



Sunday Worship

February 18, 2024
10:30 am Worship

Pastor: Duane Coates

Ministers: All God's People

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, February 18

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

Monday, February 19

President's Day

Office Closed

- 2:00pm Prayer Vigil
- 7:00pm Troubadours

Tuesday, February 20

- 1:30pm Bible Study

Wednesday, February 21

- 4:30pm Confirmation
- 5:30pm Lenten Meal
- 6:30pm Lenten Service
- 7:15pm Youth
- 7:15pm Choir

Thursday, February 22

- 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
- 6:30pm SPR Training
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts

Saturday, February 24

- 10:00am Safer Sanctuaries Training

Sunday, February 25

- 9:00am Men's French Toast Brunch
- 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



United Women in Faith

This is United Women in Faith Sunday! Every year United Women in Faith prepare and present a Sunday Service. The purpose of this service is to make church members aware of the organization and the mission work we do. As the largest mission-minded women's organization in the world, we raise money and materials to benefit women, children and youth worldwide.

UWF Study of 2024



Sharing Food, Faith, Fellowship



Contact Information

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Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

Jesus Calls Us

Who is in Charge Here?

A New Reality

*What Do We Do in the
Meantime?*

Today—

At the Well

By Barb Owen

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 and bulletins are available upon request to an usher
On the screen—Leader=white text, People=yellow text*

The Church Gathers to Worship

Welcome— Virlyn Hoff

+ Call to Worship— Randi Watterson

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

People: We come into God's presence with singing!

Leader: We are the Lord's.

People: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: We give thanks and bless God's name, for the Lord is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

ALL: We will serve the Lord with gladness!

Psalm 100 adapted

Opening Song— No.121

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Prayer of the Day in Unison—

God of Living Water, we thirst and long for what only you can provide our parched souls. Yet, we turn to false gods and barren idols. We take our lives for granted as if it were our right, and not a gift. Forgive us our pettiness. You lavish goodness upon us in our darkest moments. Forgive our fears. Help us see your goodness to us. Remind us to have grateful hearts. Forgive our complaints. Lead us in gracious ways of living in harmony with each other. Make us instruments of Your Peace through the presence of the Living Christ. Amen.

Lifting our Joys and Concerns—Virlyn Hoff

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

People: Hear our Prayer

Pastoral Prayer—

Ministers of the Gospel

All members of the congregation.

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The Church Responds to God's Word

+Closing Hymn— No. 114

Many Gifts One Spirit

+Litany of Benediction— Anita Tulp

Leader: With the Creating power of God within us,
With the gifts and talents for Kind-dom living,

People: May we grow in grace,

Leader: May we grow in God,

People: May we grow in community,

ALL: in Jesus' Name. Amen.

+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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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. February 11

In-person— 77 Online—19

Attendance: Wed. February 14

Ash Wednesday Service— In-person— 40

Online—10

Youth— 14

Stewardship: February 11—February 17, 2024

General Fund Giving— \$2,734.00

Glory of God's House— \$175.00

Study Books— \$20.00

Sunday School— \$3.90



In Ministry Today

Pianist— Marian Drevecky

Tech Team—

Lector— Barb Owen

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.



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 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.

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		
Fruits		Grades 1-6 \$4
Assorted Syrups		
Beverage		Preschool Free

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



Multiplying Love Becomes Theme of Lenten Services—During Lent, Epworth will follow the lead of the bishop's appointive cabinets of both the Dakotas and Minnesota Annual Conferences when we bring our study focus to the basic love mission Holy Scripture gives to all Christians. Spreading love was the heart-rending message our Methodist founder John Wesley preached to lonely, over-worked, unchurched people in the coal mines and on the streets of 18th century England. Love is the heart of what Wesley worked out as a practical theology even as the structure of his movement took on his Enlightenment-informed logical structure. Award-winning Wesleyan theologian Dr. Paul W. Chilcote explains this in his book: "Multiplying Love: A Vision of United Methodist Life Together," which forms the basis of our Lenten church-wide study. We will engage this book during the Wednesday night Lenten services between Feb. 14 and March 20, inclusive. These services will involve live music and recorded preaching from cabinet members of both conferences (which includes our former pastor Rev. Dan Bader). The Wednesday Lenten services start at 6:15 p.m. in the Gathering Space, following a 5:30 Lenten meal in the dining room. This Lenten meal for this Wednesday, February 21, will be served by the youth.

Church Office Closed— The church office will be closed tomorrow, February 19, for President's Day.

