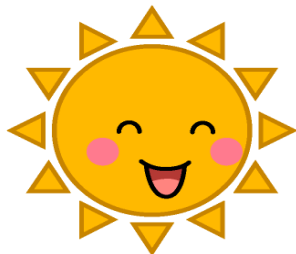


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**Worship Service and Sunday  
School is  
at 8:30 am on  
Sunday mornings.**  
**Additional youth education on the  
third Wednesday each month at  
5:45 pm.**

Deadline for  
the June  
newsletter is  
May, 20th.



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Dear Congregation of Dodge Center UMC,

With deep gratitude I give thanks for the fine farewell breakfast given for me on April 12. I will hold fond memories of our ministry together! Thank you for the gift cards to The Union and Wildwood, my favorite places to eat.

God's blessings upon your worship, ministries, and mission into the future. I am glad for the privilege of being a Methodist alongside you in these years.

God's grace and peace be yours,  
- Pastor Chad Christensen





**May Birthdays**

Finlee Amunrud	1
Todd Bowman	12
Bronson Freerksen	15
Betty Staffon	20
Steven Meeker	21
Melecio Bugarin	24
Summer Freerksen	24
Julie Bowman	28

**Anniversaries**

Kim and Dan Marquardt	5
Todd and Kris Bowman	8
Glenn and Linda Wallerich	8
Steve and Sandy Delzer	30

Thank You To Our May Worship Servers!

May 3	Tyler Kispert
May 10	Kathy Bartz
May 17	Kelly Amunrud
May 24	Janet Bugarin
May 31	Lisa O'Neil

**Counters**

May 3	Tyler Kispert and Kim Marquardt
May 10	Kathy Bartz and Doris Weber
May 17	Kathy Bartz and Doris Weber
May 24	Lisa O'Neil and Shawn Lepp
May 31	Lisa O'Neil and Shawn Lepp

**Communion**

Linda

\*(Please find a Sub If you are unable to do your duty on your assigned Sunday.)



**Sunday, May 31, 2026  
Recognition of our Graduates**

**Join us this day as we celebrate our Graduates.**

**Gavin O'Neil - Winona State University  
Owen Petersohn - Minnesota State University, Mankato  
Pierce Petersohn - Triton High School  
Noah Kasper - Triton High School  
Wylie Deml - Triton High School**



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School	4	5	6 	7	8	9
10 8:30 am Worship/Sunday School Mother's Day 	11	12	13 5:00-6:00 pm Community Meal 5:30 Sunday School	14 6-7:30 pm Caregiver's meeting	15	16 9:30 am WWAP At the church
17 8:30 am Worship/ last day of Sunday School	18	19 5:30-Ad Board	20  Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23
24 8:30 am Worship	25 Memorial Day 	26	27 5:00-6:00 Community Meal 5:30 Sunday School	28 6-7:30 pm Caregiver's meeting	29	30 
31 8:30 am Worship/ Graduation Sunday						

## Meetings and Events

Monday May 25, 2026



### Ad Council

The next meeting will be held  
Tuesday, May 19, 2026  
at 5:30 PM.



Sunday May 10, 2026



### Adult Caregivers Support Group

We will meet on May  
13th and 27th from  
6:00 to 7:30 pm.



Peyton Lepp was confirmed on  
Sunday March 22, 2026.  
Congratulations, Peyton on this  
Important milestone in your life.



### Women With A Purpose (WWAP)

WWAP will meet Saturday May  
16th at 9:30 AM at the church.  
Feel free to bring a friend and a  
snack to share if you wish. Join  
us for an informal time of  
fellowship.



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Dodge Center, MN 55927

### Normal Date/Time:

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
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.

**This month we will meet on  
the 14th and the 28th.**

### Feel free to contact:

Beth Hanggi - 507-261-2989  
United Methodist Church of Dodge Center  
507-374-6885  
(Please leave a message if there is no answer.)

# Sunday School NEWS

JOIN US for Sunday School during the 8:30 am worship AND the 3rd Wednesday of the month. There are only 4 sessions left for this school year!

Sunday, May 3 (Choose Heifer Animals)

Sunday, May 10

Sunday, May 17

Wednesday, May 20 (LAST DAY!)

Here is our faith focus for May:

Cokesbury Kids

**big  
faith**

**Unit 3:** Road Map

**Faith Focus:** God shows us the way.

*Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey.  
(Psalm 119:105)*

## FAMILY FAITH LETTER

Dear Families,

Welcome to Big Faith! The goal of this program is to help your child grow in faith and learn to live as a disciple of Jesus. As Christians, we know that our faith can impact each and every aspect of our lives. You are your child's first and most important teacher of faith, and we want to help you create meaningful moments of spiritual formation that will have a lasting impact on your child's faith.

This fall, your child will be exploring ways that we grow our faith in God. This month the children are learning about how God shows us the way. They will learn how God provides wisdom and direction when we aren't sure which way to turn.

Your child will explore Old Testament Bible stories that show how God provides a road map to help us figure out which way to go. Stories like Samuel choosing a king, Solomon asking for wisdom, and Josiah leading as king will help children learn about how God provides guidance. You can help your child grow in faith this month by encouraging him or her to notice the ways that God guides him or her.

Here are some ways you can incorporate Big Faith ideas in your family life:

- Take a mini road trip together and talk about how God guides us wherever we go.
- Look at maps together and discuss how God's presence goes with us no matter how far we travel.
- Read from a children's Bible together and discuss how the Bible provides a road map for our faith journey.



THANK YOU to EVERYONE who donated to our  
Heifer International Collection!

We reached our goal and raised \$1,002!

Your support is greatly appreciated!

# You're Invited!!

*Join us for a...*

## Community Dinner

**Menu:** The menu will be sloppy joes, chips, macaroni salad, and dessert.

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

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

Dodge Center United Methodist Church  
*Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE*



**FREE WILL DONATIONS  
ACCEPTED**

*Donations this month will go to  
NAMI of Southeast Minnesota.*

Sign up using the link below or on the signup sheet in the back of the church to set up, serve, or cleanup. Thanks!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CA5AC2AA1FA7-63631487-umcfree>



**DODGE CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 (REVISED)**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chad Christensen (Pastor), Kathy Bartz (Ad Council Chairperson), Beth Hanggi (Trustees), Kelly Amunrud (Treasurer), Lisa O'Neil (Education), Tyler Kispert (Secretary), Kim Marquardt (SPRC), Richard Urban, Janet Bugarin.

**MEETING:** Kathy called the meeting to order and Pastor Chad opened the meeting with a prayer.

**SECRETARY:** The February 2026 Ad Council minutes were distributed. Motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved.

**TREASURER:** End of February 2026 balance \$21,615.43. (Set aside for parsonage \$8,136.79 – A/C & Furnace bill will put this in the negative for a few months). Memorial fund end of February 2026 balance \$18,350.05. MNPFML was fixed on February payroll. Motion was approved for Corey's Outdoor Service fertilizer bills for the year.

**TRUST FUND:** End of February 2026 balance \$72,251.93.

**TRUSTEES:** New Furnace & A/C were installed in the parsonage. The window in the church basement was fixed and bill has been received. Snow removal was discussed with Jeremy's Lawn Care.

**SPRC:** Training completed. Ad council has a meeting with Michelle and Kirkland to discuss expectations for incoming Pastor candidates on 3/17/2026 at 6:30 p.m..

**EDUCATION:** nothing new

**PASTOR:** (See page 2)

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Heifer International – March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 5, 2026 with Loud Offering on Palm Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>

Palm Sunday – Carole B providing the palms and are ordered

Easer – April 5, 2026

Confirmation for Peyton will be a private ceremony on March 22

Farewell for Pastor Chad will be at 8:00 am on April 12, 2026 before worship with fellowship and pot-luck and we will have a shortened service.

Graduation Sunday will be held May 31<sup>st</sup> for Owen and Gavin graduating from college; Pierce, Noah, and Wiley from Triton High School

April Dinner: Chicken and Ham Salad sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, chips and cupcakes

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Tyler Kispert, Administrative Council Secretary

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