



Evergreen United Methodist Church

1120 Evergreen Court, Wahpeton, ND 58075

March, 2019

Baptisms at Evergreen UMC



Brynlee Klemick is pictured with her parents Becca & Harley Klemick and Courtney Podratz and her little sister Lainey. Brynlee was baptized February 10.



David Michael, son of Samantha Turley and Xander Bohn, was baptized on February 17. Godparents are Aaron Bohn and Faith Stowers.

Ash Wednesday—March 6



5:30 pm, Meal
6 pm, Wednesday School
7 pm, Worship
8 pm, Choir



Dakotas United Methodist Camps

Dakotas Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*Please join us on
Sunday, March 3 for
Camp Sunday.*

Guest Worship Leaders:
Paul & Brenda Lint,
Camp Directors,
Wesley Acres Camp

Evergreen UMC pays one-half of each camper's early bird registration fee for one United Methodist camp this summer. There are camps for kindergarten through adults at Wesley Acres (north of Valley City), Lake Poinsett (south of Watertown) or Storm Mountain (in the Black Hills). Brochures are on the bulletin board. All are welcome!



UMW News

Evergreen United Methodist Women will be celebrating their 150th anniversary on Sunday, March 24. You are invited for cake following the worship service. Also, we would like anyone that has received special recognition pins to wear them that Sunday.



All Evergreen Church Women and Guests

By Linda Bailey

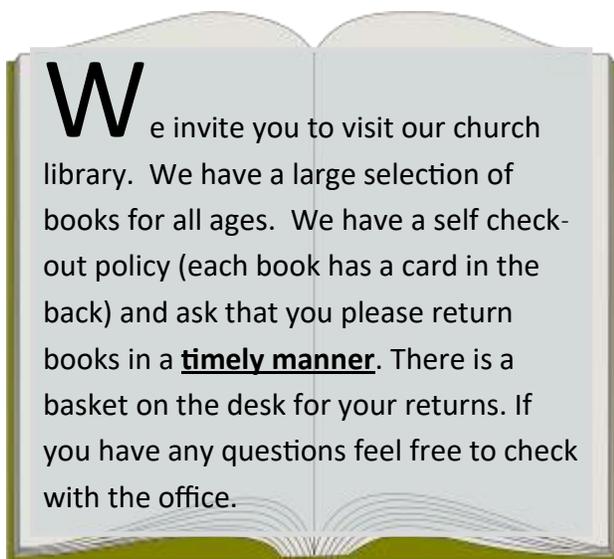
You are invited to our UMW Thursday, March 14 program entitled "Women's Health" presented by guest speaker Michelle Eberhardt, RN, Richland County Public Health Director. Her presentation will begin at 1 pm, and we look forward to hearing timely information on this important subject. See you there!

Prayer Concerns at Evergreen

We are starting something new in 2019. In our monthly newsletter we will be listing persons in need of ongoing prayer. We will be moving names from our weekly bulletin prayer concern list to the newsletter. New concerns will be included in the bulletin for two weeks and then moved to the newsletter. Please contact the office to have names added and/or removed from our prayer concerns list.

Please pray for:

John Dassenko, Bob Spenst, Fay Woy, Donna Stone, Cheryl Holding Eagle, Patti Porter, Bernice Oliver, Merle Rubish, Linda McDougall, Pauline Worner, Jim Stone, Yelena Arutyunov, Gloria Plummer, David Gripenrog, Lorraine Langseth, Brad Backer (Connie Johnson's son), Kenneth Mueller (Betty Derry's brother), Randy Rittenour (Richardson's son-in-law), Paula Frazier (Pam Nagel's sister), Heather Leon (Selken's daughter), Duren Moffet (Don's brother), Shelly Muerer (Rich/Margaret Johnson's niece), Norma Salquist (Sherri's aunt), Gloria Wiederich (sister of Patti Porter & Chery Holding Eagle)



We invite you to visit our church library. We have a large selection of books for all ages. We have a self check-out policy (each book has a card in the back) and ask that you please return books in a **timely manner**. There is a basket on the desk for your returns. If you have any questions feel free to check with the office.



Youth Group packed bags for the food backpack program at the Food Pantry.

Children's Education Happenings

By Becky Dockter

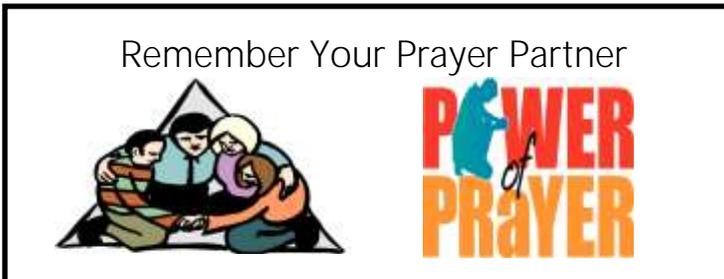
During Wednesday school this past month, we continued to learn about how we can put on the armor of God (although mostly, we were home staying out of the cold and snow with a few weeks of having to cancel!) We learned that most of the armor is defensive, including the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the footwear of the gospel of peace, and the helmet of salvation. God also gives us one offensive weapon, the sword of His Word. We used our Bibles to figure out what passages we could use as our sword of The Word when we feel scared, challenged, lonely, or sad. We hope for better weather ahead to continue with our Wednesday night gatherings to learn about God!

Packing Backpacks

For all who are interested in giving a little of their time, the dates and times we will be packing bags for backpacks are as follows:

- March 4 at 6:30 pm
- March 18 at 6:30 pm
- March 25 at 6:30 pm

Please be aware the packing is located in the building behind (south) of the Food Pantry itself. (699 8th Ave. S.)



Evergreen Celebrates March Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 2-Bernice Oliver | 18-Denise Eastin |
| 2-Pam Nagel | 19-KrisCinda & Michael Erickson* |
| 2-Scott Schmitt | 23-Renee Ehlers |
| 5-Konstantin Arutyunov | 24-Breanne Gripenrog |
| 6-Tyson Stevens | 24-Cody Meyer |
| 7-Anna Busta | 27-Maxine Leinen |
| 7-Justin & Tiana Bohn* | 28-Darwin Bladow |
| 9-Brent Meyer | 28-Connie Metcalf |
| 9-Carolyn Stone | 29-George & Alinda Bassingthwaite* |
| 11-Merle Rubish | 30-Layne Levery |
| 11-Kim Bladow | 31-Mark & Kristie Boyer* |
| 12-David & Pam Burrer* | |
| 12-Bryan & Sarah Lutgen* | |
| 13-Jeanenne Thomas | |
| 13-Alexis Stevens | |
| 15-Mary Poppen | |
| 18-Darren Johnson | |



Monthly Offering

Offering through February 17:

\$9,824.06

Monthly

Need:

\$20,140



Remember the Noisy Bucket Offering!

Second Sunday of each month.

(\$102.68 collected in February)

Proceeds support the Three Rivers Crisis Center - Kids Connection.





Mission News

By Jan Moore

The Back Pack Project is always in need of donations. In August 2013, the Missions Committee embraced the idea of "One Thing" which represents the collection of one designated item each month for a worthwhile cause. Our main goal since the conception of the idea has been to collect food items that are used during the school year in the Back Pack Project. This program sends easy to fix food items home with grade school age children each Friday to supplement their diets for the weekends when they do not receive school meals. Look for the totes in the Fellowship Hall for your donation.

The Back Pack Program is in need of peanut butter, so during the month of **MARCH** the collection is for:

16 OZ. JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER



Thank you to everyone who has helped with donations to the Back Pack Project, during the month of February, we collected 72 fruit cups and 1 jar of peanut butter. Items that could not be used by the Backpack Program were donated to the Richland-Wilkin Food Pantry. *Thank you for your support of this ministry!!*

Evergreen has committed to packing backpacks in the building south or behind the Richland-Wilkin Food Pantry, 699 8th Avenue S. in Wahpeton, the following dates:

Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:30 pm

All are welcome and encouraged to come and help. It takes approximately 45 minutes.

Richland-Wilkin Relay for Life (American Cancer Society) is coming up soon, April 13, 2019. As many of our family members and friends have been affected by cancer, we encourage everyone to support and/or take part in the walk. The Mission Committee will be collecting donations for the American Cancer Society before and after worship services several Sundays during March. Please note that suggested donations for the luminaries are \$10.00 for one and \$15.00 for two – any and all donations are greatly appreciated. There will also be a jar to donate loose change (paper currency is also accepted!) Thank you for your support in the fight against cancer.

"For it is in giving that we receive."
— Francis of Assisi

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Monday-Friday
8 am - 3 pm

Sundays:

9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee
10 am, Worship

Wednesdays:

5:30 pm, Community Meal
6-6:45 pm, Wednesday School
6-6:45 pm, Adult Study (beginning 3/13)
6:30 pm, Youth Group
6:45 pm, Praise Team
7:30 pm, Choir

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March, 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 CAMP SUNDAY 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship	4 6:30 pm, Fill Backpacks @ Food Pantry	5	6 ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School 7 pm, Ash Wednesday Wor- ship 8 pm, Choir (No Praise Team or Youth Group tonight)	7 9 am, Sewing	8 2 pm, World Day of Prayer @ Breck Lutheran Church	9 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins Spring Ahead</i> 
10 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship (noisy buckets)	11 6 pm, Mission Committee	12 7 pm, Joy Cir- cle	13 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School & Study 6:30 pm, Youth 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	14 9 am, Sewing 1 pm, UMW Meeting with program on Women's Health	15	16
17 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship	18 6:30 pm, Fill Backpacks @ Food Pantry	19 9:30 am, Hope 1:30 pm, Sun- shine Circle	20 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School & Study 6:30 pm, Youth 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	21 9 am, Sewing	22 <u>Newslet- ter article deadline</u>	23
24 UMW 150TH ANNIVERSARY 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship	25 6:30 pm, Fill Backpacks @ Food Pantry	26	27 12:30 pm, NL Folding 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School & Study 6:30 pm, Youth 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	28 9 am, Sewing	29	30
31 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship 11 am, Potluck & Learn w/Bruce Forbes	April 1 6 pm, Worship Committee 7 pm, Adm. Council	April 2	April 3 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School & Study 6:30 pm, Youth 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	April 4 9 am, Sewing	April 5	April 6 UMW Focus Event @ Flame of Faith UMC Fargo

Strength for Today; Hope for Tomorrow

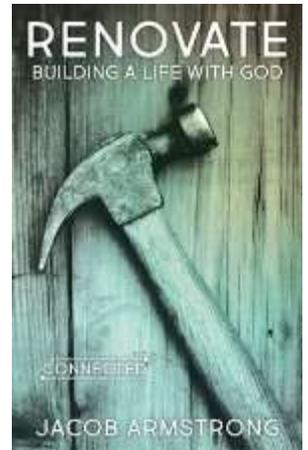
In 2016, Evergreen UMC made a commitment to support “Thrive,” the Dakotas Conference’s growth and development capital campaign. Thrive has a three-fold purpose: to start new churches, to strengthen existing church and to equip and develop leaders in the Dakotas Conference. Evergreen’s financial commitment will be approximately \$20,000 spread over 5 years. 2018 brought gifts totaling \$3,200 from members who supported this capital campaign. We sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the successful effort YTD.

We now must look forward to meeting the \$4,000 goal for 2019. On the back page of this newsletter is an annual commitment form. Please, prayerfully consider your part in contributing to this cause. It will benefit all the churches in the Dakotas Conference.

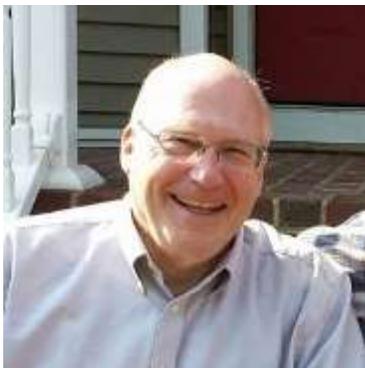


Wednesday Evenings During Lent

Wednesday Evenings during Lent we will once again be sharing in an evening meal, but some of the details have changed! We’re no longer having “Soup Suppers” at 6, but instead, we’ll be joining our children and families for a **“Community Meal” at 5:30!** We will have a time of breaking bread and fellowship, followed by a time of prayer and study. Then, from 6:00-6:45 while the children are in Wednesday School classes, adults will be invited to join a class of your own. Our Lay Leader, Tiana Bohn, will be leading a study on Jacob Armstrong’s book, “Renovate.” Together, we will use this book as a tool for our 5-week study on the book of Nehemiah. You won’t want to miss it!



Special Invite: Bruce Forbes on March 31



On **Sunday, March 31**, we will welcome Rev. Dr. Bruce Forbes to Evergreen as we gather for study, worship, and learning. Rev. Dr. Forbes is Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at Morningside College in Sioux City, IA. He has served in higher education in the area of Religious Studies for over 40 years, thus bringing with him a great wealth of knowledge and experience.

Please invite your friends and plan to join us as Rev. Dr. Forbes leads us in a full day of events:

9am Adult Sunday School (Rev. Dr. Forbes leading)

10am Worship (Rev. Dr. Forbes Preaching)

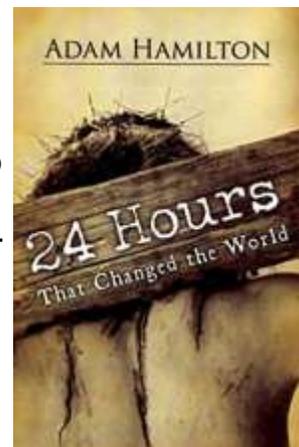
11am Potluck & Learn with program by Rev. Dr. Forbes,
“Since When Do Easter Bunnies Lay Eggs?”

On March 6, Ash Wednesday (worship at 7pm!) will mark the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a season of the Christian church composed of the 40 that lead up to Easter (not counting Sundays). It is a time for reflection, soul-searching, and drawing close to God. It is a time of preparation as we draw close to the darkest days of Christ's life as experienced from Jesus' Last Supper, through crucifixion. Throughout this season, we await the light that comes with Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning.

Before we celebrate, we must first remember. A lot happened in the final 24 hours of Jesus' life between when Jesus gathered with his disciples for a meal in the upper room and the moment of Jesus' crucifixion. So much happened, that it's more than most of us can really digest in the three days we usually spend focusing on these events that changed the world as we knew it.

That's why this year, we're going to spend every Sunday during the season of Lent (starting March 10) walking through the details of some of these events. We're going to start with the story of the Last Supper... and take time each week to consider the great sacrifices, endurance, pain, and triumph Jesus faced. We are going to take time to consider what happened in those hours leading up to Jesus' crucifixion... and where might we see ourselves in that story. Together we will ask: how does this story continue to impact us as Christians today?

As we study the final 24 hours of Jesus' life during this season, you are invited to join us. We will be utilizing Adam Hamilton's book, "24 Hours that Changed the World" as a study guide during Adult Sunday School (9am every Sunday morning). During that time we will not only be discussing the events re-told in this book, but we will also take time to watch snippets of a video Pastor Hamilton made in which he journeys to the Holy Land, enabling us to see the very places these events took place. As we study and watch together, this story of Jesus' last and greatest hours will come alive in a new way.



As we prepare to study, learn, and grow together during this holy season, my prayer is that you would join us. Join us for this study as we draw near to Jesus. Join us as we talk about our own Lenten practices that help us receive Jesus in new and personal ways. Join us as we open ourselves up to learning through a new lens, as we consider not only the scriptural texts that tell us this story, but also some of the history, archaeology, and geography that help it come alive.



Come, and join us.

On the journey together,
Pastor Jen

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Strength for Today; Hope for Tomorrow (Year 4)

In addition to my annual tithe to Evergreen UMC, I commit to supporting Evergreen's financial commitment to the Thrive program through my gift of:

- \$250/quarter = [\$1,000/year]
- \$100/quarter = [\$400/year]
- \$25/quarter = [\$100/year]
- Other: \$_____ [one time/quarterly] (circle one)

Name: _____

Please return completed form to the church office or place in offering plate.