



November 2025

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Sunday Worship Service – 10:15 a.m.

Communion on 1st Sunday of the Month

Monday Women's Bible Study –10:00 a.m.

(Not first Monday of the month)

Wednesday Prayer Meeting –4 p.m.

Sunday School – 9 a.m.

No Sunday School November 30th, December 21st and 28th

Adult Sunday School – 9 a.m.

- All Saints Day – November 1, 2025
- Daylight Savings Ends – November 2, 2025
- Veteran's Day – November 11, 2025
- Christ the King Sunday – November 23, 2025
- National Bible Week – November 16 – 22, 2025
- Thanksgiving Day – November 27, 2025
- First Sunday of Advent — November 30, 2025
- Second Sunday of Advent — December 7, 2025
- Third Sunday of Advent — December 14, 2025
- Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 21, 2025
- Christmas Eve — December 24, 2025
- Christmas Day — December 25, 2025
- New Year's Eve — December 31, 2025



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Board meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. If the first Monday is a holiday or extended holiday weekend, the meeting will be on the first Tuesday.

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Sand Lake Chapel Purpose Statement

"To introduce people to Jesus, and membership in His family; develop them to Christ-like maturity and unity in the faith, equip all the saints for their ministry in the church and their life mission in the world, in order to glorify God's name."

Sand Lake Chapel is a member of the 4 C's - Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.



The new Sunday School year is well under way as we continue where we left off last May in our series, “*The Bible in One Year*,” part of Group Publishing’s “*Dig In*” curriculum. This year we found we have a need to break into smaller age-appropriate groups for part of our class time to effectively reinforce the lesson. The Lord answered our prayers and provided a teacher to lead our younger preschool group. Thank you to our wonderful Youth

Teacher, Riley Nelson, for filling this role! So far, our studies have taken us to the books of Judges, Ruth, and 1 Samuel. Through the story of Gideon – a man who didn’t think he had what it took to be a hero – we learned that *God sees the best in us* (Judges 6-7). We discovered that *God gives us friends* through the story of Naomi and Ruth (Ruth 1-2). 1 Samuel 1:9-28 introduced us to the story of Hannah and the desire of her heart...a son, and we saw that *God hears our prayers*. Our memory verses came from Joshua and Romans: “*This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*” (Joshua 1:9); “*Live in harmony with each other. Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don’t think you know it all!*” (Romans 12:16). Over the next few months, our studies will continue in 1 Samuel as we learn about David and will then move into 1 and 2 Kings.

As October comes to a close, we see winter on the horizon and with that, holiday celebrations! It’s again time to participate in “Operation Christmas Child,” the shoebox gift donation drive sponsored by Samaritan’s Purse. Our Sunday School families enjoy working on this mission project each year, and we again invite the congregation to join us. Information on the program and instructions on packing a shoebox is available in the church foyer and may also be found online by logging in to www.samaritanspurse.org. **Shoebox gift donations will be due at the church by Sunday, November 23rd.** They will be taken to a drop-off site in the area. As you prepare your boxes, please remember the following tips (you’ll find them on the “How to Pack a Shoebox” brochure):

- Use a standard size shoebox or pick up one of our preprinted boxes in the foyer. If using your own shoebox, wrapping is not required, but if you wish to give it a festive touch with wrap, please make sure to wrap the lid and box separately. The boxes must be able to be opened by donation center processors.
- Please use the appropriate boy/girl and age category label from the brochure, mark as desired, and tape it to the top of the box **or** use one of the peel-off labels now available (see display in the foyer).
- Gift suggestions are found in the brochure or online. Please view the list of items that should **not** be included: candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.
- Pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo if you wish.
- The \$10 donation for shipping is optional but appreciated. Sunday School will provide mailing fees.

Thank you for your participation and prayers for this rewarding mission opportunity!

Looking ahead, our Christmas program is planned for December 14th, to be presented prior to the formal worship service. Classes will not be held on the following dates since many families will be traveling and celebrating out of town over the holidays: November 30th (Thanksgiving weekend), December 21st and 28th (Christmas/New Years break). Classes will resume after the holidays on January 4th, 2026.

Please contact Carol Erickson at 218-780-9781 if you have questions and/or would like to help out with Sunday School. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support!

September 12, 2025

Dear friends at Sand Lake Chapel,

Summer is slipping away and everyone is falling back into their fall routines. Friends from Northern Minnesota have written saying that last week they were tempted to turn the furnace on again. This week is warmer. Summer is always too short anywhere, but fortunately the Fall here in South Dakota is usually longer and warmer than back home in Duluth. Although folks here still talk about the storm in 2013 that hit Western South Dakota on October 3-5 and wiped out thousands of cattle.

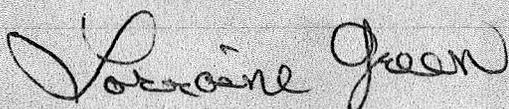
After three months for summer break, I'm back to teaching the Bible twice a week, at church and in the Activity Room at the apartment building where I live. We are a small group here, 8 seniors, but the fellowship and the connection with neighbors is appreciated. We are talking about being a good neighbor while bearing the Fruit of the Spirit.

I also volunteer with the Literacy Council of the Black Hills. I had a student, Alex from Ukraine, a couple years ago, but then he got a job and moved on, which is good. That was the whole purpose for teaching him English. I paused serving as a tutor during the year my mother was on hospice, and last year when I was busy teaching the Bible. Nevertheless, I kept on as the "librarian" for the Literacy Council maintaining the stock of teaching resources and ordering new materials, and I also serve on the local board. But this year I think I'll try teaching again. Our program director will soon "match" me with a student. We currently have 74 volunteer tutors working with 93 adult students. Most of the students, but not all, are learning to speak English. A handful are English speakers learning to read. The students represent 29 countries, 34 men and 59 ladies. Another 17 adults are on a waiting list but we need more tutors.

At our annual picnic on Sunday, several students shared how much they were learning, and their appreciation for the Literacy Council and their particular tutor. One lady described what it's like to be an immigrant without English. She said it's like being a mute when you can't speak the language, and deaf because you can't hear the language, and blind because you can't see a way forward.

Each summer the Literacy Council challenges the students to write about their goals. One wrote: *My goal is to learn to speak English to be able to move forward have a better job. I am from Venezuela. Arrived with my family to this beautiful country 4 years ago.* Bugra from Turkey wrote: *My first goal is English learn. My second goal is a job. My third goal is a good father.* And Thawng from Burma wrote: *I used to struggle a lot with speaking English, especially because I didn't have enough confidence in my pronunciation. That changed when I met my tutor. Since then, I feel like I can speak much better and with more confidence. That's a big success for me.*

I'm glad I can have a small part in serving the community around me, both within a Christian context and also outside of it. Thank you for your kind and generous gifts through TEAM. Each one is well received and deeply appreciated. Wishing you God's richest blessing today and always.



Hello from France,

The calendar says that today is the first day of autumn, but how we wish it would be an autumn of our youth, with trees turning color, crisp weather and falling leaves. However, in typical French fashion fall has begun with steady rain that looks like it will continue for the next week and a half. The wild mushrooms will love it, and we would like it better if the apartment residence we live in would decide to turn on a bit of heat. This picture of Lake Annecy in the fall pretty much sums it up: some color on the upper slopes, but clouds and mists on the lower elevations.



Summer passed slowly and quickly at the same time. We had a plan to visit some site each week, which worked out for most of July. We visited a cooperative site where cheese from the local farms is aged; we took a ride around our lake and had crepes as made in the Brittany region of France. Dale's cousins came and we visited Charlie Chaplin's World in Switzerland – a wax museum/movie memory of his films and family. Here's Dale with a wax pianist and Chaplin looking over his shoulder.

Through all these visits it became obvious that Dale was having increasing trouble walking. He went to town in the heat and only made it home thanks to some young men who helped him cover the last 100 meters, even finding a chair to carry him on. A fall in the shower, a visit by an occupational therapist and a few other incidents have led us to make a number of adjustments to the house to make life easier. His doctor made changes to his prescriptions which always requires an adjustment. Recently we invested in a walker which allows him to get around outdoors and provides a ready seat when fatigue hits.

But we are doing well if we keep rest and activity in balance.



We didn't get to see our children this summer, but they all managed to get together in DC in July. Alan's company did work on the Museum of the Bible, so he gave them a semi-guided tour of the exhibits. They all voted it their favorite visit in DC. Here's a picture of our grandchildren, by size (but also on a slanted surface). Valerie (24), Mark (13), Ibai (14), Theo (17) and Caleb (14).

September has started with lots of activities at the ABBA church. Our new pastor was installed on the September 7th. Charles and Sabine Marble are fitting in very well with the existing council of the church. Last week we had our first meeting of the senior house group, starting with a pizza lunch. We were 13, with 3 on vacation. We were very pleased to see the enthusiasm and love shown between the members. This last weekend was out church weekend (retreat). About 80 of us traveled to a Christian vacation center above Lac Lemman (Lake Geneva) for 2 days of teaching and fellowship. 10 members of our senior group attended. Coming up: a joint service with other churches in the region who are represented before the French government by the CNEF (National Council of Evangelicals in France).



Thank you once again for the way you continue to follow our ministry and support us in prayer. We'll leave you with this prayer from Psalm 71. *"Don't abandon me when my strength is failing. Now that I am old and gray, do not abandon me, O God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me."*

Still in His service,
Sherry and Dale Anderson

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PUZZLE

GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

e o r j
 7 2 4 1 6 3
 w y l a s a
 3 5 2 4 6 1

continually,

e g v i
 4 1 3 2

in all circumstances; for this
 is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

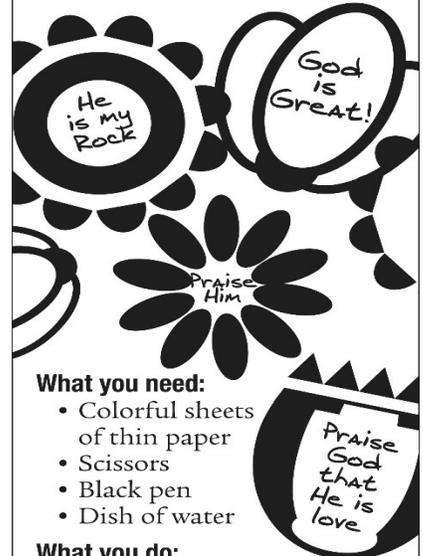
h n t a s k
 2 4 1 3 6 5

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV



PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.

Puzzle!

Complete each friend pair from the Bible, using the verses as hints. Then write the circled letters in order on the blanks below to complete Proverbs 17:17.

David &	○	2 Samuel 15:37
King Agrippa &	○	Acts 25:13
Naomi &	○	Ruth 1:22
Paul &	○	Acts 16:25
Joshua &	○	Numbers 14:6
Peter &	○	Luke 5:8-10
Job &	○	Job 2:11
Elijah &	○	2 Kings 2:1-14
Zophar &	○	Job 2:11
Jonathán &	○	1 Samuel 18:1
Peter &	○	Luke 5:8-10
Jesus &	○	John 11:20
Jesus &	○	John 11:5
Timothy &	○	2 Timothy 1:1
Jesus &	○	John 11:5
Mary &	○	Luke 1:39-40
Job &	○	Job 2:11
Aaron &	○	Exodus 4:27

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PROVERBS 17:17a

Answer: Hushai, Festus, Ruth, Silas, Caleb, John, Bildad, Elisha, Job, David, James, Mary, Martha, Paul, Lazarus, Elizabeth, Eliphaz, Moses; A friend loves at all times.

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