

The Messenger

Underwood Lutheran Church


July, 2019

Pastor Scott Dalen

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No Summer Education
WORSHIP SERVICE @9:30 AM

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- Our second Summer Free Movie Night is scheduled for Friday July 12th. Movie begins approximately 9:00pm out on the church lawn. Bring along a chair or blanket. Refreshments are provided.
 - Vacation Bible School will be held at the church Monday July 8th-Thursday July 11th. There are still a variety of ways to be involved with the week. The supply board is available in the Narthex. Youth volunteers (typically Jr High or High School) are encouraged to participate. Likewise, the congregation typically needs to provide housing for the Camp Staff who lead the program. At this point, we do not yet know if we will need to or not, but if you are willing to host some or all of the staff (typically 4-5 individuals) please let Kim know.
 - Pastor Scott will be on vacation beginning Monday July 29th-Sunday August 11th. Pastor Ben McIntire and Bethany Spiritual Coordinator CeCe Mickells will provide pulpit supply in his absence. Pastor Chuck Meyer of St Paul Lutheran in Treynor will be on call for emergencies.
 - Pastor Scott is beginning a continuing education program in August that will last through the program year. This program, called the Moses Project, is aimed at Pastors a few years into a call in rural ministry. Most of the program is online, however Pastor Scott will travel to Des Moines 3 times over the course of the program. The first time will be August 12-15th.
 - We've expanded our options for online interaction on Facebook. The church now hosts a group called "Underwood Lutheran Church Community." Facebook groups are designed to encourage interaction in a more accessible way than a regular page. You can find the group and join the group by visiting the church Facebook page and clicking on the blue button marked "Visit Group" found right under the main picture.
 - 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>



Our outgoing Bishop Rodger Prois, who was with us for worship earlier this spring, has offered a farewell message as he transitions out of the role of Bishop this month. I have shared Bishop Rodger's message below.

"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." John 15:11 (NRSV)

I began my service to the Lutheran Church of Western Iowa, ELCA (a.k.a. The Western Iowa Synod) six years ago with the attitude that joy in the Holy Spirit would be our primary motivation and our rallying point. As the synod leadership team began to coalesce, we realized that our attempts to let joy into our work would have to be intentional. As I look back on these years together, and begin to envision the future, it is still Christ's joy that is leading us. One of the frequent questions I ask people is, "where do you find joy?" Allow me in a few words to share where I have found joy in my work. Primarily my greatest joy has been in building relationships with the faithful people of the church. Some of those were leaders of the synod like Vice President Brian Campbell, former Secretary Karen Post, former Treasurer Pr. Jay Denne, current Secretary Pr. Jim Mossman, and current Treasurer Michael Jacobson. Some were congregations' leaders and members too numerous to list, yet their devotion to the Gospel and love of the church were constant reminders of why I felt the call to serve. Many were Rostered Leaders who give of themselves, often without adequate thanks, as they live into their sense of vocation and work to fulfill the command to love as Jesus has loved and preach the Gospel in its purity. I have also found joy in the church. While I have defined the synod as a church made up of many congregations that are comprised of many members, the church remains the body of Christ. It is this body that I have endeavored to lead into the future making necessary adaptations to our course as conditions changed and the body ages. This remains God's church and God will continue to nurture it and provide whatever it needs for sustenance and life. The willingness to embrace change has inherent risk and I pray that all those who take on the mantle of leadership in the church will be able to tolerate the risk and confidently follow the Spirit into places uncharted and places unknown. In Star Trek speech that would be the prime directive. Joy has also been present for me in working with a closely-knit team of people that love God and their neighbor. Kay Broich, Julie Cook, Deacon Lynn Egesdal, Pr Lorna Halaas, Pr Jeff Ungs, and Cindy Wells, became more than work colleagues as we recognized each other as sisters and brothers in Christ. Our Team meetings were times to connect on issues facing our families and personal lives. I have felt it important that we holistically care for one another, as what happens outside the office can have great implications for our performance and service. As a team we have dealt with personal struggles with cancer, death of family members and close friends, shared issues our children had to cope with and prayed fervently for support and peace. This team has carried its sense of relationship out into the church and worked to connect congregations with each other through the Thankfulness Events and relating our work with companions in Tanzania and Chile displaying their joy in the Lord.

I have taught that spiritual joy is not merely being happy, it is a deep soulful peace that can only come from God through the Holy Spirit. Things have not developed in the way I thought they would, but I still seek that joy and maintain that is how I must approach my next call and the rest of my life. I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve as bishop for the Western Iowa Synod and am thankful for the people I have met and the lives I have been allowed to touch. I pray for Bishop-elect Lorna, new and remaining staff, synod council members, and the congregations of Western Iowa, that God's voice might be heard above the din of this culture and hearts might be open to God's mission. Remember always to "Choose Joy!" and leave them laughing when you say good-bye.

The Reverend Rodger Prois

Bishop, Western Iowa Synod, ELCA

Underwood Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2019

Members Present: Bill Shelton, Jessica Hultquist, Kathy Darrington, Lynn Leaders, Diane Stein, Carol Yeaton, Pastor Scott Dalen, and Linda Merdinger.

Not Present: Rhonda Johnson, Gary Leaders, Jeff Poggensee, and Erik Pedersen.

Carol called the meeting to order. Pastor Scott opened with a devotion and prayer.

Linda presented the treasurer's report. Diane moved to approve the report, Pastor Scott seconded; motion carried.

Council discussed the possibility of Direct Deposit for the purpose of paychecks. Linda has inquired with the bank, and the cost to allow this process is \$14.95/month. For the purpose of 5 checks per month (2 for Pastor Scott and Kim, 1 for Tonya), the feeling of the council is that the convenience of direct deposit is not worth the cost.

Minutes were presented from the April meeting. Diane moved to approve the report, Jessica seconded; motion carried.

Reflecting that May's meeting is happening on the 3rd Wednesday, Linda found the extra week helpful for collecting the various reports. Constitutionally, there is no indication of when the meetings need to occur beyond monthly. Diane moved to alter regular monthly meetings from the 2nd Wednesday of the month to the 3rd, Pastor Scott second; motion carried.

Pastor's Report

See Attached

Committee Reports:

Operations-Diane discussed the ongoing push for giving. She proposed 1 and 3rd Sunday's of the month, continuing to include financial information in the setting of worship. Discussion indicated that once per month might be more effective.

Education:

Education has wrapped for another year. Sunday School teachers will be recognized along with the Senior Recognition on Sunday the 19th. VBS is July 8th-11th.

Property:

-Bill contacted the director of Merry Maids regarding the cleaning. He is still working on the inspection of fire extinguishers.

-Gene Merdinger assessed the church's riding lawn mower which is stored in the shed at the parsonage. He recommended scrapping the mower. LaVern Leaders has offered to take the mower for parts. Pastor Scott moved to allow LaVern to take the mower, Diane second; motion carried.

Life:

The new directories have arrived. There was discussion regarding charging members who did not sit for the directory pictures. The intention at the beginning of the process was that members who sat for a picture would receive a free copy and free copies will also be available for new members in the future.

The Rodenburg memorial project has been installed.

The committee is also discussing outdoor worship services, which will be held on the church lawn. Pastor Scott will work with the committee to plan this.

Endowment:

No report

Old Business:

Ragbrai- Jessica made a motion to refrain from hosting a booth in town for the event, Kathy seconded; motion carried.

New Business:

No New Business

Pastor moved to adjourn; Lynn seconded; motion carried

Next Meeting is June 19th at 7:00pm.

Attached Pastor's Report Items

Facility Issues

- Repair of Parsonage AC system as reported via email
- Rainwater in basement, NW Classroom, Dehumidifier is running to help dry the spot

Parish Education

Calendar Matters

- Off Monday July 29th-August 12th
 - 1 week Vacation Time, 1 Week Cont Ed Time
 - CeCe Michaels confirmed for August 11th Pulpit Supply, 4th Not Yet Covered
 - 2 Vacation Weeks Not Yet Planned for 2019
- Wedding September 28th, Church Rental, Pastor Chuck Meyer of Treynor

Congregational Life

- Working with Kim to revamp High School group in prep for 19-20 program year
 - Wednesday night activities going on hold through the summer
- Direct Deposit Inquiry, \$14.95/month fee with the bank

Pastoral Acts

- Confirmed Jadyynn McDonald, Quinten Wollan, Hannah Wulff April 28th
- New Members Received May 12th
 - Ben and Heather Harold,
 - Jonathan, Austin, Amalia
 - Brett and Colleen Michael
 - Ethan, Parish
- Regular Visitation Schedule
- 180 Communed (2 Regular Communion weeks, via green slips)
 - April 21st 88 of 109
 - May 5th 92 of 132
- Part of Bishop Nomination Process at Synod Assembly
 - Eliminated on 3rd Ballot, Placing 5th



Thanks to those who greeted in the month of June.

Jack, Ava and Emily Dalen
 Shirley, Karen and Jackie
 LaVern and Janet Leaders
 Brett and Colleen Michael



Telescope Circle – Will not meet in July.

Martha Circle – Will meet on July 12th for a lunch meeting.



Thank you to the following for special music in June.

Carol Yeaton

Council Meeting

The council meeting will be July 17th at 7:00 pm.



Our new church directories have arrived and are available. The Life Committee will continue distributing them on Sunday mornings. However, it has come to our attention that some (though not all) of the phone numbers listed for individuals/families is incorrect. When you receive your copy of the directory, please take the time to check your information and let the committee member know if yours is incorrect. We are planning steps to alleviate this issue.

Offerings....

"Our gifts to God"

	Offerings	Attendance
May 26	\$ 990.37	62
June 02	\$ 2753.39	90
June 09	\$ 1311.72	57
June 16	\$ 4445.72	82

VBS

We are teaming up with Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps for Day Camp this summer! At Day Camp, kids will encounter a week packed with Christ-centered activities, games, arts and crafts, songs, skits, and Bible-based lessons.

A team of Christ-centered, trained, and energetic staff from Ingham Okoboji will be leading the week's activities. The theme is **PRESS ON**. The week theme verse is Philippians 3:13-14. It's going to be a fantastic week as we learn about our journey of faith with God's Story, Mountaintops, Storms, Life at Base Camp and through all of it we can **PRESS ON**.

Day Camp runs Monday-Thursday. Day Camp participants get to bring their own sack meal every day, however, a snack and beverage will be provided.

The week concludes with a Thursday Day Camp Celebration where Day Campers show all they've experienced as we celebrate Christ! We hope you join us for Day Camp! Register today!

Dates and Campsite Location:

ULC July 8-11

Arrival Time:

Incoming Kindergartners: 9:00-11:30
Incoming 1st-6th grade: 9:00-2:00

Age requirement:

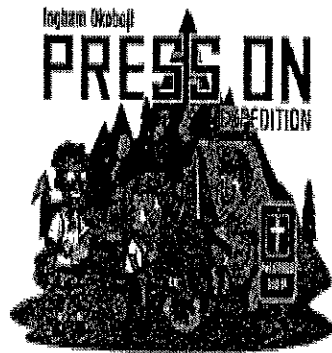
Completed Preschool - 5th Grade

Cost Per Ticket (Child):

\$10 if registered before June 23
\$15 if registered between June 24th and July 8th

Registrations & Health Forms Contact:

Kim Madsen - FaithFormation.ulg@gmail.com
(402) 960-2003



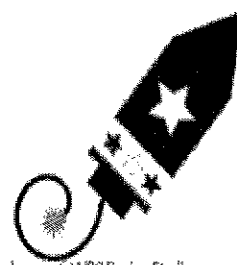
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to Ragbrai coming through Underwood on July the 21st. We will be having worship service at 6:00 PM.

Be sure to mark your calendars, so you don't miss service.

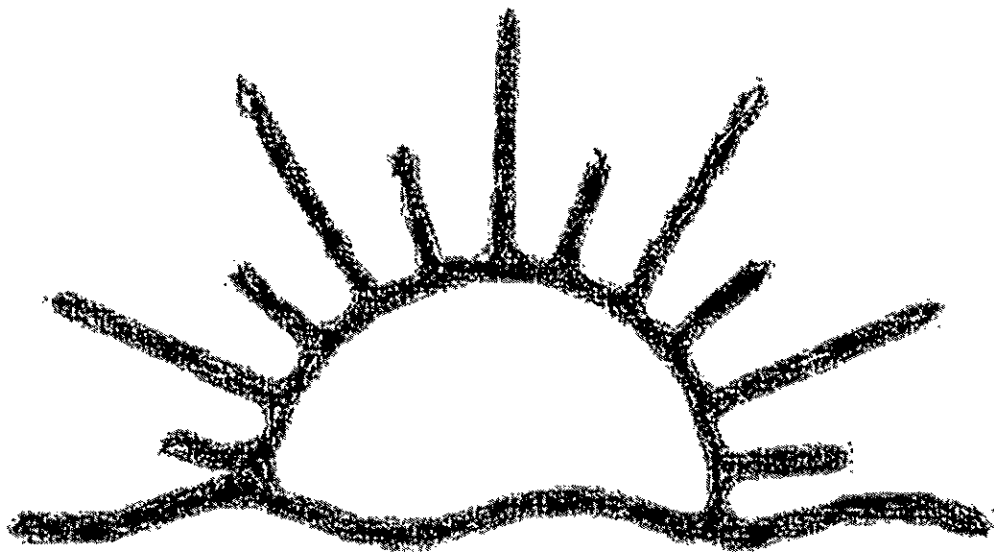
4th of July

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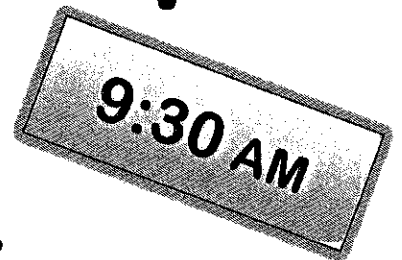


Outdoor Worship

July 28 &

August 25

On the Church Front Lawn



No Potluck to Follow

Bring Lawn Chairs

In case of inclement weather, we will move inside.

Worship Participants for July, 2019

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

ORGANISTS	July 07	Judy Pingel	COMMUNION
	July 14	Nancy Dose	
	July 21	Judy Pingel	COMMUNION
	July 28	Nancy Dose	
ACOLYTES	July 07	Nick Hackett	COMMUNION
	July 14	Elizabeth Henderson	
	July 21	Rachael Privia	COMMUNION
	July 28	Tenley Roberts	
LECTORS	July 07	Weta Butterfield	COMMUNION
	July 14	Payton Leaders	
	July 21	Nancy Dose	COMMUNION
	July 28	Nancy Geise	
USHERS	July 07	LaVern Leaders and Lynn Leaders	COMMUNION
	July 14	Gary and Jan Ehrens	
	July 21	Jeff Poggensee and Mike Shelton	COMMUNION
	July 28	Bill and Libby Shelton	
GREETERS	July 07	Joyce Nelson and Cathy Novotny	COMMUNION
	July 14		
	July 21	Bob and Nancy Dose	COMMUNION
	July 28	Roger and Colleen Torneten	
SPECIAL MUSIC	July 07		COMMUNION
	July 14		
	July 21		COMMUNION
	July 28		

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce Nelson and Cathy Novotny
CARRYING ELEMENTS: Jim and Nadine Trede
DEACON: Rhonda Johnson



July 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7/1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 AM Worship Service/ Holy Communion	8 VBS	9 VBS	10 VBS	11 VBS	12 11:30 AM Martha Circle	13
14 9:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Basement Reserved/ Pedersen	15	16	17 7:00 PM Council Meeting	18	19	20
21 6:00 PM Worship Service	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship Service	29 Pastor Scott/Vacation	30 Pastor Scott/Vacation	31 Pastor Scott/Vacation			

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