

THE NEWSLETTER  
Dodge Center United Methodist Church  
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**April 2022**

# March 2022

## United Methodist Church of Dodge Center

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PO Box 98

20 First Street NE

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

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March 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

"Why Do We Pray?"

I have polled church members in the past on this question. When this question is asked, the "why we pray" naturally brings out peoples' theology, their faith, and the essence of the practice of prayer. The "why" is a big part of what makes one pray. We want to know the why behind something, generally, before

we do it.

These responses to "Why do we pray" have come from church members I have polled:

--I believe God answers prayer

--To communicate with God and be in relationship with Him

--To offer thanks and praise to God

--To seek guidance

--Because prayer brings me closer to God and it is personal

--I know my Lord has the ability to heal, love, care and feed  
--more than I can do alone.

--Prayer gives me peace of heart and mind and hope for others.

--For many concerns, only God can help. The Bible says "cast your cares on God, for God cares for you."

--I pray daily as I know and witness the power of prayer. Prayer works!!

--Because Jesus is Lord and he listens.

--I pray to have communication with God. I feel closer to Him and I pray for myself and others.

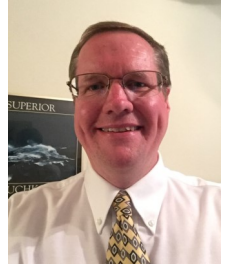
--To make yourself close to God.

We continue in a new year with the practices of faith--worship, reading the scriptures, and being a praying people. May your prayer life be robust! Don't get bogged down by quantity (amount of time in prayer) or the quality (what is said) of your prayers, but be in steady relationship with our Lord who was all, is all, and will be for all eternity. These practices, as witnessed to

by a number of church members above in their statements, are good to take into Lent next month as we examine our hearts before God.

Blessed days to you,

Pastor Christensen





Evan Schmoll	2
Jackie Schmoll	3
Dylan Freerksen	5
Andrew Narveson	5
Dennis Hester	8
Lyla Bowman	10
Brent Freerksen	11
Deegan O'Neil	11
Beverly Rohwer	30
Ellie Freerksen	30

Anniversaries  
Chris and Lisa O'neil 16

**Readers:**

**April 3 Tyler Kispert**  
**April 10 Kathy Bartz**  
**April 17 Kelly Amunrud**  
**April 24 Janet Bugarin**

**Counters:**

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

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

**Office Secretary**

Hannah Olson has been hired as our office secretary at the church, after a lengthy search for this position was made. Hannah is a member of our church and is familiar with our current range of events and ministries. We heartily welcome her onto the staff. Thank you for serving the church in this important way, Hannah! Janet Sinning continued in the position until it was filled and has been training Han-

**New Book Study "Seculosity"**

A Zoom study on the book "Seculosity" by David Zahl will take place on Thursdays, March 3 - April 6, at 6pm, led by Pastor Chad and Lutheran intern Alex Aakre. This book explores religion and its intersection with secular areas of technology, career, politics, and other parts of our personal lives. Books are free; let Pastor know if you want to participate and need a book.

**Liaison Committee**

DC UMC and Trinity Lutheran, West Concord have established a committee of two representatives each to meet and discuss the sharing of pastoral services. Topics like worship times, mutual events, and joint ministries will be explored. Lisa O'Neil, president, and Beth Hanggi, Staff-Parish Relations committee chair, represent DCUMC at these meetings.

**Did you hear ?**

The Communion Steward committee has an opening. You would set up and take down Communion on a rotating basis. Once every three months. Are you being called to do this? Contact the office after you have given this prayerful thought to volunteer for your church.



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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.heifer.org).

Total Collected	
GOAL	\$1000
	\$975
	\$950
	\$925
	\$900
	\$875
	\$850
	\$825
	\$800
	\$775
	\$750
	\$725
	\$700
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	\$275
	\$250
	\$225
	\$200
	\$175
	\$150
	\$125
	\$100
	\$75
	\$50
	\$25



# You're Invited!!

*Join us for a...*

**Free Dinner - Meatballs and Potatoes**  
**(open to anyone in the community)**

***Curbside Pickup Only***

**Wednesday, March 16**

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

**Dodge Center United Methodist Church**

*1<sup>st</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue; Dodge Center*

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Dear Members,

We need VOLUNTEERS to provide food, 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-umcfree15>

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

# Sunday School News

## March Lesson – People Who Made a Difference

**Main Idea:** People of faith made a difference. Through the stories of people of faith, such as Deborah, Jeremiah, the Centurion's servant, and the woman at the well, we learn more about God. As people of faith, we can respond to God and make a difference.

**Unit Description:**

The People Who Made a Difference unit uses the Bible story included in **Judges 4:4-15; Jeremiah 1:4-8; Luke 7:1-10; John 4:5-41**. Throughout history there have been great people of faith. People who made a difference in the lives of others and in our world. People of every age, race, or gender. People like you and me. The Bible stories in this unit, two from the Old Testament and two from the New, tell us that people of faith can be all sorts of people. And all kinds of people can make a difference.

**Objectives:**

Children will explore the following concepts:

- The Bible shows us that all kinds of people can make a difference.
- A woman (Deborah) made a difference, a child (Jeremiah) made a difference, someone who wasn't of the Jewish faith (centurion) made a difference, and an outcast (woman at the well) made a difference.
- Throughout history, people of great faith made a difference.
- Each one of us can make a difference.

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## Sunday School Schedule 2021 – 2022

*(Updated February 2022)*

Date	Lesson
March 6	People Who Made a Difference (John 4:39)
March 20	Heifer International Lesson – Heifer Kick-Off Sunday
April 3, 10	Easter: Go and Tell (Matthew 28:19)
April 10 Palm Sunday	Palm Processional & Heifer Int. Noisy Offering
April 17 (EASTER)	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
May 1, 15	Pentecost (Acts 2:4)

# APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Sunday School Communion	4	5	6	7 Adult caregivers meet 6:30 pm	8	9
10 Sunday School	11 Holy week begins	12	13	14 Holy Thursday/ Maundy Thursday	15 Good Friday!	16 Holy Saturday
17 <b>Easter Day / Palm Sunday</b>	18	19 Ad Council 5:30 pm	20 Confirmation 7:40 pm	21 Adult Caregivers meet 6:30 pm	22 Earth Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30