

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 29

9:00 am Adult Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship
 11:30 am Coffee HI: Retirement and New Hire Celebration
 11:30 am Cabinet Meeting

Tuesday, October 1

10:00 am-Noon Coffee with Pastor Katie at The Bean
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, October 2

5:30 pm LAF, BC, and Confirmation I
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

Saturday October 5

10:00 am Blessing of the Pets Service

Sunday, October 6

9:00 am Welcome Breakfast for New Members
 10:30 am Worship
 11:30 am Coffee HI
 11:30 am Confirmation II

Worship Leaders and Church Staff

Rev. Katie Miller - Sr. Minister	Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation
Michail Chalkiopolous - Organ	Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director
Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/Piano	Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator
Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director	Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer
Paul Ebsen - Media Director	Kathy Hasenbank, Linda Moe - Custodians

2024-2025 Interns

Shaelyn Laferty - Choir, Alto
 Josh Styskal - Choir, Bass
 Sam VanGerpen - Choir, Tenor
 Elle Hoops - LAF/Preschool, Nursery
 Max Huska - LAF/BC, Nursery
 Jozie Kumm - Media Intern

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Sunday Worship - 10:30 AM

“*” Please stand if you are able.
 Plain text-LEADER, **Bold text**-ALL
 Children are always welcome in our worship,
 but nursery care is also available downstairs.
 Hearing assist technology is available for worship services.

September 29, 2024

PRELUDE	“Hornusser”	Wichser
	“Fuchshalde”	Wichser

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	“Blessed Be the Tie that Binds”	393
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Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The sharing of a common life is like to that above.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

For we seek your presence, the company of this community, and the renewal of our minds and spirits.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

For you impart wisdom, inspire joy, and instill hope as we reflect on the past, live in the present, and consider the future.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

For wherever we gather in your name, we find holy ground; whenever we call you, we find a fresh encounter; however we know you, we find belonging. Praise God!

*HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy” 277

*INVOCATION

Triune God, make us one as you are one. As we enter worship, may our harmony extend beyond our songs. May our distinctiveness be welcomed, our identities be celebrated, and our differences be a source of delight. May your church serve as a beacon for belonging and demonstrate the beloved community of the kingdom in your name this day and every day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Mark 9:38-50

MUSIC TO INSPIRE “I Will Sing with the Spirit” Rutter

NEW STAFF COMMISSIONING

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE Book, Chapter, Verses

MEDITATION “Belonging”

HYMN OF MEDITATION “God of Change and Glory” 177

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

James 5:16 reminds us that, “The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.”

May we offer our gifts as a prayer of trust that God provides, a prayer of resistance that declares that creation’s abundance and sufficiency, and a prayer of hope that needs can be met. We pray with our mouths, our hearts, and our spirits. Let us also pray with our time, our talents, and our treasures.

OFFERTORY “Westschweizer-Choral” Schmid

**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

Creating God, thank you for hearing our prayer, receiving these gifts, and making them holy for your kingdom. Bless and honor every gift, enlarge our territory, and renew the resources as a demonstration of generosity and flourishing in your realm. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “O Savior, Let Me Walk with You” 503

*BENEDICTION

May the love of God uphold you as your love of neighbor compels you.

May the peace of Christ sustain you as the work of peace inspires you.

May the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit direct you as the call to community beckon you.

Go, in the assurance of belonging to God and one another in hope and joy. Amen.

POSTLUDE “Us-em Bärnbiet” Sommer
“Uf de Bänklialp” Aregger

**Alphorn players: Todd Cranson, Kurt Hackemer, and Amy Laursen
A heartfelt thank you to them for sharing their talents!**

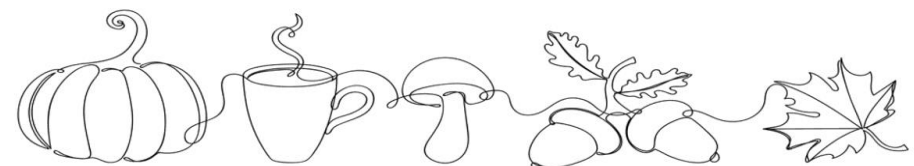
USHERS: Alice Barnes, Cydney Chaney, Cleo Edeburn, Steve Thum

DEACON OF THE DAY: Cleo Anderston

ACOLYTE: Ryker Mahowald

NURSERY: Ricker Family

COFFEE HI: New Hire/ Retirement Party



PET BLESSING

On **Saturday, October 5**, we will be having our **Blessing of the Animals Service**. Bring your pets to the lawn west of the church at 10:00 am for a service of blessing and song! Any and all pets are welcome.

NEW MEMBERS

We are receiving new members in October! A welcome breakfast for anyone interested in joining will be held on at 9 am on **Sunday, October 6**. We will explain more about our church and beliefs. We will receive new members into the congregation during our worship service on **Sunday, October 13**. If you're interested in attending the breakfast, please contact the church office.

AUTHENTIC SELVES EXHIBIT AND PANEL

Now through October 15, visit The Bean to view *Authentic Selves* exhibit, first-person accounts and images of trans and nonbinary people, challenging damaging myths and stereotypes. Reception and panel discussion will take place on **October 15** at 7 PM.

PLACERVILLE CAMP

The upcoming annual **Fall Youth Event at Placerville Camp** for 7th-12th graders! Pastor Katie will be the keynote speaker. The event will be held at Placerville in Rapid City on **November 1-3**. Check-in will begin at 7:00 pm Mountain time. See our website for more information. The **registration deadline is October 25**.

AUDIO BOARD TRAINING

The media team invites anyone who is **interested in learning and operating the audio board or video switcher** to talk to Paul Ebsen or email the church. We will schedule a Sunday service for you to watch and learn, and then a second Sunday when you can operate the equipment! If you want to regularly help with the service, we will work out a schedule. Otherwise just having more people that know the system will help in future instances when the team members have to be gone on Sunday.

COFFEE HI SIGN UP

The 2024 Coffee HI sign up is 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. You can also call the church office (605-624-3120) or email us (uccv@uccvermillion.org) with a date that works for you. On days we don't have hosts, coffee will be available.

FOOD PANTRY'S NEEDS

The food pantry's needs are chicken/beef broth, cereal, macaroni, chili beans, dry noodles, sugar, canned fruits, salad dressing, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, and personal care products (especially toilet paper, toothpaste, and toothbrushes).

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Pledge Income through August:
Actual \$168,018; Budget \$172,899
YTD Pledge Shortfall: \$4,881



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