



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:

When I think of October, I think of cooler days and changing colors. I think of preparation for special days in our Christian lives—All Saints Day; Children's Sabbath; Hanging of the Greens; Advent; and Christ's birth. Yes, I know those aren't in October!! But the prep begins this month. It seems that the closer we get to November and December, the busier we become and we can easily forget to go to God for quiet reflection. This month is a good time to prepare for how you will find daily meditation time in November and December. Build the habit now of a time during the day where you can just "sit" and "be" with God. Meditate on His Word, even if it is 10-15 minutes before your day starts and/or ends. If you have the habit already in place when the busy times of life come your way, you are less likely to deviate from being with God. November and especially December, are not only busy but they are the most wonderful times to be with God. How will you prepare now?

Do you know of people who would like a visit from the pastor? Let her know and she will go!

Attention!!! Starting in January we will be caring for people in "Circuit Rider" fashion. Some of you remember Circuit Riders, or remember pastors in the past talking about them. They are very "John Wesley". Back in Wesley's time, there were men who travelled by horseback MANY miles to care for people and preach the word of God. Over time, preachers were established in more areas but the term "circuit rider" continued to be used for a method of caring for people. While Pastor Julie isn't going to require you to travel on horseback to check in on people, she would like volunteers who are will to call 8-10 people each month to see how they are doing. The list of people will include those who haven't been in church for quite some time, as well as those who come on a regular basis. If you would like to be a "circuit rider" let Pastor Julie know.

All Saints Day is the first Sunday in November. If you have a loved one you want recognized, please contact the office no later than 10/27.



Pastor Julie

October 19th is Laity Sunday
Sandy Riffenberg will be speaking at all 3 parish churches.
Be sure and give Sandy a BIG welcome!

SERVICE TIMES

8AM –Homer UMC
9:30AM-Dakota City UMC
(fellowship at 9AM)
11AM-St Paul UMC
(fellowship after service)



ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL PORK CHOP DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2025

4:30pm-7:00pm

2003 A Street

South Sioux City, Ne

Adults-\$15.00

Children 7 and under-\$5.00

Carry outs Available

MENU:

Grilled Pork Chops, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll

Homemade Pie/Dessert and Drink

BAKE SALE

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DCUMC QUARTERLY LUNCHEON

Thursday, Oct 16th

11:30am

Hamloaf, Cheesy potatoes, green beans with almonds, salads, dinner rolls & dessert

(free will offering)



**Craft
Fair**

St Paul UMC
2003 "A" Str

South Sioux City, NE
November 15th, 2025

Rental Space-\$30 each
(each space 8ft)

Set up Saturday 7-9am
Craft Fair 9am-2pm

*For more information contact
Barb Stephan at 712-898-0631*

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER



Nov 08, 2025, 5-7 PM

Dakota City

United Methodist Church

1523 Locust Street, Dakota City, NE

(2 blocks north of Dakota County Court-house)

Turkey & dressing, Mashed potatoes & gravy, Green beans
Candied sweet potatoes, Rolls, Desserts, coffee & tea

**The community is invited—
free will offering**

Dakota City UMC
1523 Locust Street,
Dakota City, NE



BREAKFAST
Pancakes & Sausage



Yogurt & Fruit
Coffee or Juice

8am-11am
October 25, 2025
Everyone Welcome
(free will offering)

**Newsletter
Deadline
October 23rd**



Text 2 Give
Just text—"Give" to:
855 701 2049
(for St Paul UMC)

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



St Paul UMC
1pm– Oct 9th
Game
Fellowship

Internet Link for offerings to Dakota City UMC

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

**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



**Leadership
Meeting
October 14th**

St Paul 5-6:30pm
Dakota City 6-7:30pm
Homer 7-8:30pm
(meet at DCUMC)



DCUMC
Hymn Sing Sunday
9:20a.m.
Oct 26th

 **DCUMC**
Serve at the
Gospel Mission
October 25th

**ZOOM
BOOK CLUB**

**"OUR MISSING
HEARTS"**
by Celeste NG

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

Parish Office-
402-494-4138
**EVERYONE IS
WEL-
COME**



United
Women
in Faith

Resumes: Oct 1st, 2025
Hosts: Rose Bates &
Linda Brostad
Program: Sandy Riffenberg

 **TEAM
KIDS &
YOUTH**

Wednesday
6pm-7:15pm
Pre-K thru 6th
at Dakota City UMC
Everyone welcome!

SPUMC
Food Pantry
Friday, October 10th
2-pm-4pm



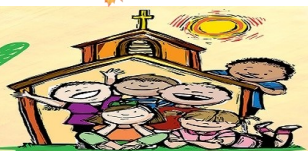
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Oct 23rd
4-5:30pm

DAKOTA CITY FIRE HALL

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**



During 11am Sunday Service at St Paul UMC

St Paul

Oct. 5 Linda Jensen
 Oct. 6 Vesta Brown
 Oct. 6 Alec Colwell
 Oct. 6 Samantha Goodier
 Oct. 7 Chance Bernstrauch
 Oct. 14 Donna Bauder-Bodlak
 Oct. 16 Spencer Elsea
 Oct. 16 Rachel Stephan
 Oct. 18 Andrea Paret
 Oct. 19 Barbara Bowman
 Oct. 19 Nic Wanamaker
 Oct. 23 Susan Harris
 Oct. 23 Chuck Oorlog
 Oct. 24 Abigail Anderson
 Oct. 25 Levi Meyer
 Oct. 26 Roxanne Voss
 Oct. 27 Holly Anderson
 Oct. 27 Justin DeWolf

Anniversary

Oct. 6 Ralph & Cleo Stephan
 Oct 21 Todd & Dana Neff
 Oct 29 Jay & Barbara Bowman



October Birthdays



Homer

Oct. 6 Chad Hermelbracht
 Oct. 7 Elaine Mallette
 Oct. 9 Kristi Jenkins Ellis
 Oct. 9 Trey Slaughter
 Oct. 10 Elden Vavra
 Oct. 16 Chandra Kinzie
 Oct. 23 Mark Nelson
 Oct. 24 Cindy Harris
 Oct. 24 Kalab Kinzie
 Oct. 29 Ray Hermelbracht

Anniversary

Oct 8 Roger & Pat Harris

Dakota City

Oct 4 Benita Yacevich
 Oct 11 Adam Ochsner
 Oct 14 Susan Knecht
 Oct 14 Cassandra Spahn
 Oct 15 John Sam Swick
 Oct 18 Benjamin King
 Oct 21 Trevor Knowles
 Oct 21 Ronnie Lindgren

Anniversary

Oct 5 Darrel & Peggy Muzney
 Oct 23 Frank & DeAnn Phillips
 Oct 26 Kevin & Leah McClain



Dakota County UMP SERVANTS

St Paul UMC

Finance Counters:

Oct 05: Craig Pitts
 Oct 12: Brent Vance
 Oct 19: Jim McDonald
 Oct 26: Barb Pitts
 Nov 02: Sharon Blom
 Nov 09: Jim Gunsolley
 Nov 16: Pam Weaver
 Nov 23: Sue McDonald
 Nov 30: Craig Pitts

Liturgists:

October 5: Nicole Vance
 October 12: Rochelle Bye
 October 19: Vickie Hirschert
 October 26: Sharon Blom
 November 2: Nicole Vance
 November 9: Rochelle Bye
 November 16: Vickie Hirschert
 November 23: Sharon Blom
 November 30: Craig Pitts

Dakota City UMC

Liturgists:

Oct 05: Carol Obermeyer
 Oct 12: Cassandra Spahn
 Oct 19: Pat Lane
 Oct 26: Barb Strong
 Nov 02: Opal Shadbolt
 Nov 09: Carol Obermeyer
 Nov 16: Cassandra Spahn
 Nov 23: Pat Lane
 Nov 30: Barb Strong



October 2025

UNITED METHODISTS OF DAKOTA COUNTY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 8:00-4 HOMER Worship 9:30-4 DCUM Worship 11:00-4 STP Worship 12:30-1:30pm Bible Study with Pastor Julie World Communion Sunday	6 10am-11:30a.m. Coffee with Pastor Julie @ Crystal Cafe 6 pm NA Meeting	7 7pm zoom BOOK CLUB 7 pm AA Meeting	8 DCUMC Bible Study 9am-refreshments 9:30am Bible Study 12:30pmZoom Prayer with Pastor Julie 6pm TeamKids/ Youth DCUMC	9 1 pm St Paul Game Fellowship	10 9 AM Coffee @ DCUMC fellowship Hall 2-4 pm St Paul Food Pantry	11
12 8:00-4 HOMER Worship 9:30-4 DCUM Worship 11:00-4 STP Worship NO- Bible Study with Pastor Julie Church Conference 1:30pm Randolph UMC Pastor Appreciation Day	13 10am-11:30a.m. Coffee with Pastor Julie @ Crystal Cafe 6 pm NA Meeting	14 Leadership Meeting St Paul 5-6:30 Dakota City 6-7:30 Homer 7-8:30 (at DCUMC) 7 pm AA Meeting	15 DCUMC Bible Study 9am-refreshments 9:30am Bible Study 12:30pmZoom Prayer with Pastor Julie 6pm TeamKids/ Youth DCUMC	16 11:30am DCUMC Quarterly Luncheon	17 9 AM Coffee @ DCUMC fellowship Hall	18  4:30-7pm PORK CHOP DINNER
19 8:00-4 HOMER Worship 9:30-4 DCUM Worship 11:00-4 STP Worship 12:30-1:30pm Bible Study with Pastor Julie Laity Sunday	20 No Coffee with Pastor Julie @ Crystal Cafe 6 pm NA Meeting	21 7pm zoom BOOK CLUB 7 pm AA Meeting	22 DCUMC Bible Study 9am-refreshments 9:30am Bible Study NO-Zoom Prayer with Pastor Julie 6pm TeamKids/ Youth DCUMC	23 4-5:30pm DC FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 9 AM Coffee @ DCUMC fellowship Hall	25 8-11am DCUMC Pancake Breakfast DCUM Serve @ Sioux City
26 8:00-4 HOMER worship 9:30-4 DCUM Worship 9a.m. fellowship 9-20a.m. Hymn Sing 11:00-4 STP Worship 12:30-1:30pm Bible Study with Pastor Julie	27 NO-Coffee with Pastor Julie @ Crystal Cafe 6 pm NA Meeting	28 7 pm zoom BOOK CLUB 7 pm AA Meeting	29 DCUMC Bible Study 9am-refreshments 9:30am Bible Study NO-Zoom Prayer with Pastor Julie 6pm TeamKids/ Youth DCUMC	30	31 9 AM Coffee @ DCUMC fellowship Hall	



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