

THE NEWSLETTER
Dodge Center United Methodist Church
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

September 2022

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pastor Chad is on vacation	2 Pastor Chad is on vacation	3 Pastor Chad returns from vacation
4 Communion (Worship Time Starts at 8:15am)	5	6	7	8 Adult Caregivers Meeting 6:30pm	9	10 WWAP meeting 9:30am
11	12	13	14	15 'Women of the Bible' Bible Study 6pm	16	17 ***
18 ***	19 ***	20 *** Ad Council 5:30pm	21 *** Free Community Dinner 5-6pm	22 *** Adult Caregivers Meeting 6:30pm	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	***= the church base- ment will not be usable due to the floors being cleaned

September 2022
Newsletter

United Methodist Church
of Dodge Center
PO BOX 98,
20 first Street NE,
Dodge Center, MN

Pastor: Chad Christensen

Email: revchriste5@gmail.com

Cell phone: 507-517-4160

Pastor Chad's Office hours:

Monday & Tuesday

9:00am-12 :00pm

**Administrative Assistant:
Hannah Olson**

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Office Phone: 507-374-6885
(please leave a message
if we are unable to answer)

Office Hours:
Monday and Friday
9:00am– 2:00pm

Website:
www.dodgecenterumc.org

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

**Worship Service is
at 8:15 am on
Sunday morning
in person and
online on Facebook.**

Deadline for
the October
Newsletter is
September
23rd.

The Seven Marks of Discipleship

Discipleship is an important theme in the New Testament, as Jesus calls his disciples (that includes us!) to follow him. **Matthew 28:18-20** says: Then Jesus came to the disciples and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And, surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Up to this time in 2022, please rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 on these Seven Marks of Discipleship or Practices of the Christian faith (1 being low; 10 being high, that you practice these consistently):

___ **Prayer**

___ **Worship**

___ **Bible Study**

___ **Giving**

(monetary and time given to God's church)

___ **Serving**

(volunteering for DC UMC's ministries in some way)

___ **Encouraging**

(uplifting others in their faith journey)

___ **Inviting**

(asking someone if they'd like to attend a church event with you)

Where did you score lowest? Was your total score (adding up the seven areas) under 35, which would be a halfway mark? Be prayerful about your faith and about these practices. You are rewarded for doing them, they bring about a stronger relationship between you and God, AND between you and your neighbor. Let me know how I can aid you in any of these areas—as your pastor I want to be by your side in your faith endeavors and help you as much as I can.

The fall season in our church has a fuller set of programs. Reach out and try something that you may not have tried before—attend a WWAP (women's fellowship) or a bible/book study; chaperone a youth event; invite someone to a church gathering, begin reading the *Upper Room* devotional; make a goal of increasing your financial giving by 1%; or plan to add Sundays into your schedule to worship more often. To God be the glory as we seek to become stronger in the faith!

Blessing and peace to you this fall,

Pastor Christensen



SEPTEMBER 2022

Birthdays

Doris Weber	4
Dale Jensen	8
Ralph Burtis	14
Irelynn Bowman	18
Eleanor Thompson	19
Kathy Bartz	21
Kim Marquardt	23
Glennis Franko	26

Anniversaries

Isaac and Hannah Olson	17
Shawn and Terri Lepp	27
Roger and Sheila Freerksen	29

Thank You To All Our Volunteers!

Readers

September 7	Tyler Kispert
September 14	Janet Bugarin
September 21	Kelly Amunrud
September 25	Kathy Bartz

Counters

September 7	Kelly Amunrud & Shawn Lepp
September 14	Dale & Lona Jensen
September 21	Kelly Amunrud & Shawn Lepp
September 25	Kathy Bartz & Kim Marquardt

Communion

September 7	Deb Papenfus
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If you are unable to do your duty
on the assigned Sunday, please find a substitute.

Fall Hours

Our church office hours, Pastor Chad's weekly schedule and worship time will be changing starting September 1st.

Church Office/ Admin. Hours:

Monday &
Friday
9 a.m. to
2 p.m.

Pastor Chad 's Weekly Schedule:

Monday and Tuesday
at Dodge Center
9a.m. to Noon
Wednesday and Thursday
at Trinity Lutheran
9a.m. to 11a.m.
Friday
Pastoral visitations
Saturday
Day off
Sunday
Church Services

Worship Time:

Sunday worship
beginning Sept. 4
and into this next
year will begin at
8:15 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Quick Reminder

Pastor Chad will be on vacation through September 3rd. Covering emergencies is Pastor Jacob Hanson (Kasson). He can be reached at 507-634-7823.

September Free Community Dinner

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 this month's free community dinner. Any help that is provided is greatly needed and appreciated!

You can use the link below to sign-up or contact Lisa O'Neil and she can add you to the sign-up list.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CA5AC2AA1FA7-umcfree21>

Community Dinner Donations

We want to hear from our congregation members!

If YOU have an idea for a mission that we should give our Community Dinner donations to, please let Hannah know .

**(secdcumc@gmail.com
or 507-374-6885**

**If there is no answer at the office,
please leave a message)**

The Ad Council will acknowledge your suggestions.

Adult Caregivers Support Group

This month's meetings are on the **September 8th and 22nd at 6:30 p.m.**

WWAP

Next meeting is on Saturday, **September 10th at 9:30 a.m.** at church. Note that this is again one week earlier than our usual meeting date.

BOOK STUDY

Open to Women and Men!

A book study on "The Women of the Bible Speak" will meet for a one hour discussion on Wednesday

September 15, at 6pm

(in-person and via Zoom options provided)

To participate and order a book, please email me (Pastor Chad) back.

Sunday School begins on Sunday, October 2!

(for children ages 3 years old to 6th grade)

We will be offering
Sunday School classes EVERY Sunday
this year instead of only the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month.
Please have the children join us and bring their Bibles too!
Below is the calendar through Christmas.

Date	Lesson
October 2, 9, 16, 23	Creation (Genesis 1:31)
October 30 November 6, 13, 20	Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:7)
November 27	No Sunday School – Thanksgiving Weekend
December 4, 11, 18	Journey to Bethlehem (Luke 2:11)
December 25 January 1	No Sunday School – Christmas No Sunday School – New Year’s Day

It’s time to clean the basement!

Planning is in process for a September date.
Please note, we will not be able to use the basement for events from
9/17-9/22 due to the floors being cleaned. Thank you.

Contact Kelly Amunrud if you are interested in helping.

You're Invited!!!

Join us for a FREE DINNER

(Open to anyone in the community)

United Methodist Church

20 1st Street NE

Dodge Center, MN

September 21, 2022

5:00 – 6:30pm (serving until gone)



Pork Loin

Mashed Potatoes & gravy

Corn & Dinner roll

Your choice of bar:

Apple, Cherry, Pumpkin, Rhubarb
or Brownie

*****DINE IN & curbside available (no pre-sales)*****

Free Will Donations for annual church fundraiser



CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

FIND A SUPPORT SYSTEM TODAY!

Build a support system with people who understand. This caregiver support group is a safe place for ALL caregivers, family, and friends who are caring for someone with chronic illness or dementia to share their concerns, needs and feelings.

Exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and possible solutions.

Talk through issues and behaviors and find ways to cope.

DODGE CENTER

Location:

Dodge Center United Methodist Church
20 1st Street NE
Dodge Center, MN 55927

Date/Time:

2nd and 4th Thursday
of the month.
From 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

July 28 th	Oct. 6 th
Aug. 11 th	Oct. 20 th
Aug. 25 th	Nov. 10 th
Sept. 8 th	Dec. 8 th
Sept. 22 nd	Dec. 22 nd

Learn about community resources.

Occasional educational speakers.

Meetings are in-person.

Feel free to contact:

Mary Sue Sandeno – 507-208-8672
Beth Hanggi – 507-261-2989
United Methodist Church – 507-374-6885
(If there is no answer,
please leave a message.)

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DODGE CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 19th , 2022

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

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

TREASURER: End of June balance was \$17,353.93 (\$6,740.51 parsonage set aside). Memorial fund end of June balance was \$13,397.89. We have switched over to MBT bank and are working to get all pieces moved over.

TRUST FUND: End of June balance was \$68,547.63.

TRUSTEES: No report

SPRC: Met with the secretary for her review. All is going well. No concerns with the parsonage.

PASTOR: (See page 2)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Church cleaning: We are still in need of people to clean the church upstairs. Kelly Amunrud will organize the basement cleaning for this fall. We will have Corey's clean the basement floor as well.

Single governing board: Discussion about further pursuing this. More research and discussion will be held.

Committee lists: These need to be reviewed and updated.

Upcoming Events:

Aug 10 h – Book study at 6 PM

Aug 10th – UMC/Trinity joint leadership meeting at 7 PM

August 17th Free dinner (BBQ chicken thighs, salad, bars, dinner roll)

August 21st – Noon joint potluck meal in West Concord at Memorial Park

September 14th – Tentative book study at 7:30 PM

October 2nd – Tentative book study at 7:30 PM

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 16th at 5:30 pm.

Kelly Amunrud
Administrative Council Secretary

DCUMC: Pastor Chad's report for 7/12/22 to 8/12/22

Home/phone visits: 12

Pre-marriage/wedding planning visits: 0 Weddings: 0

Nursing home or facility visits: 2 (Fairview) Funerals: 0 Vacation days 2022: 8

Sick days: 3

Pastor Chad's Ministries & Activities:

- Planning Sunday worship services
 - Pastoral care, mainly to members in facility or homebound
 - Led worship for County Fair service, July 17
 - Liaison meeting between both churches, Aug 10
 - On-line devotions on Facebook, weekly
 - Pastor's text study with area Lutheran and Methodist pastors (occasional) in Zumbrota
 - Served at Community Meal, Jul 20
 - Women of the Bible study, Aug 10
 - Meals on Wheels, Jul 27
 - Meeting with area Methodist pastors in Rochester with Supt. Cynthia Williams, Jul 28
- UPCOMING Ministries & Activities

- One-to-One review meeting with Supt. Cynthia Williams, Aug 16
- Preparing for Confirmation classes in the fall
- The class I teach at Luther Seminary in St. Paul will be on Thursday afternoons, Sept. 29 thru Dec. 8. I am rearranging my fall schedule at end of Sept. to accommodate the absence at DCUMC those Thursday mornings.
- Vacation for Mon., Aug. 22 – Sat., Sept. 3 (13 days); Covering on-call for me is Pastor Jacob Hanson, Kasson, 507-634-7823 I will make a sermon available to Lisa, Kelly and Janet, per usual for Sun., Aug. 28 service.

OFFICE HRS:

TRINITY: Sun: 10:30-noon; Wed: 9-noon; Friday & Saturday taking phone calls while ministering in community, periodically checking in to office when needed.

DCUMC: Tues.: 9-noon & Thurs 9-noon (w/secretary at UMC) and Tues. pastor's text study

Friday-Saturday: Pastoral visitation and final prep for Sunday

Mon: day off; Pastor Chad's mobile number: (call/text) 507-517-4160 --End—