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Summer 2023 Call

**Spirit of Faith
Lutheran-Methodist Church
Woonsocket, SD**



Woonsocket Spirit of Faith Lutheran-Methodist Church

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And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. – Hebrews 10:24-25

The Lutheran-Methodist Parish of Woonsocket was started over 50 years ago, when the Lutheran Church and the United Methodist Church in Woonsocket, South Dakota, decided to come together to share a pastor. In 2016, the congregations realized it was not financially wise to maintain two aging church buildings that were neither handicap accessible or energy efficient and decided to merge into one congregation – the Woonsocket Spirit of Faith Lutheran-Methodist Church. In addition to merging congregations, the church decided to build a new building where they could all gather together and would meet their growing needs.

The first service in the new church building was held in December 2019. The new building has gotten lots of attention in the Woonsocket community, both for its technology and handicap accessibility. Since January 2020, Spirit of Faith Church has grown by 115 new members and the in-person attendance on any given Sunday averages 90-100 people versus the 35 per week in the old churches. The Spirit of Faith congregation is very involved in both their community and beyond. Besides offering their church building for community use, they host VBS, serve community meals, participate in the Snack Pack Program, provide backpacks and school supplies for local students, host a trick-or-treat community event, meet regularly for Bible studies, hold quarterly gatherings for young adults and couples, pack and send health and school kits, and more.

The congregation has stepped up to support the building of the new church, as well as support a technology overhaul to further expand their reach. The final step in their new building process is the completion of the outdoor space to create an inviting environment where all can feel welcome and included. The three-step improvement will include: installing a partial wall on the west end of the parking lot to clarify the property line and create more parking spaces, adding lighting to illuminate the large metal cross on the outside of the church building, and installing a new digital sign to share announcements, events, times, inspirational messages, and more to increase community engagement. “The more connection we can make with our community the more apt they are to join us for a service or an event, giving us the opportunity to share our fellowship and faith,” comments Pastor John Anderson.

Spirit of Faith Lutheran-Methodist Church is a unique congregation that proves that two faiths can come together. Their mission statement “saved by grace, gathered in faith, called to serve” emphasizes how they strive to worship and live out their faith.

We are grateful for your continued support of the Builders Club and ask that you prayerfully consider a gift of \$25 or more to support Woonsocket Spirit of Faith Lutheran-Methodist Church. The gifts for this call will be received until September 30, 2023.

West Fargo Flame of Faith UMC thanks you \$7,500 granted!

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Because you gave...

Builders Club is unique in that it is a partnership of hundreds of individuals, organizations, and churches across North and South Dakota. Individually the gifts wouldn't make much of a difference, but together, they provide the support and opportunity for change. In the same way, a single church being helped doesn't make a big difference, but the number of churches that have received support of the years has added up and thousands of lives have been reached for Christ because of it.

Make a difference

Each year, the Builders Club chooses to support the building projects of four churches across the Dakotas. The goal of Builders Club is to assist churches in need of financial support for their building, remodel, or expansion projects. By providing support for the building projects of churches, it allows them to grow current ministries or build new ministries to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

“According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it.”

1 Corinthians 3:10