

THE NEWSLETTER
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**(please leave a message
if we are unable to answer)**

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**Visit us and like us on Facebook!
(United Methodist Church of Dodge Center)**

**Worship Service is
at 8:00 am
on Sunday morning
in person and
online on Facebook.**

"PASTORAL CARE IN HOSPITALS AND OTHER AUXILIARY LIVING SITUATIONS"

Dear Congregation Members,

I hope you have been having good spring days and are making plans for a fine summer ahead. After a seemingly long winter, I'm sure we have all had some thoughts about how June through August would be for our enjoyment. Have fun in the spring and summer! Time in the "nice weather" months is fleeting.

In my Letter of Call, that the Ad Council established when I began as your pastor in July 2020, there is a listing of my ministry duties in serving you.

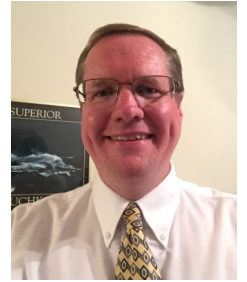
Foremost as a responsibility, among preaching, teaching, and presiding over the Holy Sacraments of baptism and communion, is pastoral care to the sick, disabled, and the elderly. In this ministry, my visits are as long as they need to be-- sometimes brief when one needs rest or is feeling poorly or in pain. And these visits can include receiving Holy Communion.

Please help me in ministering to you and let me know if you have a planned time that you will be staying at the hospital or are moving to what I refer to as an auxiliary living arrangement, like assisted living or nursing home stays, even if they are brief. It's not best to assume that the "rumor mill" will get around to me and that I'll know through others that you are ill and/or in a facility. This may not happen. You may call me, text, or email me or leave a message on the church answering machine to let me know.

Chad cell, call/text: 507-517-4160

or church office 507-374-6885

I want to be there for you when you are away from home, in new surroundings, and healing or making a new life in a care facility.



NOTE: Mayo Clinic hospitals generally have the patient write down who can visit them, so, you may want to list me if you would like me to come there to visit you.

Pastoral ministry, as you know, is a long-held ministry and regarded with esteem within the church. Clergy are one of the last professionals to make house calls today. Of course, this includes visiting you at your home (or at the church if that is more comfortable) if you have need or desire to visit with me about things in general or spiritual matters. We could talk over the phone as well. The summer is a great time to do this. Also of note, geriatric pastoral care was my specialty area in my seminary studies.

Prayer requests are also acknowledged, and we lift up those in need, or that have joys to share, in our worship prayers. You may call the church office with these prayers as well.

Many blessings upon you! Happy Spring and Summer!
Pastor Christensen

Deadline
for the June
Newsletter
is
06/21/2022

June 2022

Birthdays

Colin Lepp	2
Kaylee Freerksen	3
Chris Franko	6
Lois Kispert	8
Craig Mussman	8
Kevin Dostal	11
Marty Hester	15
Brandon Schmoll	17
Susan Olness	22
Bridgette Narveson	27
Terry Lepp	24
Delores Sackett	27

Anniversaries

Randy & Karen Franko	6
Todd & Shelly Kispert	20
Larry & Deb Meeker	20
Buzz & Lea Flury	30

Thank You To All Our Volunteers!

Readers

June 5	Tyler Kispert
June 12	Kathy Bartz
June 19	Lisa O'Neil
June 26	Janet Bugarin

Counters

June 5	Kelly Amunrud and Shawn Lepp
June 12	Kathy Bartz and Kim Marquardt
June 19	Kelly Amunrud and Lisa O'Neil
June 26	Dale and Lona Jensen

Communion

June 5	Linda Wallerich
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If you are unable to do your duty on the assigned Sunday, please find a substitute.

WWAP

(Women With a Purpose) will **not** meet in June.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, July 16, at 9:30 a.m. at church.

Trinity Lutheran/DCUMC Liaison Committee

June 8th at 7pm

If you have any concerns or topics you would like discussed at this meeting, please contact Beth Hangii, Lisa O'Neil or Pastor Chad.

Our churches have established this committee of representatives so we can meet and discuss the sharing of pastoral services. Topics like worship times, mutual events, and joint ministries will be explored.

The Return of Weekly Devotions!

Pastor Chad will be resuming weekly devotions online. These devotions will be done on Thursdays, starting June 2nd. They will be posted on DC UMC's Facebook page.

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THE JUST MAN WALKETH IN HIS INTEGRITY: HIS CHILDREN ARE BLESSED AFTER HIM. ~PROVERBS 20:7


(Post) Father's Day Potluck Brunch

June 26th, Following 8AM Worship Service

Come and celebrate Father's Day with us!

We will be having a post Father's Day Potluck Brunch to celebrate all the amazing Father's out there.

Bring your Dad, Pop or Pa to enjoy good food and good conversation!



Last month we received a very nice letter from our
District Super Intendant, Cynthia Williams.

She wanted to thank us and present us with a Certificate of Appreciation,
in recognition of 100% payment of apportionments in 2021. Congratulations DCUMC!

Apportionments are used to:

Develop Missional Leaders Equip Missional Congregations
Extend Missional Impact Generate Missional Resources
Align Our Work – Leadership of the Annual Conference
Align Our Work – Support of the Annual Conference
Provide the Uncollectible Contingency



May 6, 2022 Dear Pastor, Members, and Friends of
Dodge Center United Methodist Church:

Thank you for your accomplishment of paying 100 percent apportionments in 2021! The past year brought disruption and uncertainty as we continued to navigate the pandemic. You have been good stewards who persevered and in trust, honored this commitment! As you know, apportionments are used to support crucial ministries across our conference, nation, and world as United Methodists.

Your church, along with 53 others in our River Valley District, kept this covenant. Thank you for your faithfulness! Please share and celebrate the Certificate of Appreciation recognizing your excellence in giving. In the United Methodist church, apportioned funds are what enable United Methodists to do ministry together. You have supported the connectional staff members who provide the leadership throughout the state and throughout our denomination. Apportionments help provide health insurance to retired clergy. They help start new faith communities and enable churches to engage in ministry turnarounds.

Your faithful intentional and sacrificial giving allows the benevolence and mission projects of the General Church and Annual Conference to continue in life-changing ways. Your giving indeed, transforms the world! Your gifts as a congregation are a vital expression of the scriptural imperatives to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people for Christ, and help heal a broken world. Together, God is using us to bless our world in Christ's name.

With a joyful and grateful heart,
Cynthia D. Williams

We would like to have this community event keep going for many more months!

In order to do that we need the help of our church members and other volunteers. If you are able to (or know someone else who would), please consider providing food or your time to help serve, prepare or clean up at one of these upcoming meals. As always, we greatly appreciate any help that is provided!



You're Invited!!

Join us for a...

Free Dinner

(open to anyone in the community)

DINE IN and curbside available

Wednesday, June 15

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

Dodge Center United Methodist Church

1st Street and 1st Avenue; Dodge Center

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-umcfree18>

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



DODGE CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022 (REVISED)

ATTENDANCE: Beth Hanggi (SPRC), Chad Christensen (Pastor), Kelly Amunrud (Secretary & Trust Fund), Lisa O'Neil (Ad Council Chairperson), Tyler Kispert (Treasurer), and Dale Jensen (Trustees).

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 March Ad Council minutes were distributed. Motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved.

TREASURER: The ending March bank balance was \$19,349.54 (there is \$7,089.81 set aside for parsonage). \$2,458 parsonage property taxes to be paid yet. The ending March Memorial Fund balance is \$13,137.11. Our 2022 apportionment payments are paid through April. The treasurer computer is still having issues, motion was made to purchase a new one if they can't fix it this time. Motion was seconded and approved.

TRUST FUND: The ending February balance was \$73,536.91. The ending March balance was \$74,664.84.

TRUSTEES: The downstairs toilet has been fixed. The sump pump is having problems, Dale is taking care of it.

SPRC: The parsonage washing machine is not working, a repair person has been called.

PASTOR: (See page 2) **EXTRA NOTES:** The West Concord UMC will be closing in June. There will be a wedding at the church on May 14th.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Building usage form was updated and approved.

Puzzle event will be held 4/24, needing final numbers.

Mother's Day 5/8 we will have a potluck after church.

Community meal: May's menu will be pulled pork sandwiches, pasta salad, chips, and bars/cookies.

Graduate recognition TBD for Trent Martin.

Annual conference is 5/24-5/25, Lisa and Pastor Chad will be attending.

Sunday School dates in May will be changing (to be held May 8, 15, and 22)

Heifer International: Noisy offering Sunday raised \$445.75, final numbers to be announced.

Joint Trinity/UMC church mtg: The next meeting will be virtual on June 8th. Ideas for a joint activity this summer are welcome.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 17th at 6:00 PM.

Kelly Amunrud
Administrative Council Secretary

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Return of Weekly Devotions online!	3	4
5 Communion	6	7	8 Trinity Luth./ DCUMC Liaison Committee meeting 7:00pm	9 Adult Caregivers meeting 6:30pm	10	11
12	13	14	15 Free Community Dinner 5-6pm	16	17	18
19	20	21 Ad Council 5:30 pm	22	23 Adult Caregivers meeting 6:30pm	24	25
26 (Post) Father's Day Potluck Brunch	27	28	29	30		