

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, January 14

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

Monday, January 15

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day —
Office Closed**

Tuesday, January 16

- 1:30pm Bible Study

Wednesday, January 17

- 7:00pm Youth
- 7:00pm Choir

Thursday, January 18

- 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
- 2:30pm Staff Meeting
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts

Friday, January 19

Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, January 21

- 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!

This service is livestreamed at epworthvalleycity.com

*[Jesus]
found
Philip
and said
to him,*

**"FOLLOW
ME."**

John 1:43

Contact Information

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Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

Do You Taste What I Taste?

Do You Feel What I Feel?

A Very Dakotas Christmas

Led by the Light

Today—

Dude, You Should Listen to Them

By Pastor Paul Lint

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*

Call to Worship —

The voice of God calls to us! Are you listening?

Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

The hands of God beckon us! Are you paying attention?

Show us, Lord, your servants are paying attention.

The love of God asks us—are you ready to follow?

Guide us, Lord, and we, your servants, will follow.

Come, let us worship the God whose tenacious love never stops calling and beckoning and asking us to follow.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2023.

Opening Hymn —

Jesus Calls Us

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Prayer of the Day —

Loving God, we are here for many reasons. We come anticipating that you will meet us here. May our worship today show your beauty, power, and patience for all of Your Creation. May our words of praise echo through a world longing to be known with a message of your love for each and every person we meet.

Speak to us in the scripture, in our experiences, through those gathered with us, and in the reasonable and creative minds that you have given to us. Speak to us, those whom you know and love, reminders that we are all part of one community filled with people gifted and inspired by you. Speak to us that our eyes may be opened to see where we are called to be a part of your will being done on Earth as it is in Heaven. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh, we pray. Amen.

Hymn — *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* Vs.1-2

#463

Lifting our Joys and Concerns —

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

People: Hear our Prayer

A Time of Silent Prayer —

Hymn — *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* Vs.3-5

#463

Prayer of Confession and Listening —

When we confess our sins, we accept God's invitation to clear out the noise and chaos that keep us from recognizing God's loving voice. So, as we come to confess our sin and be reconciled to God and one another, take this opportunity to let God help you declutter your heart and your mind so that you might listen and receive God's love and guidance more clearly.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you as our God, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Our priorities do not line up with yours, and too often we wander from your path by trying to do things our way instead of yours.

Forgive us, Lord. Your servants repent.

Merciful God, we confess that we are too often complacent in answering your call to enact justice. You call us to enter the flow of your justice that rolls down like water, and instead, we inhibit the work of justice by choosing not to pay attention or believe the stories of suffering and need in our midst.

Forgive us, Lord. Your servants repent.

Merciful God, we confess that sometimes we avoid you. We don't want to hear your voice. We don't want to receive your call. We are scared of what you might ask us to do and how letting your grace work in our lives might change us. So, we keep you at arm's length, ready to run when you seem to ask too much of us.

Forgive us, Lord. Your servants repent.

Merciful God, we confess that there are things that clutter our hearts and minds that we cannot say aloud or do not have words for, and so, we lift them to you now in silence.

Offer silent prayers of confession.

Reconciling God, your steadfast love surrounds us, calling us into right relationship with you, with self, with one another, and with creation. As your reconciled and forgiven people, open our hearts to receive all that you have to say to us today.

Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

Time of silent listening and prayer.

Loving God, you call us by name to be your people in the world, pouring your love into us in such abundance that it overflows into the world around us. Guide us, form us, and send us as your people to live out your good news wherever we go.

Call us, Lord, your servants will follow. Amen.

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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
Jaxon Horsager
Kathy Mah
Mark Ziebert
Vivian Ziebert
LeRoy Magnuson
Wayne McKirdy
Wyatt Tulp
Gail Pederson
Ashley Enright
Jerry & LaWanna Hieb
Macy Raven

In Joy

The holiday season
A new year

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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Guest wifi: Epworth Guest
Password: epworth@guest

Lord's Prayer —

Announcements —

Call For Children — *We Are Marching* 2235-b (1 Verse)

Time Mostly For Children —

Scriptures —

Old Testament	1 Samuel 3:1-10
Gospel	John 1:43-51

Sermon — *Dude, You Should Listen to Them*

Offertory —

Doxology —

Prayer of Dedication —

Hymn — *Would I Have Answered When You Called* #2137
(verses 1,2,4)

Benediction —

Beloved disciples, go from this place ready to listen for God's voice and to follow the Spirit's lead as we answer the call to build God's beloved community of justice, peace, and flourishing for all in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our world.
Amen.

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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

JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Casper Jacobson
Dee Ranum
Tanner Clark
Jill Rischmiller
Ben Northridge
Trevor Breske
Lane Nielson
Ellen Lint
Abigail Martineck
Judy Nicholson
Neil Skarloken
Scott Cummings
Anita Tulp
Phil Mueller
Mae Ranum
Grace Michele Olauson
Liz Fick
Brittney Torbenson
Dennis Fick



Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun. January 7

In-person— 78 Online—19

Attendance: Wed. January 10

Youth— 16

Stewardship: January 7—January 13, 2024

Glory of God's House— \$7,792.00

Daily Expenses— \$3,889.00

Parking Lot— \$2,500.00

Building & Maintenance— \$77.00

Matthew 25— \$12.00



In Ministry Today

Pianist— Marian Drevecky

Tech Team—

Lector— Randi Watterson

Ushers—

Ushers Needed



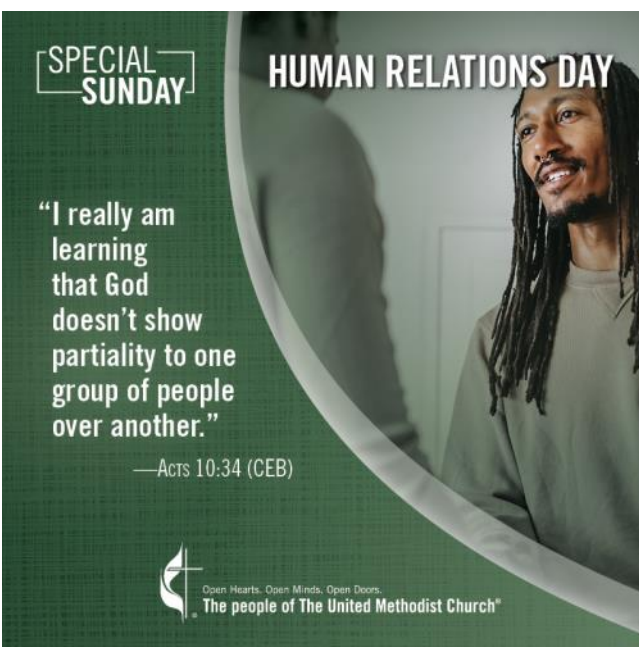
Address Change?

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.

Human Relations Offering to be Collected Today— The 2024 Human Relations Sunday offering will be received today. This is one of the eight special offerings each year requested by our connectional structure.

Human Relations Day is observed each year on the Sunday before the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday. The observance of this special Sunday with offering calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children to realize their full potential as human beings and in relationship with one another. This special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through community developers, community advocacy and ministry with at-risk teens.



Church Office Closed Jan. 15th— Church offices will be closed tomorrow, January 15th, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Christmas Eve Offering to Feed People Update— Thank you to all who gave at our 2023 Christmas Eve service. We raised a total of \$920.00 this year that was split between the Backpack Program and the Barnes County Food Pantry. These donations will help to provide food to those in our community who need it most.



College Scholarship Applications Available— The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church is now accepting college and graduate-school applications. Any active members of The United Methodist Church may apply. Each year, \$5.5 million is awarded to help students in the United States and abroad pursue their dreams through higher education.

GBHEM's Scholarships Office administers more than 70 [scholarship programs](#) with one general application. Students are permitted to submit one application per year where it will be screened for all possible eligible programs. Scholarship programs are divided into the following three categories:

- [General Scholarships](#)
- [HBCU Scholarships](#)
- [Ministry as a Career Scholarships](#)

The deadline to complete the application is March 13, 2024. Please email umscholar@gbhem.org for more information.