

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:15 Worship *SS	4	5	6	7 Adult Caregiver Group 6–7:30 6 PM Book Study	8	9 WWAP 9:30 AM
10 8:15 Worship *SS	11	12	13 a	14	15	16
17 8:15 Worship *SS	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 Ad Council 5:30 PM	20 Community Dinner 5–6 PM	21 Adult Caregiver Group 6–7:30 PM	22	23 Dodge County Expo
24/31 8:15 Worship (No SS on the 31st) Happy Easter!	25	26	27	28	29	30

March 2024
Newsletter

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of Dodge Center)

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

Deadline for
the April News-
letter is March
18h

Pastor Chad's Ink

Dear Parishioners:

We would like you to save **Sunday, April 14** as a date on your calendar for a full morning event held at our church. The Gideons, through their area representative Gaylord Gossard, will be providing a seminar titled "Conversations: A Simple Approach to Sharing the Gospel." Gaylord will be at the church to speak briefly about the Gideon's work in the world during worship. Then after worship on April 14, he will lead sessions that help us think some more about our witnessing to our faith through the power of story. We would like as many of our church attendees to be a part of the full morning as possible. We will have our normal Sunday refreshments after worship while we take in these seminar topics:

- What is the Gospel for today's society?
- Why should we share the Gospel?
- Basics of sharing the Gospel--Answering questions, God's role, and our role.
- Tools and resources for sharing and conversation.

This seminar will help us re-discover the simplicity of the Gospel and have us leave with practical tools and resources to confidently share our faith.

The seminar is free, and a free-will donation for Gaylord's time will be collected. The seminar will begin at 9:15am and go into the 11:00am hour.

We know that we are a small church and desire to recruit new members. Faith sharing is a way to kindle desire in others an interest in learning more about our Lord Jesus, and considering finding a church home--hopefully with us if we fit what they are looking for. This seminar by the Gideons is an effort to equip us for such sharing and inviting people to come to church with us, and for others to learn about the faith we each nurture in ourselves. I hope you can join us on the morning of April 14th (two weeks after Easter Day).

Let me know if you have questions.

Yours in the faith,
Pastor Chad Christensen

One of the ministries I provide is pastoral counseling, simply listening to your story. If you have a relationship that is concerning you, I may be able to give you some guidance, or refer you to a qualified licensed counselor or other resources, with confidentiality. Let me know how I may be of aid to you.





March 2024

Happy Birthday

Breckyn Franko	3
Shirley Bowman	4
Chad Christensen	5
Mikaela Burtis	8
Taelyn Narveson	9
Reece Kispert-Johnson	26
Larry Burtis	27
Erin Kispert	28
Ralph Hanggi	30
Shari Garness	31

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers for our next Community Dinner which will be held on March 20th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CA5AC2AA1FA7-46975203-umcfree>

We also could use some helpers to help with our booth at the Dodge County Expo on March 23rd. The hours of the Expo are 8:00 to 2:00 pm. Please Talk to Pastor Chad about your availability

Thank You To All Our Volunteers!

Readers

March	3	Tyler Kispert
March	10	Janet Bugarin
March	17	Kathy Bartz
March	24	Kelly Amunrud
March	31	Kelly Amunrud

Counters

March	3	Shawn Lepp and Doris Weber
March	10	Lisa O'Neil and Kelly Amunrud
March	17	Kathy Bartz and Kim Marquardt
March	31	Shawn Lepp and Doris Weber

Communion

March	3	Deb Papenfus
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If you are unable to do your duty on the assigned Sunday, please find a substitute.

Our church is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels during the weeks of March 4-8 and March 11-15. Please take an hour out of your week and volunteer for this worthy cause in our community. There is a signup sheet in the back of the church or talk to Janet Bugarin in the office on Mondays or Tuesdays,



February Meetings Held At Church

Ad Council

The next meeting will be held Tuesday March 19th at 5:30 PM

Adult Caregivers Support Group

Will meet Thursday, March 14th and 28th from 6 - 7:30 PM

*Can you help?
Wanted: Greeters*

We're looking for people interested in greeting our visitors and members. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church, or you may get a call from Janet requesting your help with this. We want to be a friendly and welcoming church.

Church Volunteers



Women With A Purpose (WWAP)

WWAP will meet on **Saturday, March 9th at 9:30 AM** at church. (Note date change). All women are invited to join us for an informal time of fellow-



Easter Flower orders must be placed to Houston's by March 11th. Please turn your order in to the church office by that date. They are not ordering much more than is requested and the orders need to be guaranteed and cannot be cancelled. Here is what they have to offer:

White Easter Lilies-\$13.00 (No discount due to cost increase)
Large Mums- \$15.00
Begonias-\$14.00
Small Mums-\$9.00

Please indicate who the plant is in memory or in honor of



Our

church will be collecting money for Heifer International, beginning March 10 through April 28.

We will kick off our Heifer International fundraiser on Sunday, March 10. Join us for worship that day.

This is our 12th 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 \$1314.52. The children were able to choose a variety of animals to send to the Heifer participants. They had a great time choosing them.

Let's do it again this year! Since 2012, we have donated \$10, 289.75 to Heifer International. Wow!

Thank you for your continued support!

Join us Sunday, March 24 for the children's annual parade of palms and a NOISY offering of

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 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

2024 Schedule:

March 14th
March 28th

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
of Dodge Center - 507-374-6885
(If there is no answer,
please leave a message.)

**Dodge Center United Methodist Church
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You're Invited!!

Join us for a...

Free Community Dinner

Wednesday, March 20th

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

Menu: Ham, scalloped potatoes, corn and cake

Dodge Center United Methodist Church

Corner of 1st Ave NE and 1st Street NE

Take Out Available

Donations will this month will go to the Dodge County Food Shelf.

March Sunday School Lessons



Easter: Go and Tell

Main Idea:

The resurrected Jesus told his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that Jesus commanded. The unit uses the Bible story included in Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20. All four Gospel writers tell the story of Jesus' resurrection. Details differ, but all tell the same message: Jesus lives! Details differ, but all agree that women were the first to hear that good news.

Objectives:

Children will explore the following concepts...

- ~ Jesus rose from the dead.
- ~ Through Jesus, God offers new life to people everywhere.
- ~ Jesus expected his followers to continue the work he started.
- ~ What Jesus told his followers applies to Jesus' disciples today
- ~ Each of us has unique abilities we can use to tell the good news of Jesus.

Sunday School Schedule

There are classes offered every Sunday for kids ages 3 years old through 6th grade. The classes will be during the 8:15 am worship. As in the past, the children will start in worship and then go to class after the children's message. Mark your calendars

March 3, 10, 17, 24 <i>*March 24 Palm Sunday</i>	
March 31 (EASTER)	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
April 7, 14, 21, 28	Daniel in the Lions' Den (Psalm 121:2)
May 5, 12 May 19	Jonah (Jonah 4:2) Field Trip to Cobra Country Park
March 3, 10, 17, 24 <i>*March 24 Palm Sunday</i>	Easter: Go and Tell (Matthew 28:19)
March 31 (EASTER)	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

DODGE CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, January 22, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Beth Hanggi (SPRC), Chad Christensen (Pastor), Kelly Amunrud (Trust Fund), Lisa O'Neil (Ad Council Chairperson), 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 December Ad Council minutes were distributed. Motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved.

TREASURER: End of December balance \$30,674.43 (\$5,952.01 set aside for parsonage). Memorial fund end of December balance \$15,900.47. End of the year: Total income: \$101,755.59; Total spending: \$101,984.38. Kim M. will be performing the audit.

TRUST FUND: End of December balance \$74,320.66. Q4 giving: \$27,141.56. Year end giving: \$71,075.05

TRUSTEES: Beth and Lisa did a parsonage walk through. There are several items that could be fixed/replaced. Smoke/carbon detector needs to be added to the basement. The electric clothes dryer is not drying like it should. The stove/oven is needing to be replaced. The main floor bathroom faucet drips. The blinds don't work but can be manually pulled back. The basement bathroom light/fan combo isn't working. Shawn Lepp has agreed to be on the Trustees.

SPRC: See above for parsonage inspection. Beth and Doris will meet with Janet B. for her three month evaluation.

PASTOR: (See page 2)

-Gideon meeting is being set for a Sunday in March with a training after church

-Confirmation will be suspended during Lent

-Dodge County Expo, agreed we would participate again. It is 3/23/24 from 8-2. We will ask others to take turns helping with the booth. Pastor Chad will get this ready.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Forms – Forms discussion updated. Will have tables ready for February meeting.

Community Dinner – February dinner (Faith in Action) will be: Egg bakes, pancakes, fruit, cheesy hashbrowns, and juice. March dinner (DC Food Shelf) will be: Ham, scalloped potatoes, corn, and cake.

2024 Holy Week/Easter Services:

Ash Wednesday will be February 14th at 5:30 PM

Maundy Thursday will be March 28th at 7:00 PM (West Concord Trinity only)

Palm Sunday will be March 24th (this will also be Noisy Offering for Heifer project)

Easter Sunday will be March 31st

Heifer International 2024 Kick Off date and collection times

March 10th Kick off by Lisa

March 24th Palm Sunday/Noisy Offering

Collection dates: March 10th – April 28th

DCUMC: Pastor Chad's report for 1/1/24 through 1/31/24

Home/phone visits: 5 Pre-marriage/wedding planning visits: 0 Weddings: 0

Nursing home or facility visits: 2 (Circle Manor, Fairview) Funerals: 0 Vacation

days taken in January: 1 (Jan. 2) Sick days taken in January: 1

Pastor Chad's Ministries & Activities:

- ◆ Planning and leading general Sunday worship services
- ◆ Creating and sending link for Facebook devotions
- ◆ Planning and teaching confirmation
- ◆ Attended WWAP, 1/20
- ◆ Attended Community Meal, 1/17
- ◆ Researching and writing reports for Conference
- ◆ Attended DC ministerium meeting, 1/18

UPCOMING Ministries & Activities

- ◆ DC UMC members are welcome to Wed. Lenten services at 6pm at Trinity thru Mar. 20
- ◆ We are signed up for the Dodge County Expo for Mar. 23
- ◆ Having a new member Sunday
- ◆ Confirmation class is suspended during Lent; kids are to continue sermon notes; classes resume Wed. Apr. 3 after Easter Day.
- ◆ Planning faith sharing/story telling event on Sun, Apr. 14 (Gideon's; Gaylord Gossard)

OFFICE HRS: TRINITY office hours: Sun: 9:45-noon; Wed. & Thurs. 9-Noon at Trinity;

Saturday: Pastoral visitation and final prep for Sunday for both churches; also on Saturday taking

phone calls and ministering in community, periodically checking in to office when needed.

DCUMC hours: Mon. & Tues.: 9-noon (w/secretary at UMC) Friday: day off; Pastor Chad's

mobile number: (call/text) 507-517-4160 -End-

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