

## **This Week at Epworth**

### Sunday, April 21

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

### Monday, April 22

Pastor's Day Off

### Tuesday, April 23

- 1:30pm Bible Study @  
Bridgeview

### Wednesday, April 24

- 6:00pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Youth
- 7:00pm Choir

### Thursday, April 25

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

### Sunday, April 28

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

LITTLE CHILDREN,  
**LET US LOVE,**



**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](http://epworthvalleycity.com)**

NOT IN WORD OR SPEECH, BUT IN  
**TRUTH AND ACTION.**

1 JOHN 3:18, NRSV



## Sermon Series

### Previous Sundays—

*Sprouting Service from Seed*

*Looking Around with Love*

*Rising with a Name on His Lips*

*Jesus Shows Up for Us*

*What If?*

### Today—

## Acting Out of Love

By Pastor 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 and bulletins 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, walk beside still waters.

**All: We follow the Shepherd.**

Leader: Come, lie down in green pastures.

**All: We trust the Shepherd.**

Leader: Come, dine at the table of abundance.

**All: We are fed by the Shepherd.**

Leader: Come, dwell in God's house.

**All: We live in the Shepherd's care.**

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**+ Opening Hymn – No. 57 O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**  
vs. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7

## The Church Lifts Prayers to God

### Unison Prayer –

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. 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. 191 *Jesus Loves Me*

## Time Mostly for Children —

+ Gospel Reading — John 10:11-18 (Jesus the Good Shepherd)

+ Scripture Hymn — No. 419 *I Am Thine, O Lord*

## The Church Hears God's Word

Sermon Scripture — 1 John 3:16-24 (Love in truth and deed)

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

*People: Thanks be to God*

Message — *Acting Out of Love* Pastor Duane Coates



THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE  
FOR THE SHEEP.

JOHN 10:11

## 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  
Kathy Mah  
Mark Ziebert  
Vivian Ziebert  
Wayne McKirdy  
Ashley Enright  
Jerry & LaWanna Hieb  
Macy Raven  
Jackie Owen  
Lint Family  
Dakotas Camping  
Appointive Cabinet  
JoAnn Nathan  
Barry Devitt  
Ralph & Cleo Thompson  
Duane Borchert  
Bob Werkhoven  
Jan Zerface

### In Joy

Jaxon Horsager  
Linda Bernard

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](mailto:office@epworthvalleycity.com). This helps our church family care for one another.

## Ministers of the Gospel

All members of the congregation.

## Appointed Clergy

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## Program Staff

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## Northwest District Superintendent

Rev. Joel Winckler

## Dakotas Bishop

Bishop Lanette Plambeck

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# The Church Responds to God's Word

## Offertory –

### + Doxology No. 95

### + Prayer of Dedication

### + Closing Song — No. 2223 *They'll Know We are Christians*

### +Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: Nourished by the Shepherd's abundant love, go forth to walk in paths of righteousness.

### **All: We go to love each other in truth and action.**

Leader: May God's abundant blessings abide with all of us forever.

### **All: 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

# APRIL

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anna Lint  
Amy Noeske  
Dan Elston  
Carol Nelson  
Kelly Pederson  
Derek Bruns  
Matthew Glaser  
Jeanne Burchill

## Epworth Ministry Review

**Attendance: Sun. April 14**

In-person— 77    Online—17

**Attendance: Wed. April 17**

Youth— 16

**Stewardship: April 14—April 20, 2024**

General Fund Giving— \$3,707.00

Glory of God's House— \$680.00

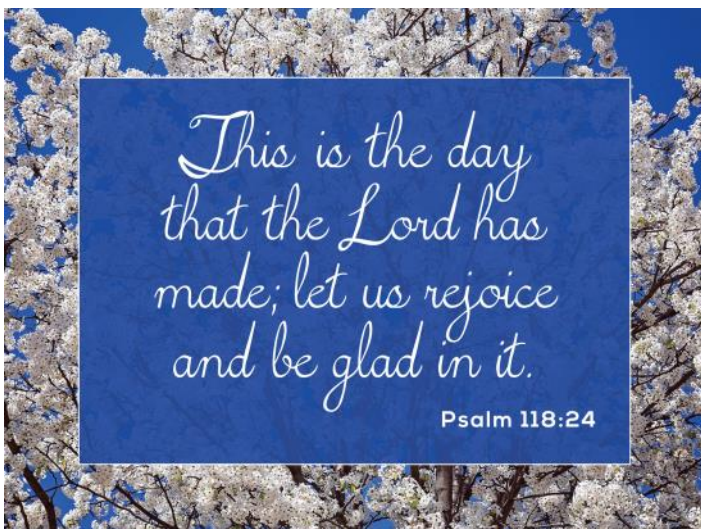
Building & Maintenance— \$130.00

Memorial— \$100.00

Native American Sunday— \$50.00

Parking Lot— \$50.00

Study Books— \$47.00



## In Ministry Today

Pianist— Hayley Winkler

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](mailto:office@epworthvalleycity.com)

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



**Seeking Christian Education Director and Youth Director**— The Servant Leadership Team (SLT), through the Staff-Parish Work Group and in consultation with Pastor Duane plan to hire for two openings on the church staff: Director of Christian Education (at 12-15 hours/week) and Youth Director (at 10 hours per week). If interested, please contact Pastor Duane or the church office.

Hayley Winkler is leaving her position as Christian education director on June 14 to pursue music education and student teaching in that field. Brenda Lint is leaving the youth director position on May 1 to follow her husband, the Rev. Paul Lint, who has been appointed pastor of Spearfish United Methodist Church in South Dakota. These two positions could be held by the same or different persons. Generally, the Christian education director works 12-15 hours a week to help provide a positive learning environment in the church so that all can experience God's love and grow closer and deeper in commitment to the Lord. Among the qualifications are a strong belief in Jesus Christ and respect for United Methodist theology and practice, strong organizational, administrative, and leadership skills. A degree in some type of education or some experience in the field is preferred, but not required.

The youth director works 10 hours per week building young disciples for Christ by developing and implementing a comprehensive approach to youth ministry. That person will also serve as a spiritual leader and role model in the areas of group building, worship, discipleship, mission, and outreach.

Qualifications for that position include embracing Christian discipleship and United Methodist doctrine and theology. We are also looking for someone with an ability to work effectively with youth, diverse individuals, and teams of volunteers. Skills in

communication and computers are helpful. For full job descriptions, see the church office. The positions report to the pastor and are evaluated by the Servant Leadership Team through the Staff-Parish Work Group in consultation with the pastor.

**Wesley Acres Spring Work Day April 27**—Volunteers are welcome to join the Epworth youth in a work day at Wesley Acres Camp and Retreat Center on Saturday, April 27 from 10 am to 4 pm.

There will be inside work and outside work. Volunteers are asked to dress appropriately. Lunch will be provided.

**CROP Walk for World Hunger April**

**24**—The 44th annual Valley City CROP Walk for Hunger is set for Wednesday, April 24 at 7 pm on the Jefferson school mile. Walkers may start collecting pledges and making donations now. See Michelle Grebel for pledge and donor forms.

Eighty percent of the money raised goes to fight hunger around the world and the remaining 20 percent remains in the local community in a distribution to the Barnes County Food Pantry, the Hi-Liner Food Pantry at Valley City Public Junior/Senior High, and the Valley City State University Food Pantry. In 2023, more than \$7,200 was raised for this cause.

The CROP Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. Now there are more than 500 communities across the United States that participate. Valley City's participation in this event started in 1981 with the help of the Rev. Wayne McKirdy and others.

**New Summer Service Time**— The Servant Leadership Team has decided to move the Sunday service time to 9:30 am for the summer, with coffee fellowship to follow at 10:30 am. This schedule will begin on May 26 and continue until September 8.