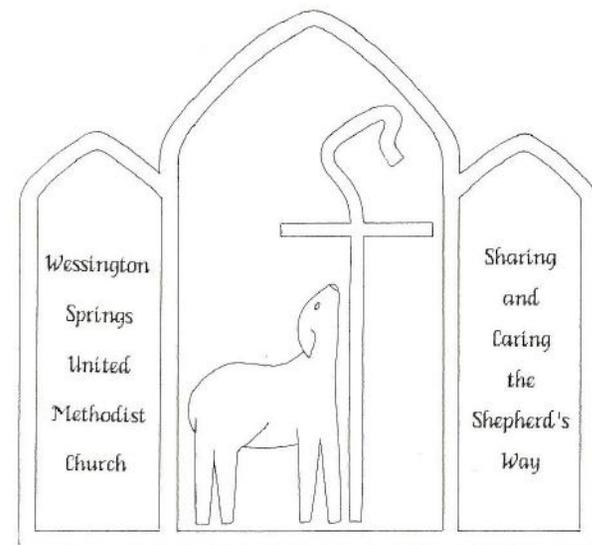




SHEPHERD'S HERALD
July 2020



**Wessington Springs
United Methodist Church**

**"We will nurture each other and spread the
Spirit of Christian love to all".**

Our mission statement

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Key A – Anniversary B – Birthday P – Pastor O – Other					1
2 O – 10:15 am Drive-in Church Service @ Total Construction south parking lot. O – 11:00 am Worship Service @ WS UMC	3 P – Day Off A – Jake & Greta Krohmer	4 P – Office Hours A – Randy & Linda Willman	5 P – Alpena A – Fred & Mary Reiner	6 P – Office Hours B – Gerri Tripp B – Irene Olsen	7 P – Office Hours	8 A – Kirk & Lynda Luymes A – Sue & Chuck Faulhaber
9 O – 10:15 am Drive-in Church Service @ Total Construction O – 11:00 am Worship Service @ WS UMC	10 P – Day Off	11 P – Office Hours	12 P – Alpena	13 P – Office Hours B – Kali Holt	14 P – Office Hours A – A John & Janet Boomsma B – Bev Salmen B – Johnnie Von Eye	15
16 O – 10:15 am Drive-in Church Service @ Total Construction O – 11:00 am Worship Service @ WS UMC	17 P – Day Off	18 P – Office Hours B – Craig Wenzel	19 P – Alpena B – Cody Hasty	20 P – Office Hours B – Lisa Edwards P & O – Newsletter submissions due to secretary	21 P – Office Hours A – Jeff & Kim Burg	22 B – Jerry Bennett
23 O – 10:15 am Drive-in Church Service @ Total Construction O – 11:00 am Worship Service @ WS UMC	24 P – Day Off	25 P – Office Hours A – Brady & Lisa Younie	26 P – Alpena	27 P – Office Hours A – Jason & Cristin Weber	28 P – Office Hours	29 B – Jan Krohmer
30 O – 10:15 am Drive-in Church Service @ Total Construction O – 11:00 am Worship Service @ WS UMC	31 P – Day Off B – Elda Grey B – Megan Baumgart	WSUMC Website: www.springsumc.com Online Worship Services: SpringsUMC.com/Sermons Facebook.com/WessingtonSpringsUMC				

From the Desk of Pastor Zach

I think this pandemic has stretched all of us a bit.

Most all of us have found ourselves changing habits or developing new ones, altering our normal routines like a weekly meal at a local cafe or coffee with friends. For some of us our weekly gatherings with other believers changed as well. Fellowship moved to phone conversations, brief exchanges through vehicle windows, and variants of text/email messages. Worship services moved to parking lots, drive-in movie theaters, and right into homes through various online platforms.

Currently there are three ways in which you can join in worship on Sundays with WSUMC:

10:15AM Drive In Service at Total Oil parking lot 603 1st ST SE Wessington Springs

11AM In Building Service at WSUMC

11AM Online Service at SpringsUMC.com/Semons or facebook.com/WessingtonSpringsUMC/live

We are planning on continuing the Drive In service through the month of August and during August plans will be made concerning the month of September on how we will move forward with the services.

I humbly request your prayers for myself and for the future of our congregation. Pray an Ephesians 3:20 prayer for God to do more than would can even dream of; pray for an apostolic spirit of innovation and creativity to reach people in our community that have no church home; pray for people to respond to the Holy Spirit tugging on their hearts, calling them to serve, as there is a great need for servant-leaders to rise up with a passion to better reach the youth and teens of the community; pray for God's provision and abundant blessing for the financial support of the ministry of WSUMC. Above all, pray that God would use the people of WSUMC to be, and share, the light of Jesus

Christ as we seek to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

“Glory be to God who, by His mighty power at work within us, is able to do more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of - infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.”
Ephesians 3:20 TLB



WSUMC DRIVE-IN CHURCH
SUNDAY @ 10:15 am

We have a spot just for you!

TOTAL OIL PARKING LOT
603 1ST ST NE WESSINGTON SPRINGS

The graphic features a row of ten car icons in various colors (white, grey, yellow, blue, white, black, yellow, white, blue) with a white arrow pointing to the last car on the right.



Sunday Worship Service: 11AM
Wednesday Mid-Week Connection: 3PM

Worship ONLINE

SpringsUMC.com/sermons
Facebook.com/WessingtonSpringsUMC

The graphic features a circular logo with a flame and a cross, overlaid on a background image of a church interior.

Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Thank you for your faithful giving and support of the church and our ministry to Wessington Springs and beyond. Your generosity allows us to advance God's Kingdom and be a blessing to our community. Without you the church cannot be, because together WE are the church!

Here are some of the current ways to give:

- Drop an envelope in the 'mailbox' we will have set up at Drive-In church.
(If giving cash at Drive-In church or through the mail please have it in an envelope with your name on it so it can be sure to include it on a giving statement for your tax purposes.)
- Have your bank set up recurring giving through billpay which automatically transfers the money from your account to the church account (If you bank with American Bank & Trust they have a form to fill out that can quickly and easily be set up).
- Mail in your tithe to WSUMC PO Box 396 Wessington Springs SD 57382



***Please help care
for the
church lawn!***

A sign up sheet is located on a table in the upstairs fellowship area or contact Lynda Luymes @ 350-1628 or Randy Burnison @ 350-6978 if you wish to pay someone to do the work for you so they can give you details of what needs to be done. Blessings & Thanks for your prayerful consideration!

There's POWER in PRAYER for the soul, body & spirit

Health Concerns – Wayne & Bev Salmen, Leonard VonEye, David Arnott, Kerry Kahler-Fink, Phyllis Arhart, Joe Turner, Tony Willman, Brian VanBuren, Carol Steffensen, Cecile Knight, Joyce Rogers, Lindsey Dubs, Quinn Mohling, Tiny Gohring & Steve Deneke. Dale Leischner, Olivia Jo Munce, Don & Dawn Novak and Dawn's mom, David Grieve, Drake Rounds, Leslie Vinderslev, G. Ann Cline, Annie Holset, Marilyn Larson & Christi Swenson.

Cancer Fight – Pauline Kaus, Cory Hainy, Gloria Fastnacht, Brian Canca, Jared Jost, Sean Rubino, Louise Schaller, Denice Hein, Jerry Jassmer, Jim Marvin, Cecil Deneke and Sonnie Schimke.

Nursing Home – Gayle Willman, Joyce Beckman, Beverly Sorensen, Dorothy Powell & Bessie Kruse. All who are cared for in nursing homes around the world & their care givers.

Other Concerns

For our global well being in dealing with:

- Loss and challenges of social distancing caused by COVID19.
- Those recovering from COVID-19.
- Discrimination

For the families of Hattie Thigh, Illa Warnke and Christi Otten.

For our compassion child Miguel and his brother Rafael.

For those who have lost loved ones as they continue to grieve and heal.

For those working in Missions; Mitch and Sonja Kraft.

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NOTES FROM YOUR FINANCE CHAIR AND WSCCG REPRESENTATIVE

(Wessington Springs Church Concessions Group)

With the nature of how we worship these days it is much more difficult to interact with you parishioners as easy as we used to, so... please read this entry into your homes via our newsletter and prayerfully, prayerfully consider the part you can play in this endeavor of which we are about to embark. Officially, the Kyle Evans Memorial Wagon Train will be held this year, September 11th and 12th, with the WSCCG again serving them breakfast both mornings and probably the supper the evening of the 11th. The annual bull bash will be held the evening of the 12th.

So, how can we get the good folks of the UMC to get signed up for their volunteer slot on the schedule?? This Wednesday, the 22nd the WSCCG will be meeting and discussing exactly that! For our church, I'll probably solicit volunteers at drive-in church and be passing a sign-up board at indoor church, or real church. My feeling is that we will need one volunteer from each congregation for each breakfast, the Friday night supper and no more than 4 from each church for the bull bash. These are preliminary numbers, so they need to be taken with a grain of salt, but we will be needing volunteers and I am hopeful that this congregation will do its part to help make this yet another successful endeavor of the WSCCG.

Fundraising was the initial reason for the forming of the WSCCG however; we've evolved oh so much since those humble beginnings back in 2003. Though the concessions have returned a fair amount of cash to each of the congregations over the years, the more meaningful part of this has been the cooperation of all the local congregations working together. That my dear friends, is the greatest reward of the concessions group and I would pray that it might continue far into the future, well beyond

the time that most of us will be able to see. Is that being hopeful??? I pray it is. Is it being grounded in reality? I most certainly pray that it will be. For there to be a future for the future generations of this church, and all the others, it is PARAMOUNT THAT WE continue to grow and cooperate with each other in this and so many other ways if indeed there is to be a Wessington Springs in the future. Working together as one, even if we are many separate denominations is a step in the right direction in our generation providing hope for the generations to follow. It is simply us all doing our part, that way everyone adds a little and everyone benefits a lot. I gotta think our Creator is on board with that simple philosophy.

As your finance chair, any thing that fattens the coffers is a plus in my book. The church concessions group and craft fair concessions organizers and volunteers are two great ways that we can all help just a little bit to help keep our church fiscally viable. Won't you please consider doing your part when the sign-up sheet, phone call or personal contact reaches out to you? In these things, if we all do just a little... our reward will be great and it will just be another way we can all make His kingdom be as He wants it to be!

Enough begging already! I need to save some of that energy for the forth coming pledge drive when we determine our budget for 2021. E-gads! Is it THAT time already? It will be soon! Every sixty seconds is another minute passed by and after 24 hours, another day has gone by. Let's keep those seconds and hours full and work together for the glory of His kingdom, A-men? A-MEN!

God Bless you all!

Your finance chair and perennial WSCCG chair,

Hub Kieser



Thank you to all who donated towards Miguel's expenses. \$466.56 was raised which will take care of most of the Miguel's expenses for a year! Praise God!! We usually send money for a Christmas and birthday gift in October so will be giving out more information about that later. Those funds have not been raised yet. Please continue to pray for Miguel and his family.

Thank you!
Tammy Mettler

News from Phyllis Comes Flying

Phyllis's sister, Hattie, died Saturday, July 4th. I talked to Phyllis today, July 21st and she is doing better. She tries to stay busy and is adjusting to life without her sister. Phyllis appreciates all the prayers given for her and her family during this difficult time.

Please continue to pray for Hattie's husband, Wally, and grandchildren she was raising: Dominic, Suki and Dustin'd as they continue to adjust to life without Hattie. Amber Lynn and Jordanna, the two youngest girls in Hattie's care, are now living with their other grandmother in another housing area of Ft. Thompson.

Phyllis's grandson, Kason, has moved to a new home. Phyllis is looking for a table and chairs for Kason. If anyone has a used table set that they are no longer needing or other household items, please contact Dennis or Tammy Mettler 539-1958 for arrangements to get the furniture to Ft. Thompson.

Tammy Mettler

Mitch & Sonja in Missions with Arbin at their side...

Hi Everyone,

Where did the summer go?! God is good and in control. Thank you for all your prayers this summer. We got to see God really move in the lives of our students through Project Spearfish and phone calls. We are grateful for your partnership in reaching college students and the world for Christ. Here are a few stories of how this partnership is going 😊

Last letter I asked you all to be praying for a new believer, Kendra, to grow in her faith and be connected to our group well. God answered your prayers! Kendra adapted quickly to our community this summer and was participating in many of the extra activities that our students organized. It was interesting leading a bible study with a new believer, but it is always fun to see them get a new concept of God or ask questions that older Christians haven't asked in years. Kendra added a lot to our group this year and I look forward to seeing where Christ will take her in the future.

Another exciting story about project is a student named Beulah. Beulah's heart to see her fellow Native American students know Christ this year was super encouraging. As we were learning about Evangelism, Disciple making, and Mission Mobilization (EDM), Beulah would say things like "this was super convicting" and then follow up many of them with ideas on how to apply it with her friends. It is so exciting to see students realize that they can have a kingdom impact while in college and to see God directing them to the good works that He has planned for them.

This past month I was able to share the Gospel with the head Cross Country coach, Scott Folie. When I was done hearing his story, sharing my story, and then sharing God's story, I asked if he wanted to become a follower of Christ. He said he didn't have enough information to make this decision at that time but he wanted to learn more. We have been going through the book of Mark together and

hope to finish it sometime around the first of September. God is moving in Scott's life right now as he is doing many things to improve himself and he is very comfortable with me and asks good questions in our time together. Please pray that after reading more about Jesus he would be open to accepting the Gospel.

Family Update:

We are doing well and enjoying the extra time together that summer allows. We spend many evenings on walks to the dog park and various playgrounds. Arbin's new favorite sport is tether ball as he loves anything with a ball or sound to it. He is getting more independent as he explores the house and outside around the block. He is in a big reading phase right with his favorite books having babies and animals in them. Sonja is doing well and enjoying her time with Arbin. She loves teaching him new actions or words. She is also very good at communicating with him and helps Mitch out a lot in understanding what Arbin wants. She also just celebrated her birthday with some zip lining and views of Mt. Rushmore. It was a fun way to celebrate her.

Praises:

1. The 11 students that participated in Project Spearfish grew in their faith and are excited to put what they learned into practice this fall.
2. BHSU will be open to students August 19th. We are excited that for now it looks like school will be fairly normal with just some extra precautions. We are excited to see the students again as we really miss them.
3. Cole, a football player, was asked to lead devotionals for his team's fall camp. This is an exciting chance for him to influence his team and get to help the freshman know who they can talk to if they don't want to be part of the party scene.

Prayers:

1. That Coach Folie would come to know Jesus.

2. As of right now we cannot help move students into the dorms. This is one of our best times of outreach to freshman so we will need our returning students to be super intentional and outgoing this year to freshman.

3. Prayers for men for BHSU CV. We have very few committed men in the ministry right now. Prayers for ideas on recruiting men and helping them to see the adventure that God has for them when they follow Him.

Thanks again for your prayers and support. We look forward to seeing what God does the rest of the summer and this fall.

Blessings, Mitch, Sonja, and Arbin



Feeding South Dakota Mobile Food Distribution

Feeding South Dakota's mission is to end hunger in SD



**August 18
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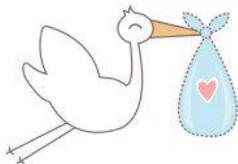
**Food Distribution
at the
4-H / Ag Building
604 2ND St. NE
Wessington Springs**

Feeding South Dakota

FREE FOOD for SENIORS in need. Please contact one of the following individuals if you are interested in learning more about this program:

Velma Anderson 307.258-2572 April Grubb 605.539-1980
Carol Maxfield 605.539-1727 Tammy Mettler 605.539-1958
Jean Scheel 605.539-1153

Eligibility * At least 60 years of age. * On a limited income.



This little bird has been quite busy...

CONGRATULATIONS

Gabbie Ann Williams ~ Born June 27, 2020 to Paula & Byron Williams
Grandchild to Tammy & Dennis Mettler

Stocktyn Orth Schweitzer ~ Born July 2, 2020 to Traci & Ryder Schweitzer
Grandchild to Mark & Shelley Fuerst

Hailey Marie Hasty ~ Born July 22, 2020 to Cody & Deanna Hasty



Worshipful Sharing - Consider sharing during the service (your testimony, a poem, a story, a skit, a dance, a song, etc...) on Sunday mornings. Please contact Lisa Edwards, Jan Krohmer or Pastor Zach for guidance.



**SPRINGS
BLUE BAG**



Packing Day August 18, 2020 ~ 3:30 PM

WS Elementary School Library 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Wagons Ho' for Church Concessions...

as do participants and spectators of a good ol' fashioned Memorial Wagon Train and BULL Bash! Git' yer' boots on the ground to assist the



Wessington Springs Church Concessions Group serve the community. Volunteer for a 3 hour shift through your church.

Zion - Penny Borkowski ~ 605.770-9259

OSL - Mike Krauss ~ 605.870-9102

FBF - April Grubb ~ 539-1980

UMC - Hub Kieser ~ 539-1941

Baptist - Louis Schaller ~ 350-3291

St. Joe's - Cindy Hine ~ 539-9032

Templeton - Larry Peterson ~ 605.730-1719

UCC - Connect with any of those above,

but sign up just once please!