

The Messenger

Underwood Lutheran Church

April, 2019

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SUNDY SCHOOL-CONFIRMATION-ADULT BIBLE STUDY 9:00 am
WORSHIP SERVICE @10:15 AM



- Adult Bible Study will remain on hold through the month of April. We will resume our study beginning on Wednesday May 1st.
 - High School will meet on April 3rd following Lenten Worship. Due to Holy Week, we will not meet on the 17th.
 - Lenten Activities continue on April 3rd and 10th. Dinner begins at 6pm, worship at 7, with regular Wednesday evening activities following worship.
 - Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on the 14th and includes Maundy Thursday on the 18th, Good Friday on the 19th, and Easter Sunday on the 21st. Maundy Thursday will include worship at 7pm featuring traditional liturgy and Holy Communion. Good Friday will be a service of Tenebrae beginning at 7pm.
 - Easter Sunday will feature Sunrise Service at 7:30am led by the Confirmation students, followed by the Easter breakfast beginning at approximately 8:00am. Regular Easter Sunday worship will also be held at the normal time of 10:15am. There will not be Education on Easter Sunday.
 - Western Iowa Synod Bishop Rodger Prois will be with us on Sunday April 7th after weather postponed his visit in February. He will be meeting with the Adult Forum group during Education time, as well as joining us for Worship.
 - 8th Grade Confirmation students/parents will meet Wednesday the 24th for Confirmation practice and their final session with Pastor Scott. We will meet at 7:00pm. The service of Confirmation will be held during worship on Sunday the 28th.
 - Interested in becoming a member of ULC? Pastor Scott will offer a New Member class on Tuesday April 30th at 7:00pm, and new members will be accepted into the congregation in May. Please contact Pastor Scott if you are interested in more information, or if this date/time does not work for you.
 - This June, Pastor Scott and Kim Madsen will be taking a large group of our Junior High Students to Bible Camp in Colorado. 7 students will be going. The group is fund-raising to assist in travel costs to/from the camp. Please consider supporting this wonderful opportunity in the faith of our young people. Contact Pastor Scott if you have questions, or feel led to donate towards the trip.
 - We are online. Visit our webpage at <http://www.underwoodlutheran.org/> Find information on current ministry opportunities and worship times.
- Look for us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/UnderwoodLutheranChurch> Be sure to “Like” the page for updates about what’s happening at ULC.
- Pastor Scott’s weekly sermons are available on his blog at <http://thecollarandorangehat.wordpress.com/> Pastor Scott posts his sermons in both text and audio format each week. Look for his posts to be highlighted on Facebook as well as the church website.
- Pastor Scott also posts a weekly gospel discussion video, called Sermon Braindump at <http://www.youtube.com/user/sanchodaleone>



Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:28-29

I sit down to write this article about 2/3 of the way through March. As I write, I'm mindful that just 7 or 8 days ago, there was still a foot of snow on the ground...but 36 hours of rain and warm temps changed that in a really big hurry. Such a big hurry in fact...that we've experienced record flooding in much of our area. Underwood felt the effects of rapidly rising water, and we know that MANY surrounding communities have been hit substantially harder than we have.

But on the flipside, it is also true as I write, that today I have seen flowers poking up in a couple of different sheltered spots on the south side of buildings. Lawns are...just barely...starting to get that slight greenish tint. People are starting to spend time outside in the afternoons, enjoying the warmer air and sunshine...and maybe, just maybe, by the time you read this article, we'll have spotted leaves starting to fill out on the trees.

It's funny, how quickly spring seems (at the moment anyway) to be springing (pardon the pun). And yet, the burden of what felt like an extraordinarily heavy winter is still fresh in the minds of many people. I've had this conversation with quite a few different individuals in recent weeks. It seems as if, across the board, everyone is just weary. Almost as if they have been carrying around a metaphorical weighted backpack as we've endured a winter unlike anything we've seen in recent years. And to be honest, the rapid melting and massive flooding around our region is probably adding to this burden.

So what do we do in moments such as this? Where do we turn? Or how do we respond? Perhaps, it seems stereotypical for me, as a pastor, to recommend that we turn to God...and yet there are times when that's the only answer I can provide. There is painted plaque on a shelf in my office, a gift from a member, which states "The Lord is my strength." Likewise I am reminded of a song performed by 3 siblings that I know going way back into my early camp-days based on the passage from Matthew 11.

All who are weary, I will give you rest. I ponder on this promise, and I can't help but think it holds a variety of meaning. Its not just about those who are worn out and need to take a Sabbath of sorts. Its not just about those who are overcome by the worries of the world, though both of those are certainly plausible. But as I think about the history of our community and congregation through this long winter season, I'm also reminded of those faces, those individuals, who now have entered into their eternal rest...those who are now experiencing the divine and complete truth of God's promise.

Admittedly, I recognize that this article might seem a little whimsical, or even a bit philosophical. I do have that tendency at times. And so as I bring this bird in for a landing, allow me to offer a word of recognition. If you're feeling a heavy sense...a sense of burden and you're feeling a little roughed up and worn down by this past season, you are not alone. But also know this. There is joy that comes as new life finds us again. We will celebrate new life in our resurrected Lord before this month is over. And likewise, I'm venturing a guess that we will continue to see signs of new life emerging as we look out the window. May we each find rest in our souls as we look to the one who has promised us new life.

In Christ
Pastor Scott

Underwood Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes February 13, 2018

Members present: Jessica Hultquist, Erik Pedersen, Gary Leaders, Diane Stein, Kathy Darrington, Jeff Poggensee, Bill Shelton, Lynn Leaders, Carol Yeaton, Pastor Dalen

Others Present: Linda Merdinger

Absent:, Rhonda Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by council president, Carol Yeaton

Pastor shared a devotion and lead the group in prayers

Financial Reports: Linda Merdinger presented the financial reports electronically.

Moved by Kathy and seconded by Erik to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report:

Moved by Jessica and seconded by Gary to approve the 12/12/18 council meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

See attached

New Business:

Nadine Trede, Sue Hemmingson and Judy Pingel have volunteered to Review of Membership rolls. Diane moved to approve these volunteers. Kathy seconded. Motion was approved.

Diane moved to approve Kim Madsen and Chad Wollan as Western Iowa Synod representatives. Kathy seconded. Motion was approved.

The group discussed making more frequent benevolence disbursements throughout the year. It was agreed that this will be revisited at future meetings.

The group discussed Bible Camp in Colorado – June 9-15th. \$200 of the campership fees would be covered by the church (similar to Okoboji). Families would be responsible for remaining fees and transportation costs. Future fund raising events will be scheduled to help off these costs. Pastor and Kim Madsen are on board as chaperones, their time would be considered work time. Bill moved to approve pastor securing a rental van for this trip. Jeff seconded. The motion was approved.

Committee Update:

Discussed and approved council representatives to the various committees:

Endowment Committee

Pastor moved, and Kathy seconded to approve Gary Leaders as the council representative to the Endowment Committee. The motion was approved.

Property

Bill Shelton and Lynn Leaders volunteered to serve on the property committee

Education

Carol Yeaton, Kathy Darrington, and Rhonda Johnson volunteered to serve on the Education committee.

Life

Erik Pedersen and Jessica Hulquist volunteered to serve on the Life Committee

Operations

Gary Leaders, Diane Stein and Jeff Poggensee volunteered to serve on the Operations Committee

Old Business:

Discussed the secretary job duties. The council agreed that the secretary is sufficiently performing her assigned tasks. Any questions on her performance or duties should be directed to her supervisor (Pastor)

The next council meeting will be held March 13, 2018.

Moved by Kathy and seconded by Erik Pedersen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Poggensee

Underwood Lutheran Church Council Secretary



Thanks to those who greeted in the month of
March.

Jay and Linda Ackland

Bob and Judy Pingel

Shirley K., Karen L. and Jackie M.

Kathy Darrington and Analise Letner

LaVern and Janet Leaders



Telescope Circle – Will meet on April 11th
at 1:30 pm , with Alice Sorensen as your
Hostess.

Martha Circle – Will meet on April 12th at 2
PM with Carol Bertelsen for your Hostess.



Please come and join us for food and
fellowship. Everyone is welcome! The
dinners start at 6:00 and the Services begin
at 7:00.

April 3rd – Sunday School

April 10th – Church Council

Please mark these Wednesdays on your
calendar. There will be six weeks of
opportunities!

Easter Services

Sunrise Service 7:30 am
Breakfast served following the first service.
Worship / Holy Communion 10:15am

Council Meeting

The council meeting will be April 10th at
7:30 pm.



Offerings....

"Our gifts to God"

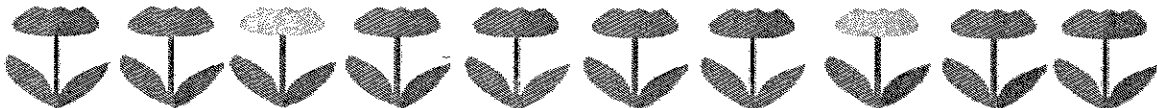
	Offerings	Attendance
March 03	\$ 3683.15	96
March 10	\$ 2637.00	101
March 17	\$ 3942.00	147
March 24	\$ 2320.00	105

Worship Participants for April, 2019

If you are unable to participate as scheduled, please call the office-566-2257

ORGANISTS	April 07	Nancy Dose	COMMUNION
	April 14	Judy Pingel	
	April 21	Nancy Dose	COMMUNION
	April 28	Judy Pingel	
ACOLYTES	April 07	Quinten Wollan	COMMUNION
	April 14	Hannah Wulff	
	April 21	Ava Dalen	COMMUNION
	April 28	Nick Hackett	
LECTORS	April 07	Nancy Dose	COMMUNION
	April 14	Nancy Geise	
	April 21	Beth Torneten	COMMUNION
	April 28	Jessica Hultquist	
USHERS	April 07	Gary and Jan Ehrens	COMMUNION
	April 14	Jeff Poggensee and Mike Shelton	
	April 21	Bill and Libby Shelton	COMMUNION
	April 28	Alex and Sonya Schiphoff	
GREETERS	April 07	Gary & Jan Ehrens and Weta Butterfield	COMMUNION
	April 14	Bob and Nancy Dose	
	April 21	Easter	COMMUNION
	April 28	Mark and Farah Guetter	
SPECIAL MUSIC	April 07	Carol Yeaaton	COMMUNION
	April 14	Choraleers	
	April 21		COMMUNION
	April 28		

ALTAR GUILD: Christine Privia and Laura Tennigkeit
CARRYING ELEMENTS: Nancy Geise and Carol Yeaton
DEACON: Bill Shelton



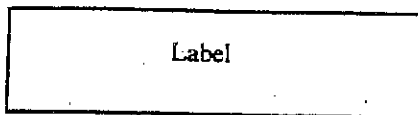
April 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4/1	2	3 6:00 PM Lenten Dinner 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service 7:30 PM High School Group	4	5	6
7 9:00 AM Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion	8	9	10 6:00 PM Lenten Dinner 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service 7:30 PM Council Meeting	11 1:30 PM Telescope Circle	12 2:00 PM Martha Circle	13
14 9:00 AM Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service	15	16	17	18 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	19 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	20
21 7:30 AM Easter/Sunrise Service 8:00 AM Breakfast 10:15 AM Easter Worship Service/Holy Communion	22	23	24 7:00 PM Confirmation Prep	25	26	27 10:00 AM Scrapbooking
28 9:00 AM Sunday School/Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service/Confirmation	29	30 New Member Class				

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