

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, February 8**

9:00 am      Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am    Worship  
11:30 am    Coffee Hi  
11:30 am    Cabinet Meeting  
4:30 pm    Confirmation II  
6:00 pm    Confirmation I

**Tuesday, February 10**

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

**Wednesday, February 11**

NO  
7:30 pm      LAF  
Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, February 15**

9:00 am      Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am    Worship  
11:30 am    Coffee HI  
4:30 pm    Confirmation II  
6:30 pm    Confirmation I

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**Worship Leaders and Church Staff**

Rev. Katie Miller - Sr. Minister	Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation
Benjamin Barth - Organist	Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director
Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director	Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator
Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/ Piano	Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer
Paul Ebsen - Media Director	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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Worship at 10:30 am



Children are always welcome in our worship, but nursery care is also available downstairs.  
Hearing assist technology is available for worship services.

“\*” Please stand if you are able.      Plain text-LEADER, **Bold text**-ALL

February 8, 2026

PRELUDE      “Bless the Lord”      Schwartz  
Soloist: Erianah Austin  
UCC Band

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      “I Come with Joy”      349, v 1  
*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free. The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.*

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Happy are those who love God, who love what is good and kind!  
**We want to live with joyful hearts!**  
They share what they have, they care for others, and they do not hide their light.  
**We want to be generous and brave!**

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Their light shines in the darkness, their goodness spreads like sunshine.  
**We want to shine with love!**  
Come, let us worship God, who fills us with light.  
**We are ready to shine!**

\*HYMN                                    “Come, Let us Join with Faithful Souls”                                    383

\*INVOCATION  
Loving God, you made the sun, the stars, and every spark of light. And you also made us. Be with us today. Open our eyes to see your goodness. Open our hearts to share it. And help us remember that we are not just here to look at the light —we are here to be the light. Amen.

SCRIPTURE                                    Psalm 112: 1-9

MUSIC TO INSPIRE                                    “Day by Day”                                    Schwartz  
Soloist: Summer Sloan  
UCC Band

LAF CELEBRATION                                    “Salt and Light”                                    Amy Grant  
Guitar: Paul Ebsen

SCRIPTURE                                    Matthew 5:13-20

MEDITATION

HYMN OF MEDITATION                                    “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”                                    476

A TIME FOR PRAYER  
Silent Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer  
Lord’s Prayer

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY  
Jesus says we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Salt makes things better. Light helps people see. When we give of ourselves, we are adding flavor to the world. We are turning on the lights in dark places. So as we give today, let’s give with joy, knowing our gifts help the world shine brighter.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*\*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
God of light, take what we have shared and use it for good. Use it to feed people, to teach people, to welcome people, and to love people. Help our gifts become light in the world, and help us remember that we are part of that light too. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN                                    “This Little Light of Mine”                                    524

\*BENEDICTION  
Go now, shining ones.  
Go be salt by bringing kindness, courage, and care.  
Go be light by helping others see hope, joy, and love.  
And remember: Epiphany is not just about seeing the light...  
it’s about discovering that the light is in you. Amen.

POSTLUDE                                    “Light of the World”                                    Schwartz  
Soloist: Jacob Besa

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*Thank you to the cast of Godspell, Godspell music director Matt Nesmith, UCC Choir Director Gretchen Burbach, and the UCC Choir and Band for blessing us with their incredible talents today!*

\*UCC band members:  
Piano: Anthony Burbachpiano  
Guitar: Paul Ebsen, Bruce Gray, Jake Kerby  
Drums: Nate Wigton

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ACOLYTE: Tad Christopherson  
USHERS: Rich Holland, Tim Ricker, Karen Hebert  
COFFEE HI: Sue Christensen and Pat Roach  
DEACON OF THE DAY: Dennis Nelsen  
NURSERY: Searcy Family

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL CHALLENGE**

The LAF students are throwing down a challenge—who can collect the most soup (and monetary donations) for the Food Pantry? Team LAF vs Team Worship! The competition wraps up on Monday, February 10, so bring your **cans and cash** to help stock the shelves! This is one of the Food Pantry's most crucial drives of the winter, and every donation makes a big difference for our community. **Let's make it a soup-er success!**

### **2026 COFFEE HI AND OTHER 2026 LISTS**

The 2026 **Coffee HI and acolyte sign ups** are posted on the bulletin board downstairs. Thanks to those who have already signed up! We hope you will find a date that works for you to host and share some treats. The **2026 Acolyte** sign up is posted as well. You can also call the church office (605-624-3120) or email us ([uccv@uccvermillion.org](mailto:uccv@uccvermillion.org)) with a date that works for you. On days we don't have hosts, coffee will be available.

### **USD THEATRE: GODSPELL**

The University of South Dakota (USD) Theatre is presenting the musical *Godspell* on the Knutson stage from February 19–21, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., with a Saturday matinee (Feb. 21) at 2 p.m. featuring ASL interpretation. Directed with a focus on community and joy, this production features a student cast performing the pop-rock score by Stephen Schwartz.

- **Dates:** Feb. 19–21 (7:30 p.m.), Feb. 21–22 (2 p.m. Matinee).
- **Location:** Knutson Theatre, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD.
- **Themes:** Inclusivity, community-building, and joyous storytelling based on parables.
- **Features:** Sensory-friendly and ASL-interpreted performances.