

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

“WHO ARE THE LEAST LIKELY”

This article is reference to Joshua 2: 1-4, 9-14 and from “Our Daily Bread.” Have you ever felt like you were not worthy? You weren’t good enough? We all have been there at one point in our life. Feeling like you are not good enough. You struggle with your grades or you were the last one picked for a team/group. Or have you been yelled at for no reason in front of others.

This scripture is about how Joshua set two spies into Jericho to scout what the land was like around the city. Joshua and his army were planning on attacking Jericho. The leaders of the city found out that some spies entered into the city the night before. They went to the house of Rahab and asked her about the two gentlemen who had stayed with her. This lady hid them on her roof.

Why did Rahab help them out, she was a Canaanite, she was a woman, and she was a prostitute. When asked why she helped them, her response was that she knew that their God was the God in Heaven. The most powerful that they knew. The people of Jericho were afraid of him, because they knew what he had done to other cities on the other side of the Jordan. She believed in God. She believed in his power. She was the least likely person that God would choose. She had three strikes against her, but yet God chose her. Have you ever known someone who felt this way in their life? Defeated, before they got started. If you think about it, the disciples were not the most likely people that someone would choose either.

We as Christians sometimes don’t believe that God would choose us either. Yet he has chosen each and everyone of us and has welcomed us into his family. The family of believers. We are looked down at for believing in this God.

We have all felt that we are not worthy of his love and grace, because of something that we have done in our lives. Remember that we have a loving and forgiving God, no matter what we have done. We just need to repent and ask for his forgiveness. Remember that he saved one of the thieves on the cross with him. Our God is an awesome God. So, no matter who has put you down or said that you maybe not be worth saving, our wonderful will be there for you. He will lift you up.

There is no failing our God. He is and will always be there for you. In the poem “Footprints in the Sand” God is walking beside you on your journey, and then when things get tough he is there to carry you. What an awesome thought that is. So, be assured: He has divine purposes for even the least likely of us. You are somebody special.

PRAYER: Dear God, please help me be ready for Your calling, for the mission You might have for me.
AMEN.

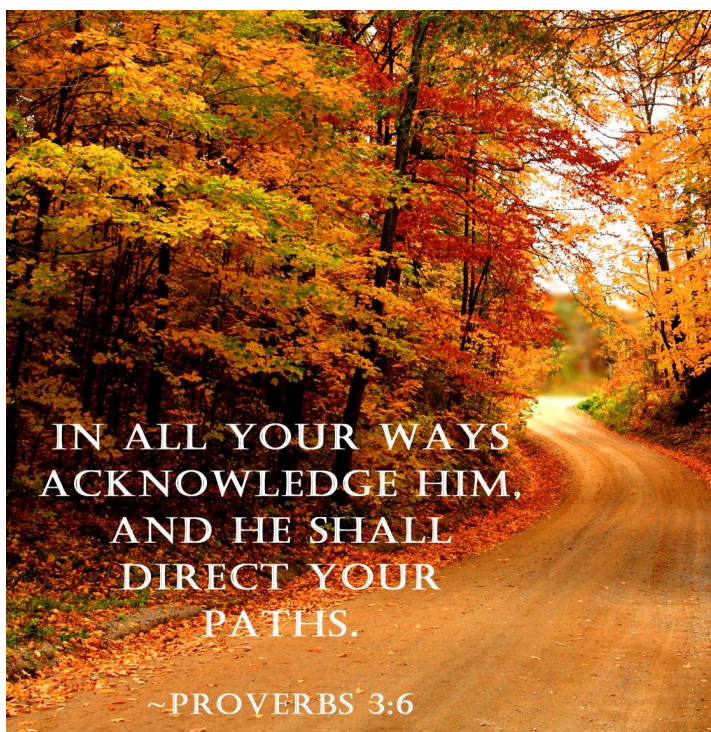
God Bless, and have a great month. Don’t forget the Chicken Dinner on the 15th. Church will be on Saturday the 14th at 5:30 p.m.

Pastor Kirk

HYMNS ON THE CHIMES



- October 4th 10:15 am **"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"** in honor of Rev. A.F. Rinne from UCC
- October 6th 12:15 pm **"How Great Thou Art"** in memory of Ella Schroeder from family & friends
- October 7th 5:00 pm **"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"** in memory of William C. Wonder from family
- October 9th 10:15 am **"Rock of Ages"** in memory of Carsten Carstensen
- October 20th 12:15 pm **"He Lives"** in memory of Dr. Warren Tyler and Alpha Searcy from Betty Tyler
- October 22nd 5:00 pm **"Shall We Gather at the River"** in memory of Gladys Bendixen from Ray Bendixen
- October 29th 7:00 pm **"What a Day That Will Be"** in memory of Marcia Brodersen from her family
- October 31st 6:30 pm **"Amazing Grace"** in memory of Merle Bielenberg from family



IN ALL YOUR WAYS
ACKNOWLEDGE HIM,
AND HE SHALL
DIRECT YOUR
PATHS.

~PROVERBS 3:6

August Financials



Income:

Weekly envelopes	\$ 2360.00
Loose Offering	\$ 81.30
Seasonal Offering	\$ 6.00
Misc. Offerings	\$ 0.00
Misc. Income	\$ 116.88
Interest Income-Gen. Fund	\$ 13.40
Investment Income	\$ 0.00
Total Income:	\$ 2577.58

Expenses:

Association Dues	\$ 0.00
Insurance & Taxes	\$ 305.23
Janitor Supplies	\$ 190.46
Misc. Expenses	\$ 0.00
Music	\$ 229.62
Office Expense	\$ 352.58
Pastor Expenses	\$ 5100.34
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 651.79
Supplies	\$ 47.57
Support Staff Salaries	\$ 3110.00
Utilities	\$ 1891.14
Total expense:	\$ 11878.73
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (-9301.15)



October	1	Jenny Boelter Brady Thies
October	8	Ginny Larson
October	9	Dennis Reimer Jackie Kragel
October	10	Hayden Fineran
October	13	Madison Bielenberg Valera Stern
October	15	Dalton Rupert
October	18	Jackie Goodin
October	19	Brooke McDonald
October	20	Shae Hansen
October	21	Nora Strandburg
October	22	Brayton Johannsen Colin Neddermeyer
October	23	Jim Stender
October	25	Shannon Cose Lacey Neubauer
October	26	Owen Pratt
October	28	Jagger Ipsen Mason Kragel
October	29	Charlie Anders

Numbers for the Books

Date:	Attendance:	Offering:
August 6	40	\$299.00
August 13	58	\$1085.00
August 20	26	\$150.50
August 27	47	\$767.80
Total:	171	\$2302.30
Average:	43	\$575.58



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 22nd from 1-3 pm
at the east end of the big parking lot.
If you are interested in having a trunk
(car, pickup, suv, golf cart, etc) deco-
rated, please contact the church office
at uccoffice@wiaw.net or 676-3917

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fun!

SCHLESWIG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

DRIVE THRU ONLY - IN TOWN DELIVERIES AVAILABLE

\$12 meal includes 2 pieces chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, pasta salad, roll & dessert

CATERED BY STALEY'S

October Greeters/Acolytes

Greeters:

Oct. 1- John Fineran & Haxton Fineran

Oct. 8- Candice Bral & Jayton Bral

Oct. 14 (Sat.) - Jill Sedore & Ryder Luth

Oct. 22- Sarah Fineran & Hayden Fineran

Oct. 29- Amy Paulsen & Cale Paulsen

Acolytes:

Oct. 1- Cale Paulsen & Brayton Johannsen

Oct. 8- Jersey Bral & Journey Bral

Oct. 14 (Sat.) - Jett Paulsen

& Huntur Johannsen

Oct. 22- Jayton Bral & Ryder Luth

Oct. 29- Gracie Outhouse & Sophie Luth

**Saturday,
October 14th
church service
will be at 5:30
pm.**

**No Sunday
School or church
service before
the chicken din-
ner on Sunday,
October 15th.**



*Father, thank You for
the farmer. We are so
blessed to have men
and women willing to
put in the time and
toil it takes to produce
crops and livestock.
Thank You for
blessing their efforts
to produce healthy
foods that provide my
family's nourishment
and enjoyment. In the
name of Jesus. Amen*



Our Carnival Rally Day was a huge success! Our outdoor activities got moved into the Sanctuary, because of rain, but what a blessing that was! We had games, a cupcake walk, and face painting! The confirmands did a good job helping the younger kids with the games.

It was nice to see so many members in fellowship hall for walking tacos and mini cupcakes following the church service.



Council Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2023



President Sandy Lacey opened the meeting. Those in attendance were Sandy, Cheri, Judy, Seth, Leisha, Pastor Kirk and John B. (by phone). Guest: John Dorfler, Ken Boger, Mike Goodin and Gaylen Bahnsen

Cheri asked to give opening prayer.

Due to guest at meeting we started meeting with discussion of the vacancy on council and John Dorfler has agreed to fill it. A motion was made to appoint John to fill the spot for the balance of that term by Leisha, second by Seth. Motion carried. John was THANKED by all for stepping up.

Ken visited with council about the damage to roofs, rain gutters and small utility sheds at the church and parsonage due to hail damage earlier this year. Ken explained about the process the property committee has been going through and explained about the membrane roof they are planning to put on. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal from Elevate for about \$8,000 to cover our approximate cost for all damage from the storm. Motion carried. Contract copy on file in the office.

Mike visited with council about Under the Sun Day Care and updated about staffing, financials and the grant applied for and still waiting to come in.

Gaylen visited and updated council about CDs coming due and interest rates. Tabled until September.

Approval of Minutes: No minutes

Approval of Financial Report: A motion was made to approve the financial report and was seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to be Paid: A motion was made to pay the bills and was seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

CE: Bible School went well, Rally will be on the 10th of September with Carnival theme. Sunday school will be 9:00-9:45 with Preschool -1st grade taught by Candice, no 2nd or 3rd graders as of now, 4th -6th grade, will be taught by CE committee since hard to find volunteers, 7th – 8th grade will have a short session with Pastor and then visit with council and members in back and will not be working the technology but will be sitting in church.

CSFD: No report

CSFI: Discussed earlier with Gaylen

Property: Discussed earlier with Ken.

Spiritual Life: No report

Missions & Outreach: Picnic went very well and committee did a great job. Committee is having a meeting this coming Sunday.

(Minutes continued)



Stewardship: Sandy has article sent in for news letter talking about saying YES when asked to serve on committees.

Pastor's Report: Pastor did visitations at the care centers and normal monthly things. Confirmation starts on the 6th of September with a parent meeting next week. Possible Bible Study by Maxwell Lucado in the fall. Went to meeting for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Pastor is now the treasurer of this group.

Old Business:

New member Sunday service was last Sunday. Work day went well. Use of the church property was approved last month. Last month council minutes discussed possibly need to be recorded.

New Business:

Recorder for meetings discussed. Motion made to purchase a recorder to use to record council meetings by Leisha, seconded by John B. Carried. Fall grant discussion. Tammy is going to schedule audit

with Ben Hansen. Farm leases discussed. Chicken dinner plans are in process with Shannon.

Discussion on curtains in the sanctuary are needing to be replaced. Tabled to next meeting.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting and seconded. Meeting ended with Pastor

Kirk leading the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leisha Kragel