

October 2024
Newsletter

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

Deadline for
The November
Newsletter is
October 22nd



Pastor Chad's Ink

“Everyone Is Welcome”

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” **Hebrews 13:2.**

In the Scriptures, like the passage above from Hebrews 13, God is reflected upon as One who is opening the gates of God's message and God's kingdom to everyone. Not just opening the gates to those who look just like us. Not just to those who are in the same income strata as we are. Not just to those who speak like us or hold our values, but rather open to all. All is a very big word. All is an all-inclusive word here. But it is the word “all” that we mean by saying in the Lord's Prayer, “thy kingdom come (to all), thy will be done.” When we pray for God's kingdom to come, we are praying that such a Kingdom comes for everyone. We might not at first glance think this is fair—that God is pulling for all of us and is for all of us. In the parable of the laborers in the vineyard, we are sympathetic to those who works all day but get the same pay as the ones who come and work only a few hours at the end of the afternoon before quitting time. We largely see ourselves as the all-day workers. But the stranger in need sees oneself as the one who could only get a little work at the end. And God is generous to all the workers. How do you think we are doing in our ministry of hospitality at Dodge Center UMC? Do we shake hands with the stranger among us, and with a smile? Do we help someone new in worship find their place in the hymnal and follow along? Are we worried a stranger might become more active and maybe suggest new ways of being church once they become a member? Do we think the “other” will fit in with us well enough for our comfort level? Welcome does come with a risk. We conjure up risks in our own minds about how we will relate to someone who is new to us. Yet, God shows us a new way, flings the doors open wide to meet someone new, and blesses this as something that is good for us, even if it is uncomfortable at first. May we pray: O Lord, walk with us and guide us in being the face of your welcoming Spirit. Amen.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Chad



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.



October Birthdays
And
Anniversaries

Birthdays

Josslyn Freerksen	1
Emily Johnson	2
Steve Garness	3
Richard Urbain	8
Beth Hanggi	9
Jon Bowman	11
Richard Papenfus	13
Scarlet Kispert	17
Elaine Olson	18
Dwayne Schmoll	20
Kevin Rohwer	21
Brian Chicos	23
Krystal Rohwer	25
Stephanie Chicos	30
Gerry Fahning	30

Anniversaries

Craig and Vickie Mussman	2
Brent and Ellie Freerksen	21
Tyler and Conner Kispert	22
Colin and Lois Lepp	26

October

thank you!

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Readers

October 6
October 13
October 20
October 27

Tyler Kispert
Janet Bugarin
Kelly Amunrud
Kathy Bartz

Counters

October 6
October 13
October 20
October 27

Kelly Amunrud and Doris Weber
Kim Marquardt and Shawn Lepp
Kelly Amunrud Kathy Bartz
Lisa O'Neil and Doris Weber

Communion

Linda Wallerich

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



God, wrap your arms around these people who need your loving care:

Those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, most recently the family of Donald Subbert as well as others who are missing a loved one. Those who need your healing touch: Bruce, Glenn Franko, Gerry Fahning and Delmer Paulson; Charleen Dostal, Lea Flury, those suffering from memory loss, loneliness, chronic pain, depression or other mental illness; those awaiting test results, diagnosis, and prognosis; those trying to overcome addiction, and all others we name in our hearts and minds. Hear us as we pray, dear Lord.

Hospital Visits:

I want to visit you if you are hospitalized. I will need your date of birth and for you to put me on the visiting list in order to visit you.

Thanks, Pastor Chad.



May your path this Fall
be peaceful no matter what
leaves land at your feet.

2024

October



11	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:00 PM Confirmation	3	4	5
6 8:15 Worship with Communion 	7	8	9 6:00 PM Confirmation	10 6-7:30 Caregiver's meeting	11	12 9:30 WWAP
13 8:15 Worship Pastor Chad gone for Convo until Wednesday	14 Pastor Chad gone	15 Pastor Chad gone	16 5:00-6:00 Community Dinner No Confirmation During MEA	17	18	19
20 8:15 Worship	21 5:30 Ad Council Pastor Chad gone until Wed	22 Newsletter Deadline Pastor chad gone until Wed	23 Pastor Chad gone but back for Confirmation 6:00 PM Confirmation	24 6-7:30 Caregiver's meeting	25	26
27 8:15 Worship	28	29	30 6:00 PM Confirmation	31		

You're Invited!!

Join us for...

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, October 25

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Dodge Center

United Methodist Church

1st Street and 1st Avenue; Dodge Center

**Free MOVIE and
Free POPCORN**

*** Candy available for cash purchase.*



Sunday School NEWS!!

We are gearing up for Sunday School to start this year in October! There will be 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. The first day will be Sunday, October 6. The schedule through December is below. Mark your calendars now! See you soon!

Preschool (3 years old) – 6th Grade

Date	Lesson
October 6, 13, 20, 27	Jesus is Baptized (Matthew 3:17)
November 3, 10, 17	Calling the Disciples (Mark 1:17-18)
November 24	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
December 1, 8, 15	Christmas Around the World (Matthew 2:11)
December 22, 29	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ "JESUS IS BAPTIZED"

Main Idea: Baptism is a gift from God, given to us in love. Our acceptance of that gift is our acknowledgement of God's love for us and our place in God's family.

Unit Description: The "Jesus is Baptized" unit uses the Bible story included in Matthew 3:1-17. Jesus' cousin, John, was baptizing in the Jordan River, most likely near the Dead Sea. One day Jesus went to his cousin and asked to be baptized. John was reluctant and said "Why did you come to me? I should be baptized by you!" Then he consented. When Jesus rose out of the water, God's Spirit came upon him. A voice announced: "This is my Son! I am pleased with him!" Jesus' public ministry began shortly afterward.

Objectives: Children will recognize that...

- ~ Jesus was baptized as a sign of belonging.
- ~ We participate in the same sacrament.
- ~ The shell and dove are symbols of baptism.
- ~ John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus
- ~ God's presence is with us always.



Confirmation Happenings

Our Confirmation class this year has the following students from Trinity and DC UMC. Please keep the students and the program in your prayers as we learn about God's word from the Bible this school year. From DC Methodist: Kinley O'Neil, Josslyn Freerksen, and Peyton Lepp. From Trinity: Logan Thomas, Tucker Hodgman, Teigen Meany, and Gavin Altwegg. Confirmation Sunday will be some time next spring.

September Meetings Held At Church



Confirmation is every Wednesday this month at 6:00 PM except the on 16th due to MEA.

Ad Council

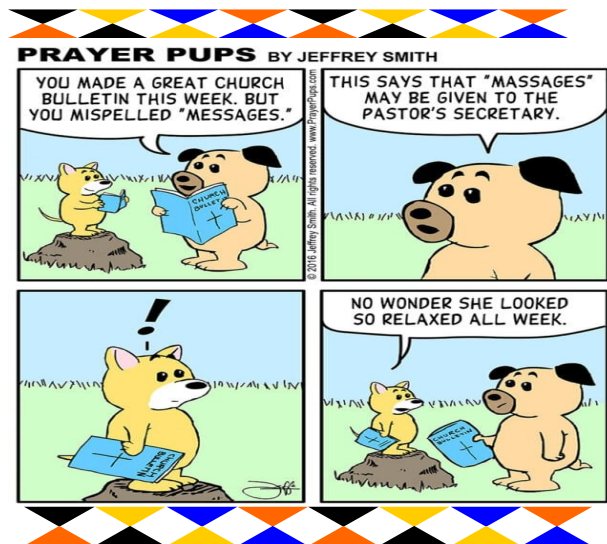
The next meeting will be held Monday October 21st at 5:30 PM. (Note date change.)

Adult Caregivers Support Group

We will meet on Oct. 10th and 24th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.



WWAP, Women With A Purpose will meet on October 19th at 9:30 . Join us for a time of fellowship with the women of our church and friends. We pray, have a devotion, and potluck snacks. Come and join us and bring a friend!



NEW MEMBERS


Our Methodist church is seeking individuals and families interested in joining the church. Discernment on choosing a church for one's spiritual growth is a meaningful and deliberately slow process. During New Member Sundays, we recognize those who desire to join us in ministry through the church. Let Pastor know if you have in mind someone who is open to joining our church or considering attending a church. Pastor would be happy to touch base with them. Keep the ministry of outreach and prospective member recruitment in your prayers. Keep the ministry of outreach and prospective member recruitment in your prayers. Contact Pastor Chad at 507- 507-517-4160 or the church office at 507-374-6885



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.



Location:

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

Normal Date/Time:

2nd and 4th
Thursday of the month.
From 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

- ♦ Exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and possible solutions.
- ♦ Talk through issues and behaviors and find ways to cope
- ♦ Learn about community resources.
- ♦ Occasional educational speakers.
- ♦ Meetings are in-person.

October
Meetings are scheduled
for the 10th and 24th
from 6-7:30 pm.

Feel free to contact:

*Mary Sue Sandeno - 507-208-8672

Beth Hanggi - 507-261-2989

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507-374-6885

(Please leave a message if there is no answer.)

You're Invited!!

Join us for a...

Community Dinner

Menu: Soup, Sandwiches, Cake

(Take out available)

Wednesday, October 16

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

Dodge Center United Methodist Church

Corner of 1st Street and 1st Avenue NE

Dodge Center

FREE WILL DONATIONS

ACCEPTED



*Donations this month will
go to MN Adult & Teen Challenge*

Of Rochester

DODGE CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TUESDAY, August 20, 2024 (REVISED)

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. Pastor Chad opened the meeting with a prayer.

SECRETARY: The July Ad Council minutes were distributed. Motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion was seconded and approved.

TREASURER: End of July balance \$19,925.00. (Set aside for parsonage \$5,504.11) Memorial fund end of July balance \$17,129.66. Church windows on the treasure computer has been updated.

TRUST FUND: End of July balance \$84,047.46. Putnam Investment has been acquired by Franklin Templeton so our investments have been transferred.

TRUSTEES: The boulevard has been repaired, will need to be watered.

SPRC: Beth met with Janet to see how things were going and discussed some action items.

PASTOR: (See page 2) Pastor will be on vacation 8/26 – 9/2. Rev. Bruce Buller will serve us on 9/1.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Community Dinner – September 18th will serve pork loin, corn, mashed potatoes, roll, and variety of bars. We will plan to serve 125 people. We will not provide curbside takeout. Dine in or takeout only.

- Absences – Correction that Janet will be away August 30 – Sept 2. Kelly will cover for her doing bulletins, etc.

- Confirmation – Confirmation will start on September 18th at 6 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 17th at 5:30 PM

NOTE: Ad council will meet October 21st at 5:30 PM (change to normal schedule).

Kelly Amunrud, Administrative Council Secretary.

DCUMC: Pastor Chad's report for 7/10/24 through 8/12/24

Home/phone visits: 18 Pre-marriage/wedding planning visits: 0 Weddings: 0

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

days taken this year through 7/9: 15.5 (including 1 Sunday) Sick days taken since Jan. 1:
5.5

Pastor Chad's Ministries & Activities:

- Planning and leading general Sunday worship services
- Several visits to Mayo to see Delmer P. and Donald S.
- Led worship service at Fairview, 7/23
- Big Summer Community Meal planning and participation, 7/10
- Tuesday morning weekly Bible studies at Trinity, with Gerry, Colin, and Delmer (we have quite an ecumenical group... a Baptist study leader in Dick Elliott, 3.5 Lutheran men, and 3.5 Methodist men--I am the half man attending the 7am Bible study at Trinity.
- Attended Triton Ministerium meeting at Center Café, 8/8

UPCOMING Ministries & Activities

- Planning for fall confirmation classes
- I have my Triton pass to attend youth sports events at the school this next year

Taking vacation Mon., Aug 26 through Mon. Sept. 2 (Labor Day). Rev Jessica Bakken-Busch (Faith Lutheran) will be covering emergencies or be in touch with me while I'm away. Rev.

Bruce Buller will cover the service including communion for the Sept. 1 worship service.

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

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