

The Messenger

Underwood Lutheran Church

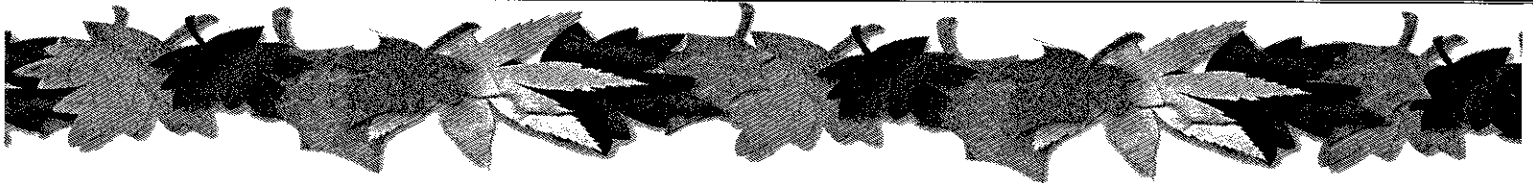
September, 2019

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No Summer Education
WORSHIP SERVICE @9:30 AM



- Sunday September 1st will be our final morning on the Summer Schedule. Worship will be at 9:30am.
 - Sunday September 8th is Rally Sunday. Education resumes with the start of Confirmation and Sunday School at 9:00am. Worship moves to 10:15am for the duration of the Program Year. Adult Forum will resume during Education later in the month.
 - Adult Bible Study resumes in September. We will meet Wednesday September 4th at 6pm and will discuss the schedule moving forward.
 - In an effort to rework the existing High School group format, Pastor Scott and Kim are combining high school with Jr High events. We will continue with this until such time as the two groups need to be divided. The group will meet tentatively on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, but certain events may occur on different days.
 - 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation families. In lieu of holding Confirmation Orientation, Pastor Scott has made program information available on the Church website. Follow the links on the main page to find the information. Class begins September 8th.
 - Pastor Scott will be at a conference in Des Moines September 22nd-24th. He will be available by phone or email during this time.
 - We've expanded our options for online interaction on Facebook. The church now hosts a group called "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.
 - 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

The ELCA held its Churchwide Assembly, an event held every three years, in early August. While there was a great deal of work done, including the re-election of Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton to her second term in the office, one action taken by the assembly garnered a fair amount of media attention. The voting body of the assembly passed a resolution naming the ELCA as a Sanctuary Denomination.

Now you may have caught wind of this action. Several news outlets picked up on it with reports that, in my personal opinion, painted an extraordinarily lousy picture of what actually happened. In the time since the Assembly, the Churchwide office has released information which gives an account of just what this designation really means. I am including this information as the rest of this article.

What does becoming a sanctuary denomination mean for the ELCA?

-In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publically declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the highest legislative authority of the ELCA, declared that when we preach on Sunday that Jesus told us to welcome, we will use our hands and voices on Monday to make sure it happens.

-Being a sanctuary denomination does not call for any person, congregation, or synod to engage in any illegal actions.

-We have a broken system regarding immigration, refuges, and asylum-seekers. To declare ourselves a sanctuary church body is to say that we seek to provide concrete resources to assist the most vulnerable who are feeling the sharp edges of this broken system.

-Being a sanctuary denomination is about loving our neighbors. While we may have different ideas about how to fix this broken system and may have different ways of loving our neighbors, our call to love our neighbor is central to our faith.

-Being a sanctuary denomination will look different in different contexts. It may mean providing space for people to live; providing financial and legal support to those who are working through the immigration system; or supporting other congregations and service providers. We cannot mandate or direct our congregations and ministries to respond in specific ways. Each must work out what this means for them in their context.

-While we don't yet know the full scope of the work that this declaration will open for the church, we do know that our faith communities are already doing sanctuary work. Sanctuary for a congregation may mean hosting English as a second Language classes (ESL); marching as people of faith against the detention of children and families; providing housing for a community member facing deportation; or, in some of our congregations, having thoughtful conversations about what our faith says about immigration. All of these are a step closer to sanctuary in our faith communities and sanctuary in our world for people who must leave their homes.

-Except for our members whose ancestors were here before European settlement or others who were forced to come to the US against their will, the ELCA is an immigrant church. Our decades-long work

with immigrants and refugees is how we practice our faith in the world. Lutherans started Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, one of the nine resettlement agencies in the US.

-At our last churchwide assembly, we also committed to walking alongside Central American children and families fleeing their communities by passing the AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunities).

-Through the AMMPARO strategy, we are also working through our global partners in Central America to alleviate the conditions that cause people to migrate. We support organizations and faith communities that work with deported migrants in Central America and advocate for the humane treatment of immigrants in Mexico. In the US, we have a network of 151 welcoming and sanctuary congregations that are committed to working on migration issues and a welcome for immigrant communities. The church also has five sanctuary synods (our regional structures), all of which do work with immigrants, refugees and asylum-seekers.

-In baptism, we are brought into a covenantal relationship with Jesus Christ that commits us to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Following the example of Martin Luther, we believe that advocacy is a crucial expression of baptismal identity. As a church, we have advocated for stopping the detention of children and families for decades. We have spoken out against family separation, sought a pathway to citizenship for community members who have lived in the US for many years, and have taken steps to address the root causes of migration that honors the humanity in people who must flee.

-Being a sanctuary denomination means that we, as church together, want to be public and vocal about this work. At the same time, we will have conversations about what sanctuary means with many of our members and discern future action and direction. Welcoming people is not a political issues for us, it is a matter of faith.

Underwood Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2019

Linda Merdinger, Pastor Dalen, Jessica Hultquist, Bill Shelton, Diane Stein, Kathy Darrington, Rhonda Johnson, Erik Pedersen, and Jeff Poggensee

Erik called the meeting was called to order at 7:00

Pastor led group in devotion and prayer

Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed. Kathy moved to approve the reports. Pastor seconded. The motion carried.

Secretary's Report from the June 19th meeting were reviewed. Pastor moved to approve the report. Kathy seconded. The motion carried.

Pastors report (see attached).

Committee Reports:

Operations: Presented two images for consideration as a logo for the church. The council approved the attached image. Jeff moved that the church give a donation of \$50 to "Kingdom Kids Foundation" in Karen Ettleman's name for her work on the logos. The money would be taken from the Other Benevolence account.

Education: no report

Property: Looking to place a fire extinguisher in the parsonage (behind the organ) - recommendation by the fire dept. The committee will start to looking into water issues in the church basement. They are also looking to schedule a church work day in the fall.

Life: Worship on the lawn set for July 28th and again on August 25th. The council discussed various fellowship activities that the committee will address at their next meeting.

Endowment: – no report.

Memorial Fund: Reported a Total Undesignated funds of \$4798.21, a Total in Trust funds amount of \$7941 and a Total Designated funds amount of 3424.35

Old Business:

The council asked that the Operations committee consider new software for maintaining membership roles

New Business:

The group discussed appointed a new rep from the Council to temporarily replace Gary Leaders on the Endowment Committee. Pastor moved to appoint Kathy Darrington. Jeff second the motion. The motion was approved.

Pastor moved that in appreciation of the work that Kim has done over the last year, the church should purchase a \$50 gift card for her. Kathy seconded. The motion was approved

Jeff moved to adjourn. Pastor seconded 2nd. Closed with the Lords Prayer.

Next meeting is July 21st at at 7:00 PM



Thanks to those who greeted in the month of August.

Jim and Nadine Trede
Carol and Arlon Bertelsen

2nd Qtr Budgeted Income: \$ 44,018.00

2nd Qtr Actual Income: \$ 37,278.04

2nd Qtr Actual Expenses: \$ 36,852.59



Telescope Circle – Will meet at 1:30 pm on September 12th with Carolyn Miller as Hostess.

Martha Circle – Will meet on September 13th at 2:00 pm with Linda Jennings as Hostess.

Council Meeting

The council meeting will be September 18th at 7:00 pm.



Offerings....

“Our gifts to God”

	Offerings	Attendance
July 28	\$ 2603.63	85
Aug. 04	\$ 2192.39	67
Aug. 11	\$ 1587.72	46
Aug. 18	\$ 4086.72	93



Rally Sunday is September 8th. We will return to the program year schedule with Education starting at 9:00 am, with worship service at 10:15 am.

Worship Participants for September, 2019

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

ORGANISTS	Sept. 01	Judy Pingel	COMMUNION
	Sept. 08	Nancy Dose	
	Sept. 15	Judy Pingel	COMMUNION
	Sept. 22	Nancy Dose	
	Sept. 29	Judy Pingel	
ACOLYTES	Sept. 01	Ava Dalen	COMMUNION
	Sept. 08	Nick Hackett	
	Sept. 15	Elizabeth Hendersen	COMMUNION
	Sept. 22	Rachael Privia	
	Sept. 29	Tenley Roberts	
LECTORS	Sept. 01	Brian Leaders	COMMUNION
	Sept. 08	Gary Leaders	
	Sept. 15	Lea Voss	COMMUNION
	Sept. 22	Richard Miller	
	Sept. 29	Tonya Mayer	
USHERS	Sept. 01	Neil and Adam Darrington	COMMUNION
	Sept. 08	Phil Feller and Bob Pingel	
	Sept. 15	J.W. and Joyce Tiarks	COMMUNION
	Sept. 22	Jay Ackland and Arlon Bertelsen	
	Sept. 29	Bob Dose and Dick Miller	
GREETERS	Sept. 01	Brett and Colleen Michael	COMMUNION
	Sept. 08		
	Sept. 15		COMMUNION
	Sept. 22		
	Sept. 29		
SPECIAL MUSIC	Sept. 01	Carol Yeaton	COMMUNION
	Sept. 08		
	Sept. 15		COMMUNION
	Sept. 22		
	Sept. 29		

ALTAR GUILD: Lea Voss and Courtney Sampson
CARRYING ELEMENTS: Gary and Sandy Leaders
DEACON: Carol Yeaton



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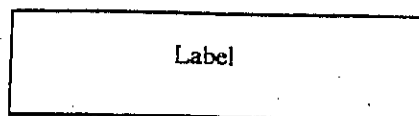
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9/1 9:30 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion	2	3	4 6:00 PM Bible Study	5	6	7
8 9:00 AM Education /Rally Sunday 10:15 AM Worship Service	9	10	11 6:00 PM Youth Group	12 1:30 PM Telescope Circle	13 2:00 PM Martha Circle	14 10:00 AM Scrapboo king
15 9:00 AM Education 10:15 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion	16	17	18 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Council Meeting	19	20	21
22 9:00 AM Education 10:15 AM Worship Service	23	24	25 6:00 PM Youth Group	26	27 6:00 PM Meyer Wedding Rehearsal	28 2:00 PM Meyer Wedding
29 9:00 AM Education 10:15 AM Worship Service	30					

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