



Sunday Worship

January 28, 2024
10:30 am Worship

Pastor: Duane Coates

Ministers: All God's People

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, January 28

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

Monday, January 29

- 7:00pm Troubadours

Tuesday, January 30

- 1:30pm Bible Study
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Parents Meeting

Wednesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 1

- 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts

Sunday, February 4

- 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

**“WHAT IS THIS?
A NEW
TEACHING
AND WITH AUTHORITY!**

**HE EVEN GIVES
ORDERS TO
IMPURE SPIRITS
AND THEY**

OBEY HIM.”

MARK 1:27, NIV

Contact Information

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Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

*Do You Feel What I
Feel?*

*A Very Dakotas
Christmas*

Led by the Light

Jesus Calls Us

Today—

Who is in Charge Here?

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 give thanks and praise to God with our whole hearts.

All: We rejoice in the Lord, whose deeds are honorable, majestic, and righteous.

Leader: The love of God is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have a good understanding.

All: Great is the Lord. The Lord's praise endures forever. Amen.

Based on Psalm 111

**+ Opening Song – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #139
vs. 1, 2 & 5**

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Unison Prayer –

Almighty God, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, is the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that Christ may be known, worshiped, and loved to the ends of the earth, now and forever. Amen.

Based on a prayer in the Book of Common Prayer

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. 191 *Jesus Loves Me vs. 1*

Time Mostly for Children —

Choir Anthem — “A Song of Praise” *Directed by Lance Drevecky*
Words and music by Keith Christopher

First Reading — Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (Mosaic prophet predicted)

Response — Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Scripture Hymn — No. 463 *Lord, Speak to Me*

The Church Hears God's Word

Sermon Scripture — Mark 1:21-28 (Jesus overpowers unclean spirit)

Response — Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Message — *Who is in Charge Here?* 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
Jaxon Horsager
Kathy Mah
Mark Ziebert
Vivian Ziebert
LeRoy Magnuson
Wayne McKirdy
Gail Pederson
Ashley Enright
Jerry & LaWanna Hieb
Macy Raven
Family of Rev. Dick
Unkenholz
Jackie Owen

In Joy

Warmer weather

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

+ Closing Song — No. 2172 *We Are Called*

+Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: May the blessing of God, fountain of living water, flow within us as a river of life.

All: May we drink deep of God's wisdom. May we never thirst again.

Leader: May we go through life refreshing many, as a sign of healing for all;

All: Through the One who is Life eternal. Amen.

*By Miriam Therese Winter in WOMANPRAYER/WOMANSONG © 1987
by Medical Mission Sisters, Hartford, CT*

+ 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

JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Liz Fick
Brittney Torbenson
Dennis Fick

FEBRUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Christopher Glaser
Jenna Elston
Jada Zahn
Kael Grebel
Paul Lint
Griffin Kvilvang
Holly Neuberger
Todd Clark
Hilde van Gijssel
Ana Duffy
Sheila Cummings
Steven Nielson
Jennifer Elston
Noah Tulp
Grace Lint
Lauren Hoganson

10th Heather & Tim
Schwehr

Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun. January 21

In-person— 84 Online—31

Attendance: Wed. January 24

Youth— 15

Stewardship: January 21—January 27, 2024

General Fund Giving— \$2,599.00

Memorial— \$1,000.00

Human Relations Sunday— \$136.00

Glory of God's House— \$75.00

Matthew 25— \$40.00



In Ministry Today

Pianist— Marian Drevecky

Tech Team—

Lector— Holly Neuberger

Ushers—

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.

Ushers Needed



Former Pastor Dies in Arizona— The Rev. Dr. Richard Unkenholz died Jan. 6, 2024, in Prescott, Arizona, at the age of 96. Rev. Unkenholz was pastor of Epworth from 1963 to 1969 during the construction of our current building. He is survived by his wife, Pat, of 72 years, who is a retired diaconal minister in our conference. Condolences may be sent to her at 1039 Scott Drive A218, Prescott, AZ 86301. He is also survived by Mark (Karla) Unkenholz, Jeanne (Robert) Kolberg, Carol Sue (Dan) Morgan, David (Lisa) Unkenholz, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Loving our Neighbors Food Drive

to Start Early— During the month of Valentine’s Day, we ask the congregation to show Christian love to neighbors by collecting food for the Barnes County Food Pantry. Everyone is encouraged to bring various items as donations. Please think in terms of no extra ingredients, supplies, or utilities needed. As such, we invite you to think about how persons would access the items without a can opener, a pot, electricity, or even running water.

We will start collecting those items today and run through the month of February.

Here are suggestions of various categories of items to bring:

Easy-to-open: Beef jerky, crackers, canned fruit, vegetables with pull-up lids, tuna pouches or kits.

Dry good: Pasta, rice.

Breakfast items: Cereal, Pop-tarts, bread, peanut butter.

Paper products: Facial tissue, toilet paper.

Personal-care items: Toiletries, baby wipes.



Epworth United Methodist Men’s Brunch— The Methodist Men are having a French Toast Brunch on Sunday, February 25th at Epworth United Methodist Church. We will be serving French toast, sausage, assorted fruit, juice, and coffee. We will be serving from 9:00 – 12:30. The cost of the brunch will be \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for grades 1-6 and preschoolers will dine for free. We thank you for your support throughout the years and we hope to see you on the 25th.

**EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST MEN'S
FRENCH TOAST BRUNCH**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

MENU		COST
French Toast		Adults \$8
Sausage		Grades 1-6 \$4
Fruits		Preschool Free
Assorted Syrups		
Beverage		

Epworth United Methodist Church
680 8th Ave SW Valley City, ND

SERVING FROM 9:00 AM UNTIL 12:30 PM

Proceeds will be used to support Epworth's Youth Ministries



Safer Sanctuary Training— We all want our church to be safe for all who enter. In 1996 The United Methodist Church declared that having a Safe Sanctuary was necessary. By 1998 all United Methodist Churches were expected to have policies and practices to protect children and others. In 2023, it was time for a revision of the training and a check-in with every church to see if churches are continuing to update policies and training called Safer Sanctuaries.

This past November Brenda Lint attended an event to train the trainers for Safer Sanctuaries. She is offering this training to Epworth and area churches on Saturday, February 24 at 10:00am.