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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.



United Lutheran Church
is a congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America.



God's work.
Our hands.

Meeting the World's Deep Need

Advent marks the beginning of the New Church year. On the last week of November, a bulletin board was created so our hopes and dreams for our congregation could be shared with all. There are many wonderful ideas, thoughts, and words of appreciation written on these little slips of paper.

We have journeyed through Advent, literally the darkest days here in the Northern Hemisphere, reflecting on hope, peace, love and joy. We Celebrated the birth of Christ and the coming of the LIGHT and now we arrive in the time of Epiphany. Here in Epiphany, we notice the dawning of light and the gift we have been given of both the God who reaches out to us and the human who raises us to God. God with us- Emmanuel!

We will hear stories of Jesus from some of Jesus' earliest followers. We will witness Jesus' ministry as he travels with his disciples, teaching, healing and forgiving. In these stories we will experience how Jesus shapes the community around him. Jesus' style of leadership turns our typical understanding of power upside down. Through service and genuine love for the other, Jesus shows us God's purpose for us and calls out to us, "Come, follow me!"

Where are we being called to? Where is Jesus leading us? How is Jesus' model of leadership shaping our community?

We have a very clear vision and purpose here at United Lutheran Church. If you are wondering what that is, look to the left of this article! Pastor Karl and I have really begun to notice the amazing gifts and talents present in our community of faith and we, along with United's council and committees, will look for ways to draw out these gifts that are present and weave them into the life of our larger community.

As Lutherans, we celebrate the "priesthood of all believers." Which is a fancy way of saying YOU matter in the life of the church. Christ has given YOU the power to lead and shape this community in your relationships and in your vocations. What is your vocation?

The American author and theologian, Fredrick Buechner (pronounced Beekner) described vocation as the place where our deep gladness meets the world's deep need.

On those little slips of paper, posted up on the bulletin board near the entrance of our sanctuary, is a wonderful mixture of what brings you gladness and where you see a deep need in our community and world.

I look forward to walking with you as we work faithfully in following Christ and serving our brothers and sisters in need.



God Bless You,
Pastor Rebecca

January 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Happy New Year!	2	3
4 No Sunday School 10AM Worship & Communion	5	6	7 6:30PM Parent/Student Confirmation meeting 7:30PM Senior High Youth Group	8 9:30AM Memory Loss Support Group	9	10
11 9AM Sunday school 9AM G/Up Sunday school 10AM Worship	12	13 9AM-3PM Quilting	14 9AM-3PM Quilting Confirmation 7:30 Senior High Youth Group	15	16 7&8 Grade Lock-in	17
18 9AM Sunday school 9AM G/Up Sunday school 10AM Worship & Communion	19 7:30PM Church Council	20 7PM Rachel Circle @ Elaine Haugen's home 12PM Writers Group	21 Confirmation 7:30PM Senior High Youth Group	22	23 4-6 Grade Winter Blast at PRBC Scrapbooking	24 Scrapbooking
25 9AM Group baptismal class 9AM Sunday school & G/Up 10AM Contemporary Worship 11AM Annual Meeting & Potluck	26	27	28 Confirmation 7:30PM Senior High Youth Group	29	30	31

January - Faith & Care #4

Chairperson - Judy Ulyott

Don & Wanda Amoth
Justin Anderson
Kenneth Anderson
Miles & Teresa Anderson
Ross Anderson
Scott Anderson
Robert & Nancy Becker
Robert & Laura Belle
Tyler & Courtney Bodnar
John & Karen Boe
Kenneth & DeLynn Carlson
Wayne & Nancy Coyle
Jim & Marcie Crockett
Tim & Myrna Devine
Dan & Peggy Fischer
Darren & Lisa Gellner
Kraig Gellner
Greg & Sara Goodman
Ryan Gustafson
Zach & Andrea Jacobson
Corey & Julie Johnson
Devon & Katie Johnson
Jay & Delane Johnson
Linden & Helen Johnson
Charles & Marie Jordan

Mitch & Jennifer Jorgensen
Darrel & Karen Kempert
Eldon & Janice Knudson
LeeAnn Knudson
Matt & Crystal Lowery
Jolena Lowery
Chris & Tina Mikkelsen
David Olson
Greg & Val Olson
Josh & Sarah Overby
Leon Pederson
Trevor & Jennifer Romfo
Lance & Megan Schill
Mark & Shauna Schneider
Joan Schrader
Bob & Diane Simmons
Charlotte Soli
Kassandra Spanier
Rueben & Jeannie Steinwand
Willard & Barb Stenerson
Billie Symons
Glen & Carla Symons
Lawrence & Laura Thielbar
William Thom
Ryan & Shannon Wagner
Shannon & Sheri Winnegge

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

Memorials for December

Anna Grindland - Helen & Linden Johnson (garden), Janet Olson - Dale & Pam Luhmann (library), Helen & Linden Johnson (garden), Jim & Faye Wilhelmi (garden), Corey & Julie Johnson (building), Anna Olson (general), David & Ardyce Hennager (general), Lenora Olson (garden), Elroy & Marilyn Rude (endowment)

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

Financial Update As of November 30, 2014

November Offering	\$14,423.10	
	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$138,206.91	\$155,925.00
Total Income YTD	\$152,453.93	
*Total Expenses YTD	\$175,588.24	

**includes a \$20,000 transfer of funds to the money market*

Council Update

December 15, 2014 Meeting

Fundraising for Haiti has been wonderful, with funds now exceeding anticipated expenses.

ULC will provide \$10 for each member attending the PRBC 4-6 grade retreat in January.

A new Faith and Care booklet is being made by Joann Field with updated lists of groups and duties; it will go to all members.

Youth went to the care center in Osnabrock earlier in December for caroling and games.

Monies from Harvest Sunday have been disbursed; any additional Harvest Sunday money will be put in the General Fund.

Pr. Rebecca is working on nursery guidelines.

The synod is projecting a \$100,000 deficit for the end of 2014 and will review expenses and funding it provides to ministry partners.

Proposed budget was passed, to be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.

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

Christmas program Thank you to the children of United Lutheran as they shared another great Christmas program with our congregation. Thank you to all of the shepherds, leaders and anyone else who helped prepare for our program. Pastor Rebecca was the director of the program this year and I know she was nervous, but as always, everything came together perfectly for a wonderful performance by all! Thank you Pastor Rebecca! Thank you also to the Education Committee members who helped each Sunday and for the candy cane treat and poem they gave the children.

Maple Manor Service Project On Sunday, December 14th, a group of Sunday School kids, leaders and parents gathered at Maple Manor Care Center to sing Christmas carol telegrams as part of a fundraiser service project. While we were not able to go to individual rooms of the residents due to the flu going around, we were able to sing several songs in the east entrance room with many residents of both Maple Manor and Wheatland joining us. The residents loved hearing some of their favorite Christmas carols and many of them joined in and sang with us! Each resident of Maple Manor and Wheatland also received a Christmas card made by the Sunday School children. We raised \$383 to donate to the Cavalier County Social Services "Christmas Cheer" fund so **thank you** to everyone who purchased a telegram for this wonderful project!

Sunday School Classes Sunday School classes resume on January 11th and our story will be "House on the Rock." The rotations will be art, science, video and cooking. Thank you to our leaders for this upcoming rotation - Jayne Kitchin, Marcie Crockett, Troy Romfo and Shanda Christianson. Our sixth graders will continue with the "Connect" curriculum led by Rachele Romfo.

January 18th There WILL be classes on January 18th even though there is a teacher in-service and no school on the 19th.

Many Blessings to you and your family in the New Year!

Sara Goodman
ULC Sunday School Superintendent

Caroling at Maple Manor, below



Baptism Classes—starting January 25

We will be offering one time quarterly baptismal classes at ULC. These are opportunities to learn together what God has promised us and our children in baptism and to share ways we can live out this promise with others.

Baptism is God's gift of love, affirmation and belonging. It is God "calling us by name" (Isaiah 43:1) and making us God's own. In baptism, we as parents and care givers make some promises. Here at United Lutheran Church we want to help equip you in fulfilling these promises and in nurturing the faith of your child(ren).

The classes are intended for parents and those receiving baptism. Sponsors (godparents), family members and/ or other care givers are welcome to attend. The class is casual and siblings are welcome.

At the classes, we will: go through some basic teachings surrounding baptism; provide information that we believe will help you nurture and grow a child of faith; give a quick run-down of what the baptismal service will look like.

The following dates have been set aside for the baptism classes: January 25, March 22, 2015, June 28, and September 27, 2015. Classes will be held in the youth room during the Sunday school hours. If you are planning on having your child baptized please call the church office to confirm a date.

FAITH

January's Faith5 devotion guide

This year resolve to end each day with the simple, 5-steps of FAITH5 (Faith Acts in the Home). Share this routine with your spouse, children, dear friend by phone, or keep it between you and God. You may want to light a candle as you share. Begin with "highs and lows" of your day and end with a blessing, perhaps tracing a cross on the forehead and saying something like " God loves you and God's light is with you."

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| 1. Genesis 1:3-5 | 17. Isaiah 60:1-5 |
| 2. 2 Samuel 23:3-5 | 18. Matthew 5:13-16 |
| 3. Job 22:27-29 | 19. Luke 11:33-36 |
| 4. Job 29:2-4 | 20. John 1:1-13 |
| 5. Psalm 18:27-29 | 21. John 3:19-21 |
| 6. Matthew 2:9-11 | 22. John 8:12 |
| 7. Psalm 27:1-3 | 23. Acts 13:46-48 |
| 8. Psalm 89:14-16 | 24. Romans 13:11-12 |
| 9. Psalm 97:10-12 | 25. 1 Corinthians 4:5 |
| 10. Psalm 104:1-3 | 26. 2 Corinthians 4:4-7 |
| 11. Psalm 119:104-106 | 27. Ephesians 5:8-14 |
| 12. Psalm 119:129-131 | 28. Colossians 1:3-9 |
| 13. Proverbs 4:18-19 | 29. 1 Thessalonians 5:4-6 |
| 14. Isaiah 42:5-7 | 30. 1 Peter 2:9-10 |
| 15. Isaiah 45:5-7 | 31. John 1:5-7 |
| 16. Isaiah 58:6-9 | |

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4-6 Grade Winter Blast

Play the winter away with friends at Park River Bible Camp! There will be games, crafts, Bible Study and worship!

When: Friday, January 23 - Saturday, January 24

There is a closing program for Parents and care givers on Saturday at 2:30 pm if you would like to attend.

We are hoping to get a group from United to this event. We will leave from United at 6:00 pm with the Church van or you can meet us at Park River Bible Camp at 7:00pm for check in. If you would like transportation, please indicate so on your registration.

United Lutheran Church will pay \$10 of your registration, bringing your cost down to \$25; to take full advantage of this discount, please return your registration materials (available on the church Sunday school bulletin board, or on our website) to the church office by January 13.

Please Bring: a bible, money for the camp store, clothing for indoors and outdoors including coats, boots, hats, and gloves, play shoes and excitement for a great time.

If you have any questions please contact Pastor Rebecca. She plans on attending the retreat with our youth.



7th-8th Grade Lock-in

Get rested, 7th and 8th graders, because we're having a lock-in at church!



Begins: 8:00 p.m. Friday, January 16
Ends: 8:00 a.m. Saturday, January 17

Be sure to return your permission slip in advance to attend!

Pastor Karl will require additional chaperones (18+ years and responsible) for shifts or the full night.

Please visit with him if you'd like to volunteer chaperone.

In Our Prayers

For Healing

John Freer, Gabriel Steinwand, Willis Romfo, Glen Symons, Tyler Witzel and Jordan Link

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Elaine Carpenter (sister-in-law to Karen Pederson and Nadine Kempert) on her death.

We express sympathy to the family of Janet Olson. Her memorial service was held at United on December 13th.

We express sympathy to the family of Evelyn Rude on her death.

In Joy

Congratulations to Zach and Andrea Jacobson on the baptism of their daughter, Riley Maris. Riley's baptismal sponsors are Chris Puppe and Rachelle Cameron.

ULC invites you to be in prayer for those people listed. 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.

ULC Endowment Fund

Make a qualifying gift to United Lutheran Endowment Fund and realize a 40% North Dakota income tax credit to offset your 2014 taxes. For your gift to qualify for this credit:

- The credit is available to both individuals and businesses;
- The minimum qualifying gift is \$5,000;
- Both outright and planned gifts can qualify;
- The maximum credit for a single tax year is \$10,000 for an individual, \$20,000 for a married couple and \$10,000 for business entities. There are provisions for carryover.

Please note that this is a North Dakota income tax credit, not a deduction. Donations to the ULC endowment fund should not be a substitute for regular gifts to the congregation's general budget.

Mission Haiti Supplies

THANK YOU for your generous support toward our upcoming Mission Haiti trip, January 31-February 8. Our two Thrivent Action Team chili event on November 28 and Baked Potato Bar and Live Auction on December 14 were both successful, and our funds raised exceed our required expenses!

If you are looking for ways to support our trip beyond financial donations, please consider the following:

- **Pray for our team** (Terry Jacobson, Kathie Johnson, and Pr. Karl), their team-members from elsewhere, and the people they will work with in Pasquette.
- Supplies for the local church's **ministry to women in prison** (all travel size): toothpaste, deodorant, pads, shampoo, and possibly tampons and toothbrushes.
- Supplies for a **bakery build** (primarily masonry work as we lay blocks to wall-in an existing building) which will be a village micro-business: 3' levels, trowels, masonry hammers, masonry string, circular saw, extension cords, drill, bits, masonry anchors, work gloves.
- Supplies for a **community health clinic**: needs to-be-determined.
- Purchase of **Kreole Bibles** for distribution. These have already been purchased by St. Andrews, which is asking for \$100 Bible sponsors (ideally one household/donor per Bible) which would cover the cost of the Bible and long-term support of the mission work. The hope is to include a picture of the donor inside each Bible cover.

These items will be brought in our checked luggage. Donations may be brought to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

General Announcements

Thank You to:

- Marilyn Rude and Helen Johnson for the upkeep of the poinsettias.
- the following groups from our congregation that shared leadership in lighting the advent wreath; Grown-up Sunday school, Quilters, Sunday school and Confirmation.
- all who participated in the Baked Potato Bar & Live Auction to support our mission trip to Haiti this winter! We have exceeded our fundraising goal.
- Sydney Crockett and Lisa Schuler on their flute duet during worship on 12/21.
- Darby Hart, Lisa Schuler and Janet Jacobson for their prelude music on 12/24.
- Elroy Rude for re-finishing the top of our baptismal font.
- Jenny Schrader and Lisa Schuler for their flute duet during worship on 12/28.
- Dennis & Linda Balsdon, Shirley Robinson and Elroy & Marilyn Rude with organizing and assisting with the BBQ lunch on 12/21.

Offering Envelopes

The 2015 offering envelopes are now available. They may be picked up from the tables in the fellowship hall.

Note: Please do not use the 2014 envelopes in the new year of 2015 to avoid errors in the record keeping. Each year the envelope numbers change.

Found

A ring was found in the women's bathroom. Please call or stop by the church office to identify it.

Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be displayed on the altar through Advent and—pending their condition— the Christmas season. Thank you to those who donated poinsettias.

Hjalmer & Florence Gustafson
By Jim & Faye Wilhelmi & family

Howard & Marty Nuelle
By Ellen Nuelle & family

Walter Rude
By Randy, Kim & Kennedy Rude

Sharon Olson
By Scott & Laurie Stiller

Sharon Olson
By Edwin Olson family

**Lyle Overby, Roger, Regina,
& Robert McDougall**

By Rena Overby
Jeff Overby families
Gary Carlock families

Jean Burnham
By her family

Leonard & Gladys Pederson
By Forsgrens, Lill
& Pederson families

Morris & Alice Magnus
By Glen & Janice
Teri, Tammy & Jason

Marjorie L. Olson
By Ole L.E. Olson & family

Ole E.M. & Helga Olson
By Ole L.E. Olson & family

Ralph & Ruby Welsh
By Ole L.E. Olson & family

**Andrew, Henry, Erling, Olin,
Lloyd & Hans Olson**
By Ole L.E. Olson & family

Annual Meeting

Following worship on Sunday, January 25, 2015 we will have our Annual Meeting of the congregation. Member presence is important. A potluck will be served following the meeting.

Pastors' Vacation

Pastors Karl & Rebecca will be on vacation with their family December 25—January 2. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Warren Wenzel, 370-1674.

Confirmation Meeting

There will be a parent/student Confirmation meeting on Wednesday, January 7th at 6:30PM for the start of the new semester.

Storage Needed

ULC is looking for storage space for the lit nativity pieces. If you are willing to store them, please let the office know.

Harvest Sunday Report

With gratitude to God for the gifts of our harvest, we joined together with Harvest Sunday offerings of "first fruits" to serve our neighbors in a variety of ways. Thank you for serving Christ in our neighbors as \$7,620 was raised for Harvest Sunday!

Periodicals

The new "Christ in Our Homes" have arrived along with the "Lutheran" magazines.

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.

Visit United online at www.unitedlangdon.org or call us at 701-256-2594.



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Return Service Requested

Worship and Ministry - January Schedule

January 4 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Sheri Winnege
Ushers - Shannon & Sheri Winnege
Greeter - Joan Schrader
Communion Prep - Judy Ulyott
Communion Assts - LeeAnn Knudson
& Linden Johnson
Acolytes - Chris Becker & Brennan Kitchin
Projectionist - Sam Field
Coffee - Joan Schrader

January 11 - Worship

Reader - Dale Klein
Ushers - Rob & Nancy Becker
Greeter - Val Olson
Projectionist - Austin Hart
Coffee -

January 18 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Janice Knudson
Ushers - Bub & Janice Knudson
Greeters - Robert Belle family
Communion Prep - Judy Ulyott
Communion Assts - Barb Stenerson, Katie Johnson
& Judy Ulyott
Projectionist - Emma Field
Coffee - Barb Stenerson & Judy Ulyott

January 25 - Contemporary Worship

Reader - Dan Fischer
Ushers - Dan & Peggy Fischer
Greeter - Jeannie Steinwand
Projectionist - Brennan Kitchin
Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck