

# The Messenger

Underwood Lutheran Church

June, 2022

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No Education and Worship Service @ 9:30 am

-Holy Communion will be celebrated June 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Note that this is a deviation from our usual practice of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

-Reminder that we are now in the Summer Schedule for Sunday mornings. Worship begins at 9:30am, with Online Videos released later in the day. We will remain on this schedule through Labor Day weekend, September 4<sup>th</sup>. The Program Year Schedule will resume on Rally Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

-Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> will feature outdoor worship on the church lawn. Bring your lawn chairs and we will worship together in God's creation. If weather is an issue, we will simply move worship back inside.

-Council will meet for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

-Pastor Scott will be on vacation the first week of June, returning to the office Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

-Anyone interested in joining the ranks of worship volunteers in the roles of Usher, Reader, or Altar Guild? These important roles help the weekend worship services operate smoothly. Please contact Pastor Scott for more information or to volunteer.

-Local individuals are invited to connect with us on Facebook in our group page "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. Note that this Facebook group is private, and is intended only for individuals in and directly around the Underwood community. Individuals from outside our community are free to follow the public ULC Facebook page.



In John's account of the Last Supper, Jesus gets a little long winded, teaching and encouraging the disciples for the better part of four and half chapters. As I sit down to write this article, Sunday's gospel lesson is a brief snippet of that long teaching of Jesus, in which he talks about the importance of keeping his commands and remembering his words. And in chapter 14:24-26 we hear Jesus say *"Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you."*

I can't help but think there's a lot of sending going on. God the Father has sent Jesus into the world. Jesus is returning the Father and the Holy Spirit will be sent to the disciples. The Holy Spirit will continue to teach them, and eventually those empowered disciples will be sent out into the world to carry the gospel, and be the hands and feet of Christ.

But the Last Supper, particularly in John's account, is a pause...it's a breather. Likewise, our current position in the church year, late in the season of Easter, is something of a breather as well. The focal point of the gospel lessons has shifted away from the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus into teachings that point forward into the future...a future which will begin for the disciples at Pentecost.

Likewise, this moment in the church year might just feel like a bit of a breather for us as well...or maybe just me. The program year has wrapped up. We're transitioning into summer mode, which for the most part is fairly lowkey around here. As I think back over past years, I recognize that summer offers me the opportunity for reflection, both on the year that has been as well as the year that will be.

Maybe this sensibility serves as our "last supper." A breather to pause and reflect, while also serving as a reminder that we share in the "sending." Like the disciples, we are empowered by that same Holy Spirit. Perhaps the question focuses in on "what will that look like for us when this breather is over?"

That's a question I hope we are all asking as we look forward to September. This past program year has been a good one. A year in which we were collectively rebuilding, and we were trying to find that sense of normalcy. And I think we did a good job on that front. But I'm wondering...how can we continue to build on the progress which we've made? What new opportunities might come into focus?

This is where you come in. Remember that we are all in this together. Following the prodding and the leading of the Holy Spirit is not a one-person job. So in the months to come, I'm inviting you into some reflection as well. What do you see? Where (or into what) are we being sent?

In Christ,

Pastor Scott

# thank you!

Thank you to all who came to my graduation party. It's been a pleasure growing up within this church. I thank you for your support of me as I've grown up, and now as I've graduated. I appreciate all the gifts and all the blessings.

Jackson Dalen



We would like to send a special thank you for the love and kindness. Your prayers, cards and encouragement have meant more to us than words can express. We still need your prayers as Gaylen works every day in rehab to make it back home. We are forever grateful to our ULC family.

Gaylen and Karen

## Adopt A Seminarian Update

Our former Adopt A Seminarian, Marietta Nelson-Bittle, will be ordained into the office of Word and Sacrament on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>. She has been called as pastor to serve a congregation in the Seattle, WA area.

Marietta sends her greetings to the people of Underwood Lutheran along with expressing her gratitude for the ongoing financial support as well as the opportunities to participate and lead worship over the years.

## Offerings....

*"Our gifts to God"*

	Offerings	Attendance
April 24	\$ 2054.12	92
May 01	\$ 1546.27	115
May 08	\$ 3417.64	125
May 15	\$ 3290.04	76

## Financial Update as of April 30th

YTD Regular Giving: \$41,265.39  
 YTD Actual Expenses: \$49,827.75  
 YTD Budgeted Expenses: \$54,059.76





## Vacation Bible School

Hello all! We hope you are having a wonderful spring and are looking forward to planning your summer activities. We wanted to send out the Day Camp Registration and Health Form/Day Camp Covenant for Vacation Bible School, and to pass along VBS information.

- Dates (Tuesday - Friday) July 5, 6, 7, 8 - from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- VBS is for students who have completed K-5<sup>th</sup> grade and are entering 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Students bring a sack lunch each day
- Snacks will be provided throughout the week
- VBS will be held at Underwood Lutheran Church and is open to all our Sunday School students that meet the grade requirements listed above. We also encourage you to reach out to friends, family, and neighbors who might have children interested in attending.
- We are looking for Middle School and High School students interested in volunteering as helpers at VBS.
- Cost for VBS is \$15 (scholarships available if needed). Please include this fee when you return your registration, accepting cash or checks to ULC.

We have attached the registration form and camp covenant, located on the back of the registration form. We will also make the registration form/covenant available on the church website. Please complete the form and return it and the registration fee before the end of May. We will continue to take registration forms after that time, but it will help with planning to have most of the registration completed before VBS begins. Please reach out to Joyce Tiarks or any VBS Committee member if you have any questions. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at Vacation Bible School! Forms and fee may be dropped off at church in the VBS drop box, or mailed to: ULC, PO Box 9, 10 Third Street, Underwood, IA, 51576.

### Committee Members:

Joyce Tiarks, Contact Person ([tiarksjjsd@gmail.com](mailto:tiarksjjsd@gmail.com) and 402-250-5677)

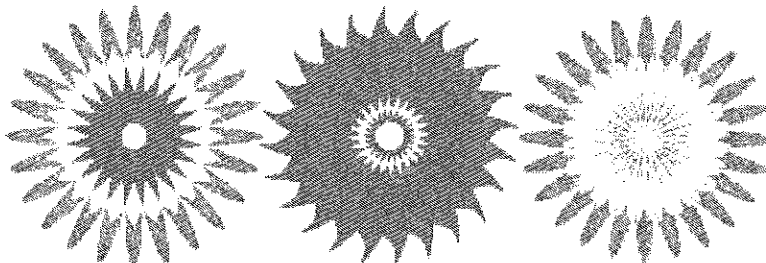
Tonya Mayer, Chris Privia, JoAnna Mitchell, Becky Pedersen, and Analise Letner

# Worship Participants for June, 2022

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

Piano/Organist	June 05	Sonya Schiphoff
	June 12	Nancy Dose
	June 19	Judy Pingel
	June 26	Arla Clausen
Acolytes	June 05	TBD
	June 12	TBD
	June 19	TBD
	June 26	TBD
Lectors	June 05	Brian Leaders
	June 12	Gary Leaders
	June 19	Payton Leaders
	June 26	Tonya Mayer
Ushers	June 05	Brett Michael and Mike Shelton
	June 12	Arlon Bertelsen and Jay Ackland
	June 19	Bob Dose and Dick Miller
	June 26	Adam Darrington and Erik Pedersen

ALTAR GUILD: Carol Urban and Diane Stein  
DEACON: Brett Michael



# June 2022

## Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 29 9:30 AM Worship Service	30 👤 Pastor Scott/ vacation	31 👤 Pastor Scott/ vacation	Jun 1 👤 Pastor Scott - Vacation	2 👤 Pastor Scott - Vacation	3 👤 Pastor Scott - Vacation	4 👤 Pastor Scott - Vacation
5 9:30 AM Worship Service/	6 👤 Pastor Scott - Vacation	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 AM Worship Service	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 AM Worship Service/	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship	27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2