

October 2021 Newsletter

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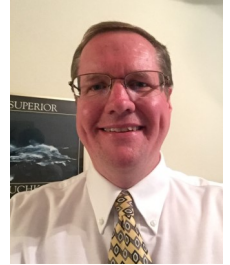
Dodge Center, MN 55927

**Worship Services 8:00 am in
person and online on Facebook.**

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
October 24**

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ~ 2 Corinthians 5:21

Pastor Chad's Message...



“Faith of Our Fathers (and Mothers)”

Dear Church members and friends,

The old hymn goes:

Faith of our fathers, living still,

in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;

O how our hearts beat high with joy

whene'er we hear that glorious word!

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to the till death.

How much faithfulness has God bestowed upon our fathers and mothers before us, for them to give us their witness to the faith in Jesus Christ and bring us up to this time of celebrating 150 years of mission and ministry together in the Dodge Center area? Of course, this cannot be counted or measured. Be we count ourselves as fortunate to have seen this milestone of a century and a half of ministry in our church. And to God be the glory!

What special moments we have seen: gladdened hearts at worship or weddings, confirmation celebrations, along with sad occasions like funerals and comforting those in grief. Conflicted meetings and uncertain futures have had their impact, and so have the meaningful times of gathering together in fellowship. This is God's church and it is His agency. We give thanks to be His agents, which is our legacy.

You have seen the joys and challenges; sin, love, forgiveness given and grace proclaimed within the church's walls. These intangibles will never fade. Our faith may ebb and flow, but God's faithfulness and guiding hand are sure and certain. I am pleased to be your pastor during this 150th year milestone and to have read at least a glimpse of your history up to this time. May this church bear ministry for years ahead adding up to another century!

God be with you...and may God strengthen the church in these times in which we live!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Christensen

WOMEN *With A* PURPOSE

WWAP
(Women
With a
purpose)
will
meet

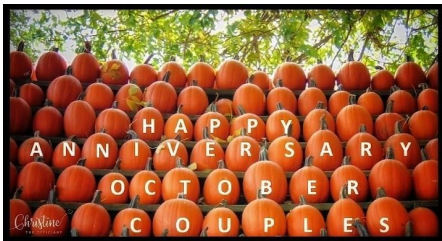
Friday, October 15th at 9:30 am at church.
All women and friends of the church are
invited to join us for an informal time of
fellowship. Coffee and juice will be pro-
vided. Bring a snack to share if you wish.
Also invite a friend to join us as well.

Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls are available at church. We
have received new prayer shawls that are
to be given at no charge to anyone in the
community. Some of the shawls are larg-
er in size and would work well as a lap
robe. Thank you to Cheryl Stowers who
had donated 4 new crocheted shawls. An-
yone may take a shawl to give away. See
Janet Sinning or Lois Lepp if you need
assistance.



**We are still trying to locate a
Memory/photo book of Alvina
Hubmer's life. Please help us find this
beautiful book prepared by Alvina's
family. It was donated to our church
but went missing the past spring. If
located, please bring it to church**



10/2 Craig & Vicki Mussman
10/21 Brent & Ellie Freerksen
10/22 Tyler & Connor Kispert
10/26 Colin & Lois Lepp



Readers:

Oct. 3 Tyler Kispert
Oct. 10 Janet Bugarin
Oct. 17 Kelly Amunrud
Oct. 24 Lisa O'Neil
Oct. 31 Kelly Amunrud

Counters:

Oct. 3 Kim Marquardt and Ralph Burtis
Oct. 10 Dale and Lona Jensen
Oct. 17 Kelly Amunrud and Richard Urbain
Oct. 24 Lisa O'Neil and Sean Lepp
Oct. 31 Ralph Burtis and Kelly Amunrud

**If you are unable to do your duty on the assigned
Sunday, please find a substitute.**



10/8	Richard Urbain
10/9	Beth Hanggi
10/13	Richard Papenfus
10/17	Scarlett Kispert
10/18	Elaine Olson
10/20	Dwayne Schmoll
10/21	Lillian Bera
10/30	Stephanie Chicos
10/30	Gerry Fahning

NOTE: If you have moved or
changed your phone number or email, please let the church office know. We want to
stay in touch with you.

College Address

Mckenna Freerksen
Northland College, CMB 1208
1411 Ellis Avenue
Ashland, WI 54806

Giving Report for September

Needed each week \$1,637.00

Given:

Sept. 5	\$	1,315.00
Sept. 12		1,1268
Sept. 19		610.00
Sept. 26		

Confirmation 2021-22 school year

We have two confirmands, currently, who have just begun the confirmation course with Pastor Chad as their instructor. Taylor Lepp, daughter of Shawn and Terri Lepp; and Wylie Deml, son of LaRee Deml are taking the class at this time. Please keep them in your prayers as they learn more deeply about Jesus and his Lordship and about our Methodist church and its practices.

Tues Morning 7 am Men's Coffee & Bible Study at Trinity Lutheran, WC

The Men of Trinity Lutheran, West Concord, discuss and solve! many of the major issues of the day, then we look into the Scriptures each Tuesday morning at Trinity at 7:00 to 8:00 am-- Coffee is served.

Pastor Chad offers rides from Dodge Center at 6:30 am and returns to DC at 8:30 am

We are currently reading: Troublesome Bible Passages by Randy Cross

Join us in-person or via Zoom (let Pastor know your email address)

Dick, Russ, Tom, Doug (& Gerry, Delmer and Pastor from Methodist Church) welcome you!!

Ghost Town History Tour Saturday, October 23rd

Barb Gilliland and Pastor Chad are leading a history tour bus ride throughout our county October 23rd, as part of our church Anniversary celebration. Barb is a fine historian and is putting together this tour. Please let Pastor know if you'd like to join us that day revchriste5@gmail.com; or call the church and leave a message 374-6885. We'll meet the church in the morning and end in the mid-afternoon with a stop for a meal and restroom breaks.



We are now short one person on the flower committee to provide flowers for April, July, and November on a rotating basis. Any volunteers? Let Lois Lepp know if you can help.



Sunday School News

Sunday School will begin October 3, 2021. There will be Sunday School on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month for kids ages 3 years old through 6th grade. The classes will be during worship. As in the past, the children will start in worship and then go to class, in the basement, after the children's message. The schedule for the year is below. Mark your calendars now.

Date	Lesson
October 3, 17	Jesus is Baptized (Matthew 3:17)
November 7, 21	Calling the Disciples (Mark 1:17-18)
December 5, 19	Christmas Around the World (Matthew 2:11)
January 9, 23 <i>*Note: this is not the 1st and 3rd Sunday.</i>	The Boys' Lunch (John 6:9)
February 6, 20	Peer Pressure (Hebrews 10:24)
March 6, 20	Easter: Go and Tell (Matthew 28:19)
April 3, 10 <i>*April 10 Palm Sunday</i>	People Who Made a Difference (John 4:39)
April 17 (EASTER)	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
May 1, 15	Pentecost (Acts 2:4)

OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ "JESUS IS BAPTIZED"

Main Idea: Baptism is a gift from God, given to us in love. Our acceptance of that gift is our acknowledgment of God's love for us and our place in God's family.

Unit Description: The "Jesus is Baptized" unit uses the Bible story included in Matthew 3:1-17. Jesus' cousin, John, was baptizing in the Jordan River, most likely near the Dead Sea. One day Jesus went to his cousin and asked to be baptized. John was reluctant and said "Why did you come to me? I should be baptized by you!" Then he consented. When Jesus rose out of the water, God's Spirit came upon him. A voice announced: "This is my Son! I am pleased with him!" Jesus' public ministry began shortly afterward.

Objectives: Children will recognize that...

- ~ Jesus was baptized as a sign of belonging.
- ~ We participate in the same sacrament.
- ~ The shell and dove are symbols of baptism.
- ~ John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus
- ~ God's presence is with us always.



Caregivers Support Group

Are you a family member caring for a loved one?



Dodge Center United Methodist Church is holding support group meetings

September 23rd 6:30 pm
October 7th 6:30 pm
October 21st 6:30 pm

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20 1st Street NE
Dodge Center
374-6885

Often times, caregivers say they are looking for support from people who “really understand because they’ve been there, too.”

A Caregiver Support Group offers just that—a safe place for caregivers to meet and develop a mutual support system.

You're Invited

Join us for a...

Community Dinner

(free will donation for local missions)

Take Out & curbside pickup

Wednesday, October 13

Time: 5:00 pm - till gone

NO PHONE ORDERS ACCEPTED

Dodge Center United Methodist Church

1st Street and 1st Avenue; Dodge Center



October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worldwide Communion Sunday School	4	5	6	7 Caregiver Support Group meets 6:30 pm	8	9
10	11	12	13 Community dinner 5:00 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm	14	15	16
17 Sunday School	18	19 Ad Council 6:30 pm	20	21 Caregiver Support Group 6:30 pm	22	23
24 United Nations Day	25	26	27 Confirmation 7:30 pm	28	29	30
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