

September 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 October
Newsletter is
September 18th.

Pastor Chad's Ink

One Small Thing

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others."
Read Mark 12:38-44.

Jane Collins, an author from California, writes: "When I was 11 years old, I was sent to a convalescent home for children because of my severe asthma. The first week, all new patients stayed in the same unit. While there I met a girl named Gail, who was deaf and had no fingers on one hand.

At that time in the United States, deaf children were not allowed to use sign language, but she and I would communicate with gestures when the nurses were not looking. We were only in the same unit for one week; but because of Gail, as an adult I learned American Sign Language, worked at the California School for the Deaf, married a sign language interpreter, raised three deaf foster children, and interpreted services in sign language for several churches.

We never know when God can use some small circumstance to make a big difference. I remember how Jesus praised the woman for giving only two coins to the temple treasury because it was all she had to live on. She had no idea people would be inspired by her faithful giving for thousands of years, as written in the Mark 12 passage.

God can use our smallest encounters—one seemingly small thing—to inspire us to make a big difference for the world and for others, even though we may not know on this side of heaven how God does that."

Each encounter that we make with others, regardless of their relationship or frequency of contact they have with us, can be ripe for inspiration. May your faith carry you through special encounters as you uplift one another. Be sure God works through you in this way.


Enjoy the transition to the autumn season!
Pastor Christensen

SEPTEMBER

DODGE CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



2024

11	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15 Worship with Communion  Pastor Chad- Vacation	2 Office closed for Labor Day  Pastor Chad- Vacation	3	4	5	6 	7
8 8:15 Worship	9	10	11	12 6-7:30 Caregiver's meeting	13	14 9:30 WWAP
15 8:15 Worship	16	17 5:30 Ad Council Newsletter Deadline	18 5:00-6:00 Community Dinner 6:00 PM Confirmation	19	20	21
22 8:15 Worship	23	24	25 6:00 PM Confirmation	26 6-7:30 Caregiver's meeting	27	28
29 8:15 Worship	30					



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Doris Weber	4
Dale Jensen	8
Ralph Burtis	14
Irelynn Bowman	18
Kathy Bartz	21
Kim Marquardt	23
Glennis Franko	26
William Martin	20

Happy Anniversary

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

September

thank you!

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Readers

September 1
September 8
September 15
September 22
September 29

Kelly Amunrud
Janet Bugarin
Tyler Kispert
Lisa O'Neil
Kathy Bartz

Counters

September 1
September 8
September 15
September 22
September 29

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

Communion

Deb Papenfus

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

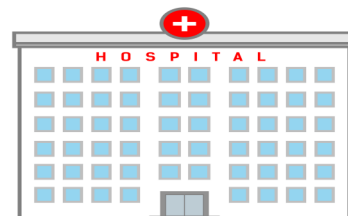


One of the ministries I provide is pastoral counseling, simply listening to your story. If you have a relationship that is concerning you, I may be able to give you some guidance, or refer you to a qualified licensed counselor or other resources, with confidentiality. Let me know how I may be of aid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

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.



Confirmation class begins on Wednesday September 18 at 6:00pm and will continue to be each Wed. night through the fall and into December. Please keep these confirmands in your prayers as they study the Bible unit this year.

From DC Methodist: Kinley O'Neil, Josslyn Freerksen, and Peyton Lepp. From Trinity: Logan Thomas, Tucker Hodgman, Teigen Meany, and Gavin Altwegg.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



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

Donald Subbert, Gerry Fahning, Glennis and Marty Franko, Charleen Dostal, Lea Flury, Delmer Paulson, those recovering from surgery, Dale Jensen, Kelly Amunrud, those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, those suffering from chronic pain, depression or other mental illness; those awaiting test results, diagnosis, and prognosis; those trying to overcome addiction, and all others in our hearts and minds. Hear us as we pray, dear Lord.

HEALING PRAYER

Take My Pain

Merciful Lord,
Thank you for waking me up to see
this beautiful day
I know that it is by your grace that I'm
able to see this day.
Lord, you know what's happening to
my body
And the pains I suffer every day.
Let your healing power stream into the
depths of my soul and restore my
health
Take my pain and sustain me by your
grace
Give me strength and courage as I
wait on you for my restoration
In Jesus name, I pray. *Amen*

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

Lord,

Back to school time means we offer to you many prayers for students, parents, teachers, administrators and all involved in educating the children. Keep parents involved, teachers well rested and focused, and students ready and excited to learn new things.

Heavenly Father,

**Be with those who make sacrifices to
keep us all safe:**

Those in Healthcare

Military personnel

Law enforcement

Fire fighters

Highway workers

School bus drivers

Maintenance workers

Amen

October 16

Pray

You grace each of us with equal measure in your love. Let us learn to love our neighbors more deeply, so that we can create peaceful and just communities. Inspire us to use our creative energies to build the structures we need to overcome the obstacles of intolerance and indifference. May Jesus provide us the example needed and send the Spirit to warm our hearts for the journey.

Amen.

St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!



Pray for America



September Meetings Held At Church



Confirmation begins on
Wednesday September
18th at 6:00 pm.

Ad Council

The next meeting will be held
Tuesday September 17th
at 5:30 PM

Adult Caregivers Support Group

We will meet on Sept.
12th and 26th from
6:00 to 7:30 pm.



WWAP, Women With A Purpose
will meet on September 14th 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!



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."

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.

September
meetings are scheduled
for the 12th and 26th
from 6-7:30 pm.

Feel free to contact:

*Mary Sue Sandeno - 507-208-8672

Beth Hanggi - 507-261-2989

United Methodist Church of Dodge Center
507-374-6885

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

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 18, 2024

5:00-6:00pm (serving until gone)



Pork Loin

Mashed Potatoes & gravy

Corn & Dinner roll

Choice of dessert:

Bars

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

Free Will Donations for annual church fundraiser

Go to the following link to help or donate. There is also a signup sheet at church.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CA5AC2AA1FA7-50831977-umcfree>

DODGE CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TUESDAY, July 16, 2024 (REVISED)

ATTENDANCE: Beth Hanggi (SPRC), Chad Christensen (Pastor), 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 June Ad Council minutes were distributed. Motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion was seconded and approved.

TREASURER: End of June balance \$19,657.10. (Set aside for parsonage \$5,079.11) Memorial fund end of June balance \$17,127.49. Quarterly giving report is as follows: 1st Quarter Giving Report - \$16,504.88;

2nd Quarter Giving Report - \$14,607.85 The 2nd quarter expense total was \$26,417.18. The 2nd quarter amounts should be added to the monthly newsletter.

TRUST FUND: End of June balance \$81,944.63

TRUSTEES: Pictures will be taken, of our water line, for the 2024 LEAD Service Line Inventory Program

SPRC:

PASTOR: (See page 2)

OTHER BUSINESS: Community Dinner – The Wednesday, August 21 menu will be a variety of salads, mac & cheese, chips, and watermelon.

- Absences – Kelly and Lisa will be gone Sunday, July 21 so there will be no slideshow or live recording. Chad will post Trinity's sermon to our Facebook page. Kelly will send that link out to the congregation. Kelly will be gone July 15 – Aug 11 for surgery. Coverage for Ad Council and church recordings was discussed. Janet B. will be away August 12 – 17, and 20 – Sept 2. Kelly will cover for her doing bulletins, etc.

- Secretary's Office computer/monitor – The monitor for the computer needs to be replaced. There is a monitor being borrowed to use until a new one is found. Discussion was held about purchasing a new monitor and computer so that everything is up to date. Since we have a temporary solution, we will hold off on purchasing anything until the end of the year.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 20th at 5:30 PM

Lisa O'Neil, Administrative Council Chair

DCUMC: Pastor Chad's report for 6/9/24 to 7/9/24

Home/phone visits: 4 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:

4.5

Pastor Chad's Ministries & Activities:

- Planning and leading general Sunday worship services
- Led worship service at Fairview, 6/25
- Attended Community Meal, 6/19
- 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'm the half man) attending 7am breakfast Bible studies at Trinity.
- Attended on Caregiver group meeting
- Planning July community day picnic, music with Brian Rohrs
- Attended graduation parties of our youth

UPCOMING Ministries & Activities

- Community Meal Festival, 7/10

Requesting vacation for Mon, Aug. 26 – Sun, Sept. 1 (7 days including a Sunday, Labor Day weekend.)

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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