United Lutheran Church's Newsletter

UNITED MONTHLY

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We are United to EXPERIENCE Jesus, SERVE others and LIVE the Word!

We live out this mission statement with our core values of Joyful Worship, Authentic Community, Faithful Witness and Ridiculous Generosity.

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Saved by Grace

I like checklists. I like the feeling of accomplishment which comes with crossing something off of a list. I like to "get something done," and to be able to see those before-and-after results.

Results matter. We work hard so that our harvests produce good yield, so that our kids get good grades, and we affirm the value of pride in work well done.

Many of us yearn to one day hear Jesus tell us, "Well done, good and faithful servant," (Matthew 25:23).

As stewards of God's creation, we are asked to "do something," particularly as Jesus' continues in Matthew 25, we are to care for the hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick and imprisoned.

"Doing something," can be a tricky subject in Lutheran theology, because for us the heart of the gospel is "by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast," (Ephesians 2:8).

We do things not because of any merit they may earn us for eternal reward, but because it is what do as we love our neighbors as ourselves. We can try all we want to "earn" salvation, but this is not in our power. Only God has the power to save.

Later this month, we will celebrate God's redeeming power as our 9th grade confirmation students affirm the promises made on their behalf at their baptisms. While their confirmation is an important rite in the life of their faith, it is less about checking something off of a to-do list, and more of an affirmation of the work God has already been doing in their lives through friends, family, and the church.

We will celebrate with these young adults, not because they have chosen Christ, but because they have been chosen by Christ.

This is grace.

As we go about our busy schedules, may we pause to give thanks for the opportunities to serve our neighbors. May we celebrate our accomplishments and our God who is the source of all we have!

As we teach our children, may they learn that they are loved—when they get things right, and when they don't.

May we live into the mystery of being saved by grace.

Pastor Karl

October 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 5PM 7&8 Grade Confirmation 6:30PM 9th Grade Confirmation 8PM Youth group	2	3	4 4PM Meet'n'Greet @ John & Kathie Johnson's home
5 9AM Sunday School 9AM G/Up Sunday School 10AM Worship & Communion WELCA Thank Offering Sunday Confirmation retreat at PRBC	6	7	8 5PM 7&8 Grade Confirmation 6:30PM 9th Grade Confirmation 8PM Youth group	9 9:30AM Memory Loss Support Group	10 Scrapbooking	11 Scrapbooking
12 9AM Sunday School 9AM G/Up Sunday School 10AM Worship & New Member Sunday 2PM Grafton Conference Assembly	13 7PM P.E.O.	14 Quilting 9AM-3PM 5:30PM Esther Circle @ church, 7PM WELCA Fall Meeting	15 Quilting 9AM-3PM **No 7&8 Grade Confirmation** 6:30PM 9th Grade Confirmation **No Youth Group**	16	17	18
19 **No Sunday School** **No Grown Up Sunday School** 10AM Worship & Communion	20 7:30PM Church Council Meeting	21 7PM Deborah Circle @ church, 7PM Rachel Circle @ Jan Knudson	22 5PM 7&8 Grade Confirmation 6:30PM 9th Grade Confirmation 8PM Youth group	23	24	25 Joshlyn Odegaard and Jeff Bjornstad wedding
26 9AM Sunday School 9AM G/Up Sunday School 10AM Contemporary Worship **Confirmation**	27	28 10:30AM Conference Pastors text study	29 5PM 7&8 Grade Confirmation 8PM Youth group	30	31	

October - Faith & Care #2

Chairpersons - Bill & Nicole Reinhardt

Dean & Julie Aanderud
Gerald & Sue Anderson
Steve & Michele Anderson
Margaret Bata
David & Teri Bodnar
Arvid & Sandy Boe
Susie Clark
Rick & Carolyn Crockett
Ben Crockett
Dan Crockett
Tara Domres
Brittany Farris
Dean & Connie Hakanson
Travis & Megan Hakanson
Allyn & Carol Hart
Lawrence & Katie Henry
Kyle & Tiffany Hetletved
Tom & Lynda Hoyt
Zane Jacobson
John & Kathie Johnson
Carol Kaercher
Bob & Nadine Kempert
Jim & Connie Kjos
Caitlin Kreklau
Robert & Lillian Lowery
Audrey Mikkelsen
Kerry & Mavis Mikkelsen
JoAnn Mueller
Grant & Betty Nelson
Bernice Olson
Ole Olson
Brad & Marcy Paulson
Mindi Paulson
Ole & Karen Pederson
Paul Peterson
Monica Porterfield
Gary & Joyce Ridley
Stephen Ridley
Darrin & Becca Romfo
Troy & Rachelle Romfo
Bill & Kathy Roy
Randy & Kim Rude
Lisa Schuler
Kathy Snortland
Gordon & Sharon Sondeland
Daryl & Linda Timian
Carl & Becky Tollefson
Jim & Faye Wilhelmi
Brent Zavalney

Memorials for September

Charles "Chuck" Soli - Deborah Circle (garden)

Memorials may be given at any time by being mailed or brought to the Church Office at United Lutheran.

Financial Update **As of August 31, 2014**

August Offering	$12,845.25

	Year-to-Date	Budget YTD
Offering Income	$100,684.76	$113,400.00

Total Income YTD	$106,588.83
*Total Expenses YTD	$132,990.44

**Total expenses, year to date, does include a $20,000 transfer of funds to the Money Market Account*

ULC Leadership 2014

Pastors	Karl & Rebecca Breddin
President	Brian Hart
Vice President	Ted Dahl
Secretary	Linda Timian
Financial Secretary	Lisa Gellner
Trustees	Brandon Badding
	Mike Schrader
	Michael Muhs
Deacons	David Haslekaas
	Carl Tollefson
	Joanne Field

Committee Council Representatives

Education	Becca/Rachelle Romfo
Evangelism	Carolyn Balsdon
Stewardship	Marie Jordan
Endowment	Lawrence Crockett

Council Update

September 15, 2014 Meeting

The United Lutheran Church Council did not meet in September so representatives could focus on the harvest.

Council tidbits are offered monthly by the Council. Council minutes, treasurers reports and pastor's reports are available for review and posted on the bulletin board in the narthex monthly.

Sunday School News

The September rotation was "Jesus Feeds 5,000." I thought this lesson was appropriate considering that this time of year the farmers are busy harvesting and reaping what they had sown last spring in order to feed so many others. Sowing and reaping. We are sowing the seeds of faith, kindness, generosity and humbleness in our children so we can reap the rewards of that same behavior later in life.

I would like to thank the following Leaders and Shepherds for sowing the seeds of good faith in our children in the month of September: Carla Gemmill, Jenny Romfo, Andrea Jacobson, Nichole Reinhardt, Becca Romfo, Jenny Schrader, Jayden Romfo, Lizzie Muhs, Danny Muhs, Andy Muhs and Brennan Kitchin.

In the month of October, the rotation will be "Four Friends." The Leaders for this rotation will be Lisa Schuler – Cooking, Sarah Badding – Science, Rachelle Romfo – Video, Carey Freer – Art, Becca Romfo – Connect (6th graders). As always when there is a cooking rotation, I ask that you let me know of any food allergies that may be of concern for your child so I can inform the Leader.

I'm excited for the first Sunday of the new rotation, **October 5th**, as we will be having a guest speaker. The guest speaker is from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in the Twin Cities who has worked with the village in Haiti where we have sent people on mission trips and where a group will be going this winter. He is bringing and will be demonstrating a peanut press, as the village grows plenty of peanuts and is looking to start making peanut butter. Please have your child(ren) in the fellowship hall by **8:55am** that morning so that the speaker can begin promptly at 9am. Parents are welcome to attend this presentation. The presentation will go from 9-9:15am.

Please note that there will be NO Sunday School on **October 19th** due to the long weekend for NDEA teacher's convention.

Another important date to put on your calendar is **December 21st**, which is the Christmas Program at United Lutheran. **We are still looking for a director and volunteers to help put the program together**.

If you are interested in helping out in any way, please give me a call. I also ask that if your child will not be in the program, please let me know.

Park River Bible Camp has a few fall camps including a 7th – 12th Grade Fall Celebration camp October 10th – 12th, a Fall Jubilee Day Camp October 14th and a 1st – 3rd Grade Lil' Pumpkins Day Camp October 25th. Brochures with more information will be in the narthex or you can go to www.parkriverbiblecamp.org for more information and to register.

"Life is an echo. What you send out, comes back. What you sow, you reap. What you give, you get. What you see in others, exists in you." - Zig Ziglar

Sara Goodman
ULC SS Superintendent

Bibles

Congratulations to the following third graders on receiving their new "Spark" bibles on Sunday, September 7th:

Adam Hart
Taryn Romfo
Cora Badding
Edward Freer
Isabella Olson

Senior High Mission Trip

We have penciled in the dates of **JUNE 13-21, 2015** to go to Lutherhaven Bible Camp in Wallace, Idaho. At Lutherhaven we will partake in a week long servant adventure program. During our stay we will work on service projects either on and/or off-site. The projects we work on will help to address some very real needs in the community.

This service opportunity will be open for youth currently in 8th-12th grade. Parents and senior high youth be on the lookout for a letter with more information.

If you would like to check out Lutherhaven Servant Adventure program go to: www.lutherhaven.com under the Servant Adventure tab.

LUTHERHAVEN MINISTRIES
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Faith Acts in the Home

As a parent, my desire is to raise my children to be responsible, resilient, and caring adults. Parenting is hard work. The number of resources out there about how-to parent and raise a family is overwhelming but parenting doesn't have to be! You are being invited to pray about participating in a faith forming experimentation. Over the course of four weeks in November we will gather together to share a simple potluck meal and work together through Faith5.

FAITH5™ (Faith Acts In The Home) is a simple, easy-to-implement faith practice, perfect for incorporating into your bedtime routine for five to fifteen minutes a night. When done over time, the FAITH5™ carries the power to enrich communication, deepen understanding, aid sleep, and promote mental, physical and spiritual health. The five steps are:

SHARE your highs and lows

READ a Bible verse or story

TALK about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows

PRAY for one another's highs and lows

BLESS one another

Here at United we want you to succeed in deep, joyful, profound ways in parenting and in helping your family grow in faith. We want to equip you in connecting "church" with home. Dates and times for this faith experiment are flexible at this time. Check out your November calendar. Can you commit to Sunday noon meal for an hour? Maybe evening works best? Children are encouraged to participate. There will be a $11.45 fee for the workbook. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to call the church office or email me at ulc@utma.com

If you would like more information on Faith5 check out www.faith5.org. There is also information on the website about purchasing a book by Faith5 creator Dr. Rich Melheim. This is not a required purchase for our faith experiment!

Pastor Rebecca

Keep these words which I command you today in your hearts. Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise..." Deuteronomy 6

Confirmation Fall Day Retreat

On Sunday, October 5, 7th-8th Grade Confirmation students will be attending an afternoon retreat at Park River Bible Camp with other congregations in our conference. We will meet at church at 12:45 PM and depart by 1:00 PM. It will be a fun afternoon and supper is included. We should be back to Langdon by 9:00 PM.

In Our Prayers

For Healing

John Freer, Gabriel Steinwand, Willis Romfo, Glen Symons, Tyler Witzel, Janet Olson, Jordan Link, Heather Moffett and family, newborn Breck Krivarchka & her family, Harvey Schneider and Lillian Zettel.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to the family of Charles "Chuck" Soli on his death. He passed away in Minneapolis on August 4th. Please keep his family in your prayers.

We express sympathy to the family of Jim Crockett on his death, September 14. Services were held September 20. Please keep his family in your prayers.

We express sympathy to the family of Eleanor Heldt on her death, September 25. Services were held September 29. Please keep her family in your prayers.

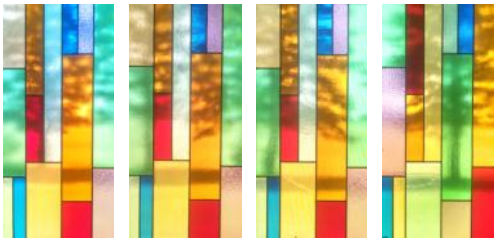
In Joy

Congratulations to Josh & Pam Krivarchka on the birth of their daughter, Breck Nicole.

Congratulations to Travis and Megan Hakanson on the baptism of their daughter Lizzie Lorraine on September 21. Lizzie is the little sister to Devin and Hailee. Lizzie's baptismal sponsors are Eric & Rizzie Heger and Loren & Steph Fetsch.

Congratulations to Jayla Domres and Bryan Christie on their wedding. They were married at United on Saturday, September 27.

ULC invites you to be in prayer for those people listed, all who have been in our prayers over the past month. If you have someone that you would like added to the prayer list, please call the church at 256-2594 or e-mail ulc@utma.com.



Do you know where the stain glass windows (left) are from, which are also on our website's main page?

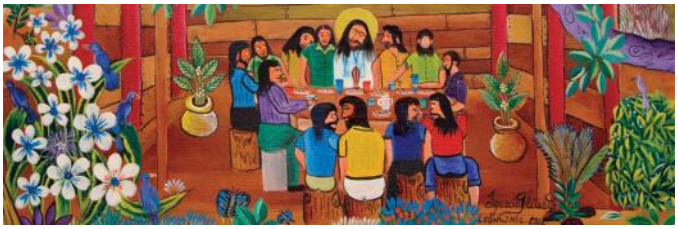
The website for United Lutheran Church, www.unitedlangdon.org, has received a facelift. While online, be sure to "like" our Facebook page!

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 5, United Lutheran will join with thousands of other churches across the ELCA and other denominations to celebrate World Communion Sunday. It will be a day of celebration as we uplift God's work through the Holy Spirit in the Church and the world. Our worship service will have music from Christian churches around the world.

Scot Goodwin, from St. Andrew Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN where we partner for our Pasquette Haiti trips, will be at United for hands-on display of a peanut-press bound for Haiti this winter. This will be both during Sunday school and after worship on October 5. If you have peanut allergies, please let the church office know—we can accommodate!

We will take a special offering as part of World Communion Sunday for ELCA World Hunger and mission work in Pasquette Haiti.



WELCA News

WELCA Thank offering Sunday will be held Sunday, October 5th. Your special Thank Offering envelope is included in the ULC's offering booklet. Please help support the Women's organization and its ministries as we give our gifts in gratitude for our many blessings. Contributions are welcome from anyone.

WELCA will be hosting their fall meeting on Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00 PM. There will be an election of officers and guest speaker Revel Sapa from Options Interstate Resource Center. Please plan to attend.

Options serves people experiencing the effects of aging and people with any type of disability. Revel Sapa is a passionate resource in our area, specializing in one-on-one interpersonal skills training, peer counseling, community education and outreach, peer counseling, disability rights information, information and referral.

General Announcements

Meet 'n' Greets

We have one more scheduled Meet'n'Greet for United folks of varied ages to gather for fellowship and to personally share about yourselves, ULC and of the Langdon area community. John & Kathie Johnson will be hosting this in their home on Saturday, October 4 at 4:00 PM. Thanks to those who have taken part already!

Thank You to:

- Lisa Schuler for her special music provided during the worship service on September 7th.
- Charlie Jordan for his expertise and assistance in coordinating and updating our church computers.
- Elroy Rude for taking care of the wet carpet in the church van. Your time and labor is very much appreciated!
- the Haslekaas family for taking care of the lawn at United this past summer and also Laura Belle for planting the flowers and their upkeep.
- the following individuals who were able to be of service and work during the Park River Lutefisk and Meatball dinner: Ardyce Hennager, Joanne Field, Karen Boe, Linda Olson, Barbara Stenerson, Dale Klein & Terry Jacobson
- the WELCA women who provided cookies and lefse for the Park River Lutefisk and Meatball dinner

Mission Haiti

Time is running out to sign up for the next mission trip to Pasquette, Haiti, scheduled for January 31 through February 8. Projects include the establishment of two micro-businesses (peanut butter production and a bakery), a construction project, English as a second language (ESL), and community health and wellness.

If interested in attending, or helping support those going and the work being done there, please contact Pastor Karl or Janet Jacobson.

New Member Sunday

Sunday, October 12 we will officially welcome new members to our congregation family of United Lutheran at our worship service. Refreshments will be served following the service. If you or someone you know wish to join ULC and have not been contacted, please let Pastors Karl or Rebecca know.

Adult Faith Formation

If you are not in children's Sunday School, you are welcome to join adult faith formation, AKA Grown-up Sunday School! Grab a cup of coffee and join the group Sunday mornings in the Fireside room from 9-9:40AM to share in fellowship, coffee and discussion. Simply bring a Bible or use one from the church. No homework required! The Grown up schedule follows the Sunday School schedule.

Periodicals

The October "Lutheran" magazines and the quarterly "Christ in Our Homes" have arrived.

Breddin Pastors' Ordination

The congregation is invited to attend Pastor Karl and Rebecca's ordination and installation at United Lutheran, Saturday, November 8 at 2:00 PM. A reception will follow the service.

Park River Bible Camp Events

7th-12th Grade Fall Celebration, October 10-12

Fall Jubilee Day Camp, October 14

1st-3rd Grade Li'l Pumpkins Day Camp, October 25

Quilt Auction, November 2

Quilt Retreat, November 7-9

Scrapbooking Retreat, Nov. 21-23

For more information on these or other Park River events, visit www.parkriverbiblecamp.org or call 1-800-269-2465.

Fall Pie Social

Friday, October 3, 2-4 PM, free will offering with quilt raffle at 3 PM. Benefiting the Maple Manor Auxiliary.

Pastoral Visits

Please contact the church office if you or a loved one are hospitalized or would like a home visit from one of our pastors.

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Return Service Requested

Worship and Ministry - October Schedule

October 5 - Worship & Communion
Reader - Monica Porterfield
Ushers -
Greeters - Sharon Sondeland
Communion Prep - Karen Pederson
Communion Assts - Karen and Ole Pederson
& Nichole Reinhardt
Acolytes - Jessi Gellner & Abby Romfo
Projectionist - Hayes Haslekaas
Coffee - Sharon Sondeland

October 12 - Worship
Reader - Margaret Bata
Ushers -
Greeters -
Acolytes - April & Paige Kratcha
Projectionist - Jenny Schrader

October 19 - Worship & Communion
Reader - Dale Klein
Ushers - Kyle & Tiffany Hetletved
Greeter - Joyce Ridley
Communion Prep -
Communion Assts - Margaret Bata & Sharon Sondeland
Acolytes - April Kratcha & McKenna Belle
Projectionist - Zach Hoyt
Coffee - Margaret Bata

October 26 - Contemporary Worship
Reader - Dale Klein
Ushers -
Greeters - Ole Olson
Acolytes - Lizzie & Danny Muhs
Projectionist - Jake Muhs
Coffee -