

The Messenger

Underwood Lutheran Church

February, 2018

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



-High School will meet on the 21st. We will not meet on the 7th.

-Adult Study of the Small Catechism will meet on Wednesday February 7th. Discussion begins at 6pm. We will discuss the Sacrament of Baptism. Study will then go on hold for the duration of the Season of Lent.

-Lent begins on Wednesday February 14th. We will, once again, have our normal mid-week Lenten activities. Dinners begin at 6:00pm (including Ash Wednesday). Worship services begin at 7:00pm. Ash Wednesday worship will feature Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. Regular Lenten services begin on the 21st. They will once again feature Holden Evening Prayer and stories shared by individuals of the congregation.

-We are looking for individuals who are willing to help out with Lenten worship. Singers who can assist in leading Holden Evening Prayer are needed. We are still looking for individuals willing to share personal faith stories. Finally, any individuals who are willing to assist/lead the worship liturgy would be appreciated, as Pastor Scott will miss 1 Wednesday evening due to the Holy Land Trip. If you are willing to help out in any way, please contact Pastor Scott.

-The Confirmation class will still meet on Sunday mornings during the first few Sundays of Lent. Pastor Scott will be working with the class to plan/prep for the Easter Sunrise Service.

-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>

Acts 2:42-47 "[The believers] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

This passage from Acts highlights the activity of the earliest church. Following Jesus' Ascension and then the empowerment of the Apostles at Pentecost, this is what we find the church doing. Learning, fellowship, sharing meals, praying together, and caring for the needs of the people both in their midst and in the community that they shared. I've had many conversations in the past few years about what we can learn from the church in the 1st century, and how we can apply that to being the church now in the 21st century.

I sit down to write this message a couple of days after our Annual Meeting. During the meeting, as I addressed the congregation, I spoke of the hope that I have for our congregation to be increasingly mindful of how we can be the church in the world. More specifically, how we can be the church in our little corner of the world.

Admittedly, I don't have an answer to that question yet. But it's an exciting prospect to consider. It is my hope to have conversations with you, either as individuals or perhaps in small group settings, so that together we might begin to see where the Spirit might be guiding us as a congregation.

In the meantime, I've been thinking about the basic question "Who are we?" As I consider this question, I don't think we are simply a bunch of Lutherans who happen to meet for worship in Underwood, though that's what our name would indicate. Rather I'm talking about something a little deeper...something I call our Core Identity.

Boil everything away and ask yourself "Who are we?" As you think about this, consider along the lines of "If we cease to be about _____, then we cease to be." When we can fill in that blank space, we will have a good sense of what our Core Identity is as Underwood Lutheran...as this community of faith that exists within this greater community. Another way to think about this topic is to ask the questions "Why do we exist as an organization" and "Who are we for?"

Over the course of the next few months I'll be continuing to pose questions along these lines. I'll be working with the leadership of the congregation to address them as well. But I want to invite you to be thinking about these things too. Talk about them in the midst of your families, or in conversations with one another. If you've got some thoughts...and I'm guessing you will, please let me know. I'd love to sit down over coffee and chat.

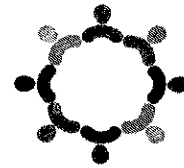
In Christ,

Pastor Scott



Thanks to those who greeted in the month of January.

Jeff and Tracy Shreeves
Julie Larsen, Joyce Tiarks, Lois Johnson
Alex and Sonya Schiphoff
Gary and Jan Ehrens, Weta Butterfield



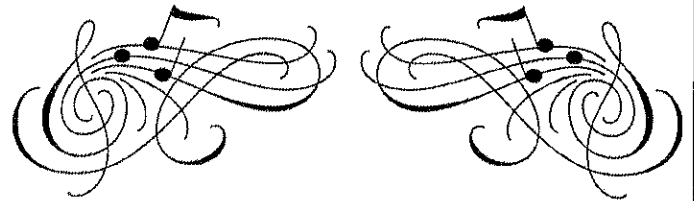
WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Telescope Circle will meet for brunch on February 8th.

Martha Circle will meet on February 9th at 2:00 pm with Linda Merdinger as your hostess.

Council Meeting

The council meeting will be February 7th at 7:00 pm.



Special Music

Wanted:

One amazing human being

Strong in heart, generous in spirit.

Love kids? Think their faith is important? So do we. Underwood Lutheran is seeking an individual to work part-time in coordinating aspects of Sunday School, Jr High, and Vacation Bible School. You can find a full job-description on our website: underwoodlutheran.org

Offerings....

"Our gifts to God"

	Offerings	Attendance
Dec. 24	\$ 1311.00	75
Dec. 31	\$ 1000.65	
Jan. 07	\$ 2157.00	98
Jan. 14	\$ 2353.00	80
Jan. 21	\$2773.97	121

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, thoughts, concerns, cards, monetary gifts, advice and every thing else. We are blessed to have the support of our congregation, friends and co-workers. May God bless all of you.

Jeff and Carol Yeaton



The 2018 Church offering envelopes are available for pickup in the Narthex. The envelopes are sorted in order by last name. If we accidently omitted your name, or if you find an error, please contact either Michael or Darlene Shelton.

Thank You

Thank you to the following retiring council members for their time.

Dick Miller
Alex Schiphoff
Michael Shelton
Greg Redshaw

And to our new council members:

Erik Pedersen
Lynn Leaders
Rhonda Johnson
Bill Shelton

GREAT NEWS!

Do you have an Underwood Lutheran Church cookbook published in 1971? This book is fondly referred to as "the RED cookbook".

If your book looks like so many of ours, tattered, stained, pages falling out (in other words--well used). They have been reprinted.

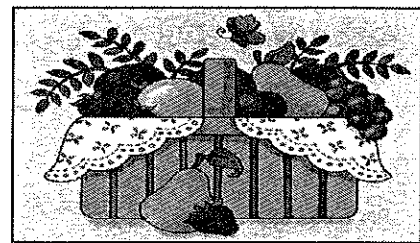
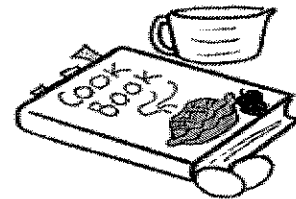
You may contact any of the committee members to place your order:

Nancy Geise, phone (712)322-3010, 24202 Road L-34, Underwood, IA 51576

Nadine Trede, phone (712) 566-2743, 109 First Ave., Underwood, IA 51576

Sandy Redshaw, phone (712) 566-9574, 106 Faith Ave. Underwood, IA 51576

Kathy Darrington, phone (712) 566-2119, 24329 - 272 St., Underwood, IA 51576



*The Food Pantry Has Moved
to Minden United Church of Christ*

*New volunteers are needed.
Please contact Mark & Garri Bjorling
bjorlingmg@aol.com
402-968-5357*

Underwood Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Scott Dalen, Michael Johnson, Dick Miller, Jessica Hultquist, Roger Hemmingsen, Bob Pingel, Greg Redshaw, Jeff Poggensee, Alex Schiphoff, Mike Shelton and Carol Yeaton

Others Present: N/A

Absent: Linda Merdinger

Devotions were led by Pastor Scott Dalen.

Secretary's Report: Moved by Bob Pingel and seconded by Roger Henningsen to approve the 11/9/17 council meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Reports: Pastor distributed Financial report received from Linda Merdinger. Moved by Mike Shelton and seconded by Jeff Poggensee to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Council identified Charities for distribution of Other Benevolence (Line Item 105) for distribution prior to the end of the year. Charities include: Mohm's Place, Open Door Mission, Salvation Army, Good Fellows, Wounded Warriors, Foodbank for the Heartland, Project Hope, Crescent Food Bank, Lydia House, and Minden Food Bank.

Pastor's Report:

1. Facility Issues
 - a. Dalen family reserving the Church basement April 29th following worship
2. Parish Education Matters
 - a. No Update
3. Calendar Matters
 - a. Pr. Paul Coen will provide pulpit supply March 11th (during Holy Land Trip)
 - i. March 18th is still open
 - b. Deacon for January has been assigned
 - c. Beginning to work on Lent Planning
 - i. Expect that Mid-Week Worship Services will mirror 2017 Lent
4. Congregational Life
 - a. No Update
5. Pastoral Acts
 - a. Regular visitation schedule
 - b. 203 Communicants (2 weeks via green slips)
 - i. November 19th – 117 of 131
 - ii. December 3rd – 86 of 108
 - c. Referred Funeral Service of Brett Goehring (non-member) to Pr Jon Benson in my absence.
 - d. New Members accepted into Congregation on December 3rd.
 - i. Weta Butterfield
 - ii. Tyler and Kelsey Ridder, Blakely and Brooks

Committee Reports:

1. Operations Committee:
 - a. Harvest Festival update

2. Education Committee:
 - a. No update.
3. Property Committee:
 - a. Insurance money has been received for the replacement of the Church roof. Jeremy Hultquist provided options for replacement. Moved by Roger Hemmingsen (on behalf of the Property Committee) and seconded by Dick Miller to request a bid for roof & gutter replacement for the Church and gutter replacement for the parsonage from Jeremy Hultquist of Brincks Exteriors for Timberline Ultra HD 50 year shingle in Barkwood color. Motion carried.
4. Life Committees:
 - a. Christmas Season prep.
 - b. 36 poinsettia orders this year
5. Cross-Generational Ministry:
 - a. No update.

Old Business:

1. No updates

New Business:

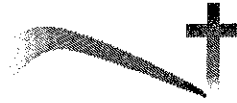
1. Annual Meeting scheduled for January 21st.

The next council meeting will be held on January 10th.

Moved by Alex Schiphoff and seconded by Pastor to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Hultquist
Underwood Lutheran Church Council Secretary



BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME / BETHANY HEIGHTS

February 2018

BETHANY ANNUAL MEETING- The Annual Meeting of Bethany Lutheran Home will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Skyrise Dining Room (Upper Dining Room) at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliott Street. All Sponsoring Congregation Delegates are encouraged to attend. Visitors are also welcome. The meeting will include various reports and election of Board Members for 2018. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peggy Karstens at Bethany Lutheran Home 712-328-9500. ***In the event of inclement weather or our need to postpone the meeting due to flu, please contact Bethany at 712-328-9500 and/or tune to your local television station if appropriate, before heading to Bethany.***

BAKE SALE FOR TEAM BETHANY/ALZHEIMER'S WALK- Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights are hosting a Bake Sale to raise funds for the Team Bethany/Alzheimer's Walk. The Bake Sale is Monday, February 19th from 1-3 p.m. This is the first of several fundraisers scheduled in the coming months prior to the walk in September. Our total fundraising goal by September is \$2,000. If you are interested in helping out by baking items for the bake sale, items can be brought the morning of February 19th to either building. Individually packaged items are especially appreciated. If you have any questions about the bake sale or you would like to participate with Team Bethany in the Alzheimer's Walk on September 22nd at Tom Hanafan Park, please contact Bethany's Alzheimer's Walk Coordinator Sarah McCormack at 712-256-7769. Bethany is proud to support the Alzheimer's Association and the Walk. Each month Bethany hosts an Alzheimer's Support Group for families in the community as well as providing long-term Memory Care for individuals with Dementia, including Alzheimer's.

BETHANY HEIGHTS APARTMENTS AVAILABLE- Bethany Heights Senior Living Community has several apartments available for seniors. Do you know someone or perhaps even you, who would enjoy the benefits of living in a senior community? Maybe someone interested in living independently or having the benefits of an assisted living community? Bethany Heights offers both independent and assisted living services in apartments ranging in sizes from a Studio to Two Bedroom/Two bathroom. As an individual's needs increase, services are delivered directly to your apartment. Something unique to the area. Small pets are welcome. Some Long Term Care Insurance Policies are eligible for use at Bethany Heights. For more information or to set up a visit please contact Paula Fandry at Bethany Heights 712-328-8228.

NEW GREETING CARDS NEEDED- Bethany Heights is running low and in need of new greeting cards. The greeting cards are displayed in a rack and available to the tenants free of charge. A number of tenants take advantage of this opportunity to stay connected with family and friends. Types of cards that are especially popular include Birthday, Thank-You (not blank cards), Get Well Soon, Thinking of You/Friendship, Sympathy and Anniversary. We will also take Christmas Cards year round. The cards can be dropped off at Bethany Heights or brought to church. (We'll be happy to pick them up. Just let them know they are for Bethany).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME-Volunteers are needed at Bethany Lutheran Home to assist residents in various activities. The activities may include, but are not limited to helping with arts and crafts projects, helping out with Bingo or other games, visiting with residents one to one or reading the newspaper, etc. Activities take place throughout the week and on weekends. Any amount of time would be appreciated and provide a meaningful experience for our residents. For more information please contact Kaily Stanley, Activities Director at 712-328-9500.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON VESPERS-Vespers are held each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. by one of our sponsoring congregations in the Worship Center at Bethany Lutheran Home. The service is broadcast in-room on our local TV channel at Bethany for those residents unable to attend the service. Volunteers have been utilized in the past by helping to bring residents down to worship or to help with videoing the service live for those in-room. Gary Schultz and Van Vanhouten have faithfully served in this capacity for several years. We would like to expand our volunteer worship core so that these wonderful volunteers could have a break or additional help from time to time. We would ask you to prayerfully consider helping with this ministry opportunity. If you would like additional information or would be willing to volunteer, please contact Kaily Stanley at 712-328-9500.

***RESPITE CARE NOW AVAILABLE AT BETHANY HEIGHTS**- We are pleased to announce the addition of Respite Care at Bethany Heights. Respite Care offers caregivers/family members a short-term break while their loved one is cared for in a safe, secure, senior community setting. For more information about the program or to set up a visit, please contact Paula Fandry at 712-328-8228.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE DATES-

MONDAY, APRIL 9TH-2:00 BETHANY AUXILIARY ANNUAL BAKE SALE AND QUARTERLY MEETING AT BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME, 7 ELLIOTT STREET

SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH-2:00 BETHANY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEA AT BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME, 7 ELLIOTT STREET

SCRAPBOOKING/CRAFT DAY!
Come be creative with us

Saturdays
February 10, 2018
March 3, 2018
April 14, 2018

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Underwood Lutheran Church—10 3rd Avenue

\$10 per person (tax deductible donation to ULC)

Come work on your scrapbooking, crafts or projects
What is provided: Tables, chairs, trash bags,
Cricut, idea books, people to bounce ideas to and
from, coffee and camaraderie!!!

Bring your own lunch or bring something for
everyone to share for lunch or snacks.

Questions:

Call Linda Merdinger: 712-566-2025 or 402-350-3619
after 6:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there—the more the merrier!!!

Worship Participants for February, 2018

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

ORGANISTS	Feb. 04	Nancy Dose	COMMUNION
	Feb. 11	Judy Pingel	
	Feb. 18	Nancy Dose	COMMUNION
	Feb. 25	Judy Pingel	
ACOLYTES	Feb. 04	Ellie Hackett	COMMUNION
	Feb. 11	Sydney Leaders	COMMUNION
	Feb. 18	Jadynn McDonald	
	Feb. 25	Quentin Wollan	
LECTORS	Feb. 04	Nancy Geise	COMMUNION
	Feb. 11	Beth Torneten	COMMUNION
	Feb. 18	Jessica Hultquist	
	Feb. 25	Courtney Sampson	
USHERS	Feb. 04	Bob Dose and Richard Geise	COMMUNION
	Feb. 11	Gary Leaders and Alec Leaders	COMMUNION
	Feb. 18	LaVern Leaders and Lynn Leaders	
	Feb. 25	Gary and Jan Ehrens	
GREETERS	Feb. 04	Jay and Linda Ackland	COMMUNION
	Feb. 11	Judy Pingel	COMMUNION
	Feb. 18		
	Feb. 25		
SPECIAL MUSIC	Feb. 04	Sunday School Children	COMMUNION
	Feb. 11		
	Feb. 18		COMMUNION
	Feb. 25		

ALTAR GUILD: Rhonda Johnson and Jackie Masker
CARRYING ELEMENTS: Richard and Nancy Geise
DEACON:



February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1/28	29	30	31	2/1	2	3
4 9:00 AM Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion	5	6	7 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM High School Group	8 1:30 PM Telescope Circle	9 2:00 PM Martha Circle	10 10:00 AM Scrapbooking
11 9:00 AM Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service	12	13	14 6:00 PM Lenten Dinner/ Women's Group 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service	15	16	17
18 9:00 AM Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion	19	20	21 6:00 PM Lenten Dinner/ Martha Circle 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service	22	23	24
25 9:00 AM Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service	26	27	28 6:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Telescope Circle 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service	3/1	2	3
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