

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 22

NO	Adult Bible Study
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	Coffee HI
6:00 pm	Confirmation I

Tuesday, February 24

10:00am- Noon Coffee with Pastor Katie @ The Bean

Wednesday, February 25

5:30 pm	LAF
6:00 pm	Confirmation II
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 1

9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
10:30 am	Worship- Communion
11:30 am	Coffee HI
6:00 pm	Confirmation I

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Worship Leaders and Church Staff

Rev. Katie Miller - Sr. Minister
Benjamin Barth - Organist
Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director
Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/ Piano
Paul Ebsen - Media Director

Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation
Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director
Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator
Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer
Kathy Hasenbank, Linda Moe - Custodians

2025-2026 Interns
Madison Maschmann- Choir, Alto
Maleah Wright - Choir, Soprano
Sam VanGerpen - Choir, Tenor
Charlee Huska - LAF, Nursery
Tommy Gress - Organ
Lucas Thomas- Media Intern



February 22, 2026

PRELUDE

"Offertoire no. 5"

Léon Boëllmann

WELCOME

Friendship Pads
Announcements
Joys and Concerns

Please also complete a "Prayer Card" and put it in the collection plate.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Introit

"Give Me a Clean Heart" 188
Give me a clean heart so I may serve you. God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you. For I'm not worthy of all these blessings. Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those whose burdens are lifted, whose broken places are met with grace.

We come carrying what is heavy, trusting God to meet us here.

When we hold our pain inside, the ground beneath us feels dry and cracked.

But when we speak truth, God breaks open the soil and new life begins.

God is our shelter in seasons of struggle and our guide through uncertain paths.

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We gather to be honest, to be healed, and to walk together in hope.
Let us worship the One who meets us in the wilderness and tends the broken ground of our lives.
With open hearts, we come to worship.

*HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" 407

***INVOCATION**
Holy One, You meet us in deserts and in silence, in temptation and in longing.
Break open the hardened places within us so that truth may breathe again.
Plant courage where fear has lived. Plant compassion where judgment has
grown. Shape us into a people who trust your grace more than our perfection.
Be present among us, O God, and awaken us to the work you are already doing
beneath the surface. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Romans 15: 12-19

MUSIC TO INSPIRE "God So Loved the World" Stainer

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:1-11

HYMN OF MEDITATION "Precious Lord, Take my Hand" 47

- A TIME FOR PRAYER
 - Silent Prayer
 - Pastoral Prayer
 - Lord's Prayer

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY
Lent reminds us that transformation begins beneath the surface, in quiet and faithful acts. Through generosity, we help nurture justice, compassion, and community where hope is needed most. Let us offer what we have with grateful hearts, trusting that even small seeds can grow into abundant life.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in you. Use them to mend what is fractured, to nourish what is weary, and to cultivate spaces where all people can belong. As we offer our resources, offer also our lives — our time, our compassion, our courage. May what we give today help your love take root in places that feel dry or forgotten. Bless these offerings and bless the work they will do in your name. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**
Go now into the wilderness paths of this week, remembering that even broken ground can become holy ground. When you face struggle, may you know that you are not alone. When you feel uncertain, may Christ walk beside you. And may the Spirit gently cultivate within you resilience, honesty, and hope. Go in peace, ready to tend the soil of your lives and the world with love. Amen.

POSTLUDE “Verset no.11” Léon Boëllmann

ACOLYTE: Kadence Hill
USHERS: Dave Hulkonen, Confirmation Class
COFFEE HI: Hulkonen Family
DEACON OF THE DAY: Nova Donstad
NURSERY: Mahowald Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAIZE REIMAGINED

Join us for meditative song, silence and readings in the manner of Taize. This month we are holding our gathering at the St. Paul's Episcopal church at the corner of Linden and Main in Vermillion. Starting time is **8:30 pm, Wednesday, February 25, 2026** and will be slightly more than a half hour long.

USD SPRING CHORAL SHOWCASE

The University of South Dakota Music Department presents its Spring Choral Showcase on Sunday, March 1 at 3:00 pm in Aalfs Auditorium at Slagle Hall. The concert features the Symphonic Choir, Legacy Swing, and the Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. David Holdhusen. The choirs will perform music by master composers like Haydn, as well as modern repertoire, spirituals, and folk songs. The concert is free and open to the public. If you would like additional information, please contact David Holdhusen, david.holdhusen@usd.edu or (605) 658-3467.

VERMILLION MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES

You're invited to Lenten Prayer Services and Lunch
Prayer Service 12:00 pm Lunch 12:30 pm.

- Friday, March 6- Vermillion United
- Friday, March 13- United Church of Christ
- Friday, March 20- St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- Friday, March 27- St. Agnes Catholic Church
- Friday, April 3- First Baptist Church

4th ANNUAL TPAN FUNDRAISER

Rooted in resilience across generations, we continue to show up — grounded in care, community, and hope — working toward a South Dakota where transgender people are not pushed to leave the place they

call home. Generations of trans lives, families, and futures are rooted here. The 4th Annual TPAN Fundraising Gala is an opportunity to strengthen the capacity to respond to discriminatory legislation, expand life-saving resources, and stand alongside trans South Dakotans. Together, we are investing in a future where trans people are safe, supported, and able to live openly and authentically right here in South Dakota. UCCV has been invited to sponsor a table at the Gala on Friday, March 13. If you would like to contribute toward sponsoring our table, please email the church office at uccv@uccvermillion.org.

If you would like to donate to the Vermillion United Church of Christ, Congregational using PayPal, please scan this QR code with your phone.

