

# 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.



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



God's work.  
Our hands.



We are almost to the end of our summer Acts worship series. For us as a congregation, this has covered about two months, but the Book of Acts actually covers some 25-30 years!

Soon the altar cloths in our sanctuary will change from red to green and we will return to perhaps more familiar stories of Jesus' life from the Revised Common Lectionary. Pastor Rebecca and I hope you've enjoyed our time in this book of the Bible which tells about the early life of our Christian church.

Our Acts series concludes near the first anniversary of our ministry with you at ULC. Thank you for calling us here.

This all leads me to wonder:

- Where and how is the Holy Spirit calling us as a congregation in the next year?

- How do we as individuals and a congregation deny or acknowledge the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
- Who are the Saul's at ULC? Who are they in our community? Who are the Paul's?
- What ways will we do God's work with our hands? (See page 4.) What ways are we already doing this?
- Is House Church something we should do next summer?
- Themes for next summer???

The final verse of Acts summarizes the book's themes: welcome of all, bold proclamation and teaching about the kingdom of God, and God's plan as unstoppable.

May we live into this today!

~ Pastor Karl

## Rally Sunday, September 13

Join the excitement at ULC on September 13 as:

- Sunday School resumes with our NEW "Whirl" curriculum
- We bless our students' backpacks during worship (STUDENTS BRING BACKPACKS)
- Following worship we serve others with "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday.



# August 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship & Communion	3	4	5 7PM House church (last one)	6	7	8
9 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship	10	11 5:30 Esther Circle at the Stables	12	13 9:30AM Memory Loss Support Group	14	15
Pastors are on Vacation						
16 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship	17 7PM Church Council meeting	18 12PM Writer's Group	19	20	21	22
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23 9AM Bible Study 10AM Contemporary Worship	24	25	26	27 9:30AM Memory Loss Support Group	28	29
30 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship	31					

## August - Faith & Care #3

**Chairpersons - Dennis &  
Linda Balsdon**

Al & Dorothy Adam  
Leland & Carolyn Balsdon  
Melanie Balsdon  
Rebecca Balsdon  
Tyler Balsdon  
Kim Burnham  
Alvin Carlson  
Aaron Dahl  
Darryl & Bev Dahl  
Keith Dahl  
Ted & Linda Dahl  
Arlaine Delebo  
Dwight & Pam Dietrich  
Jerry & Bev Domres  
Neil Evans  
Tara Field  
Wayne & Idell Flom  
Kendall & Carla Gemmill  
Don Gerth  
Steve & Kim Hart  
David & Jan Haslekaas  
Darrell & Pat Jensen  
Melvin & Della Jensen  
Benton Kempert  
Kelsey Kempert  
Kathy Kram  
Jill Kratcha  
Leota Mikkelsen

Michael Mikkelsen  
Randy & Phyllis Mikkelsen  
Michael & Cheryl Muhs  
Ben & Jan Nuelle  
Joshlyn Bjornstad  
Curtis Olson  
Larry & Linda Olson  
Lenore Olson  
Lois Olson  
Steve & Jamie Olson  
Tom & Charlie Olson  
Justin Overby  
Tollef Pederson  
Dennis & Norma Pengilly  
Lynn Peterson  
Ronald & Marie Peterson  
Karen Plummer  
Hans & Diane Reinhardt  
Shirley Robinson  
Sheri Romfo  
Elroy & Marilyn Rude  
Mike & Connie Schrader  
Bob & Patricia Scott  
Shirley Shannon  
Dean & Marnie Steinwand  
Brian Vikan  
Jeff & Betty Vikan  
Jim & Faye Wilhelmi

## ULC Leadership 2015

Pastors	Karl & Rebecca Breddin
President	Ted Dahl
Vice President	Greg Goodman
Secretary	Linda Olson
Financial Secretary	Jan Haslekaas
Trustees	Brandon Badding Mike Schrader Kathie Johnson
Deacons	David Haslekaas Patty Metzger Joanne Field
<b>Committee Council Representatives</b>	
Education	Becca/Rachelle Romfo
Evangelism	Carolyn Balsdon
Stewardship	Marie Jordan
Endowment	Lawrence Crockett

## Council Update

### July 20, 2015 Meeting

The Evangelism Committee plans to send postcards to visitors who sign the guest book.

Mike Schrader has fixed a light fixture in the fellowship hall. The bottom hinge on the south door is rusting out and needs to be replaced. Trustees are checking into options for our downspouts which drain next to the foundation and the water issues by the north door.

A bid was accepted by Ryan Wagner for replacing the windows in the library and repairing the rotten wood. The new library windows will have a crank for the option of being open. Steel siding will also be installed above the north entrance of the church. Broken 6' folding tables and chairs have been discarded. Extra tables will be set out and a free-will donation will be asked for anyone who wants them.

The outdoor worship and picnic had a good response to being held in June. The free will offering received for the picnic covered the meal expense.

"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday has been scheduled for September 13, Rally Sunday.

*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.*

## Memorials for July

There were no memorials received in the month of July.

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

## Financial Update As of June 2015

June Offering	\$9,935.31	
Offering Income	<u>Year-to-Date</u> <u>Budget YTD</u>	
	\$86,909.61      \$88,150.00	
Total Income YTD	\$91,963.28	
Total Expenses YTD	\$86,375.33	

## “God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday

September 13th is a dedicated day of service known as “God’s work. Our Hands.” Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations having dedicated a day to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all people. Here at United Lutheran Church we believe every day you are in the community serving and share God’s love with those you encounter on a daily basis. By participating in “God’s work. Our Hands” Sunday we are actively participating and celebrating our work as members of the body of Christ and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

We are planning on having service projects that can be done by people of all age groups and all abilities. We are taking nominations for simple house repairs, yard work or projects. If you are in need of some extra hands or know of someone who could use some help, please contact Pastor Rebecca at the church office.

We will have opportunities to write letters to military personnel or to someone in need of a kind word. School kit materials will be available to assemble. These school supplies will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. If you are able to pick up school supplies, see the bulletin board at church. Our goal is to have supplies for 50 kits.

We also plan on doing ditch cleaning.

We hope you will sign up and join us as God works in our hands to provide loving service to our neighbors in our community. You will be able to sign up beginning the middle of August. Plans are being made to provide a meal of some sort. If you would like to help with this, please contact Pastor Rebecca as well!



## Rhubarb Fest a Success

Many thanks to everyone who donated, volunteered and purchased at this year's Rhubarb Fest on July 25!

We had 189 guests, with a profit of \$1,235 raised for our Youth Mission Trip!

You are appreciated!  
Thank you!!!



### Racism: Join the conversation Thursday, August 6 at 8pm

Join ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and William B. Horne II, an ELCA member from Clearwater, Fla., for a live webcast conversation on the complexity and implications of racism.

Follow the live webcast online and learn more about our denomination's response to racism at <http://www.elca.org/webcast>

**Youth Group**

Senior High Youth Group  
will resume in September.  
Stay tuned for more information!

# Colaborate in Confirmation

We're excited about **Colaborate**, our new confirmation curriculum designed to challenge students to think theologically and ask deep questions about the Bible, Lutheran history and their lives as people of faith! For many students, confirmation marks a new phase in faith formation, one in which they are starting to think about what they believe and why they believe it.

For 7th and 8th grade ULC students this year, our confirmation topics will revolve around the themes of Lutheran History and Catechism. Next year, we will walk through the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. The cycle repeats, so students will get both **Colaborate** "rotations" during their confirmation experience.

The goal is for students to affirm their baptisms - to confirm their gift of faith, or to "be confirmed" - during our worship service on Reformation Sunday in the fall of their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year (October 25, 2015). Prior to this service, 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will write a faith statement, make their own stole, and learn more about Lutheran Catechism (this year) or topics of their own choosing (after this year).

For ULC youth going into grades 7-9 this fall and their parents: Please plan to attend our parent-student confirmation meetings, Wednesday September 9 at 6pm (for youth in grades 7-8) and at 7pm (for youth in 9th grade). We will also be mailing letters to families in August.



*Confirmation students at their end-of-year Wacky Olympics party in May (above).*

# June Outdoor Worship and Picnic



150 people joined us for our outdoor worship and picnic on Sunday, June 28—an earlier date than our "normal" August date.

It was a sunny and "not quite hot" morning, following storms from the day before.

Many thanks to the praise band for their music, to the church committees and youth for their work to make the picnic go smoothly and to Ted and Keith Dahl for grilling.

And a big thanks that the flies and mosquitoes stayed away!

## In Our Prayers

### Healing

John Freer, Steve Bulat, Connie Hakanson, Teresa Kaercher, Jim Kjos, Melvin Jensen, Gene Arens, Marie Peterson & Pastor John Almlie

### Sympathy

Family of Lorene Dahl who passed away on June 28, funeral was held July 2 at Dovre Lutheran in Osnabrock.

Family of Harold Steinwand, brother to Reuben Steinwand, on his death.

The family of Tom Field on his death.

### Joy

Congratulations to Heather Domres & Clinton Stearns on their marriage at United on July 25.

*ULC invites you to be in prayer for those people listed. Please call the church office if you have additions to our church prayer list.*

## Stewarding our Mission

As a congregation, we are engaged in God's mission in our community and in our world. We are in need of some passionate people willing to administer and assist in Haiti Mission support, guidelines and fundraising, and possible other areas of mission in our community and beyond. If you would like to be part of this task force, please contact Pastor Karl. We hope to have this group formed by August 30.

Thank you for your generous support of mission near and far!



## Dedicated Funds

ULC's memorial and dedicated funds provide a way to remember a loved one, honor a person or occasion or to express gratitude to the church for life's many blessings. For each of the next few months, we will outline one or two of these funds; they are also listed in our "Memorials and Dedicated Funds" brochure, available in the church narthex.

### Haiti Mission Fund

United Lutheran Church has a relationship with Redeemer Lutheran Church of Pasquette in the beautiful and impoverished nation of Haiti. Funds support ongoing work there and help reduce travel costs to Haiti from our congregation.



### Kitchen Fund

Our church kitchen is used regularly by many groups. This fund helps with its upkeep which provides hospitality to so many!

### Free trip to New Orleans!

ULC is part of the Grafton conference (in the NE corner of our Eastern ND Synod of the ELCA). Our conference is looking for a representative August 8-13, 2016 to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans.

This is a fantastic opportunity to discuss and make decisions about how to go about God's work as a church denomination...and it includes free travel and lodging!

If you would make a good representative at the Assembly—or know someone else who might—please visit with the pastors.

Thank you!

# General Announcements

## Thank You to:

- Thank you to the Rachel Circle for providing cakes for the June Maple Manor Birthday Party.
- Thank you to Ole and Karen Pederson for spraying the church yard each year in preparation for our annual outdoor worship & picnic.
- Thank you to Helen Johnson and Marie Peterson for their extra help to prepare the newsletter for mailing each month.

## House Church

We have been enjoying informal outdoor worship with Holy Communion, Wednesdays this summer at 7 p.m., at the ULC parsonage backyard. The last house church will be this Wednesday, August 5.

## Pastors' Vacation

Pastors Karl & Rebecca and their family will be away August 10-18.

Elsie Magnus will be providing pulpit supply Sunday, August 16 (there will be no Holy Communion).

## Called, Gathered, and Sent

Our Acts worship series, "Called, Gathered, and Sent" is coming to a conclusion! Topics for our remaining two sessions are:

- 8/02: On Trial for the Resurrection  
(Acts 24)  
8/09: And So We Came to Rome  
(Acts 28)

At the conclusion of this series, our worship will return to Scripture passages following the Revised Common Lectionary.

## Sunday School

Children beginning Sunday school this fall for the first time, please call Sara Goodman at 256-2159. Sunday school is for students going in to kindergarten through 6th grade.

## Mission Haiti

ULC does not have members attending the next trip, August 8-16, but please pray for those who are.

The next two trips will be January 30 -February 7 and April 2-10 (Spring Break with a purpose, for parents and youth). Please let Janet Jacobson know if you have interest.

## Women's Day Retreat

Saturday, August 1, 10am-4pm at Maryvale Provincial Center in Valley City. This retreat is sponsored by the Eastern ND Synod WELCA. Registration is \$45. See the poster in narthex for more details. Pastor Rebecca is planning to attend and would love to car pool!

## Rhubarb Fest

The ULC Youth mission trip students and parents would like to thank you for your generous support of our 8th Annual Rhubarb Festival. Whether you contributed wonderfully delicious desserts, pies, rhubarb, jellies and salsa, it is so much appreciated!

## Drivers Needed

Volunteer drivers with the Senior Center bus/van, to provide rides to/from church for Langdon residents on Sunday mornings. No special training required, except a clean driving record and desire to help others! Talk with pastors or Karrie Mikkelsen, 256-2828, to sign up.

## Needed

The Education Committee is in need of DVD players. If you have one and are willing to donate to the Sunday school program, please let the office know, thank you!

## WELCA

Thank you for supporting WELCA during its July Bake-less Bake Sale!

## Periodicals

The new "Lutheran" magazines of the ELCA have arrived. They are available in the Narthex.

## Coffee and Chocolate

Packages of Lutheran World Relief coffee are available for purchase in the narthex. Purchases of this high-quality, fair-trade ground and whole bean coffee and chocolate help provide ongoing mission support.

## OCLC Annual Fundraiser

Osnabrock Community Living Center annual fundraiser, August 6, 5-7pm. Delicious food and great entertainment. Everyone is welcome. Free-will donations appreciated.

## Park River Bible Camp News

### Summer Concerts

Come to Park River Bible Camp on Sunday evenings this summer, for 7 p.m. guest musician concerts.

### Camp Director Search

PRBC is forming a committee to begin the search for its camp director. If you have interest, please let pastors know and they will share this with the PRBC Board.

Visit United online at [www.unitedlangdon.org](http://www.unitedlangdon.org) or call us at 701-256-2594.



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## Worship and Ministry - August Schedule

### August 2 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Arlaine Delebo  
Ushers - Pat Jensen & Jill Kratcha  
Communion Prep - Shirley Robinson  
Communion Assts - Dennis Balsdon,  
Elroy & Marilyn Rude  
Projectionist - Emma Field  
Coffee - David & Jan Haslekaas

Projectionist - Sam Field  
Coffee - Leota Mikkelsen

### August 23 - Contemporary Worship

Reader - Hans Reinhardt  
Ushers/Greeters - Hans & Diane Reinhardt  
Projectionist - Hayes Haslekaas  
Coffee - Darryl & Bev Dahl

### August 9 - Worship

Reader - Linda Balsdon  
Ushers/Greeters - Tom & Charlie Olson  
Projectionist - Austin Hart  
Coffee - Connie Schrader

### August 30 - Worship

Reader - Linda Balsdon  
Ushers/Greeters - Kevin Stein & Dennis Balsdon  
Projectionist - Jake Muhs  
Coffee - Shirley Robinson

### August 16 - Worship

Reader - Linda Olson  
Ushers/Greeters - Jerry & Bev Domres