



# Thursday

## Connection

Building the Community,  
One Light at a Time



June 12, 2025

### Calendar of Events

- **Sunday, June 15**

**Father's Day**

**Peace With Justice Sunday**

9:00 am— Worship

10:15 am— Sunday School

11 am— Connection Worship

- **Monday, June 16**

9:30 am— Care team

6:00 pm— Building and Grounds

- **Tuesday, June 17**

9 am— Quilters

- **Wednesday, June 18**

4:45 pm— Praise Team

- **Thursday, June 19**

**Juneteenth**

- **Friday, June 20**

5 pm— Wedding Rehearsal

- **Saturday, June 21**

4 pm— Wedding

- **Sunday, June 15**

9:00 am— Worship

10:15 am— Sunday School

11 am— Connection Worship

### **Faith & Freedom** **Service**

On Sunday **July 6** there will only be one Service. It will be held at 10:00 a.m.

### **Sunday Worship Scripture — Sunday June 15, 2025**

**Sermon Title:** “Serving the Church”

*The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion.*

*- John Wesley*

**Scripture:** Acts 2: 42-47 & Acts 12: 1 – 19

### **Remembering Emily Lewis—Bell Choir**

A message from Jean Murray

Emily and David Lewis joined the Bell Choir in the 1990's soon after I started directing the choir. They were faithful ringers and rang for over 20 years.

The choir, along with Ann on piano, will be playing “Hymn of Promise” in memory of our friend Emily at the 9:00 am service this Sunday!

You will hear a beautiful arrangement featuring Hymn of Promise as well as Amazing Grace. These were 2 songs that were special to Emily.

You might want to wear something pink as we remember Emily.

### **Children & Youth Swim Party**

**When:** Sunday, June 29, 1 – 3:30 PM **Where:** Spring Lake Country Club

Meet at Spring Lake at 1 PM. If you need a ride, meet at the church at 12:30 PM. We say “Children & Youth” but the whole family is invited, and we aren't checking ages of some “big kids” who want to join us!

***Sign up at church or by calling or emailing the church office or Pastor Rachel.***

### **UWF Rummage Sale**

**June 28, 8 am – 1 pm Fellowship Hall.**

Let us help you finish up your Spring House Cleaning!

Bring all your donations to Fellowship Hall starting June 23—June 27.

There will be carts in the elevator entrance and by the Café Vermont entrance to help you move your boxes in. We will need lots of volunteers to help us sort, set up and price all the items for our annual fundraiser and also to work the day of the event, June 28. See you there!

### **Love Gift For Pastor Kathy**

Thank you to everyone who joined us in a love gift for Pastor Kathy! The final date was Wednesday June 11th to donate.

Included below is Pastor Kathy's new address, if you would like to send them cards.

Kathy & Jim Crozier  
8997 NE 72<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Bondurant, IA 50035

If you are unable to join us in person, we also offer online streaming services of our 9:00 am service on our website [vsumc.org](https://vsumc.org) and our [YouTube Channel](#). Our 9:00am service is also broadcasted on FM 105.1. The live stream will be available afterwards at those websites.



June Birthdays

1	Mildred Seger
2	Gene Simon
5	Karen Weede
7	Carla Fierge
8	Bob Chamberlain
9	Gary Penn
9	William Hanlin
12	Colleen Anderson
15	Carl Rylander
15	Conor Koscielski
16	Suzanne Lanchester
18	Lori Kruse
18	June Redman
19	Everly Gittings
20	Dennis Everly
20	Cathy Staff
23	Lynn Cameron
26	Gospel Messan
27	Janelle Fuller
28	Judy VanDeBoe
30	Ann Behrens
30	Cooper Larson

June

9 am Greeters :

Lori Kruse

9 am Ushers—June

Don Altheide & Travis Brown

11 am Greeters:

11 am Ushers:

Justin & Nathalie Messan

Gathering Place Host:

Suzi Duker



June Anniversaries

6	Alan & Judy VanDeBoe	18	Kelly & Carla Kielsmeier
12	Stacy & Debbie Taylor	19	John & Susan Kissick
15	Lee & Lollie Johnson	19	Stephen & Sara Maxwell
16	Scott & Kristi Sloan	22	David & Phyllis Self
16	Jim & Elaine Sours	22	Edward Willing & Vicki Blackwell
17	Brian & Cinda Barnes	23	Gary Livesay & Valerie Vlahakis
18	Rick & Taunua Godman	23	Travis & Jennifer Brown
		29	John & Barb Wooleyhan

Ducks

On Monday, Pastor Rachel drew the name for the winner of the duck hunt. Our duck hunt winner is **Sue Altheide!** I am planning to get a gift card. Sue, when you have a chance, please reach out to me!

A HUGE Thank you to everyone who participated. I felt like I connected with some of the congregation I do not normally interact with. I also had a lot of fun with everyone this past month! If you would like to see this continue or we can try something different please let me know!

- Christina Kaufman



Security Door—Frequently Asked Questions

When will we start to use the system?

The system is in place and operational. Beginning **Monday, June 9**, the building will only be accessible using the security system or a key.

The church will be unlocked as usual on Sunday mornings and other times we have public events. Throughout the week, the doors will remain secured.

How does it work?

Ours is a facial recognition system. Once you are in the system, the camera by the door will “read” your face and grant you admittance.

How do I get into the system?

You will receive an invitation from “Anavio” by text and/or email. There will be instructions in that invitation on how to proceed. Christina is sending out invitations a few at a time over the coming days and weeks.

Contact the church office to receive your invitation sooner.

Currently, you need to have both a phone number and email address to be added to our system. We are consulting with the company for a possible workaround and will keep you posted.

What if I need help?

Christina has set aside **Monday and Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 pm** for folks to stop by the church office for assistance with the security system.

What if I don’t want to be in the system?

You don’t need to be in the system to enter the church. There is a doorbell that alerts the staff, who will be able to see you, talk to you, and unlock the door for you.

Why do we need to take this step?

Securing the door has become necessary because of the danger inherent in a neighborhood like ours.

Keeping staff, volunteers and members safe outweighs the ease of keeping the doors unlocked.

(Yes, we have had to call the police.)

What if I have more questions?

Feel free to contact the church office or Pastor Rachel, if you have further questions.

If you have prayer requests that you would like to have lifted on **Sunday** mornings during worship, please send them to Pastor Rachel at [pastor@vsumc.org](mailto:pastor@vsumc.org) or 222-7468 by the day before, Saturdays at noon.