

# The Messenger

## Underwood Lutheran Church

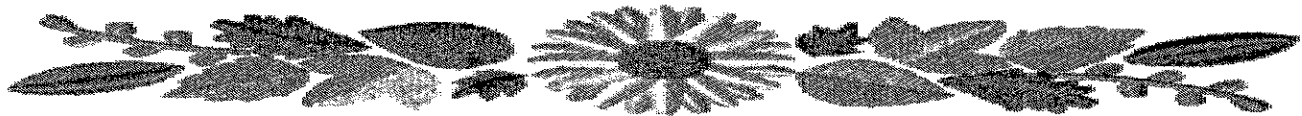
### September, 2018

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



-Wednesday evening Bible Study on the book of Revelation will meet on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. Conversation begins at 6pm each night. We anticipate concluding our study at the end of September. If you are interested in a specific topic or portion of scripture for future study, please let Pastor Scott know. Content suggestions are welcome.

-High School will meet on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>. A reminder that new High School Freshmen are invited and encouraged to join in. Conversation begins at 7pm each night.

-Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Labor Day weekend, will be our final Sunday on the Summer Schedule. The 9<sup>th</sup> is Rally Sunday, and we will return to our normal Sunday Schedule, with Education beginning at 9am and worship at 10:15am.

-Reminder for Jr High families, Confirmation Class begins on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Parents, note that you are always welcome and encouraged to be present in class along with your children.

-This year's Confirmation focus is the Bible Narrative. Throughout the course of the program year, we will highlight/discuss many of the major narrative events of both the Old and New Testament. Anyone is welcome to join us for these classes.

-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>



The passage of time weighs on my mind as I sit down to write this article. I'm guessing this is happening because of a few different things that happened earlier today (as I sit here writing) that any parent can probably relate to.

Facebook has their time-hop feature that shows you a picture or a posting from the same date in a previous year. Early this morning, my wife showed me the time-hop image of our kids, then 2 and 4, grouped together with other tiny kids at family camp. That 4 year old, now 14 and a day away from beginning high school, came into my office a few minutes ago to grab my keys and move my car so he can mow the lawn.

These same sort of thoughts have caught me regarding various people from our congregation as well. My first batch of 7<sup>th</sup>-grade confirmation students are seniors this year and will graduate next spring. The first couple of babies that I baptized are in Kindergarten now. Former council members who were elected to the board at my first Annual Meeting in 2014 have served their 3-year term and been off the board for 18 months now. Some people have a few more gray hairs mixed in than when I arrived. Some folks are gone from our midst and others have come in.

Looking back at how things were, considering how things and people have changed...this is something that I do periodically, as I'm guessing most of us do from time to time. It astonishes me just a bit as I realize that in the bustle of a pretty busy summer season, the 5 year mark of my time as Pastor here at Underwood has come and gone. And (again as I write this) I'm looking ahead to the beginning of the 6<sup>th</sup> Program Year.

In this time, we've experienced a great many things. Some wonderful moments and some challenges. But this is the nature of life together in community. We share the joys and the sorrows together. In 5 years much has changed. There is much to celebrate., and yet in the grand scope of time 5 years is short. Underwood Lutheran has been around for generations, and I know that 5 years is just a drop in the bucket.

I also know that God is faithful, and our shared ministry will continue in one form or another long beyond this moment. Our lives are mere moments in the blink of history, so I can't help today but reflect on all the roads we have traveled together. As I reflect back I see much to give thanks for and to celebrate. I feel blessed to have shared in the time together over these past 5 years, and I am excited to see what God will continue to lead us into as a congregation as we move into the unknown future.

In closing, let me just say how much I appreciate all of you. I often tell people that I have the greatest job in the world...and I stand by that. It took me a long time to find my calling...and my first Sunday back in worship after my vacation in August really reinforced that calling for me. And so I wanted to take this opportunity to share a feeling of celebration in our shared life together.

May God guide us all as we embark on another year together.

In Christ,  
Pastor Scott

*I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have ben enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind.*

(1 Corinthians 1:4-5)

## **Underwood Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes July 11, 2018**

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

**Others Present:** Linda Merdinger

**Absent:** Lynn Leaders, Bill Shelton, Rhonda Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by council president, Jessica Hultquist.

**Financial Reports:** Linda Merdinger presented the financial reports electronically.

Moved by Pastor and seconded by Jeff Poggensee to add line 611-613 as a non-budgeted item to budget for faith formation coordinator social security and Medicare, federal withholding, and Iowa withholding. Motion carried.

Payroll taxes withheld line item needed for Faith Formation Coordinator in next year's budget.

Moved by Jeff Poggensee and seconded by Erik Pedersen to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Moved by Pastor and seconded by Michael Johnson to approve the 6/13/18 council meeting minutes. Motion carried.

### **Pastor's Report:**

#### Facility Issues

- Merry Maids cleaning schedule moved to Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> due to VBS.
- Follow up on parsonage entryway.

#### Parish Education Matters

- Activity ticket for '18-'19 school year (Carried over from June)
- Individual or possibly family (Professional expenses line)

#### Calendar Matters

- Pr Ben McIntire confirmed for Pulpit supply August 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 1 week of 2018 vacation time unaccounted for.
- I will miss August council meeting. Will have written report prepared.

#### Congregational Life

- Scholarship funds for Marietta Nelson-Bittle to Wartburg Seminary.
- Decided to distribute in August.

#### Pastoral Acts

- Regular visitation schedule
- 137 Communed (2 Communion Weeks, via green slips)

- June 17<sup>th</sup> 60 of 66
- July 8<sup>th</sup> 77 of 90
- Baptism Wesley Donald McLain (Maher) June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Ongoing Bethany Services through July.

**Committee Reports:**

**Endowment Committee**

Representative from New York Life presented options and alternatives for our current investments. The group discussed Annuities and CDs as potential options, with no decisions approved at this time. Will meet with Edward Jones representative.

**Property**

Office air conditioner having issue. Decision made to replace.

Moved by Roger Hemmingsen and seconded by Carol Yeaton to proceed with bid by Tim Schweery to replace office air conditioner over another bid. Motion carried.

Proceeding to get bids for replacing front parsonage stoop.

**Education**

No update

**Life**

Getting everything ready for service at Arrowhead.

Meeting soon to talk about updated directly.

**Operations**

Recruiting new members to help set budget.

**Old Business:**

Motion by Jeff Poggensee and seconded by Pastor to withhold \$10,000 into cash account with Edward Jones from proceeds of due CDs and reinvest in approximate best 60 day CDs. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

The next council meeting will be held August 8, 2018.

Moved by Jeff Poggensee and seconded by Erik Pedersen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Johnson

Underwood Lutheran Church Council Secretary

*\* Thank  
you \**

Jay and Linda Ackland, is spending the next year participating in an ELCA program called Young Adults in Global Mission, or YAGM. Over the course of the year, she will be stationed in a foreign country, engaging in ministry opportunities unique to her assigned location. Genna's assignment is in Bethlehem, Israel. ULC's council chose to support Genna's fundraising efforts for this program in the amount of \$200 as a part of our annual congregational benevolence. Genna sent the following message of thanks and greeting to our congregation.

Underwood Lutheran. Your kindness truly means the world to me. As I go to serve in Bethlehem I will carry you close to my heart. Your donation will help me as I learn and serve. I will be working at a Lutheran Church and education center and I'm excited to see what God has in store for my year. Thank you again for your generous gift.  
*Genna*

## Roast Beef Dinner

The dinner is set for Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 to 1:30 at the UMBA Hall. Ladies will be contacted to provide a salad, dessert or money donations for the event.

There will be a bake sale and we appreciate you sharing your favorite goodies. We are looking for a donated item for our raffle this year. Please let us know if you have an idea. Needed items for the fish pond should be put in clear Ziploc bags and brought to the church in advance. The \$.25 toys are needed for infants, toddlers and also for boys & girls in the 12+ age bracket. The Red Cookbooks will again be available to purchase at the dinner.

There will be sign up sheets for the committees to Set Up tables and chairs on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> and for Take Down & Clean Up on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are newer to the congregation and would like to provide something or are willing to work and haven't been contacted in the past, please contact Kathy Darrington [402-639-8543](tel:402-639-8543) or Tracy Shreeves [402-981-5098](tel:402-981-5098) [ortmshreeves@gmail.com](mailto:ortmshreeves@gmail.com).

Thanks for your consideration of these needs.  
Tracy Shreeves

# YOUTH GROUP

On August 1st the students volunteered at Midlands Humane Society. We broke into groups and went through donated blankets and towel and folded them, did laundry, swept and mopped floors, cleaned windows and chairs, and washed food and water bowls. We also got a tour of the facility and our tour guide gave us some great information about how many staff and volunteers it takes to keep the facility running smoothly.

We also had an outing on August 15th at The Hub trampoline park which is in the old YMCA building. It is a very nice facility and the students had fun jumping, flipping, jousting and socializing.

Upcoming events include:

September 5th: We will be making welcome back gifts for Junior high school teachers and staff.

September 19th: Outing: The Escape Room in Omaha

October 3rd: Bingo at Bethany Lutheran Home.

October 17th: Bonfire



Rally Sunday is September 9th at 9am. Please bring your PK-6th grade children for a fun filled morning. Sunday School will begin the following Sunday, September 16th.

At this time we are still in need of 1 Sunday School teacher to teach first and second grade students every other week.

We are also in need of high school helpers during Sunday School. If you or your child would like to help in one of these areas please contact Kim Madsen at [faithformation.ulc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.ulc@gmail.com)

  
Say  
Hello  
-TO-  
September



Thanks to those who greeted .

## Council Meeting

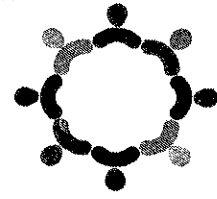
The council meeting will be September 12th at 7:00 pm.



## Offerings....

*"Our gifts to God"*

	Offerings	Attendance
July 29	\$ 1460.65	63
Aug. 05	\$ 1420.00	43
Aug. 12	\$ 1988.00	48
Aug. 19	\$ 2031.00	80



## WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Telescope Circle will meet September 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm, with Joellen Darrington as Hostess.

Martha Circle will meet September 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm with Nancy Dose as Hostess.

## Scrapbooking

September 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Come work on your scrapbooking, crafts or projects. Call Linda Merdinger at 712-566-2025 or 402-350-3619 with questions.

\$10 per person (tax deductible donation)

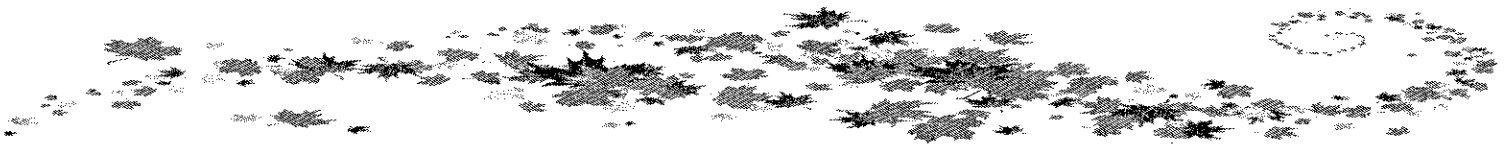
*by all these lovely* TOKENS  
 september DAYS ARE HERE,  
 WITH SUMMER'S BEST OF *weather*  
 AND autumn's  
*best of cheer.*

# Worship Participants for September, 2018

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

ORGANISTS	Sept. 02	Judy Pingel	COMMUNION
	Sept. 09	Nancy Dose	
	Sept. 16	Judy Pingel	COMMUNION
	Sept. 23	Nancy Dose	
	Sept. 30	Judy Pingel	
ACOLYTES	Sept. 02	Jadynn McDonald	COMMUNION
	Sept. 09	Quentin Wollan	
	Sept. 16	Hannah Wulff	COMMUNION
	Sept. 23	Ava Dalen	
	Sept. 30	Nick Hackett	
LECTORS	Sept. 02	Nancy Geise	COMMUNION
	Sept. 09	Beth Torneten	
	Sept. 16	Courtney Sampson	COMMUNION
	Sept. 23	Jay Ackland	
	Sept. 30	Brian Leaders	
USHERS	Sept. 02	J.W. and Joyce Tiarks	COMMUNION
	Sept. 09	Jay Ackland and Arlon Bertelsen	
	Sept. 16	Bob Dose and Phil Feller	COMMUNION
	Sept. 23	Gary Leaders and Alec Leaders	
	Sept. 30	LaVern Leaders and Lynn Leaders	
GREETERS	Sept. 02		COMMUNION
	Sept. 09		
	Sept. 16		COMMUNION
	Sept. 23	Jeff and Tracy Shreeves	
	Sept. 30		
SPECIAL MUSIC	Sept. 02		COMMUNION
	Sept. 09		
	Sept. 16		COMMUNION
	Sept. 23		
	Sept. 30		

ALTAR GUILD: Lea Voss and Courtney Sampson  
CARRYING ELEMENTS: Gary and Sandy Leaders  
DEACON: Jessica Hultquist





September 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						9/1
2 9:30 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion	3	4	5 7:00 PM High School Group	6	7	8
9 9:00 AM Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service	10	11	12 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Council Meeting	13 1:30 PM Telescope Circle	14 2:00 PM Martha Circle	15 10:00 AM Scrapbooking
16 9:00 AM Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion	17	18	19 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM High School Group	20	21	22
23 9:00 AM Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service	24	25	26 6:00 PM Bible Study	27	28	29
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