

The Messenger

Underwood Lutheran Church

May, 2019

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



- Adult Bible Study will resume in May. We will meet on the 1st, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. We will NOT meet on the 8th. After a long break through the season of Lent, we will determine future discussion topics during our meeting on the 1st.
 - High School will meet May 1st. At this point we will determine plans for the High School group through the summer. Pastor Scott is working on restructuring the format of the High School group in preparation for the start of the new program year this fall.
 - Underwood's Baccalaureate Service will be held at the High School on Wednesday May 8th. Due to this, ULC's May Council Meeting has been moved to Wednesday the 15th.
 - The Western Iowa Synod Assembly will be held in Sioux City, beginning the evening of Friday May 3rd through Sunday the 5th. Pastor Scott, Kim Madsen, and Chad Wollan will be attending Assembly. Kim and Chad will return Saturday evening, but Pastor Scott is remaining through Sunday morning. In his absence, Pastor Paula Lawhead will be present to lead worship on the 5th.
 - Sunday May 5th will be the final day of Education for the program year. During worship, the Sunday School Students and the Choraleers will sing together.
 - Sunday May 19th is Senior Recognition Sunday. Our graduating seniors will be recognized in worship. The presentation of Scholarships will also occur.
 - There will not be Education in the 9am time slot on the 12th & 19th. Worship will remain at 10:15am on both of these Sundays. We will move to the Summer Worship Schedule on the 26th, with worship beginning at 9:30am that day. This schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend in early September.
 - 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>



“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Colossians 3:15-17

This passage from Colossians is a part of a larger section commonly featured in Wedding ceremonies...which I can attest to personally, considering I heard it in my own wedding back in late-May 2001. Like pretty much every bit of scripture, there is a lot going on here. But I think a theme of gratitude jumps out of it. And I can't help but think that the Apostle Paul was on to something when we recommended a grateful attitude to us as fellow believers.

With that in mind, I feel that there have been many different things recently that I need to be thankful for. Some of them on my own behalf, and some on the behalf of others. And so I'd like to take this opportunity just to say thank you.

First of all, I'll offer a huge thank you to everyone who participated in creating another wonderful season of Lent and Holy Week and Easter. Thank you to each individual who bravely shared their faith story with the congregation. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and serve our Wednesday evening meals throughout the season, as well as those who provided the Easter breakfast. Thank you to everyone who helped out as an usher, or as deacon, or altar guild, often times behind the scenes making those various worship opportunities a possibility. And a big thank you to our Confirmation students who helped with Good Friday, and led our Sunrise service on Easter.

This dovetails into a thank you to everyone who has given of themselves throughout the course of another program year here at ULC. As I write this, most of our programming is winding down towards summer mode. But without each one of you participating in one way or another, sharing the gifts that God has given you, none of this would be possible.

Next, I'd like to offer an enormous thank you on behalf of the group of Confirmation Students traveling to Bible Camp in Colorado this June. Your financial support of this trip has gone far above and beyond our hopes and needs. Thanks to your great generosity, not only have we covered our anticipated travel expense budget of \$2000, but we have also raised over \$1000 extra. These extra funds help offset the vast majority of the congregation's contribution of Camperships towards the registration fees for these students. The students and their families are all very grateful for the way the congregation has stepped up to support this important opportunity in their life of faith.

Finally, a personal note. I want to say the biggest heart-felt thank you to the congregation here at ULC for the way you helped me celebrate turning 40 back in April. While I knew that there was something in the works, I was completely taken off guard with the surprise celebration on April 14th. I was extremely moved by the outpouring of love, particularly with the surprise song during worship. Thank you all for the many cards and messages, for the many generous gifts, not to mention a plethora of tasty beverages that I will continue to enjoy for quite a while. There might be enough for me to enjoy one per day all the way up till I hit 41.

Most of all, thank you for just being you. It is a privilege to serve this congregation as your pastor, and I am honored to do so.

In Christ,
Pastor Scott

Underwood Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes March 13, 2018

Members present: Jessica Hultquist, Erik Pedersen, Gary Leaders, Diane Stein, Kathy Darrington, Jeff Poggensee, Bill Shelton, Lynn Leaders, Carol Yeaton, Rhonda Johnson, Pastor Dalen

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by council president, Carol Yeaton

Pastor lead the group in an opening prayer.

Secretary's Report from Feb 13th meeting. Jessica moved to approve the minutes – Kathy Seconded. The motion carried.

Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed. Erik moved to approve the reports, Gary Seconded. Motion carried.

The Council approved Christy McKee's request to use the Church basement on May 18th

Pastors Report:

See attached

Pastor moved to approve the updated weather cancellation policy. Rhonda seconded. Motion carried.

Confirmation kids will serve Lenten dinner and Easter breakfast. Pastor moved to used proceeds from these events as a fund raiser for the Colorado camp trip. Diane seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Operations: The committee has met twice on ways to increase online giving. Proposing a contest to get more people to sign up for recurring payments via Vanco. (see attached for contest rules.) Bill moved to approve the Vanco membership promotion, Pastor seconded. The motion was approved.

Amazon smile was discussed. Rhonda moved to register the church with Amazon Smile, Gary seconded. The motion was approved.

Diane shared the results of her research into various grants that may be available to the church. Most require that we apply for specific project. Bill moved to allow the Operations committee to pursue any grant that they feel could be beneficial to the church. Pastor seconded. The motion carried.

Education: May 5th is last day of Sunday School. Confirmation will finish the April 28th. Scholarships will be presented on May 19th.

Property: Concerns over elevator. Currently meets inspection requirements. However, in 2020 our type of elevator will no longer pass State of Iowa safety requirements. The current elevator's safety features are all manual. Iowa will no longer allow these types of elevators. The committee will know more after the annual state inspection (April / May time frame). The committee is planning to meet with Merry Maids to review the contract and our concerns.

Life: Easter Lilly sign up will be taking place soon. All information for Church directory has been sent to the Life Touch company. Booklets should be arriving soon.

Council gave final approval to the Rosalie Rodenburg memorial.

Endowment – no report, but will be meeting soon.

Constitution review volunteers. Michael Johnson, Kathy Darrington, Sandy Redshaw

Church Council will be hosting the April 10th Lenten dinner.

Jeff Chicken - 100 pieces				
Bill Rolls				
Pastor Chips	Lynn Chips			
Carol Salad	Gary Dressing			
Kathy Dessert	Rhonda Dessert	Diane Dessert	Jessica Dessert	Erik Dessert

Discussed getting the garbage to the street for pickup. Bill will begin taking the trash to the street every Tuesday evening for Wednesday morning pickup. Thank You Bill.

Erik moved to Adjourn, Jessica seconded. The motion was approved.

Closed with the Lords Prayer.

Next meeting scheduled for April 10th after Lenten service.

Pastor's Council Report/Items for Discussion 3-13-19

Facility Issues

- Need to Update Church Usage Form to Reflect Alcohol Policy-Tabled
- New Laptop (Current one is nearly 6 years old and is starting to decline)-Tabled
- Elevator Replacement Need-Elevator Inspector Indicated State of Iowa Changes
 - We will be red-tagged in 2020

Parish Education

- Confirmation Has Moved into Easter Prep, Classwork concluded for the year
- Confirmation Sunday April 28th

Calendar Matters

- Bethany Worship Moved From June to March
- CeCe Mickells, Bethany Spiritual Director, Confirmed Pulpit Supply June 9th
- Deacon Schedule...Aug is open (Bill will cover)
- Communion March 24th rather than 17th due to Faith Sound
- May 5th-Last Day of Sunday School/Education
- Senior Recognition May 19th
- May 26th, Switch to Summer Worship Schedule
- July 29th-August 12th, 1 Week Vacation, 1 Week Continuing

Congregational Life

- Updated Weather Cancellation Policy Approval
- Jr High Freewill Offering for Lent Supper and Easter Breakfast-designated towards CO trip

Pastoral Acts

- Regular Visitation Schedule
- 172 Communed (1 regular communion week, Ash Wednesday, via green slips)
 - Feb 17th Canceled due to Weather
 - March 3rd 74 of 96
 - Ash Wed 76 of 91
- End of Life Care for Elsie Ehrens
 - Funeral March 2nd
- Wedding for Annie Johnson/Cameron Blahut Feb 23rd
- Presided at Bethany Heights Monthly Communion Service Feb 28th

In order to adhere to restrictions outlined in the congregation's Liability Insurance Coverage, the Council has created and adopted the following policy regarding the consumption of alcohol on/in the church premises. The existing church rental agreement forms will also be adapted to reflect this new policy.

Alcohol Policy-Underwood Lutheran Church

Purpose

Underwood Lutheran Church, (also known as ULC), seeks to provide a safe and secure environment for all people who participate in our programs and activities, and/or all people who utilize the facility of ULC according to Rental Agreements or Public events. This policy is in accordance with ULC's Insurance Coverage.

Scope

This policy shall apply to all events and/or individuals on the premises of ULC found at 10 3rd Avenue, Underwood, Iowa.

Definitions

Alcohol: For the purpose of this document, "Alcohol" will refer to any beverage containing alcohol. This includes beer, wine, liquor, or any other applicable beverage.

Parsonage: House/Property owned by the congregation, provided for the Pastor/Minister and their family.

Alcohol Policy

As the presence and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages voids Liability Coverage, ULC strictly prohibits the presence of alcohol on church grounds at all times. This policy applies in all circumstances, whether during congregationally sponsored activities, normal day to day activities, and/or activities utilizing a rental agreement.

Note-The only exception to this policy includes alcohol found in wine utilized during the distribution of Holy Communion. Wine used strictly for this purpose will be stored within a designated locked location.

Parsonage Exclusion

This policy recognizes that the parsonage, located at 20 3rd Avenue, adjacent to the Church Building/Parking Lot, is owned by the congregation and as such, is considered Church Property. However, the usage of the parsonage (and its lot) as a personal dwelling excludes it from the scope of this policy.

(This policy was approved and adopted by the Congregational Council on April 10th, 2019)



Thanks to those who greeted in the month of April.

Gary & Jan Ehrens and Weta Butterfield
 Bob and Nancy Dose
 Mark and Farah Guetter



Telescope Circle – Will meet on May 9th at 1:30 pm , with Darlene Shelton as your Hostess.

Martha Circle – Will meet on May 10th at 2 PM with Marlene Merdinger for your Hostess.



Teen Volunteer Program

Teens! Are you interested in volunteering this summer at Bethany Lutheran Home or Bethany Heights?

An informational meeting is being held June 10th at 1pm at Bethany Lutheran Home. Don't forget to put volunteer experience on job and college applications!

If interested please contact Kaily Stanley in Activities at 712-328-9500 Ext. 230 or stanley@blhs.care

Council Meeting

The council meeting will be May 15th at 7:00 pm.



Offerings....

"Our gifts to God"

	Offerings	Attendance
March 31	\$ 1901.65	158
April 07	\$ 3899.00	110
April 14	\$ 2957.04	135
April 21	\$ 551.00	105
	\$ 2695.29	109



Thank you to the following for special music in April.

The "Choraleers"
 Carol Yeaton

Worship Participants for May, 2019

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

ORGANISTS	May 05	Judy Pingel	COMMUNION
	May 12	Nancy Does	
	May 19	Judy Pingel	COMMUNION
	May 26	Nancy Dose	
ACOLYTES	May 05	Elizabeth Henderson	COMMUNION
	May 12	Rachael Privia	
	May 19	Tenley Roberts	COMMUNION
	May 26	Danny Stein	
LECTORS	May 05	Courtney Sampson	COMMUNION
	May 12	Jay Ackland	
	May 19	Brian Leaders	COMMUNION
	May 26	Gary Leaders	
USHERS	May 05	Jim and Nadine Trede	COMMUNION
	May 12	Jeff and Tracy Shreeves	
	May 19	Lewis Curtis and Jeremy Hultquist	COMMUNION
	May 26	Neil and Adam Darrington	
GREETERS	May 05	Jeremy, Jessica, Quentin & Tenley Hultquist	COMMUNION
	May 12	Bob and Judy Pingel	
	May 19	The Rodenburg Family	COMMUNION
	May 26		
SPECIAL MUSIC	May 05	Choraleers & Sunday School Children	COMMUNION
	May 12	Sonya Schiphoff and Arla Clausen	
	May 19		COMMUNION
	May 26		

ALTAR GUILD: Linda Merdinger and Sonya Schiphoff
CARRYING ELEMENTS: Gary and Jan Ehrens
DEACON: Gary Leaders



May 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			5/1 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM High School Group	2	3	4
5 9:00 AM Sunday School/Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion	6	7	8 7:00 PM UHS Baccalaureate	9 1:30 PM Telescope Circle	10 2:00 PM Martha Circle	11
12 10:15 AM Worship Service/New Members	13	14	15 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Council Meeting	16	17	18 10:30 AM Basement Reserved/McKee
19 10:15 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion/Senior Recognition	20	21	22 6:00 PM Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9:30 AM Worship Service/begin Summer Schedule	27	28	29 6:00 PM Bible Study	30	31	

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