

The Messenger

Underwood Lutheran Church

June, 2018

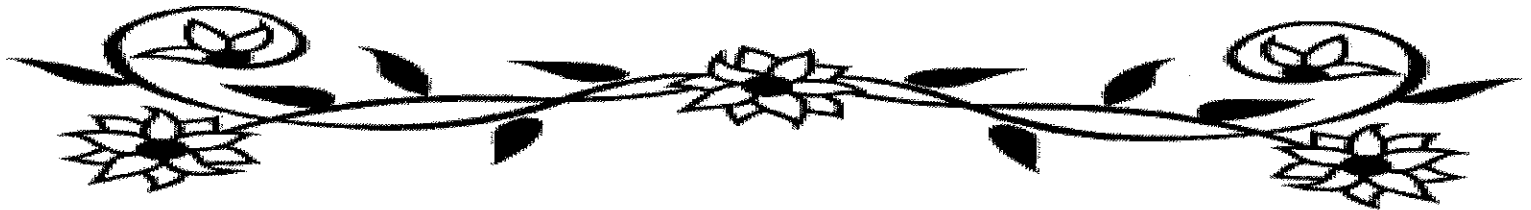
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SUNDY SCHOOL-CONFIRMATION-ADULT BIBLE STUDY on Summer Break
WORSHIP SERVICE @9:30 AM



- High School will meet on the 6th and 20th.
 - Reminder that worship switches to the summer schedule on Sunday May 27th. Worship will begin at 9:30am through Labor Day weekend in early September.
 - Wednesday evening Bible Study is focusing on the Book of Revelation. We are also utilizing a resource book within our discussions. Conversation begins at 6:00pm. We will plan to meet on the 6th, 13th, and 20th. We will not meet on the 27th. However, with summer schedules often being quite busy for individuals, please pay attention to announcements regarding changes on the church website and Facebook.
 - Pastor Scott will be on vacation June 25th-July 2nd. Pastor Jon Benson from St John's in Council Bluffs will be on call in his absence.
 - The Western Iowa Synod Assembly will be held in Sioux City June 8th-10th. Pastor Scott and delegates Michael and Melissa Johnson will be present for the sessions occurring on the 8th and 9th.
 - 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>



Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, I sit down to write this article a touch on the early side, during the 10-day period between Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost. Many of you have heard me describe this brief period as a Significant Pause in the life of the church, a moment when we all collectively catch our breath. Perhaps it feels a bit like we are joining the earliest church in wondering just what's coming next.

As I've looked back through various reports and devotions that I've written over the years, I have found this to be a common theme. So common in fact, that it almost seems that it has repeated itself over the past couple of years. And with this realization, it raises the question of what has God been up to here in our community and congregation over the past few years. If we're feeling "glass half empty," it's certainly possible to wonder if things have moved forward. We've all heard the old saying that the wheels turn slow, and they do. But it's important to recognize that they do turn.

In January of 2016 I stood before the Annual Meeting and shared my observations over what had been (at that time) 2.5 years of my tenure as your pastor. I talked about opportunities and challenges that we were facing. As a result, the congregation empowered a committee to begin exploring possible options for moving forward into the future. Fast forward about 18 months, and in June of last year the committee made the recommendation to hire a part-time Faith Formation Coordinator. This individual would step into several different roles which have been filled on a volunteer basis up to this point. The congregation voted in favor of the position and we began the process of finding the right individual.

The wheels turn slowly don't they? But they do turn. And it with great excitement that Kim Madsen joins ULC, both as a new member back in May, but more importantly as our new Faith Formation Coordinator in June. This is an exciting opportunity for our congregation. It presents an opportunity for new growth, for new ideas, and for new ways that you all can still be involved. Kim won't be doing everything herself. Just as past volunteer directors have needed assistance to make these program happen, Kim will need that same help.

You've heard me talk about needing a village to raise the next generation in faith, and I still hold to it. It takes all of us investing in one another, learning with and from one another, learning about one another, across all ages. This is how our community of faith grows in that faith. By exploring together what the Spirit is up to in the lives of those that surround us as well as within our own lives.

Perhaps it feels like we've been in the midst of the significant pause for the past couple of years. But the Spirit is moving now. This new chapter in the life of our congregation is a challenge for us, but I believe that we are up to it. And if we embrace this new opportunity, it'll be exciting to see where the Holy Spirit leads us.

In Christ
Pastor Scott



Thanks to those who greeted in the month of May.

Laura and Paige Tennigkeit
 Kathy Darrington and Analise Letner
 Aaron and Katie Pattee, Ali & Aiden

Council Meeting

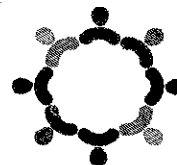
The council meeting will be June 13th at 7:00 pm.



Offerings....

"Our gifts to God"

	Offerings	Attendance
April 29	\$ 1355.65	102
May 06	\$ 2052.00	161
May 13	\$ 2946.00	84
May 20	\$ 2413.00	110



WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Telescope Circle will meet on **Thursday, June 14th**, for lunch, at **12:30 p.m.** at the **home of Sandra Sorlien**, 22598 Pinoak Road, Underwood. Please let Sandra know whether or not you will be able to attend. Hoping to see you on the 14th for lunch followed by the continuing Bible study, "Receiving God's Love," Chapter 5.

Martha Circle will meet for breakfast. Watch for more information in the bulletin.

Faith Formation

COORDINATOR UPDATE

Underwood Lutheran Church is pleased to welcome Kim Madsen as our new Faith Formation Coordinator. Kim begins her new role on June 1st. Her primary duties will be overseeing the Sunday School Program, Junior High Youth activities, and Vacation Bible School. Kim is a lifelong resident of the Underwood/Council Bluffs area. In addition to her new role here at ULC, Kim has been an Occupational Therapist for more than 20 years, the last 13 with the Green Hills AEA. Please join us in welcoming Kim.



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

SEEK FIRST. The week theme verse is Matthew 6:33.

It's going to be a fantastic week as we learn how we can Seek God, Us, Others, and ultimately Seek First. 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 Destination: July 9-12

Time/Age requirement:

*9:00am-2:00pm

(Completed Kindergarten-5th Grade-bring sack lunch)

*9:00am-11:30am (Completed Preschool)

Cost Per Ticket (Child):

\$10 before June 23rd

\$15 after June 23rd

*Scholarships Available

Registration/Health Forms: Available in the Narthex or on our website: www.underwoodlutheran.org

Send completed registration forms with payment to:

Beth Torneten, PO 115, Underwood, IA 51576. or place in appropriate tray in Narthex.

Call Beth @: 402-639-2510, if questions.

Michael and Darlene Shelton are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 3:00 until 5:00 PM at Underwood Lutheran church, Underwood, Iowa. They have two children – Bill, wife Libby, grandchildren Samantha and Michael; and Michelle, husband Scott, grandchildren Elizabeth, Emma and Blake. Come join us if you can!

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| boating | fireflies | popsicles | sprinklers | swimmingpool |
| camping | fireworks | sandals | sunglasses | vacation |



Underwood Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 11, 2018

Members present: Jessica Hultquist, Michael Johnson, Bob Pingel, Erik Pedersen, Rhonda Johnson, Roger Hemmingsen, Carol Yeaton, Jeff Poggensee

Others Present: Linda Merdinger

Absent: Bill Shelton, Lynn Leaders

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by council president, Jessica Hultquist.

Secretary's Report:

Moved by Bob Pingel and seconded by Pastor to approve the 3/14/18 council meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Reports: Linda Merdinger presented the financial reports. Moved by Michael Johnson and seconded by Jeff Poggensee to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Facility Issues

- Annual elevator inspection April 10th
- Elevator test scheduled for April 20th

Parish Education Matters

- Confirmation Sunday April 29th
 - Students to be confirmed: Brandy May, Jackson Dalen, Ellie Hackett, Sydney Leaders

Calendar Matters

- Synod Assembly June 8-10 (Friday-Sunday)
 - Typically skip the Sunday session
 - This year my 5-year ordination anniversary will be recognized on Sunday
 - Pastor's Israel trip time was discussed and decided the trip is considered work time which added 2 extra Sunday pulpit supply.
 - Possibility of empowering laypeople to lead worship
- Holy Land presentation planned during Education on May 6th.
- Vacation Time
 - May 21st-27th (Memorial Weekend, Pulpit supply Pr Sharon Worthington)
 - July 30th-Aug 12th (1 week vacation, 1 week cont education time as in past)
 - Possibility of June 25th-July 1st (not yet determined)

Congregational Life

- Marinetta Nelson-Bittle is relocating this summer and will no longer be serving the Western Iowa Synod.
 - Her education through Wartburg Seminary is continuing and the council has decided to continue her scholarship at this time.

Pastoral Acts

- Regular visitation schedule
- 225 Communed (2 weeks and Maundy Thursday, green slips)
 - Mar 18th 62 of 73
 - M Thursday 35 of 43
 - Apr 1st 128 of 162

Committee Reports:

Property

- Repaired and reinforced all of the pews.
- Roof and gutter repairs completed.
- Claim open on shingles that don't match and that will be repair if it doesn't fade in a few months.

Education

None

Life

Planning to get ready for movie nights and summer outdoor service.

Operations

None

Old Business:

Candidate interview planned for Faith Formation Coordinator.

New Business:

Comment to update budget in bulletin to current year's budget and to proofread bulletin inserts better.

The next council meeting will be held May 9, 2018.

Moved by Pastor and seconded by Michael Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Johnson

Underwood Lutheran Church Council Secretary



Underwood Lutheran Church Family Movie Night

Dates & Movies

Friday, June 15 – *Wonder*

Friday, July 20 – *Beauty and the Beast*

Friday, August 17 – *I Can Only Imagine*

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Come out this summer and enjoy FREE movies
on the lawn at Underwood Lutheran Church.

Movies will begin at dusk (approximately 9:00pm).

Complimentary refreshments will be
available for all moviegoers.

Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged.

Questions:

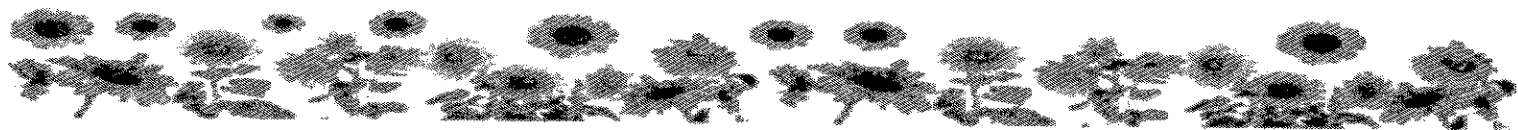
Contact Sandy Redshaw at 712-566-9574

Worship Participants for June, 2018

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

ORGANISTS	June 03	Nancy Dose	COMMUNION
	June 10	Judy Pingel	
	June 17	Nancy Dose	COMMUNION
	June 24	Judy Pingel	
ACOLYTES	June 03	Jack Dalen	COMMUNION
	June 10	Ellie Hackett	
	June 17	Sydney Leaders	COMMUNION
	June 24	Jadynn McDonald	
LECTORS	June 03	Jessica Hultquist	COMMUNION
	June 10	Courtney Sampson	
	June 17	Jay Ackland	COMMUNION
	June 24	Brian Leaders	
USHERS	June 03	Gary Leaders and Alec Leaders	COMMUNION
	June 10	LaVern Leaders and Lynn Leaders	
	June 17	Gary and Jan Ehrens	COMMUNION
	June 24	Mark and Landon Torneten	
GREETERS	June 03		COMMUNION
	June 10	LaVern and Janet Leaders	
	June 17		COMMUNION
	June 24	Shirley, Karen and Jackie	
SPECIAL MUSIC	June 03		COMMUNION
	June 10		
	June 17	Zoey Richardson and Doris Petersen	COMMUNION
	June 24		

ALTAR GUILD: Carol Urban and Brandy May
CARRYING ELEMENTS: Jackie Masker and Joellen Darrington
DEACON: Bill Shelton



June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					6/1	2
3 9:30 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion	4	5 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM High School Group	6	7	8	9
10 9:30 AM Worship Service	11	12 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Council Meeting	13 12:30 PM Telescope Circle@ Sandra Sorlein's	14	15 Basement Reserved/Shelton's	16
17 9:30 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion	18	19 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM High School Group	20	21	22	23
24 9:30 AM Worship Service	25 Pastor Scott / Vacation	26 Pastor Scott / Vacation	27 Pastor Scott / Vacation	28 Pastor Scott / Vacation	29 Pastor Scott / Vacation	30 Pastor Scott / Vacation

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