

The Messenger

Underwood Lutheran Church

March, 2018

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



Our mid-week Lenten activities will continue through the first 3 weeks of March, the 7th, 14th, and 21st. Dinner begins at 6pm, worship at 7pm, and the regular Wednesday activities will begin following worship (High School or Council).

-Holy Week is the final week of March. Maundy Thursday is the 29th and Good Friday is the 30th. Both evenings will feature worship beginning at 7pm. There will not be dinners before worship these two days. Easter Sunday will be on April 1st.

-High School will meet on the 7th and the 21st. We will meet following the mid-week Lenten worship each night.

-Pastor Scott will be leading the Holy Land Trip during March. We will depart on Saturday the 10th, returning on Tuesday the 20th. Pastor Jon Benson will be on call for Pastoral Emergencies. Pastor Jon will also lead worship on Sunday the 11th and Pastor Paula Lawhead will lead worship on Sunday the 18th.

-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>

Jesus says "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

There's a small plaque that sits on one of the bookshelves in my office that says "My Boss is a Jewish Carpenter." Barring anything crazy going on, it is positioned so that every time I walk in, I see it. I love this plaque...and I love what it reminds me. Yes I am the called pastor here at Underwood Lutheran, but I'm also a member of the body of Christ. I have been brought into the body through the waters of my baptism, and I have been empowered by the Holy Spirit. Together with each of you who share in the same distinction, we have been called to be the hands and feet of Christ here in the world.

Jesus uttered the words that I have highlighted above during the Last Supper in a rather long winded time of teaching with the disciples. A couple of chapters later Jesus will repeat the command to love one another, and with this he changes the word that he uses to describe the disciples, calling them friends. But one thing never changes, they are still Christ-followers, they are still his disciples. Likewise, so are we.

A month ago I posed the idea of our Core Identity, and asking the question "Who are we?" As I've pondered on this question, this is the first conclusion I've come to, that above all else we are followers of Christ and therefore, we pay attention to his commands. I've also come to the conclusion that I believe this command to love each other might just be the single most important command that Jesus gave us...and I think perhaps the Apostle Paul would agree. After all, the first fruit of the Spirit that Paul lists is love (Galatians 5:22 if you're looking).

Now just how do we go about loving one another? Well that's open to interpretation. But it seems to me that it starts with looking at one another as God sees us...a precious life, made bearing the divine image, one that is worthy of love and respect. I recently had a conversation that touched on this very subject, especially in light of ongoing debates (most of which seem to sound like screaming matches) in our nation regarding mass-shootings and gun control.

Yes, we all have different opinions and understandings. We come from different backgrounds and different experiences. And it seems to be me that we all feel every bit as passionately on these matters as those who fall on the other end of the spectrum. But it is my hope and my prayer that we can sit down and actually talk with one another, rather than resorting to trying to be the one who can yell the loudest. Or in a different tactic, to paint anyone who thinks differently as evil and nefarious. We live in a world that is really good at that. But we are called to be different.

Who are we? Let us continue to ask ourselves this question...and as we ponder on it, may we remember who we follow. May we remember who it is that has claimed us out of divine love for each of us. And may we mirror that same love out into the world, so that they see that Our Boss is a Jewish Carpenter.

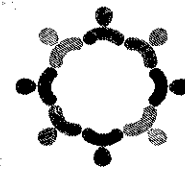
In Christ,

Pastor Scott



Thanks to those who greeted in the month of February.

Jay and Linda Ackland
Judy Pingel



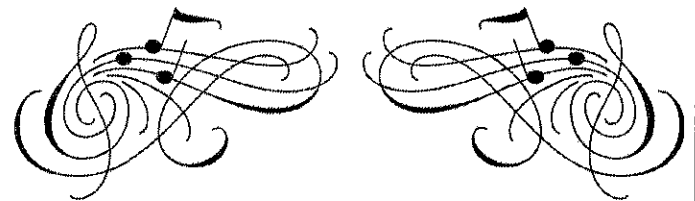
WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Telescope Circle will meet March 8th at 1:30 pm with Joyce Nelson as Hostess.

Martha Circle will meet on March 9th at 2:00 pm with Nancy Dose as your hostess.

Council Meeting

The council meeting will be March 14th at 7:30 pm.



Special Music
Sunday School Children
Choraleers

Offerings....

"Our gifts to God"

	Offerings	Attendance
Jan. 28	\$ 1578.00	83
Feb. 04	\$ 2534.65	104
Feb. 11	\$ 1557.00	114
Feb. 18	\$ 3255.00	112

Lenten Services

We hope that you have been able to come and join us for the Lenten Dinners and Services. We will continue our weekly schedule of Dinners starting at 6:00 and Services at 7:00. The dinners are as follows:

February 28th -Telescope Circle – Scalloped Potatoes & Ham

March 7th – Church Council – Chicken

March 14th – Sunday School – Brisket

March 21st – Confirmation – Pizza

Come and join the great food and fellowship!

Underwood Lutheran Memorial Scholarships

As the school year continues to draw closer to its end; it is time again to announce the scholarship committee is now accepting applications for the Christensen and Neumann memorial scholarships.

Through the generosity of the Herluf and Vashti Christensen family and the Harold, Irma, and Shari Neumann family, Underwood Lutheran Church is again this year honored to be able to offer scholarship monies to qualified recipients. Last year, almost \$6,000 was awarded through these scholarships and that amount is again available this year. The scholarships are designed to give financial aid and recognition to members of Underwood Lutheran Church who have shown significant academic and constructive achieve and wish to pursue an advanced education.

To be eligible for application of these scholarships, you must be a member of Underwood Lutheran Church and be confirmed in the Lutheran faith. These monies can only be used at a post high school institution of learning that you will be attending during the 2018-2019 school year.

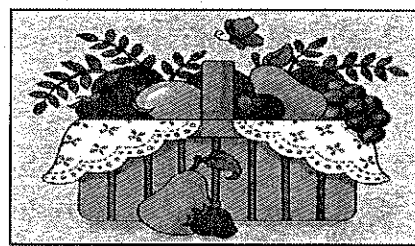
Applications are currently available through the church secretary's office and will be accepted now through April 1. Please return completed applications to the church secretary's office by the April 1 deadline and be sure to apply for both scholarships. Winners of the scholarships will be announced during worship service on Sunday, May 20.

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



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

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



March 2018

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 senior 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.

BETHANY SPIRITUAL LIFE DISCUSSION-Bethany Lutheran Home invites you to be a part of *Coffee and Conversation*, a round table discussion with our sponsoring congregations, delegates and any interested others on how to meet the spiritual needs of Bethany residents, tenants and staff. We will also be discussing our current program offerings and how to best attract and financially maintain a Chaplain position. Please join us on **Sunday March 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 2444 North Broadway** (across from Christy Crème) Council Bluffs, IA.

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? 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 may be eligible for use at Bethany Heights. ***We are currently offering an Assisted Living Move-In Special--- 50% off the deposit and reduced rent prices. The special runs through April 1st.*** For more information or to set up a visit please contact Paula Fandry at Bethany Heights at 712-328-8228.

Bethany Auxiliary Meeting-The Bethany Auxiliary Meeting will be held on **Monday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m.** This will be the **Annual Bake Sale fundraiser** with proceeds supporting resident and tenant projects at Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. This Bake Sale is held both at Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights and supported by Residents, Tenants, Staff and Families. Baked good items of all types are welcome. When possible, please package items in smaller quantities. (If your item contains nuts, gluten free, etc. please let us know). Our residents and tenants enjoy shopping and smaller amounts are better. For more information contact your Auxiliary Key Lady or Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. Thank you.

Volunteer and Spiritual Life Tea- We are proud of our Volunteers, Sponsoring Congregations, Pastors and Secretaries. We want to say thank you to you. Whether you've served as a Key Lady; led worship or communion; led a Bible Study; helped out with Bingo, a Birthday Party or the Auxiliary; baked a pie, cake or have helped out at the Ice Cream Social; whether you've contributed or helped at the Salad Luncheon; whether you have provided volunteer time visiting Residents and Tenants or helping with an Activity; or whether you have supported us through contributions or prayers or anything else; we want to recognize and thank you. Please join us as we recognize our volunteers on **Sunday, April 15th at 2:00 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliott Street.** Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and entertainment as we say thank you for what you have done for Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. We look forward to seeing you on April 15th.

Employment Opportunities at Bethany- Bethany currently has several positions available. For more information, please visit www.indeed.com or contact Bethany Human Resources Director Debbie Butcher at 712-328-9500.

GENERAL STORE ITEMS NEEDED-The General Store at Bethany is in need of items to re-stock our shelves. Residents earn Store Bucks by attending specific activities and programs. The residents in turn use the Store Bucks to purchase items from the General Store. This is an excellent opportunity for the residents to shop and to encourage resident participation in activities. We currently are in need of the following items: Small Blankets, men's items, cans of soda, sugar free candy, single serving chips, wall décor, DVD movies, and electronic items such as small radios. Items can be dropped off at Bethany Lutheran Home or brought to church and we will make sure they are picked up. If you have any questions, please contact Kaily Stanley at 712-328-9500. Thank you for your support.



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Lutheran Health Services

Bethany Lutheran Home invites you to

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Sunday March 11, 2018

2:00 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

2444 North Broadway (across from Christy Crème)

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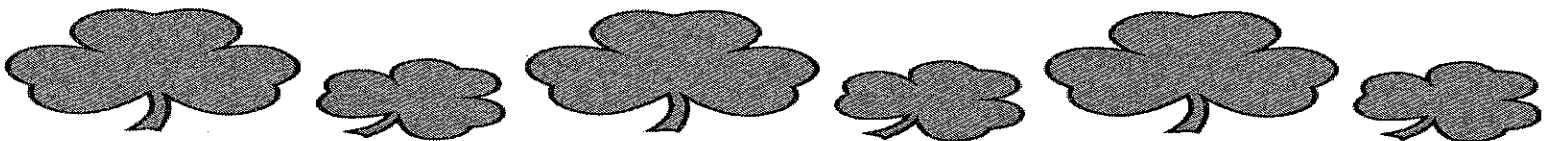
For questions or more information, please contact Peggy Karstens at 712-328-9500.

Worship Participants for March, 2018

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

ORGANISTS	Mar. 04	Judy Pingel	COMMUNION
	Mar. 11	Nancy Dose	
	Mar. 18	Judy Pingel	COMMUNION
	Mar. 25	Nancy Dose	
ACOLYTES	Mar. 04	Hannah Wulff	COMMUNION
	Mar. 11	Jack Dalen	
	Mar. 18	Ellie Hackett	COMMUNION
	Mar. 25	Sydney Leaders	
LECTORS	Mar. 04	Jay Ackland	COMMUNION
	Mar. 11	Brian Leaders	
	Mar. 18	Gary Leaders	COMMUNION
	Mar. 25	Lea Voss	
USHERS	Mar. 04	Mark and Landon Torneten	COMMUNION
	Mar. 11	Alex and Sonya Schiphoff	
	Mar. 18	Jeff and Tracy Shreeves	COMMUNION
	Mar. 25	Jim and Nadine Trede	
GREETERS	Mar. 04	Dave and Linda Jennings	COMMUNION
	Mar. 11	Roger and Sue Hemmingsen	
	Mar. 18	Bob and Nancy Dose	COMMUNION
	Mar. 25	Jessica, Jeremy, Quentin and Tenley	
SPECIAL MUSIC	Mar. 04		COMMUNION
	Mar. 11		
	Mar. 18	Choraleers	COMMUNION
	Mar. 25	Sunday School	

ALTAR GUILD: Charlene Brust and Joellen Darrington
CARRYING ELEMENTS: J.W. and Joyce Tiarks
DEACON:



March 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2/25 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
4 9:00 AM Sunday School/Adult Forum/Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion	5	6	7 6:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Worship Service	8 1:30 PM Telescope Circle	9 2:00 PM Martha Circle	10 Pastor Scott in Israel
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