

**DODGE CENTER
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
September 12, 2021
*Stand as you are able**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Joys and Concerns

***Centering Hymn UMH #154 (vs. 1-3)
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

***Call to Worship Psalm 51-1-8 UMH# 785**

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

P: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

L: Against you, and you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgement.

P: Behold, I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me,

L: Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart,

P: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be whiter than snow;

L: Make me hear with joy and gladness; let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

**Hymn of the Day UMH #390 (all vs.)
"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"**

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Lord God, you are full of compassion and mercy. You sacrificed your Son on our account. Through your spirit you forgive our sins and make us an upright people. Continue to renew our precious relationships with you. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 4:25-32

***Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

***Doxology UMH #95
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

***Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:21-35**

Sermon Rev. Chad Christensen

***Closing Hymn FWS #2151 (all vs.)
"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"**

Benediction

Postlude

† Welcome to all visitors, please sign our guest book before leaving.

Needed each week- \$1,637.00

Given Sept. 5- 1315.00

September 15th is our free dinner for our 150th Anniversary-Pork Loin carry out meal.

Articles for the newsletter are due September 19th.

Our first Adult Caregivers Support group will meet September 23rd at 6:30 pm.

September 26th is our 150th anniversary celebration worship service.

Any packages that are left at the doors for the church, should be brought into the secretary's office.

Sunday, Sept. 12

Reader: Janet Bugarin

Counters: Dale and Lona Jensen

Next Sunday, Sept. 19

Reader: Tyler Kispert

Counters: Kelly Amunrud and Richard Urbain

Pastor- Rev. Chad Christensen

Secretary-Janet Sinning

Pianist-Janet Bugarin

Sound- Colin Lepp

Counters: Lisa O'Neil and Kelly Amunrud

Welcome to Worship!

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*Dodge Center
United Methodist Church*

Special Announcements

We welcome help with community meal in September. If you can help please contact Lisa O'Neil or Beth Hanggi.

Pastor Chad will begin confirmation every other week. The first meeting is Sept. 15th at 7:30 pm. The rest of the dates for this year are Sept. 29, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Dec. 8, Dec. 15.

Our 150th Celebration is Sept. 26th. If you have any pictures, stories or relics for history to display that day you may bring them to church now, so they can be organized and displayed. If you would like them back please put your name on them. The deadline to have them in to Lisa is September 17th.

Celebration Sunday will be a Special Sunday. Worship will begin at 8:00 am as usual, there will be a special program with a potluck desert buffet to follow. Invite your family and friends.

Our church is starting a support group for Adult Caregivers. Pastor Chad and Beth will lead this. The group meets 6:30- 7:30 pm Sept. 23rd, Oct. 7th and 21st. For more information contact Beth Hanggi.

Anniversary History Tour of the Area

Some October Saturday, with the nice fall colors, is when Barb Gilliland and Pastor are looking to provide a history tour in our Dodge County area--as part of our Anniversary celebration--that are connected to our church or of common interest.

Did you know that Dodge County has 29 ghost towns and settlements? We'll visit a few of these places, like Hollowell (former village area on County H), Union Springs, and consider Wasioja, Claremont Street, Avon, Rice Lake as other places to visit. We'll have a prayer at where our former church was on Main Street, and see former parsonages of the church in Dodge Center... and history about the bank being in the church. Census information has given us some interesting information.

We want to know who is interested in going with us, so we can arrange transportation. We'll provide plenty of rest stops and a picnic will be part of the day.

Call Pastor, or the church office 374-6885 if interested (and Oct Saturdays that would work for you), and we will go from there. Thank you!

September Sermon Series

This sermon series is based upon former church leader Alvin Rogness's writings in The Book of Comfort. Rev. Rogness was president of Luther Seminary.

He also had two sons who went into ministry, Michael, a professor of preaching at Luther Seminary; and Peter, who served as bishop in two synods, Milwaukee and St. Paul.

Sept. 12 "The Gift of Forgiveness"

First Reading: Ephesians 4:25-32

Psalm 51:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 19 "The Meaning of Life"

First Reading: 1 Timothy 4:4-10

Psalm: Psalm 16:1-9

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Sept. 26 "When the Choice is Unclear"

First Reading: James 1:2-16

Psalm 78:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40