



**For the Body:** A Christian Ed program called “For the Body” by Timothy Tennett will be held on Saturday mornings, beginning on March 4. This is an 8-week video series that casts a vision for healthy marital, parenting and friendship relationships and how these are important parts of our church life. There is no workbook, but there is an accompanying book if you’d like. If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Sheri know. The time for the study will be announced soon.

**Recognizing God’s Voice:** The “Voice of God” 8-week study by Priscilla Schrier will be held Sundays beginning March 5. “If hearing God has seemed challenging, Priscilla Shirer's Discerning the Voice of God Bible Study will help you explore a relationship with God that will make hearing him an ongoing experience.” This is a video series with discussion following. If interested, please contact the office 605-892-2405 or bfgmc@midconetwork.com.

### Outreach Project

Education Committee is planning to connect with parents who park in our parking lot to pick up their children from school. Volunteers will be handing out an Easter booklet for the children this month. Also, to be given would be a cross crafted by our church family members who would *crochet and pray* for the child who will receive the gift.

If you would like to make some crochet crosses on your own for local school kids, here is an excellent tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKpl8zldFls>

There are three other project ideas that have been brought in that will be used for upcoming events. If anyone is interested in getting a group together to crochet or craft projects for the church, please let Pastor Sheri or the office know.

### New Hope Conference

The Global Methodist Church New Hope Conference that was scheduled for Feb. 24-25 in Fargo, ND has been rescheduled to April 21-22. Let Pastor Sheri know if you are interested in attending and there may be a possibility of getting a group together to attend.

### Mental Health Programs

Pastor Sheri has been in contact with a local counseling group that will present a program on mental health. More details will be forthcoming as this develops. It is being tentatively scheduled for May.



**Sunday School Kids led worship service on February 12 including a Grown-ups Valentine Trivia Quiz and a puppet show.**



**Annual Soup and Pie** mission fundraiser Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Serving from 11:45 am to 2:00 pm. All funds raised going to Out of Darkness Walk/Suicide Awareness and Prevention. Look for sign up list in fellowship hall for “Chicken Noodle Soup” and “Pie” donations, as well as kitchen, setup, and cleanup help list. Flyers will be available to spread the word.



## Abiding in Christ

### *“Re”-Birth Sermon Series*

*“Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.’”*  
John 3:3

On Wednesday, February 8 at Asbury University in Wilmore, KY the Holy Spirit’s presence strengthened in such a way that students, teachers, staff, and the residents of Wilmore were drawn to the chapel to experience God’s love in a variety of ways. Over the past two weeks thousands of people have traveled to Wilmore and continue to do so to experience God’s stronger presence for themselves. But the better news is that this awakening is spreading to other college campuses as I write this.

The good folks at Asbury University and Seminary understand to some degree how mysterious the Holy Spirit is and are humbled that the Lord blessed them with his presence in this powerful and mysterious way. Jesus said the Holy Spirit behaves this way: *“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.”* (John 3:8)

In recent years, my belief that our nation is in need of a spiritual awakening has strengthened. We are seeing so much disintegration of people’s health and well-being, and now even identities; breakdowns in marriages and families; epidemics in addictions and suicide; violence associated with racism and mass shootings; people feeling overwhelmed and paralyzed in their ability to find meaningful work. So, I welcome this breakout of the Holy Spirit’s presence and activity, especially among our young and middle-aged adults.

Belle Fourche has been affected by many of these same harmful influences. I am not alone in our community of pastors hoping and praying for an awakening to happen here.

The Holy Spirit touches people’s lives in so many different ways awakening them to rebirth and new chapters of their lives with Christ. For some it may be the first time, for others it may be the tenth time! Over the course of the Lenten season, we will explore a variety of subjects involving rebirth. Last Sunday, we began by considering how to “re”-cognize our sinful and sleepy condition. In the weeks to come we will look to the Lord to help us to: “re”-pent and “re”-lease our sin natures and the guilt and shame connected to them; “re”-store, “re”-deem, “re”-juvenate, “re”-scue, and “re”-create us. We will look to Jesus to help us “re”-consider the value of Sabbath, and close out the season by celebrating Christ’s Resurrection and what it means to “re”-main in Christ in the aftermath of a rebirth.

I invite you to join with me to look to the Lord to bring new life into your spirit in this Lenten season. For the Spirit to speak to anyone of us though, we each need to do one more thing: “re”-commit to Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Any kind of widespread awakening always begins with one or two people and by the power of the Holy Spirit, it spreads. Jesus asks us to personally respond and trust him with the greater movement. Anticipating this kind of event is exciting and definitely makes our lives with Christ more of an adventure!

In Christ’s Spirit,

Pastor Sheri

**Pastor Sheri’s new email:**  
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## Musically Speaking

By Pat Engebretson

# "The Anchor Holds"

Lawrence Chewning has been a Christian songwriter, singer, and speaker for over 50 years. I am going to use his own words to tell the story of how this hymn came to be.

"The story behind the writing of this song began in 1992 when my wife and I experienced what we now call our year of sorrows. My father died that year, we were facing health problems, I had come to a point of burnout from being in pastoral ministry for 19 years, and the church I had helped plant was entering the first phases of what became a devastating split. I was also reevaluating the focus of my calling. I was weary and discouraged.

Then in the summer of '92, my wife experienced her third miscarriage. We wept as we held the tiny 14-week fetus of our son in our hands. It truly felt as if our visions and dreams had "slipped right through like they were only grains of sand." It seemed as if the best years were over.

I was given a sabbatical from pastoring for six months. During that time, my wife and I grieved and prayed. I also began to play the piano again for hours at a time, alone with God. During this time of sadness and uncertainty, the Holy Spirit gave me a song which I entitled "The Anchor Holds." As I would sing it, I began to experience God's comfort, encouragement, and hope. Eventually, fresh vision came and I entered a new phase of the calling on my life.

In the spring of 1993, my old friend Ray Boltz heard about the song during a time of sharing together after one of his concerts in Maine. A few months later, Ray called me and expressed interest in possibly recording it. I sent the song to him "in the rough" and told him that he was free to adapt it for his purposes. Ray reworked some of the lyrics, shortened it a bit, and added a musical bridge and recorded it for his "Allegiance" project. It was released for national airplay in November 1994.

The response to this song has truly been overwhelming. I am so grateful that God can take our broken pieces and

make something of value out of them. I am also thankful Ray Boltz saw the potential of this song and utilized it for God's Glory."

You can find different artists doing this song on YouTube.

I have journeyed  
Through the long, dark night  
Out on the open sea

By faith alone  
Sight unknown  
And yet His eyes were watching me.

The anchor holds  
Though the ship is battered  
The anchor holds  
Though the sails are torn.

I have fallen on my knees  
As I faced the raging seas  
The anchor holds  
In spite of the storm.

But it was in the night  
Through the storms of my life  
Oh, that's where God proved  
His love to me.

**Lynn's Dakota Mart Receipts: Please remember to bring in your Lynn's receipts (pharmacy not included).**

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### Angel Store – Gently Used Clothing

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 5-7 pm in the BFUMC Mission Room

Free Clothes! Lots of kids clothing available!

**Store is at capacity and is not accepting donated items at this time.**



# March 2023

Together we bring  
God's love to life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Youth Group 3pm HS 5pm MS	2 JuJitsu 3:30-7	3	4
5 Pastors Discretionary Fund Offering 9:30 Voice of God Study 9:30 SunSchool 9:30 Adult Ed 10:30 Worship	6 JuJitsu 3:30-7	7	8 Youth Group 3pm HS 5pm MS	9 JuJitsu 3:30-7	10	11 "For the Body" Study
12 Daylight Savings Time 9:30 Voice of God Study 9:30 Adult Ed 9:30 SunSchool 10:30 Worship 11:30 UWF Mtg	13 JuJitsu 3:30-7	14 BINGO 6:30-8:00 pm	15 Youth Group 3pm HS 5pm MS	16 JuJitsu 3:30-7	17 Angel Store 5-7 pm	18 "For the Body" Study
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