



## Dakota County UMC Parish

Dakota City

Homer

St Paul of South Sioux City

Where God's Love Is Put Into Action  
Come As You Are. You Can Change Inside



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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From the Pastor:

September can still be a hot month, but at some point in the month we will say goodbye to summer and say hello to fall. After the last summer "hurrah", I love feeling the fall air and experiencing the fall colors. God is such an amazing artist! It's hard to believe that this is my 3<sup>rd</sup> season of fall in the Midwest! Each day I thank God for the blessing of being here. I have noticed something that I'm not thrilled with. For the first time in my life, I have a touch of allergies. WHAT?!? Yes, some of you warned me about this. My daughter even told me that she started having allergies after moving to the Midwest. But I thought....NAH....not me!!! Does this mean I'm a true Midwestern-er now? In September we will continue our sermon series of "Living the Life". By the time you read this, we will have discussed Living the Life: A Life Open to Jesus and still have three weeks to talk about what it means to live a life obeying Jesus; serving in our world; and living the life of generosity. I am hoping that this is a meaningful sermon series for you and that you can keep assessing your discipleship growth long after the series is over. We only grow in our relationship with God if we put the effort in. As we experience September together, let us remember to worship our Lord and give thanks to God for the fresh air; the beautiful colors; and the joy of being with each other. God bless you in abundance—

*Pastor Julie*

9/14 Pastor Julie will start a Bible Study on the Book of Revelation. Not that long ago, Karen McClain did a wonderful job of leading our Wednesday morning Bible Study group through a study on Revelation. This study is meant to compliment that parish endeavor, but is not a prerequisite. The last Book of the Bible can be intimidating but this study is meant to be fun; thought provoking; and hopefully leave you with a sense of hope for God's plans for the future. Bring your Bible and join the group from 12:30-1:30 each Sunday at St Paul. All are welcome. Who will you invite?



## SERVICE TIMES

8AM –Homer UMC

9:30AM-Dakota City UMC  
(fellowship at 9AM)

11AM-St Paul UMC  
(fellowship after service)

## OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, Sept 1st  
In observance of  
Labor Day

No-Coffee with Pastor Julie  
at Crystal Café

Have a Safe weekend

A Chamber coffee will be  
held at St Paul UMC on  
Sept 5 at 9:30. Come by  
and enjoy a taste of the  
goodies being brought and  
served by the Chamberettes.



## Leadership Meeting Sept 23rd

St Paul 5-6:30pm  
Dakota City 6-7:30pm  
Homer 7-8:30pm

(meet at St Paul UMC)



United  
Women  
in Faith

Resumes: Sept 3, 2025

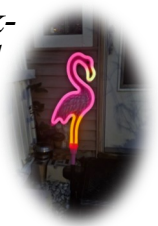
Hosts: Nicole Vance & Rochelle Bye  
Program: Gloria Oorlog



DCUM

Serve at the  
Gospel Mission  
September 27th

*"Pinky's" flying north  
to the St Paul congrega-  
tion throughout Sep-  
tember. Be on the look-  
out for her, where will  
she be landing?*



When you see "Pinky" in  
your yard, you will also  
want to look for an envelope  
(usually in a bag next to your front door)  
with all of the instructions for our Flamingo  
Fundraiser. Pastor Julie will need 3 people  
to assist with moving Pinky from one place  
to another (usually 3-4 times per week). If  
you would like to assist, let the pastor  
know. Let's have some fun with this  
"fun"-d-raiser!

## St Paul Sunday School Kick Off!!

Sept 7th during church service  
Service begins at 11:00a.m.  
with potluck after church.



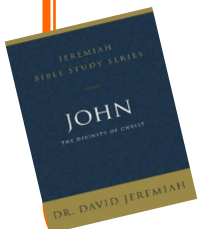
## DC WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Begins Sept 17 in Fellowship Hall  
9a.m Food and Fellowship  
9:30a.m-11a.m.Bible Study

**Everyone Welcome!**

For more information or to sign up  
contact

Karen McClain 712-281-0900



KIDS

&  
YOUTH

## RESUMES

Sept 17, 2025

6pm-7:15pm

Pre-K thru 6th

At Dakota City UMC

**Everyone welcome!**

You can find our weekly bulletins, newsletters and updates on our website. So, don't forget to take a look!

### Text 2 Give

Just text—"Give" to:  
855 701 2049  
(for St Paul UMC)



**Newsletter  
Deadline  
Sept 18th**

Dakota City UMC  
Friday Mornings  
Coffee and Cards  
*Come join the FUN!!*  
9am  
In the fellowship hall



St Paul UMC  
1pm-September 11th  
Game  
Fellowship

### Internet Link for offerings to Dakota City UMC

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZX7F>



SPUMC  
Food Pantry  
Friday, September 12  
2-pm-4pm

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



These are church family members  
who can no longer join us for worship.  
Please keep them in  
Your prayers



### St Paul UMC

Randy Barnes  
Wayne Porter  
Caroldean Magden

OnnoDale Stamps  
Jeanette Peterson  
Don Byerley

### Dakota City UMC

Gordon Piper  
Joan Larson



### Dakota County

Sept 25  
4-5:30pm



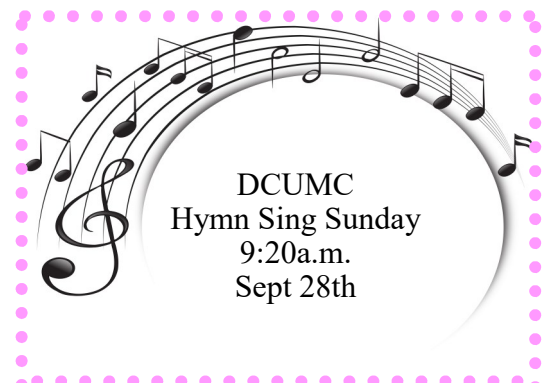
DAKOTA CITY FIRE HALL

## Our Deepest Sympathy



To the Family of  
Michael (Mike) Finch

Please keep  
Susan (Harris) &  
Anthony  
In your prayers



DCUMC  
Hymn Sing Sunday  
9:20a.m.  
Sept 28th



## ZOOM BOOK CLUB

**Returns on Tuesday, September 9th!**

Our first selection is entitled "OUR MISSING HEARTS" by Celeste NG

As always, we encourage anyone who loves to read, jump on board with Zoom Bookclub!

We meet 3 Tuesdays a month @ 7:00 pm.

Parish Office-  
402-494-4138  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Coming this Fall...**

**DCUMC Pancake Breakfast  
(watch for date)**

**October- 18th, St Paul UMC  
Pork Chop Dinner**

**November- 8th, DCUMC  
Turkey Dinner  
-15th, St Paul UMC  
Craft Fair**



You are Invited  
to the annual

**South Sioux City Chamberette  
tavern luncheon, bake sale, and raffle on  
Tuesday, Sept 8th, from 11a.m. to  
1:30a.m.**

**It is at the American Legion Hall  
109 E. 19th St  
South Sioux City, Ne**

**The cost is \$10 (under 5 eat free). Taver-  
n, chips, and beans, along with our  
famous chocolate brownie sundaes will  
be served. Carryouts are available.**

**Part of the proceeds will go to  
Siouxland Freedom Park.  
You can buy tickets from any  
Chamberette or at the door.**



September is Suicide Prevention month.  
Gateway 2.0 is having a Suicide Awareness  
event with a silent auction on September 27th.

Helping Hands-Helping Others, our parish  
outreach committee, is putting together a  
"Gift Card Bouquet" for the silent auction.  
You are invited to purchase gift cards from  
any Siouxland business (of any monetary  
amount) and either put them in the offering  
plates of any parish church or deliver them to  
the church office no later than September  
21st.

Please keep in prayers those who have lost  
loved ones, due to suicide, and those who are  
thinking about taking their own lives. May  
God intervene and may hope be found.





## St Paul

Sep. 4 Keyana Weaver  
 Sep. 5 David Cornell  
 Sep. 5 Barb Stephan  
 Sep. 7 Sherry Mogensen  
 Sep. 7 Jenny O'Mara  
 Sep. 8 Lane Bernstrauch  
 Sep. 8 Pam Colwell  
 Sep. 8 Molly Wollman  
 Sep. 10 Ricky Stephan  
 Sep. 11 Taryn Christensen  
 Sep. 12 Caroline Major  
 Sep. 13 Anthony Wurth  
 Sep. 14 Olivia DeWolf  
 Sep. 18 Robert Olson, Jr.  
 Sep. 19 Samantha Downs  
 Sep. 24 Gloria Demke  
 Sep. 25 Christopher Gunsolley  
 Sep. 25 Tambi Voss



## Birthdays

### Homer

Sep 7 Angie Meins  
 Sep 15 Addison Kavanaugh  
 Sep 19 Alden Vavra  
 Sep 21 Larry Ellis  
 Sep 29 Mark & Lisa Nelson  
 Sep 30 Joan Howard  
 Sep 30 Brenner Madison

## Dakota City

Sept 1 Roman Aguire  
 Sept 3 Alice Stowe  
 Sept 9 Kendra Piper  
 Sept 9 Jesse McClain  
 Sept 12 Mykel Piper  
 Sept 13 Sherry Armour  
 Sept 15 Mark Thoene  
 Sept 20 Elizabeth Mogler  
 Sept 20 Liberty Swick  
 Sept 22 LaRue Ochner  
 Sept 27 Dan Nieman  
 Sept 27 Deja Burrell  
 Sept 29 Carson Duerksen

## Anniversary

Sep. 7 Ronald & Linda Jensen  
 Sep. 9 Jim & Sue McDonald  
 Sep. 21 Brad & Rachel Elsea  
 Sep. 24 Larry & Vesta Brown  
 Sep. 26 Mark & Barbie Wurth  
 Sep. 29 Craig & Barb Pitts



## Anniversary



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Sept 7 Brad & Lisa Armour  
 Sept 17 Ron & Kathy Lindgren  
 Sept 20 Tim & Jenni Bulizak



# Dakota County UMP SERVANTS

## St Paul UMC

### Finance Counters:

Sept 07: Sharon Blom  
 Sept 14: Jim Gunsolley  
 Sept 21: Pam Weaver  
 Sept 28: Sue McDonald  
 Oct 05: Craig Pitts  
 Oct 12: Brent Vance  
 Oct 19: Jim McDonald  
 Oct 26: Barb Pitts

### Liturgists:

September 7: Nicole Vance  
 September 14: Rochelle Bye  
 September 21: Vickie Hirschert  
 September 28 Sharon Blom  
 October 5: Nicole Vance  
 October 12: Rochelle Bye  
 October 19: Vickie Hirschert  
 October: 26: Sharon Blom

## Dakota City UMC

### Liturgists:

Sept 07: Pat Lane  
 Sept 14: Barb Strong  
 Sept 21: Opal Shadbolt  
 Sept 28: Cassandra Spahn  
 Oct 05: Carol Obermeyer  
 Oct 12: Cassandra Spahn  
 Oct 19: Pat Lane  
 Oct 26: Barb Strong



# September 2025

UNITED METHODISTS OF DAKOTA COUNTY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> No-Coffee with Pastor Julie @ Crystal Cafe <i>6 pm NA Meeting</i>	<b>2</b>  <i>7 pm AA Meeting</i>	<b>3</b> 9:30a.m. Coffee at SSC-HyVee 5pm UWF St Paul UMC	<b>4</b>  <i>1 pm St Paul Game Fellowship</i>	<b>5</b> 9 AM Coffee @ DCUMC fellowship Hall 9:30a.m. Chamber Coffee at St Paul UMC	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <i>8:00A HOMER Worship 9:30A DCUM Worship 11:00A STP Worship</i>	<b>8</b> 10am-11:30a.m. Coffee with Pastor Julie @ Crystal Cafe <i>6 pm NA Meeting</i>	<b>9</b> <i>7pm zoom BOOK CLUB 7 pm AA Meeting</i>	<b>10</b> 9:30a.m. Coffee at SSC-HyVee 12:30pm Zoom Prayer with Pastor Julie	<b>11</b>  <i>1 pm St Paul Game Fellowship</i>	<b>12</b> <i>9 AM Coffee @ DCUMC fellowship Hall 2-4 pm St Paul Food Pantry</i>	<b>13</b>
<b>Comunion Sunday</b>						
<b>14</b> <i>8:00A HOMER Worship 9:30A DCUM Worship 11:00A STP Worship</i>	<b>15</b> No Coffee with Pastor Julie @ Crystal Cafe <i>6 pm NA Meeting</i>	<b>16</b> <i>7pm zoom BOOK CLUB 7 pm AA Meeting</i>	<b>17</b> DCUMC Bible Study <i>9am-r refreshments 9:30am Bible Study</i> 6pm TeamKids/ Youth DCUMC No Zoom Prayer with Pastor Julie	<b>18</b>  <i>11:30 am Widow's Lunch</i>  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>19</b> <i>9 AM Coffee @ DCUMC fellowship Hall</i>	<b>20</b> <i>9:00A UMM @ St Paul FELLOWSHIP HALL</i>
<b>21</b> <i>8:00A HOMER Worship 9:30A DCUM Worship 11:00A STP Worship</i> 12:30-1:30pm Bible Study with Pastor Julie	<b>22</b> 10am-11:30a.m. Coffee with Pastor Julie @ Crystal Cafe <i>6 pm NA Meeting</i>	<b>23</b> <b>Leadership Meeting</b> St Paul 5-6:30 Dakota City 6-7:30 Homer 7-8:30 (at St Paul) <i>7 pm AA Meeting</i>	<b>24</b> DCUMC Bible Study <i>9am-r refreshments 9:30am Bible Study</i> 6pm TeamKids/ Youth DCUMC 12:30pm Zoom Prayer with Pastor Julie	<b>25</b>  4-5:30pm DC FOOD PANTRY	<b>26</b> <i>9 AM Coffee @ DCUMC fellowship Hall</i>	<b>27</b> <i>DCUM Serve @ Sioux City Gospel Mission</i>
<b>28</b> 8:00A HOMER worship 9:30A DCUM Worship <i>9a.m. fellowship 9-20a.m. Hymn Sing 11:00A STP Worship</i> No-Bible Study with Pastor Julie	<b>29</b> No-Coffee with Pastor Julie @ Crystal Cafe <i>6 pm NA Meeting</i>	<b>30</b> <i>7 pm zoom BOOK CLUB 7 pm AA Meeting</i>				



Hello  
September

A decorative graphic with the text "Hello September" in a red, cursive font. The text is surrounded by autumn-themed illustrations: orange and yellow maple leaves, clusters of small purple berries on thin stems, and a single acorn at the bottom right. The entire design is set against a light yellow background.