

The Messenger

Underwood Lutheran Church

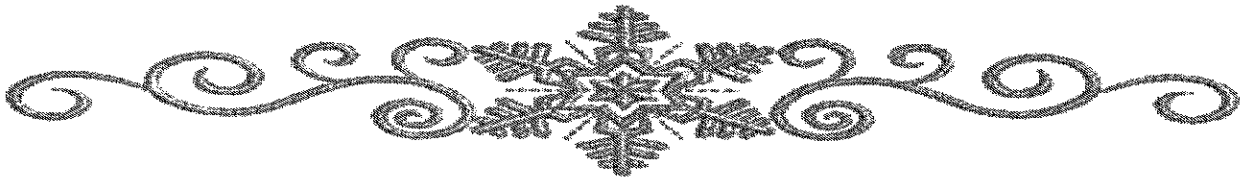
February, 2019

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



-2018 Giving Statements have been mailed by our Financial Secretaries. If you have not received a statement and expect one, please contact Michael Shelton at 402-350-6534.

-Wednesday evening Bible Study will meet on the 13th, 20th, and 27th. We will not meet on the 6th.

-High School will meet on the 20th. We will not meet on the 6th.

-The season of Lent is rapidly approaching and will begin with Ash Wednesday in early March. We will, once again, be hearing individuals sharing stories of faith and how they have witnessed God at work in their lives. If you are interested in sharing your story this year, please contact Pastor Scott.

-Pastor Scott will be on vacation Feb 1st-7th. Pastor Jon Benson from St John's Lutheran in Council Bluffs will be on call for Pastoral emergencies. Pastor Paula Lawhead will join us for worship on Feb 3rd. There will NOT be Confirmation Class on the 3rd.

-Western Iowa Synod Bishop Rodger Prois will join us for worship on Feb 10th.

-The Western Iowa Synod Assembly will be held May 3rd-5th. We are looking for 1 or 2 individuals interested in serving as Delegates to the assembly. Lodging and mileage reimbursement will be covered by the church. If you are interested please contact Pastor Scott.

-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>



Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

About midway through January a new trend made its way around social media, and mainly Facebook. The challenge was to post your first profile picture side by side with your current one to determine “how time has treated me.” For most people, these two pictures represented about 10 years. I joined in as well, and as I got to looking at things, I actually had to post three pictures...as my current profile picture is almost 3 years old...and as I did so I noted that not much has really changed. In fact my comment was “a little more beard, a little less hair.” Beyond that my appearance hasn’t really changed that much.

But then I got to thinking about how life has changed in those 10 years. At this time in 2009, I was just coming off my first on-campus intensive at Luther Seminary. I was very early in my seminary process. My family still lived in the Okoboji area, and I was still working as a Trucking Broker. My kids were 5 and 3. To that point, I had never left rural Iowa, and most of my experience had been shaped by that life.

Now 10 years later, my seminary career is over, though I was greatly shaped by that process. I’ve been an ordained pastor for almost 6 years. I’ve had dramatically different life experiences now as I near 40 than I had when I was sneaking up on 30. And the way that my faith shapes every aspect of my life is drastically different as well.

A friend of mine pointed out an important truth...those 10 year challenges might not reveal a great deal of change on the outside...but it’s the change that is going on under the surface that we should really pay attention to. I believe this is true both for us as individuals, as well as for us as a community of faith. What has changed in the past year...or 5 years...or 10 years, or even longer for Underwood Lutheran?

I’ve heard it said that when we bring our prayers and requests and hopes and desires before God, particularly in terms of what God is up to through our faith communities, we have the tendency to expect too much in the short term, and to expect too little in the long term. Namely, we look for great big changes to happen right away...but drastically underestimate what God will accomplish over the long haul.

I believe that this is what the Apostle Paul was talking about when he reminds us to be continually renewing our minds...and I believe that renewing our hearts comes along with this. God pays attention to that which is within our hearts and minds...even though this is not something that is typically visible on the surface.

It is my prayer early in this new year, that we will all be prayerfully looking towards the future...and that our hearts are continually open to the prompting of the Spirit. May we be shaped by the new thoughts and ideas and perspectives that come into our faith community as we change and grow through new people. May our hearts be ever turned outwards to see and act upon opportunities to be the church in the world. And may we be hopeful as we do so.

In Christ
Pastor Scott

Council Meeting-December 16th, 2018

In attendance: Jeff Poggensee, Lynn Leaders, Rhonda Johnson, Bob Pingel, Roger Hemmingson, Bill Shelton, Carol Yeaton, Erik Pedersen, Jessica Hultquist, Pastor Scott Dalen, and Linda Merdinger.

Not present: Michael Johnson

Jessica called the meeting to order.

Pastor Scott led a brief prayer.

Linda presented the Treasurers Report. Jeff moved to accept the report, Bob seconded. Motion carried.

The minutes from November were reviewed. Bob moved to approve, Rhonda seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Scott presented his report including:

Facility Issues

- Vital Signs Was Expected to Finish Sign Work This Week

Parish Education Matters

Calendar Matters

- Pulpit Supply Dec 30th, changed to Pr Sharon Worthington
 - Point Person for Pr Sharon: Bob Pingel will fill this role.
- Synod Assembly May 3-5th, I should stay for full session through Sunday
 - As Synod Council Member/With Bishop Election Happening
 - Will Require extra week of pulpit supply

Congregational Life

- FaithSound gospel choir is set for March 17th. Sonya Schiphoff is on point
- Possibility of taking youth to summer camp in Colorado at Rainbow Trail
 - Camperships an option there?
 - Possibility of me going/staying on site for the week
- Kim is exploring Welcome Gifts for first-time visitors
 - Including a coffee mug, literature/documentation on congregation
 - Mission Statement

Pastoral Acts

- Regular Visitation Schedule
- Baptisms for Bob and Adam Goodman will be held privately Dec 16th
- 85 Communed (1 Communion Week, via green slips)
 - Nov 18th 85 of 103
 - December 2nd Canceled due to weather
- Funeral Services
 - Doris Petersen November 19th
 - Karen Larson (Non-member) November 27th
 - Jeff Yeaton December 10th
 - Sandy Feller December 12th/13th

The following action was taken during Pastor's report:

-Bob will serve as Point person for Pr Sharon on Dec 30th.

-The council was not opposed to Pastor Scott remaining at Synod Assembly through the Sunday session, including the extra Sunday of Pulpit Supply.

-The council was in favor of the possibility of taking a group of Jr High students to camp at Rainbow Trail in Colorado. Bob moved to approve camperships at the same amount as previous years for any ELCA camp, whether in the Western Iowa Synod or outside, Erik second; motion carried. Pastor Scott will continue to explore the possibility, connecting with the Jr High families to gauge interest. Likewise, he will continue to explore the possibility of accompanying the group and remaining on site during the week.

-Pastor Scott and Kim will continue exploring alternate options of First-Time visitor gifts, but the council agrees that offering some way of presenting a gift/documentation about the congregation is a good idea.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee: Kim organized a intergenerational group to produce gifts for Bethany Residents.

Property: Roger reported that the north light is out. Jessica will have Jeremy look at the light. Bob also mentioned the snow removal. Roger will touch base with Brian.

Operations: No report

Life Committee: Erik discussed ongoing picture collection for the directory. Likewise, Lifetouch has requested an electronic copy of the member list to be included.

Endowment: The Hasting distribution has been moved to Edward Jones. Bob will connect with Amber to make sure everything is in line, though instructions for the distribution were already in place.

New Business:

Pedersen family using the Basement January 26th.

Pastor Scott reminded committee chairs and council president of the need to submit a report for the Annual Report.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting is January 27th. The nomination group currently has 1 candidate in place for council, with 2 more still pending.

Next meeting is January 9th.

Pastor Scott moved to close, Bob seconded, motion carried.

Faithfully submitted,

Pastor Scott Dalen



Thanks to those who greeted in the month of
January.
Jeff and Chris Privia

Council Meeting

The council meeting will be February 13th
at 7:00 pm.



Offerings....

"Our gifts to God"

	Offerings	Attendance
Dec. 30	\$ 2188.65	62
Jan. 06	\$ 2691.50	130
Jan. 13	\$ 2164.97	95
Jan. 20	\$ 8513.50	109



Telescope Circle - TBD

Martha Circle – Will meet on February 8th at
2 PM at the home of Linda Merdinger, your
Hostess.



Ash Wednesday falls on March 6th this
year. This will kick off the Lenten Dinners
and Services with the Women's Executive
Board hosting. We will be having a Taco
Bar so 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. Martha Circle will serve on March
13th followed by the Telescope Circle
on March 20th. Please mark these
Wednesdays on your calendar. There will
be six weeks of opportunities!

SCRAPBOOKING/CRAFT DAY!
Come be creative with us

Saturdays
February 16, 2019
March 16, 2019
April 27, 2019

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, 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.

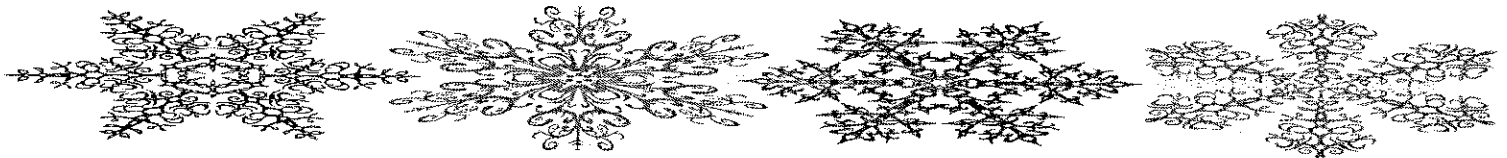
Hope to see you there—the more the merrier!!!

Worship Participants for February, 2019

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

ORGANISTS	Feb. 03	Judy Pingel	COMMUNION
	Feb. 10	Nancy Dose	
	Feb. 17	Judy Pingel	COMMUNION
	Feb. 24	Nancy Dose	
ACOLYTES	Feb. 03	Hannah Wulff	COMMUNION
	Feb. 10	Ava Dalen	
	Feb. 17	Nick Hackett	COMMUNION
	Feb. 24	Elizabeth Henderson	
LECTORS	Feb. 03	Gary Leaders	COMMUNION
	Feb. 10	Lea Voss	
	Feb. 17	Tonya Mayer	COMMUNION
	Feb. 24	Richard Miller	
USHERS	Feb. 03	Jeff and Tracy Shreeves	COMMUNION
	Feb. 10	Lewis Curtis and Jeremy Hultquist	
	Feb. 17	Neil and Adam Darrington	COMMUNION
	Feb. 24	Phil Feller and Bob Pingel	
GREETERS	Feb. 03	Carol Yeaton and Denise Barnett	COMMUNION
	Feb. 10	James and Marlene Merdinger	
	Feb. 17	Jeff and Tracy Shreeves	COMMUNION
	Feb. 24	Bob and Nancy Dose	
SPECIAL MUSIC	Feb. 03		COMMUNION
	Feb. 10		
	Feb. 17		COMMUNION
	Feb. 24		

ALTAR GUILD: Rhonda Johnson and Jackie Masker
CARRYING ELEMENTS: Dave and Linda Jennings
DEACON



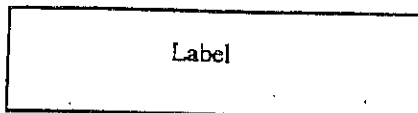
February 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28		
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