
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship service- 10 am

SPECIAL DATES THIS MONTH

June 10- Women's Bible Study at 10:30 am

June 13- VBS Workshop - 9 am

June 14- Worship at the Pond at 10 am

June 24- Women's Bible Study at 10:30 am

June 28- Guest Speaker, Andy Baker, during worship-10 am

We have celebrated our graduates: Jersey Bral, Huntur Johannsen, and Jett Paulsen. We pray that their future schooling is successful. We wish them well. Let them remember that the Lord will always be there for them.

Well, it is official, "School's out for Summer", as the singer Alice Cooper sings. Have we ever thought about how much music affects our lives? How it can change our moods, it cheers us up, put smiles on our faces.

The Bible presents music as one of God's immense gifts, a way His healing and comfort enter the human heart. In the tragic story of King Saul, we hear how (due to his disobedience) he was oppressed by an "Evil Spirit" (1 Samuel 16:14). What did Saul's attendants believe the King needed to provide relief? MUSIC. So they found young David with his harp. "David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him". Music can offer so much more than mere entertainment. It can bring joy, renew hope, and comfort weary souls. It is truly one of God's powerful gifts for us.

Many people including myself love to listening to Christian music to help relax and recover. As most of you know that I like listening to Christian Music. For example, what we hear and sing for our service at the pond. We again thank Judy for graciously allowing us to visit her place (pond and barn for lunch). Service will be held on June 14 starting at 10:00. Yes, there will be some uplifting Christian music being sung too. I encourage you to try a Christian radio station and see if it helps you to relax and soak in some of Gods words through music. It can help you deepen your relationship with God?

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for the gift of Music!

Pastor Kirk Manchester

This article was written from Our Daily Bread

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

June 1 - Jeff Boelter
 June 3 - Scott Nemitz
 June 5 - Dustin McMinemee
 June 6 - Kirk Christie
 Katie Sharp
 June 11 - Hanna Outhouse
 June 14 - Carrie Landon
 June 15 - Kirk Lacey
 Roger Rusch
 June 17 - Leon Clausen
 June 18 - Austin Larson
 June 21 - Andrew Strandburg
 June 22 - Jade Jurgensen
 June 23 - John Cassens
 Jules Jurgensen
 June 26 - Greg Bumann
 Keith Larson
 June 27 - Cale Paulsen
 Carol Krohnke
 June 28 - Talsha Johannsen
 June 29 - Swen Berger
 June 30 - Ryder Luth

**Newsletter articles are
 due June 19th.
 Your July newsletter
 will be available
 Sunday, June 28th.**

Hymns on the Chimes



June 7- 6:00 PM “Mansion Over the Hilltop” in memory of LeRoy Wonder from Bonnie Reynolds Wonder & Roger Wonder
June 11- 6:00 PM “How Great Thou Art” in honor of Al & Phyllis’ Anniversary from Phyllis Sedore & family
June 11-6:15 PM “Rock of Ages” in memory of Catherine Jensen from the Jensen family
June 14-10:15 AM “You’re a Grand Old Flag” in honor of Flag Day from the UCC
June 18-5:00 PM “How Great Thou Art” in memory of Bud Obrecht from family
June 26-5:00 PM “On Eagles Wings” in memory of LaJune Obrecht from family
June 27-8:15 AM “In the Garden” in memory of Robert H.W. Reimer from family
June 27-5:30 PM “Onward Christian Soldiers” in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Otto Evers & Mr. & Mrs. P.H. Claussen from Eddie & Leola Claussen
June 28-5:15 PM “This is the Day the Lord Has Made” in memory of Matt, Minnine, Margaret, & Johannes Wilken from family and friends
June 28- 6:00 PM “Amazing Grace” in memory of Alan H. Sedore from Phyllis Sedore & family
June 29-5:00 PM “Just as I Am” in memory of Edgar Krohnke from Edgar Krohnke family
June 30-5:00 PM “Old Rugged Cross” in memory of Bruce Christie from Julie Christie

April Financials



<u>Income:</u>	
Weekly Envelopes	\$3083.00
Loose Offering	\$390.35
Seasonal Offering	\$102.00
Misc. Offering	\$1333.00
Misc. Income	\$431.00
Interest Income- General Fund	\$5.49
<u>Total Income:</u>	\$5344.84
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Insurance & Taxes	\$351.20
Janitor Supplies	\$167.49
Misc. Expenses	\$0.00
Music	\$1337.00
Office Expense	\$356.32
Pastor Expense	\$5493.69
Payroll Expenses	\$0.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$387.30
Supplies	\$25.66
Support Staff Salaries	\$3918.75
Utilities	\$2007.52
<u>Total Expense:</u>	\$14044.93
<u>Net Ordinary Income:</u>	-\$8700.09

June Greeters and Acolytes

June Greeters:

- June 7- Steve & Roberta Jepsen
- June 14- (worship at the pond)
- June 21- Jim & Jolene Whiteing
- June 28- Gary & Linda Reimer

June Acolytes:

- June 7- Huntur Johannsen & Jett Paulsen
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April Numbers for the Books

Date	Attendance	Contributions
April 5	82	\$2468.00
April 12	39	\$412.00
April 19	35	\$1285.25
April 26	53	\$598.10
Total:	248	\$4763.35
Average:	50	\$1190.84



April 15, 2026

Call to Order: Council Vice President, Roberta Jepsen opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. Council members in attendance were, Leisha Kragel, Josie Krohnke, Linda Reimer, Josh Jurgensen. Seth Neubauer attended via speaker phone. Kirk Manchester and Tammy Neubauer were also present. Absent were Jill Sedore and John Fineran.

Opening Prayer: Kirk opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items: A motion was made to approve the consent agenda items consisting of the March 16, 2026 text meeting, the March 19, 2026 meeting minutes, and the financial reports. Seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid: A motion was made to pay the bills. Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

CE: Jessica is working on Youth Sunday. The kids sang on Palm Sunday.

CSFD: They are meeting April 16.

CSFI: No meeting.

Property: Ken would like to have Carroll Glass come look at the west door in the Narthex to see what it would cost to replace. Council agreed to have them look.

Outreach: They organized and served Easter breakfast and arranged for the Noteables to lead worship on April 12.

Pastor's Report: Council reviewed the report submitted, listing visiting elderly, giving communion, making calls to those ill, doing counseling and attending meetings. Leon Clausen had surgery and should be released from the hospital soon and will be staying with his daughter for awhile. Kirk attended the UCC budget meeting via zoom and reported they are short of funds and are looking for ways to get churches to give more generously to OCWM.

Old Business:

Worship at the Pond: June 14 is the date. Food will be pot luck, with the church providing the meat.

New Business:

Memorial Flowers: Leisha will pick up 3 planters for Memorial Day. Following worship, Roberta and Leisha will place them on the Carstensen's and Date Bumann graves.

Goals for our church: A sub-group needs to be formed. It was decided that at this time, this will be tabled.

Other Business: At 6:50 p.m. a motion was made to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Seconded. Motion carried. The regular meeting resumed at 7:25 p.m.

A motion was made to hold meetings at 7:00 p.m. May- August. Seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

With no further discussion, a motion was made to adjourn and was seconded. The Lord's Prayer was recited and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Neubauer

Financial and Council Secretary

Christian Education

Sunday school celebrated another successful school year with the movie "David" and snacks. We made scripture jars for Mother's Day and discussed "T"rinity.

On May 2nd, we delivered "May Day" baskets to our pen pals of the Church. It was great to see so many families step up and help with this project. We delivered 30 May baskets that day! I encourage those that still would like to write, please do so, and either drop your letters off at the Church office or in the members Church boxes. It has been fun to get to know all of our members better! In September we will start this back up again and switch up our pals.

I am working with our Senior Youth Fellowship for a Fishing and Fellowship event for this summer. Youth wanting to go to Church Camp please let the office know by June 15th. Our next Vacation Bible School workshop will be June 13th at 9:00AM. We will be revealing our promotional item then as well. Finally, please promote our Vacation Bible School to friends and family. It is August 9th-12th. I pray you all have a great summer!



Pilgrim Heights Summer Camp

There are 2 camps available this summer:

Young Explorers (grades K-6): July 5th-9th

Adventure Seekers (grades 7-12): July 12th-16th

Registration is \$400 per child. There is money available through CSFD to pay part of the cost of camp. Let the office know by June 15th if your child would like to attend.



On May 21st, Lacey Neubauer received the Citizenship Award for 2nd grade. Lacey was chosen by her peers and the adults who work in her classroom. Congratulations Lacey!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 28th!

We are thrilled to welcome Andy Baker—nephew of Mike and Jackie Goodin—as our guest speaker. Andy and his family left Oskaloosa in 2017 to serve as missionaries in Nicaragua. He will be sharing stories about his (and his family’s) incredible journey. In recent years, much of their ministry has focused on the remote and impoverished Miskito region, where they have planted churches, trained pastors, supported trauma healing, improved access to clean water, and worked to strengthen local communities through discipleship and leadership development. You won’t want to miss it!



Colter Lane Krohnke was born May 22, 2026. He weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and was 18¼ inches long. Congratulations to Derek and Chelsey Krohnke; grandparents Sean and Josie Krohnke; and great-grandparents Ken and Connie Boger.




Armor Up This Summer! ✂️


What: Women’s Bible Study – *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer

Who: Led by Rhonda Pankau

Why: Because life is a battle, and we weren't meant to fight it alone.

When: **Join us twice a month:**

 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

 Morning: 10:30 am

(evening session will start again in August)

Where: Bible Study Room in the church basement

OFFICE HOURS

During the summer months, the office will be open Monday-Friday. However, Candice will only be in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 am-2 pm.



Summer Worship time will remain at 10 am

The Church Council has decided not to renew Kirk's contract effective June 1, 2026.

The contract stipulates ministry duties will continue for ninety (90) days. This period will run from June 1, 2026 through August 29, 2026.

The church office and parsonage will be vacated by August 29, 2026 as well.

We will keep you updated for future activities including the search process, etc.

The Schleswig UCC Church Council

The General Endowment Committee has not met in 2026. Presently there are no plans to meet. If one of the 48 stocks or the 1 Exchange Traded Fund the UCC is currently invested in shows extreme issues the committee will meet to discuss the investment.

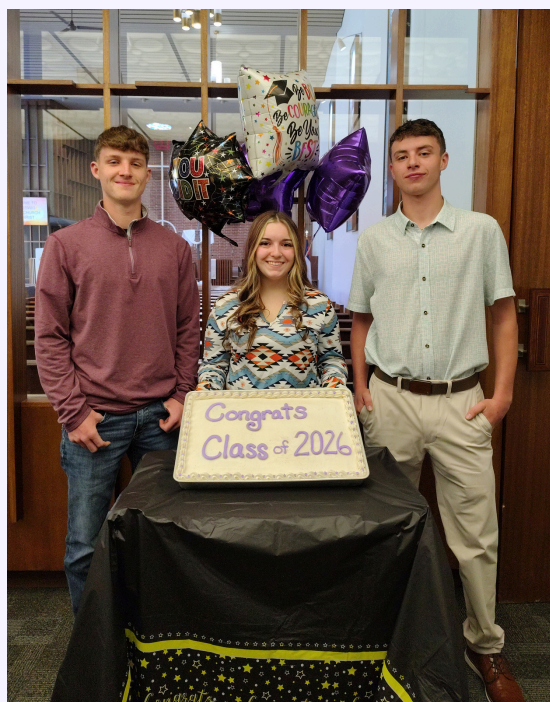
The fund is a valuable asset to the UCC. Dividends paid to the church general fund during the current year total over \$30,000. The fund value this year has increased by over \$153,000.

The committee believes the funds' investments are solid, long term companies. The plan is to follow the prior investment strategy for years to come. We have been blessed!!

Committee members Paul Outhouse, Roberta Jepsen and Mike Goodin.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29: 11



Congratulations Jett Paulsen, Jersey Bral, and Huntur Johannsen. May you go forward with wisdom, courage, and faith.

**IMPORTANT DATES
FOR
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS**

MAY 31-
SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEWS

AUGUST 1-
CHURCH WORK DAY

AUGUST 2-
SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

Greeter and Acolyte Schedule

June 2026- September 2026

JUNE

JUNE 7

Greeters: Steve & Roberta Jepsen
Acolytes: Huntur Johannsen
& Jett Paulsen

WORSHIP AT THE POND

JUNE 21

Greeters: Jim & Jolene Whiteing
Acolytes: Jersey Bral & Jayton Bral

JUNE 28

Greeters: Gary & Linda Reimer
Acolytes: Brayton Johannsen
& Cale Paulsen

JULY

JULY 5

Greeters: Jeff & Jenny Boelter
Acolytes: Hayden Fineran
& Ryder Luth

JULY 12

Greeters: David & Cathy Henningsen
Acolytes: Huntur Johannsen
& Jett Paulsen

JULY 19

Greeters: Neil & Kim Kragel
Acolytes: Taryn Johannsen
& Averi Valentine

JULY 26

Greeters: Scott & Kristy Clausen
Acolytes: Jersey Bral
& Journey Bral

AUGUST

AUGUST 2

Greeters: Jeremy & Amy Paulsen
Acolytes: June Jurgensen
& Ella Anders

AUGUST 9

Greeters: Charlie & Kellie Anders
Acolytes: Cale Paulsen
& Ryder Luth

AUGUST 16

Greeters: Scott Nemitz
& Barry Nemitz
Acolytes: Haxton Fineran
& Sophia Luth

AUGUST 23

Greeters: Ken & Connie Boger
Acolytes: Brayton Johannsen
& Hayden Fineran

AUGUST 30

Greeters: Judy Strandburg
& Sandy Lacey
Acolytes: Jayton Bral
& Journey Bral

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 6

Greeters: Paul Outhouse
& Shannon Cose
Acolytes: Averi Valentine
& June Jurgensen

SEPTEMBER 13

Greeters: Darrell Schmidt
& Larry Kastner
Acolytes: Ella Anders
& Brayton Johannsen

SEPTEMBER 20

Greeters: Marla Teut
& Carol Krohnke
Acolytes: Sophia Luth
& Taryn Johannsen

SEPTEMBER 27

Greeters: Patti Miller
& Sue Boland
Acolytes: Haxton Fineran
& Hayden Fineran