

June 2026 Newsletter

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**Worship Service : 8:30 am on
Sunday mornings.**

Deadline for
the July
newsletter is
June 24th.



FROM THE PASTOR

Everyone is making plans for this summer. Vacation plans. Travel plans. Plans to go to the beach or the cabin. Plans to visit relatives. These plans are not just frivolous, they are needed. After a long winter, it feels as though we are more normal when we are able to get out and be a part of God's creation.

My plans for this summer changed when District Superintendent Michelle Hargrave contacted me and we talked about coming to Dodge Center United Methodist Church as the lead pastor. Soon after that conversation, I met with some of the leaders of the church and we decided to forge ahead with that as part of our plan.

Frankly, life has been so interesting since I "retired" after 34 years of being in ministry in the Minnesota Annual Conference. I am a Supplemental Chaplain for the Spiritual Care Department at Mayo Hospital. I have been preaching at Kenyon United Methodist Church since retirement. I know I should think about slowing things down a bit, but I'm just not prepared to do that. So, here I am, blessed to be leading the Dodge Center UMC congregation, along with a few other things that occupy my time. I look forward to learning more about all of you, you getting to learn more about me, and hopefully, all of us learning more about how God is calling us to be disciples of his Son Jesus in this world we live in.

I'm fairly sure that I've not experienced a time exactly like the past two years. I certainly don't mean to suggest I am the only one. All of us have been on roller coaster rides every so often. Life presents that kind of dynamic. It's really how we maneuver through it with our faith intact that makes the difference.

Deuteronomy 31:6,8 teaches us to **"Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you."** Is it enough for us to trust that God understands our situations? It is enough to know that God always has our lives in His hands?

I have that hope. I hold fast to the faith that surpasses all understanding, even though I may not know what the outcomes might be. I can rest easy knowing that God is at hand. Are better days ahead? I always have that hope.

I pray you hold that hope in your heart as well. I look forward to sharing that hope with you!



Blessings to you this summer...

Pastor Daren

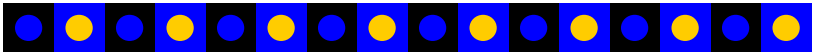


June Birthdays

Colin Lepp	2
Kaylee Freerksen	3
Chris Franko	6
Lois Kispert	8
Craig Mussman	8
Marty Hester	15
Brandon Schmoll	17
Susan Olness	22
Cody Thorson	25
Bridgette Narveson	27
Terri Lepp	24

Anniversaries

Karen and Randy Franko	6
Larry and Deb Meeker	20



Thank You To Our June Worship Servers!

June 7	Tyler Kispert
June 14	Kathy Bartz
June 21	Kelly Amunrud
June 28	Lisa O'Neil

Counters

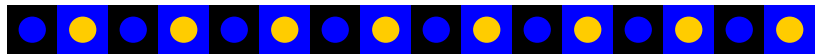
June 7	Tyler Kispert and Kim Marquardt
June 14	Kathy Bartz and Doris Weber
June 21	Kelly Amunrud and Kathy Bartz
June 28	Lisa O'Neil and Shawn Lepp

Communion

Linda Wallerich

Note: *Communion will be on the second Sunday, June 14th.

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



Please pray for:

Those recovering/dealing with health issues:

Those dealing with cancer:

For peace in areas of the world with armed conflict...

For those dealing with grief and loss-we pray especially for the family of Ron Olness.

Giving thanks and praying for:

Our teachers, administrators, students...

Front line health care workers...

Law enforcement and emergency workers...

Service women and men and their families...

Care Center Residents

If you have a loved one you would like to have added to

the prayer list, or if any name needs to be removed from this list, please contact the church office: szcdeume@gmail.com or 507-374-6885








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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 
7 8:30 am Worship	8	9	10	11 6-7:30 pm Caregiver's meeting	12	13 9:30 am WWAP At the church
14 8:30 am Worship/with Holy Communion 	15	16 Minnesota Annual Conference	17 Minnesota Annual Conference 5:00-6:00 Community Meal	18 Minnesota Annual Conference	19	20 12:00 pm Ron Olness Visitation and Celebration of Life
21 8:30 am Worship	22	23 5:30-Ad Board	24 Newsletter Deadline	25 6-7:30 pm Caregiver's meeting	26	27
28 8:30 am Worship	29	30				

Meetings and Events

Important Note:

Communion will be on the second unday this month which is June 14th. This will also be Pastor Daren's first Sunday with us so please join us in giving him a warm welcome!



Ad Council

The next meeting will be held
Tuesday, June 16, 2026
at 5:30 PM.

Adult Caregivers Support Group

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



Women With A Purpose (WWAP)

WWAP will meet Saturday June 13th at 9:30 AM at the church. NOTE: This is one week earlier than our normal meeting date. Feel free to bring a friend and a snack to share if you wish. Join us for an informal time of fellowship.



The 172nd Session of The Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will take place June 16-18, 2026 at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud, with additional pre-conference opportunities on Monday, June 15. These dates reflect an adjustment from what was initially shared as a "save the date" announcement so that annual conference session does not overlap with Juneteenth. The theme of the Annual Conference is "Created to Serve Joyfully." The scripture focus will be Philippians 4.


Kathy Bartz will be representing our church this year.



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.

**This month we will meet on
the 11th and the 25th.**

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.)

You're Invited!!

Join us for a...

Community Dinner

Menu: Brats, hot dogs, mac n' cheese, baked beans, fruit, cookies.

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

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

Dodge Center United Methodist Church
Corner of 1st Street and 1st Avenue NE



**FREE WILL DONATIONS
ACCEPTED**

*Donations this month will go to the
Dolly Parton Library.*

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/20F094CA5AC2AA1FA7-64259371-umcfree>



DODGE CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, April, 21, 2026 (REVISED)

ATTENDANCE: Kathy Bartz (Ad Council Chairperson), Beth Hanggi (Trustees), Kelly Amunrud (Treasurer), Lisa

O'Neil (Education), Tyler Kispert (Secretary), Kim Marquardt (SPRC)

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

SECRETARY: The March 2026 Ad Council minutes were distributed. Motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion was seconded and approved.

TREASURER: End of March 2026 balance \$21,619.84. (Set aside for parsonage negative - \$1378.21, property taxes

were received for \$2606, agreed to pay only half that are due until parsonage balance is in the positive). Memorial fund

end of March 2026 balance \$18,402.40.

TRUST FUND: End of March 2026 balance \$70,558.27.

TRUSTEES: grass seed was put down at the church, calling to see about filing in spots and burying exposed wire on the south side of church.

SPRC: No update on new pastor. Pulpit supply until July appointment. Michelle will contact Janet for who to put as pastor for weekly bulletins, agreed to mail \$150 pulpit supply checks out.

EDUCATION: May 17th – last day of Sunday school. May 20th – Last Wednesday school

Heifer International raised \$1002 – animals will be picked out on May 3rd

PASTOR: n/a

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Motion approved to get gift cards from Kwik Trip for the graduates mentioned in last months minutes.

- Annual Conference, June 16-18, 2026 Kathy will be going for our church. Discussed Love Offering campaign

- May 20, 2026 Dinner: Sloppy Joes, chips, macaroni salad, fruit crisps

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Tyler Kispert, Administrative Council Secretary

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