

February 2022 Newsletter

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February 20**

“Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.”

Buddha

“Plotive Screens, Gas Chroma Mass Spectrometry, and Christian Mission”



Do you like words? I know we have several avid novel readers in the congregation so some of you like words a lot and a lot of them! I particularly like words that are specialized terms. A couple of terms that I have learned about lately are “plotive screens” and “gas chroma mass spectrometry.” I learned what a plotive screen was when I made an innocent question to a Music Mart (in Rochester) technician asking what I could do to keep the popping sound in Trinity church’s microphones to a minimum. He said in a matter-of-fact way, “Oh, you need a plotive screen” as if he were telling me to use toothpaste to clean my teeth. A plotive screen?? This is a screen that is put over a larger microphone so that words that start with “p”, “t”, and “b” spoken into the mic can be softened and don’t emit the pop that we hear. Pretty interesting, I did not know such a device existed.

Now as if a plotive screen was not enough for me to ponder lately—again, I do like figuring out insider-type specialized terms that only professionals use—I then watched an episode of Forensic Files on HLN, the crime series. On this show, Peter Thomas, the narrator for the program, emphasizes how contemporary crimes and cold cases are solved using DNA and other new-age forensic capabilities. Thomas does this by describing how scientific means greatly aid in catching criminals, and his oral flair is especially effective in describing certain scientific tools. He described in this episode how a gas chroma mass spectrometer (GCMS) busted open a long overdue unsolved crime. Gas chroma mass spectrometer seems to roll off Thomas’s lips with particular clarity and enthusiasm. It is compelling! HLN definitely tapped the right guy to narrate this program! [This kind of spectrometer analyses purified compounds and their chemical makeup, useful for examining trace material left behind in crime scenes.]

Well, where is this all taking me? Like plotive screens are to the world of music equipment, and GCMS is to the science of forensics, our own church—yes! Dodge Center United Methodist—has its own in-depth terms like eschatology, soteriology, and ecclesiology. You won’t hear me use these words in a Bible study, much less a sermon, but each “trade” has its own useful terms to capture the essence of reality. Eschatology (the end time), soteriology (the study of our salvation through Jesus Christ), and ecclesiology (theology of church life) are real and important and describe what we do and why we do it at Dodge Center United Methodist. Why do I say all of this? Because in our trade... in our church life, words are our primary tools and they have incredible and radical strength in moving our faith, caring for one another, and making our local community a better



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Readers:

Feb 6 Janet Bugarin
Feb 13 Lisa O'Neil
Feb 20 Kelly Amunrud
Feb 27 Tyler Kispert

Counters:

Feb 6 Dale and Lona Jensen
Feb 13 Lisa O'Neil and Kim Marquardt
Feb 20 Kelly Amunrud and Shawn Lepp
Feb 27 Kim Marquardt and Shawn Lepp

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

(Pastors letter cont.)

place to live.

If you haven't done this in a while, I invite you to read through the entire Bible this year, or be faithful with reading the Upper Room devotional each month, or join a Bible study where we can explore the depths of our Christian faith together. These rich opportunities are in front

of you. The invitation has been made. There will be words! And, Christ will be closer, and our understanding of him and his mission will be deeper.

God's blessings to you,
 Pastor Chad

Tidbit

The confirmands had a party and movie showing on Jan. 16 at Trinity, West Concord with Wylie Deml (DC UMC) and Graden Thomas (Trinity) attending. We discussed race/racism in the movie "Running Brave" about Lakota Sioux Olympic gold medalist Billy Mills.

Valentine pre-packaged "snacks to go"

- Sunday, February 13 following worship. All are welcome to bring pre-packaged cookies, bars, or Valentine treats to share like we did at Christmas. Treats may be homemade or purchased. Place 3 - 4 treats in a small baggie or place on a small paper plate and seal with plastic wrap. Bring several pre-packaged items, if you wish, and take several home to share with shut ins or neighbors for Valentines Day.



Linda Wallerich	1
Connor Kispert	9
Jason Peck	9
Eric Hoffman	10
Janet Bugarin	13
Roger Freerksen	14
Lois Lepp	16
Steve Delzer	17
Cheryl Stowers	19
Robert Bowman	26
Chris O'Neil	27



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY LESSON ~ "PEER PRESSURE"

Main Idea: As Christians we are called to be faithful to God and to make wise choices. Sometimes a wise choice will be different from the choices others are making.

Scripture: I Corinthians 16:13, 14) Keep alert. Be firm in your faith. Stay brave and strong. Show love in everything you do. **Hebrews 10:24** Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love, and to do good.

Objectives:

Children will explore the following concepts:

- It is often hard to choose to do the right things, especially when others are making different choices
- The choices they make have consequences, both good and bad
- God wants them to make good choices and to help others make good choices
- They can choose to stand up for God in their choices
- They can say no to others when asked to do things they know are wrong
- There are tools, techniques, and resources to help make wise choices
- Friends can help make right choices or wrong choices

Date	Lesson
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)

**DODGE CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021 (UPDATED)**



ATTENDANCE: Beth Hanggi (SPRC), Chad Christensen (Pastor), Kelly Amunrud (Secretary & Trust Fund), Lisa O'Neil (Ad Council Chairperson), Tyler Kispert (Treasurer), Kathy Bartz

MEETING: Lisa called the meeting to order. The Vision Mission statement was read in unison. Pastor Chad opened the meeting with a prayer.

SECRETARY: The October Ad Council minutes were distributed. Motion was made to approve the minutes with one minor change. Motion was seconded and approved.

CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORTS APPROVAL: The nominations and membership forms were approved.

Pastoral compensation form was tabled at this time. Further discussion coming.

Discussion was held regarding having a membership committee for 2022. The Budget report is still needing to be finished.

TREASURER: The ending October bank balance was \$10,681.69. Preliminary November balance (before bills) is \$14,613.48. The Memorial Fund October balance is \$12,975.90. Preliminary November balance is \$12,990.90. The camera has not been purchased yet, so that funding is also in the checking at this time. Apportionments are up to date.

TRUST FUND: The ending October balance was \$74,793.79.

TRUSTEES: A question was asked about the treasurer being bonded through an insurance program. This is taken care of at the conference level.

SPRC: Beth presented a resignation letter from Janet Sinning. Her last day will be 12/30/21. We will put word out for the opening and hold interviews as needed.

Discussion around pastoral compensation was held and Lisa and Beth will meet with Trinity to finalize this piece.

PASTOR: (See page 2)

OTHER BUSINESS:

December Events

December Potluck takeout snacks: There will be an optional cookie/treat exchange where members can bring individually bagged items to give and take on Sunday, December 19th.

ii. Christmas Eve Worship: Will be held on Friday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

iii. Community Free Dinners: No community free dinners in Dec. and Jan. due to the increased COVID cases in the county. We will re-evaluate at the January Ad Council meeting for the Feb. free dinner.

Vacation: December 26 – Pastor Chad will be on vacation. There will be no sermon. Pastor Chad will prepare readings and hymns for that Sunday in place of the sermon. Worship order will stay the same.

Building Usage Form: Lisa will create a building usage form for our church. If outside organizations would like to use our church, they will need to fill the form out and provide proof of insurance.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 18th at 6:00pm. (note new time)

Kelly Amunrud, Administrative Council Secretary



You're Invited!!

Join us for a...

SPAGHETTI - Free Dinner

(open to anyone in the community)

Curbside Pickup Only

Wednesday, February 16

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Dodge Center United Methodist Church
1st Street and 1st Avenue; Dodge Center

Dear Members,

All of the food is taken care of. We need VOLUNTEERS to help set up, serve, and clean up. Please consider signing up if you are free that evening. Here is the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CA5AC2AA1FA7-umcfree14>

You can also email Lisa O'Neil (peelette@yahoo.com) and she'll add you to the sign up.



Our church will be collecting money for Heifer International, beginning March 20 through April 24.

We will kick off our Heifer International fundraiser on Sunday, March 20. Join us for worship that day.

This is our 10th year that we have been collecting money to send to Heifer International. Our goal has always been to raise \$1,000 or more. Last year, we collected \$735.00. Since 2012, we have donated \$7,638 to Heifer International. Wow!

Thank you for your continued support! Join us Sunday, April 10 for the children's annual parade of palms and a NOISY offering of coins. Collect your coins and bring them on Sunday, April 10. Due to Covid mitigation strategies, please put your donations in the cans as you arrive to church. Cash and checks are also accepted. You can make checks out to Dodge Center UMC and put "Heifer International" in the memo section. We will collect money through Sunday, April 24. There is a table set up at church for your donations so you can bring a donation in any time. For more information on Heifer International you may go to www.heifer.org.

Total Collected	
GOAL	\$1000
	\$975
	\$950
	\$925
	\$900
	\$875
	\$850
	\$825
	\$800
	\$775
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	\$725
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