



From Pastor Jason's Desk

Greetings Friends,

I am not sure where our summer has gone, but I realize that we are now approaching August and before we know it we will be looking at having the children return to school for another year. I hope and pray that all of you have planned a time to get out in nature before summer is gone.

Do all of us know what we have as far as God given gifts and talents? If we do know what those are, we should be using them to our full capacity to create a change in our community and in our families to make them God centered and more God focused.

As Christians we are called to lead a disciplined lifestyle, if I have lost you, we will be covering this in more detail this fall in a sermon series about spiritual disciplines. For now, let me ask you these questions; when our spouse, children and grandchildren look at us do they see the hands and feet of God? Do they see us interacting with the poor and the marginal? Do they see us visiting the sick and the lonely?

I know that we are all busy in our lives and I also know that to do some of these things sends us out of our comfort zones. What would it look like if each and every one of us lived into our God given gifts and talents, could we as a unit make a difference in our homes in our communities and then make a difference in our world.

Many people say to me I am afraid for my children and grandchildren and the world that they will have to live in. Fear can often times be a great motivator. It should motivate us to make this world a better place to live in, not only for ourselves but for the generations that follow. No person can do this alone. Author and Pastor Jim Putman wrote a book called "Church Is a Team Sport". He discusses that all people of the church work together to use their gifts, the things that we as individuals are good at to make the church a place for all, where we are all accepted and loved for who we are as individuals. Many times, we see churches derail as I call it because they lose focus on the true mission of Jesus Christ and that is to make disciples of all nations.

What we as a church need to understand is that no one person can do this on their own. We need to band together to be a church of love and a unified body focused on one mission and one mission only. Setting aside our differences and our own personal agendas for the good of all people so that our community reflects the love, and the compassion, and the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am not asking any one of you to do this on your own, rather join me and let's work on our own transformation and at the same time tackle the common goal of a transformed community of believers that are on a mission to win one soul for Jesus, one person at a time.

I leave you with this challenge. What is it that you enjoy doing? What is it that you are good at? Where can you use these interests in the life of the church? How can we bless just one person this week and three or four over this next month? We have all kinds of things that are going to be at the church this fall. Now is the time for you to be thinking about the difference you can make in the life of a person that you can walk beside and support, love, offer compassion to. Who is it? What name just came to you? Call them and go see them. I encourage all of us to live into the calling of Jesus Christ and be the best disciples we can be.

Until next time,

Pastor Jason

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Administrative Council/Finance Meeting
Thursday, July 20, 2023

The Trinity United Methodist Church Administrative Council meeting was held on Thursday, July 20, 2023, CMC, 5:30 p.m. Members present: Pastor Jason Christensen, Bob McNeill, Cindy McNeill, Jim Wolff, Sue Holloway, Cheryl Wolff, and Lynn Larsen.

In the absence of Gary Linn at the meeting Sue Holloway called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

Cheryl Wolff moved/Cindy McNeill seconded to **approve the May 15, 2023 minutes** with the change of the WIF picnic on August 4 from the Lead City Park to the CMC. **Motion carried.**

There were no changes to the agenda.

Jim Wolff reviewed the Financial Report with the Council. Cindy McNeill moved/ Bob McNeill seconded to **approve the Financial Report** as presented. **Motion carried.** Jim was happy to report that over all our investments have grown and our member giving to the church is up. Jim informed the Council that

Jim Wefso and Sue Holloway prepared the annual Audit Report and they found the Audit to be complete and recommended that the Administrative Council accept the Audit as written. With Jim Wefso's recommendation to accept the Audit and seconded by Cheryl Wolff the **2023 Audit Report was approved by the Council.**

Bob McNeill, Trustees Chair, reported to the Council there are still some projects, especially at the parsonage, on the list that have not been completed yet. MDU has been doing work in the CMC parking lot. There was a minor accident when MDU put a hole in the wall on the outside of the CMC under Pastor Jason's office window and that will be fixed. Patch work is being done in the parking lot and the striping will get a new paint job. Pete and Jacque Fuller donated to the church a part of their land and it will be used as a Memorial Garden.

Pastor Jason reported to the council he has had two memorial services. The SPPRC committee and he have submitted the church's annual church and pastor assessment. He has started working on the Practical Church leadership courses and will be working on these courses through next July. Vacation Bible School wrapped up this week. A decision has been made on an Advent study and the date for the Live Nativity has been set.

Sue Holloway stated 1,000 Christmas cards will be sent to Adopt-A-Platoon this year. Four women from Canada will be attending Biker Breakfast. While their husbands will be helping with the breakfast the women will be doing their mission project by working on the Christmas cards and hopefully they will complete 500 of those cards. Sue shared with the council a card she received from a mother whose daughter receives these cards and both are thankful for this ministry. Clothe-A-Kid has 97 students registered (50 families) to receive help from Clothe-A-Kid in August. She still needs volunteers for Meals on Wheels.

Cindy McNeill, Staff Pastor Parish chair, informed the Council Norma, our administrative assistant, will be having knee surgery this coming week. Holly will be covering her work.

Sue Holloway reported on August 4 the Women in Faith will gather to work on the cards we will be sending to Adopt-A-Platoon for August. After working on the cards, the women will hold their annual picnic in the CMC.

Pastor Jason gave an update on the youth. He has met with Micole Davis and Cindy Specht, youth leaders. With only a couple of youth who may attend youth group this year, the church will not be holding a youth group for this upcoming year. The greenery fundraiser the youth have done for the past few years will be done by the high school Honor Society kids. Once we build up the numbers of youth in our church we will go back to selling the greenery.

Sue gave an update on Biker Breakfast. The food has been ordered, sign-up sheets to help are available, and posters will be distributed to many venues in Lead, Deadwood, Spearfish and Sturgis. The cost for the pancake breakfast is \$10 and \$12 for gluten free pancakes.

Pastor Jason informed the council Lynn Larsen will "retire" as the administrative council recording secretary at the end of 2023. He noted they will begin the process to appoint a new administrative council secretary.

The next Administrative Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2023, 5:30 p.m., CMC.
Pastor Jason closed the meeting in prayer. Lynn Larsen, Recording Secretary

Trustee Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2023

Members Present: Pastor Jason, Bob McNeil, Mike Darling, Larry Howell, Jim Wolff, Wayne Holdcroft, John Hauge

Meeting was opened at 4:35 PM with a prayer by Pastor Jason.

Previous meeting minutes were approved as written

Parsonage:

- Wayne killed weeds on two sides of the garage.
- The garage side door threshold needs repair.
- Front bricks require a seal coat.
- Basement lights need to be replaced with led waffle lights
- Kitchen window- Gears are stripped. A new crank system will be installed. Bob/Larry
- The snow blower requires a tune-up. Do in Fall.
- The neighbor is going to build a fence between the two houses to contain his dogs.
- A parsonage inspection needs to be completed

Church:

- Several sprinkler heads require replacement. Bob M
- Vacuum losing suction. John H.
- Entry roof membrane needs a 12"x12" patch Bob M
- Need an estimate on sealing the chimney bricks Bob M
- Entry ceiling requires another coat of paint John H

CMC:

- Folding chairs were professionally cleaned
- The parking lot requires restriping.
- Buckled flooring requires a moisture test. Depending upon results, the installer needs to be contacted about replacement
- Biker breakfast preparation required.
- An excavator used on the street construction hit the Pastor's office window.
Need to file a claim with their insurance.
- The city manager and possibly the city council needs to be contacted about 2 items: the condition of their previous patches and the constant flow of gravel from the top of the alley.
- Memorial Gardens- A number of people would like to install a memorial garden on the ledge between the CMC and Fuller's property. This is planned for the Spring. They will be asked to present a plan at a trustee meeting.

General:

- The trustees need to conduct a review (annual) of all TUMC property titles.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 with the breakthrough prayer.

Next Meeting will be Thursday, August 17th at 4:30 pm in the CMC.



AUGUST POTLUCK PICNIC
12:00 AUGUST 3 AT THE CMC
PLEASE JOIN US!

The Trinity Unit of United Women in Faith has a long legacy in itself, under many names over the years. Over 150 years ago eight women in Boston were determined to make the world a better place. They began with caring about the spiritual and physical needs of poor women in India. Those women could not be treated by male doctors. Schooling for girls was almost non-existent. Help was desperately needed. These women began a lasting legacy of “showing up and getting things done.” They organized the Methodist Women’s Foreign Missionary Society. Soon, they sent two women to India, one an educator and the other a doctor. The institutions they began, Isabella Thoburn College and a women’s hospital, are still in existence today.

We continue to “show up and get things done” locally, nationally and internationally.

Missions Ministry

MISSIONS & OUTREACH: Sue Holloway 605-920-7788

MEALS ON WHEELS: Our next week is August 21st. We are always looking for more teams to cover our snowbirds and vacationers. Please contact Sue for more information.

CLOTHE-A-KID: Thank you for your contributions, the church was able to donate \$1,595 to clothe-a-kid.

ADOPT-A-PLATOON: We are assembling cards on the first Thursday of the month, squeezed in between Bible Study and United Women of Faith (10:30). Many hands make for light work. Last month we had a great crew that did everything in only an hour! We will meet on August 3rd and then on September 7th. Please join us for this important outreach. Below is a letter from one of the Mothers of our soldiers:

Dear Ms Sue & every Methodist Ladies,
I hope that this card expresses our sincere appreciation for you'al generosity, prayers & kindness to our military men/women. Our daughter shared your beautiful letter, Sue with us! T-U for taking the time & effort to write to our military. They do read the letters & really-really appreciate all the "goodies" you'al sent them. My daughter is Rachel MacFarlane a pharmacist in Qatar. We are so proud of her. She loves the Lord. Again, Sue T-U & ladies. Rachel & John from Marion, MA

The effect of our cards and letters have a far reaching affect.

BIKER BREAKFAST: We are almost there! We have only 1 more Sunday to sign up to help during the week. We have 2 routes left to hang the posters. One is for Lead and the other is for 85 into Spearfish. Please talk to Sue to volunteer. Food has been order, new Biker Business Cards are in, contacts have been made with our Canadian biker friends and Teen Court. More to be done as we get closer to the event.



**Please remember our homebound members
by sending them a greeting card**



Doris Adamson
52 Dunlap Ave.
Deadwood, SD 57732

Orrin Aldrich
921 Addie
Lead, SD 57754

Betty Bender
122 Wall St.
Lead, SD 57754

Evelyn Berstch
Edgewood Vista
540 Falcon Crest Drive, Apt 135B
Spearfish, SD 57783

Peggy Cleveland
Friendly Horizons
7200 Freedom Dr., Rm 108
Summerset, SD 57718

Jean Dyer
Edgewood Vista
540 Falcon Crest Dr, Apt. 159
Spearfish, SD 57783

Chuck and Winnie Ferris
312 Main Street
Deadwood, SD 57731

Yvonne Foreman
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Deadwood, SD 57732

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13916 Clydesdale Road
Rapid City, SD 57702

Judy Hink
Avantara Arrowhead
2500 Arrowhead Drive
Rapid City, SD 57702

Trinity United Methodist Church Library Notes

It's hot outside and time to take a break and get back to reading!

Our library now has 2 new books by **Phillip Yancey**. Mr. Yancey is arguably the most important contemporary Christian author in the USA today. He has been writing books, and writing and editing for numerous magazines including **Christianity Today** and the **Christian Century**.

Right now we have two books by Mr. Yancey: **Where is God When It Hurts?** **What's so Amazing About Grace?**

These books are available in our Library bookcases in the CMC community room. We will also be putting out books on one of the tables in the back of the sanctuary. Come browse and take a book home.

We are also looking for either donations of books, or money donations to purchase books. Right now, we would like to grow our collection of Phil Yancey books, most cost 15 dollars. In particular, we are looking for: **The Jesus I Never Knew, Disappointment with God, Soul Survivor: How my Faith Survived the Church, Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (co-authored with Paul Brand), In His Image (co-authored with Paul Brand)**

Please contact Carol Holdcroft if you can help: choldcroft@twhco.com

GOT MUSIC?

Are you looking to provide special music during worship service? We would enjoy hearing you sing, playing your instruments, sharing your musical talents, please contact the office.

Are you wanting to help with worship through song? Come practice with the praise team on Sundays at 8:00 am

I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Psalms 104:33

Contact Information for
Pastor Jason Christensen
Cell Phone: 605-490-2601
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Pastor Jason will be holding coffee hours at Lotus Up on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Please stop by for a visit.

He will honor the Sabbath on Fridays.

Worship Help Needed

It takes a village to have the church services go smoothly! We all have talents we can use to help make that happen, as an usher, praise team singer, furnishing flowers, media or fellowship provider. Please prayerfully consider helping. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church or you can call the office (584-1328) to volunteer. You could sign-up online at leadtumc.com (under the worship tab).

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

Aug. 5-Trudi (Glover) Nelson
Aug. 6-Sharon Narem
Aug. 7-Syd DeVries
Aug. 5-Steven Stewart
Aug. 8-Cheryl Rogers
Aug. 13-Gary DeGooyer
Aug. 15-Allison Specht
Aug. 18-John Peppmeier
Aug. 19-Mary Schumacher
Aug. 20-Jeff Nelson
Aug. 21-Correen Dammen
Aug. 22-Mila Heisinger
Aug. 27-Clacy Percy
Aug. 28-Gary Linn
Aug. 30-Jim Hoff

Anniversaries:

Aug. 3-Mike and Joyce Darling
Aug. 13-Leroy and Janet Lanphear
Aug. 13-Gary and Sue DeGooyer
Aug. 15-Don and Theo Rogers
Aug. 18-Sid and Diane Goss
Aug. 30-Barb and Terry Hansen

SERMON SERIES:

PARABLE STORIES WITH PURPOSE

- 08/06 Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican
- 08/13 Parable of House Built on Rock or Sand
- 08/20 Parable of the Prodigal Son
- 08/27 Parable of the Wedding Banquet
- 09/03 Parable of the Sower
- 09/10 Parable of the Valuable Pearl
- 09/17 Parable of the Landowners Sovereignty
- 09/24 Parable of the Dangers of Wealth
- 10/01 Parable of the Shrewd Manager

Bible Study

*The Women's Bible Study
will gather in the
CMC at 9:30 a.m.
on Thursdays.*

*The Men's Bible Study
won't be meeting over the
summer months, but will
resume in September.*



**Rochford Chapel
Worship at 7:00 p.m.**

**Worship Service by Pastor Jason on
Sunday, August 20, 2023**

**22585 N. Rochford Road
Rochford, SD 57745**

**Hope you'll join us
for worship at the
"Church in the Wildwood"**

Worship Meeting Reminder:

**If you are part of worship team, please
make note of the worship meeting on
Sunday, August 13th at 10:30 a.m.**

CHRISTIAN CHUCKLES

God is talking to one of his angels and says, "Do you know what I have just done? I have just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?" The angel says, "Yes, but what will you do now?" God says, "I think I'll call it a day."

Timmy didn't want to put his money in the offering plate Sunday morning, so his mother decided to use some hurried creative reasoning with him. "You don't want that money, honey," she whispered in his ear. "Quick! Drop it in the plate. It's tainted!" Horrified, the little boy obeyed. After a few seconds he whispered, "But, mommy, why was the money tainted? Was it dirty?" "Oh, no dear," she replied. "It's not really dirty. It just 'taint yours, and it 'taint mine," she replied. "It's God's."



THANK YOU

**We would like to extend our
appreciation to all who are
making our building and
grounds look so beautiful
this summer.**



Vacation Bible School

Trinity United Methodist Church partnered with churches from the Lead/Deadwood area to provide the community vacation bible school. VBS was held at the Lead park on the evenings of July 17th through July 20th. This fun ministry was able to touch the lives of around 50 children and 20 volunteers.

The VBS theme was “Stellar, Shine Jesus’ Light”. The VBS program had a variety of stations and activities for the children to participate in. They started by gathering at the Sing and Play Blast Off station for music and dance. The kids then rotated between other stations, such as Stellar Bible Adventures (bible point, bible verse, and bible story), Imagination station (crafts and science), All Star games (outdoor games and activities), Galactic snacks (food and snacks), Kid Vid Cinema (video and discussions). The children then gathered for a Cosmic Closing for a recap of the things they sang, learned, and discussed.

The kids also did a few other exciting and fun activities while at VBS. Each child was able to design and make an outer space themed t-shirt to take home. They participated in a Bible Scavenger Hunt each night, trying to be the top group to solve all the answers. They collected canned goods and had a competition of the girls versus the boys to see who could gather the most items with the donations going to the Lord’s Cupboard.

The children arrived at VBS ready to play, learn and enjoy supper which was provided by different churches each evening. TUMC was responsible for supper on Thursday and served rocket fuel (grilled cheese sandwiches, veggie straws, watermelon and lemonade). TUMC helpers provided enough food for 70 people.

On the last night of VBS the parents were invited to attend a closing recap ceremony. There was a slideshow video with pictures of the children doing the activities and stations throughout the week. The parents were able to hear what the kids did and the children recited the bible verses and sang some of the songs they learned at VBS. The evening ended with a leader being pined in the face, water balloons, and a twinkie snack. The children were so excited and had a great time!

We want to take the time to say thank you to all who were involved in making VBS such a wonderful experience for the children. A special thank you to anyone from TUMC that volunteered in teaching the program and all the VBS staff. We want to thank those that prepared and helped serve supper on Thursday evening. We extend a thank you to those who made a monetary donation to the program and a big thank you to our congregation for your prayers and support.





August 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pastor on Vacation	2	3 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Women's Bible Study at 9:30 am Platoon Cards 10:30 UWF Picnic 12:00	4 Worship Spearfish Canyon Care Center at 10:30	5
6 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 The Transfiguration	7 Pastor's PCL 11-2	8 Pastor on Vacation	9	10	11	12
Biker Breakfast August 6th-11th 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.						
13 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Communion Sunday Worship Meeting 10:30 11th Sunday After Pentecost	14 Pastor's PCL 11-2 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm	15 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up	16 Staff Meeting 10:30	17 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Women's Bible Study at 9:30 am Trustee Meeting 4:30	18	19
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Meals on Wheels August 21-25						
27 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 13th Sunday After Pentecost	28 Pastor's PCL 11-2 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm Newsletter Articles Due	29 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up	30 First Day of L/D School	31 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Women's Bible Study at 9:30 am		

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Trinity United Methodist Church is a welcoming congregation where God can be found in worship, music, and fellowship. Children always welcome.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING AT 9 AM.

