn — No. 399 *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Sermon Scripture — 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 (Paul encouraging giving)

Response — Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Message — *Bring in the Tithe* Pastor Duane Coates



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. 593 *Here I Am, Lord*

+Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: Grace is on our lips and in our hearts this morning.
God has filled our hands with grace.

All: We take it with us, spreading thankfulness wherever we go. 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.

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NOVEMBER

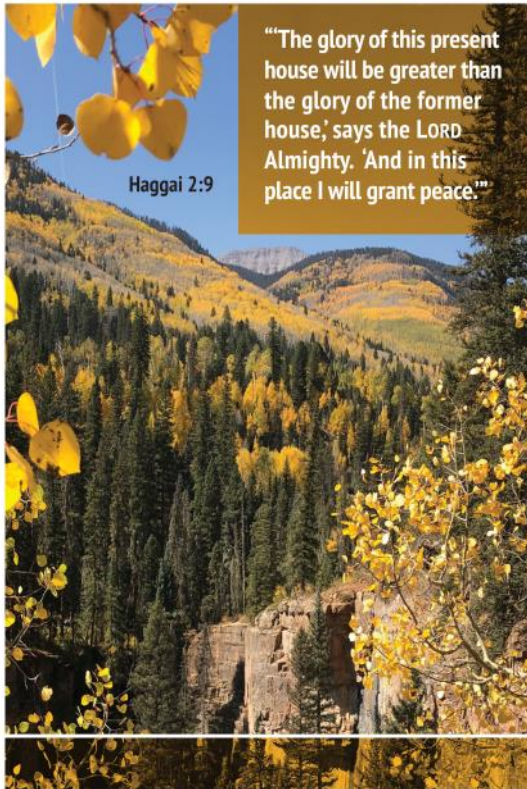
Birthdays & Anniversaries

30th Glenn Haugen

DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 nd	Don Enger	8 th	Kim & Joel
4 th	Annette Nielson		Owen
5 th	Mike Watterson	14 th	Amy & Carl
9 th	Marty Rohrbeck		Martineck
12 th	Paul Owen	15 th	Jennifer & Dan Elston



WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!

Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun. November 19

In-person—66 Online—N/A

Stewardship: November 19—November 25, 2023

Daily Expenses— \$6,982.60
 Glory of God’s House— \$1,425.00
 Building & Maintenance— \$949.24
 Backpack Program— \$271.94
 Study Books— \$110.00
 Parking Lot— \$50.00
 Tech Booth— \$50.00
 Memorial— \$45.00
 Endowment— \$40.00

In Ministry Today

Pianist— Marian Drevecky
 Tech Team—
 Lector— Bruce Larson
 Ushers— Dave & Tami Hanson

Address Change?

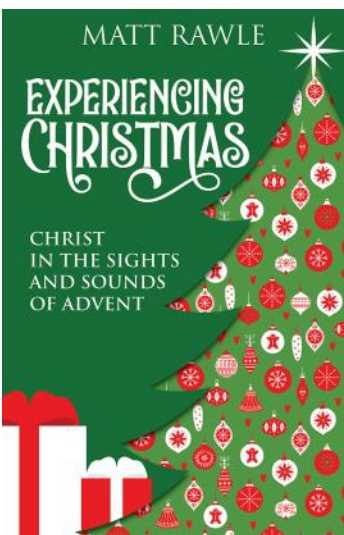
If your address has changed, please notify the church office @ 845-0340 or e-mail: office@epworthvalleycity.com

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



Experiencing Christmas Becomes Theme for Advent—

This year's Advent worship and study theme, Experiencing Christmas, is based on the book "Experiencing Christmas: Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent." It is written by the Rev. Matt Rawle, who leads Asbury United Methodist Church in Bossier City, Louisiana. In promoting the study, Cokesbury says: "Everything seems different at the end of the year. We put lights on our houses to dispel the growing darkness, Christmas music floods local radio stations, apple cider and cranberry sauce are again on the menu, and wrapping paper and tape are always ready. Things just look, smell, and taste differently during the Advent and Christmas season, and these differences are a sign to us that God is about to do something radical and different. Christmas is when God surrounded the divine with senses of His own. That first noel was when God had eyes to see suffering, ears to hear our cries, and hands to hold those in need, and all of these senses were bundled in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. What signs do you see during the Advent and Christmas season that point you to the divine?" This will be the worship focus for Dec. 3, 17, and the morning of Dec. 24. Also, there will be two opportunities for adult studies of the book. One is on Thursdays at 10 a.m., starting Nov. 30 and running Dec.



7, 14 and 21. The other is on Sundays at 9 a.m. in the library. That will run Dec. 3 -17 and maybe Jan. 7. Books are for sale in the office for \$15 or by order from Cokesbury at www.cokesbury.com

Fall Builders' Club Call to Benefit Hettinger UMC—

The fall call to the Dakotas Conference Builders Club is for the Hettinger United Methodist Church, which previously was served by both Pastor Duane Coates and Pastor Paul Lint, in serial. Hettinger UMC loves its community, and to continue community ministries, the church needs to repair the roof over the Sunday School rooms. To address safety and insurability concerns and prevent future issues, the roof must be repaired, some rafters need mending or replacement, and new shingles must be installed to complete the project. These resources will aid the caring people of Hettinger to continue growing their many ministries as they reach new people in Christ's name. "Financial assistance from the Builders Club demonstrates the connectional systems across the Dakotas Annual Conference. It's overwhelming to know the support of our neighbors and friends as United Methodists," said Pastor Laurie Kidd. To give \$25 or more to the Builder's Club, click on the following link: https://www.dakotasumc.org/foundation/donate?blm_aid=25432 or send a check to Builders Club, PO Box 460, Mitchell, SD 57301. The gifts for this call will be received until December 31, 2023.

United Methodist Student Day—

Today 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. 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.