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Underwood Lutheran Church

November, 2017

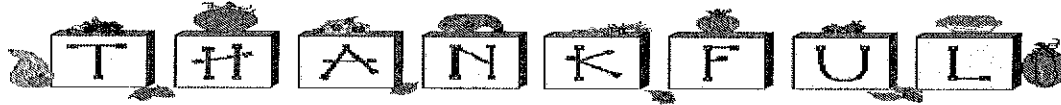
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SUNDY SCHOOL-CONFIRMATION-ADULT BIBLE STUDY @ 9:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE @10:15 AM



-Once again, in honor of No-Shave-November, we are embracing Cash For Stache. Men are encouraged to participate in growing those wonderful mustaches during the month, and anyone can support the fundraiser. Funds will, once again, benefit the Foodbank for the Heartland and their Backpack Program. Contact Pastor Scott or Alex Schiphoff with questions. Checks can be made to Underwood Lutheran Church and include "Cash For Stache" in the memo line.

-High School will meet on the 1st, the 15th. We will not meet on the 29th.

-Sunday November 5th is All Saints Sunday. We will have a remembrance during worship for those members of our congregation that have died in the past year.

-Ordinarily Pastor Scott teaches Holy Communion Instruction in late October or early November for our 5th grade students. However, this year we do not have any 5th graders actively participating in Education. If your family happens to have a 5th grader who wants to participate in Communion Instruction, please let Pastor Scott know, otherwise the class will not be offered this year.

-Please continue to share how our congregation is in the process of searching for our Faith Formation Coordinator. If you know someone who cares about the faith lives of our young people, let them know. Maybe they are the right person.

-Confirmation Mentors. Discussion guides for you and your student are available to pick up in the Narthex.

-Pastor Scott will be offering another New Member class on Wednesday November 29th. Please contact him if you are interested in participating.

-Pastor Scott is teaching an adult class on the Small Catechism. We meet Wednesdays from 6-7pm. The focus is on the 10 Commandments through Wednesday the 15th. Class will not meet on the 22nd. We will switch to the Apostles Creed beginning on the 29th and running the next 4 weeks.

-Pastor Scott will be on vacation November 20th-27th. Pastor Ben McIntire will provide pulpit supply on the 26th. Pastor Jon Benson from St Johns in Council Bluffs will be on call for pastoral emergencies.

-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>



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In late September I had the privilege of meeting our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton and hearing her speak on the Reformation. She spoke of the importance of celebrating our tradition and history, particularly during this 500th anniversary year. As you might recall, October 31st was the actual anniversary of Luther posting his famous 95 Thesis. That being said, one of Bishop Eaton's comments caught my attention, as she posed the question of how we live out the Reformation on October 32. No that's not a typo. Bishop Eaton published an article on this very subject in the Living Lutheran magazine entitled "Oct 32 and Beyond." I've shared the text below.

This is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. For the past year it has been "All Reformation All the Time!" Everything Martin Luther. The really observant have branched out to Philipp Melanchthon and Johannes Bugenhagen. True believers will dress their children up as Martin and Katie for Halloween, or if they tend toward the fear factor, Johann Tetzel.

Bring in the extra brass. Fire up the choir. Sing the fight song ("A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"). Dress in red. Binge-watch every Luther film and documentary. (I particularly liked Joseph Fiennes as the young, hot Luther.) This is our year!

Oct. 32. Now what?

When I am out and about the church, I like to ask people what it means to be Lutheran—what is distinctive about the Lutheran movement. Grace is almost always mentioned, along with justification. Some will say we are *ecclesia semper reformanda*—the church always being reformed. Others point to our work for disaster relief, ELCA World Hunger, advocacy and other work for justice. Most of this is part of the Lutheran experience, but not unique to us. What then, did Luther uncover and what relevance does it have now?

Interestingly, Luther did not give his greatest emphasis to reform or to reforming the church. *Semper reformanda*—always reforming—was actually coined in 1947 by Karl Barth, a Reformed theologian. Liberation in Christ through faith was the

freedom that transformed Luther. This freedom is what he wrote about most frequently and most passionately. The Freedom of a Christian, a short and accessible treatise, is probably most familiar. I commend it to you. In this brief work and in others, Luther makes the case that liberation in Christ is both a freedom **from** and a freedom **for**.

Freedom **from** is liberation from all spiritual bondage. We are set free from being trapped in ourselves, consumed by ourselves, from the belief or terror that we can and must save ourselves, that our **self** is the center of the universe. Life in Christ is not an inward-dwelling experience. We are free to get over ourselves. Freedom **from** is liberation from the law's accusation and judgment. We are liberated from terror and despair, which are soul-crushing. We are liberated from the incessant and impossible task of measuring up. Freedom **from** liberates us from estrangement from God and God's creatures. Caught in sin and standing before a God who demands righteousness, when we believe we are responsible for our salvation, breeds resentment toward God and the objectification of others.

Freedom **for** means that in Christ we are set free for loving and serving others. Freedom is a relationship, not a new set of activities or the demands of a new law.

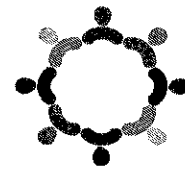
Luther put it this way: "Faith, however, is a divine work in us which changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. It kills the old Adam and makes us altogether different people, in heart and spirit and mind and powers; and it brings with it the Holy Spirit. O, it is a living, busy, active mighty thing, this faith. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. ... And this is the work which the Holy Spirit performs in faith. Because of it, without compulsion, a person is ready to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, out of love and praise to God who has shown them this grace" (*Luther's Works*, 35:370-1).

No longer is God transactional and others a means to an end. This freedom is scandalous because it is based on unconditional grace. It is a gift. Think about it—do we feel the burden being lifted? Think about it—do we feel the complete love of God? Think about it—do we now see others through God's eyes, free and beloved children?



Thanks to those who greeted in the month of October.

The Wulff Family
 Arlon and Carol Bertelsen
 Lea Voss, Courtney and Henry Sampson



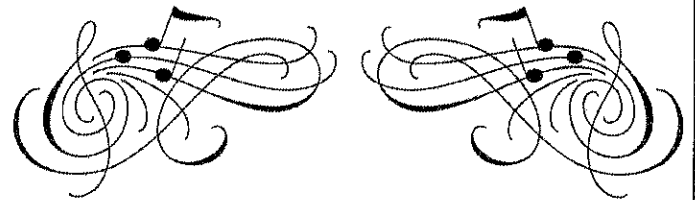
WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Telescope Circle will meet November 9th at 1:30 pm with Sue Hemmingsen as your hostess.

Martha Circle will meet November 10th at 2:00 pm with Judy Pingel as your hostess.

Council Meeting

The council meeting will be November 9th at 7:00 pm.



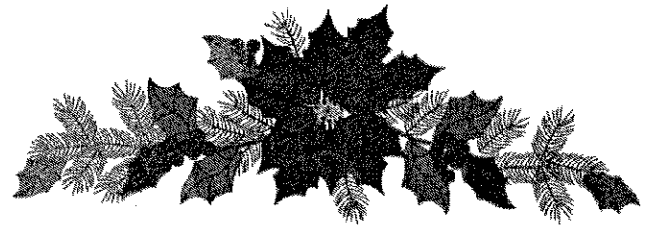
Special Music

Provided this month by:
 Sunday School Children
 The "Choraleers"

Offerings....

"Our gifts to God"

	Offerings	Attendance
Sept. 24	\$ 2132.00	107
Oct. 01	\$ 2677.65	107
Oct. 08	\$ 1953.35	142
Oct. 15	\$ 2126.00	61
Oct. 22	\$ 2203.00	102

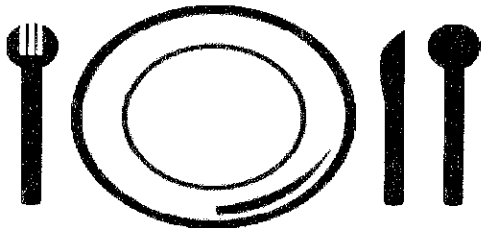


We will be taking orders for poinsettias again this year for church. The price will be \$8.00 each and the order forms will be in the church bulletins thru November 12th.

Any questions, contact Joellen Darrington or Alex Schiphoff.

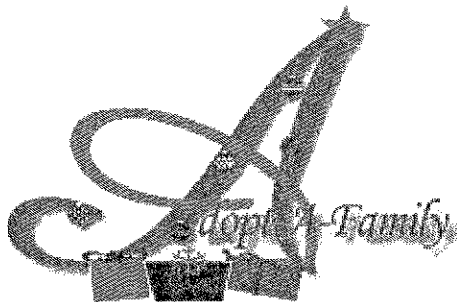
Annual Roast Beef Dinner

The Roast Beef Dinner was delicious as usual. Thanks to Kathy Darrington and her preparation of all the main food! We had a great day for it and had a really good turnout, serving 339 people. Thank you to EVERYONE that had a hand in making this a success. Here is a rundown of what all it takes to make this happen – callers, chairpeople, setup and cleanup crews, advertising, decorating, signs and flyers that were made and put out, workers, food prep for salads, desserts and bake sale goods, donation of raffle items, cashiers and many more!



ADOPT A FAMILY

We will be adopting families from Heartland Family Service for Christmas again. I should have the details by Thanksgiving and get that out ASAP.



GREAT NEWS!

Do you have an Underwood Lutheran Church cookbook published in 1971? This book is fondly referred to as "the RED cookbook".

If your book looks like so many of ours, tattered, stained, pages falling out (in other words--well used).

Good news! The "red cookbook" is being reprinted.

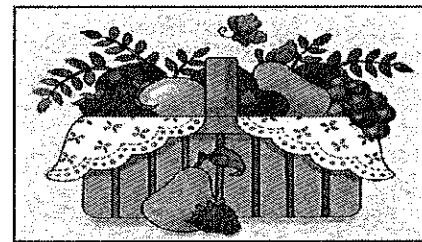
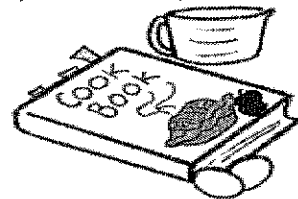
You may contact any of the committee members to place your order:

Nancy Geise, phone (712) 322-3010, 24202 Road L-34, Underwood, IA 51576

Nadine Trede, phone (712) 566-2743, 109 First Ave., Underwood, IA 51576

Sandy Redshaw, phone (712) 566-9574, 106 Faith Ave. Underwood, IA 51576

Kathy Darrington, phone (712) 566-2119, 24329 - 272 St., Underwood, IA 51576



*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



Bethany News November 2017

Medicare Part D- Open enrollment for Medicare Part D (Prescription Drug program) will be held October 15th-December 7th. (Any changes will take place beginning January 1, 2018). Bethany will once again be offering **free assistance** in reviewing your current plan and options for the coming year. Many have indicated their prescriptions costs have gotten higher recently due to the "donut hole or gap". Now is the time to review your policy for next year for premium costs, deductibles and covered prescriptions. It is not uncommon for changes in your policy to occur each year. We're here to help you. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451.

Thank You-The Bethany Auxiliary and Key Ladies would like to thank everyone for their support of the annual Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale. More than 200 individuals attended the luncheon served by the 14 sponsoring congregations. We would like to also thank those who contributed items for the bake sale and the luncheon. Thank you for your continued support of the Bethany Auxiliary, Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. It is greatly appreciated.

The Christmas Store is coming- Donations are being accepted for the Bethany Christmas Store through **December 1st**. Each year this project is provided free to our Bethany Residents. The residents experience great joy in shopping for their loved ones thanks to your generosity. Donated items must be **new** and can range from infant to adult. Please check with your Bethany Key Lady for more information or drop-off location or contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. (Due to Fire Codes, candles that burn cannot be accepted. Flameless or battery operated candles however are permissible). If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please feel free to contact Kaily Stanley, Activities Director at 712-328-9500.

Do You Remember?- I am reminded of a quote by Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Forty-five years ago, a group of individuals (15 congregations) broke ground to build what is known today as Bethany Lutheran Home. That dream and commitment came about due to a nursing home shortage in the area. Since that time thousands of individuals have come through our door for rehabilitation, long-term and memory care. Without the physical and financial support of many in addition to their prayers, Bethany would not be in a position to provide all we do today. The physical and financial support as well as prayers continue to be an important part of Bethany's mission. We are thankful for the blessings we have received and ask that as the year comes to a close you to consider a year-end financial gift to Bethany. Your generosity is appreciated and helps us to continue our mission of serving our area seniors in a Christian environment. Blessings to you.

Sweet Thank You-Thank you for your generosity in showering us with Halloween Candy. It is always an enjoyable time for the residents and tenants to entertain our visitors and an opportunity to spend time with family, friends, staff and the neighborhood. Your sweet generosity is appreciated.

SCRAPBOOKING/ CRAFT DAY!

Come be creative with us

November 11, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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10 3rd Avenue

\$10.00 per person (tax deductible donation to ULC)

Come work on your scrapbooking, crafts or projects!
What is provided? Tables, chairs, trash bags, Cricut and cartridges, idea books, people to bounce ideas to and from, coffee and camaraderie!!!

Bring your own lunch or bring something for everyone to share for lunch and snacks.

Questions:

Call Linda Mardinger: 712-566-2025 or 402-350-3619
after 6:00p.m.

Hope to see you there!!!!

Worship Participants for November, 2017

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

ORGANISTS	Nov. 05	Judy Pingel	COMMUNION
	Nov. 12	Nancy Dose	
	Nov. 19	Judy Pingel	COMMUNION
	Nov. 26	Nancy Dose	
ACOLYTES	Nov. 05	Ellie Hackett	COMMUNION
	Nov. 12	Kendra Kuck	
	Nov. 19	Sydney Leaders	COMMUNION
	Nov. 26	Jadynn McDonald	
LECTORS	Nov. 05	Beth Torneten	COMMUNION
	Nov. 12	Jessica Hultquist	
	Nov. 19	Courtney Sampson	COMMUNION
	Nov. 26	Jay Ackland	
USHERS	Nov. 05	Gary and Jan Ehrens	COMMUNION
	Nov. 12	Mark and Landon Torneten	
	Nov. 19	Bob Dose and Alex Schiphoff	COMMUNION
	Nov. 26	Jim and Nadine Trede	
GREETERS	Nov. 05	Rob & Kristie McKee , Jadynn McDonald	COMMUNION
	Nov. 12	Jeff and Chris Priva	
	Nov. 19	Richard and Nancy Geise	COMMUNION
	Nov. 26		
SPECIAL MUSIC	Nov. 05		COMMUNION
	Nov. 12		
	Nov. 19		COMMUNION
	Nov. 26		

ALTAR GUILD: Nadine Trede and Libby Shelton
CARRYING ELEMENTS: Gary and Sandy Leaders
DEACON: Carol Yeaton



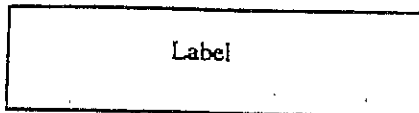
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10/29	30	31	11/1 6:00 PM Small Catechism 7:00 PM High School Group	2	3	4
5 9:00 AM Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service/ Holy Communion	6	7	8 6:00 PM Small Catechism	9 1:30 PM Telescope Circle 7:00 PM Council Meeting	10 2:00 PM Martha Circle	11 10:00 AM Scrapbooking
12 9:00 AM Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service	13	14	15 6:00 PM Small Catechism 7:00 PM High School Group	16	17	18
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