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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.

Have you noticed...

As I write this at 8:40 pm on a Monday evening there is still the lingering light of day.

When I walk my dog in the morning I can smell the freshness the new day offers. Birds chirp and call as I walk in their midst.

Geese are flying North... then sometimes south.

Babies are being born.

Wedding invitations appear in the mail.

Obituaries of grandmothers, fathers and distant relatives are written and posted in newspapers.

The hush of evening comes later and later. The day is busier and busier as school ends for the summer. Fields begin to be turned and planted. Life comes and goes... We come and go... Summer is making her presence known on the northern prairie.

Have you noticed?

Take a look around you. Where do you see new life - resurrection and connection? Maybe you could start by looking where things were once considered dead and forgotten, broken and disconnected. God often shows up in those very places.

There are many things happening in and outside of United Lutheran... God is showing up. Have you noticed?

When new people (yes, there have been new people) walk through our doors, do they notice the welcome, the joyful worship, authentic community, ridiculous generosity, and our faithful witness? I hope so, because I have noticed it and give thanks for it all.

Have you noticed that grace is given freely, spoken as a gift, for you and for me?

Have you noticed the names of the families prayed for week after week?
Have you noticed that buildings once dreamed have been built in Haiti?
Have you heard the baptismal waters poured? Have you tasted the bread and wine?

Have you noticed?

- Pastor Rebecca



May 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9AM Sunday School & Bible Study 10AM Worship & Communion 11AM Sunday school planning meeting 2PM Pastors lead worship at Maple Manor	2	3	4 5PM Confirmation 7PM Youth Group	5	6	7
8 9AM Sunday School 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship Happy Mother's Day!	9 6PM P.E.O.	10 5:30PM Esther Circle @ church, 7PM Rachel Circle @ church	11 7PM Baccalaureate service at New Hope Church	12 9:30AM Memory Loss Support Group 12-8PM Church Reserved	13 Scrapbooking	14 Scrapbooking
15 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship & Communion Pentecost and New Member Sunday	16 6PM Church Council Meeting	17 12PM Writer's Group 7PM Rachel Circle @ church	18	19 10AM Gladys Lorenz Burial @ Calvary Cemetery	20	21
22 9AM Bible Study 10AM Contemporary Worship	23	24	25	26 9:30AM Memory Loss Support Group Pastors at First Call Meeting	27	28 Church reserved for Graduation open houses
29 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship & Communion ULC 2016 Senior Class Recognition Church Reserved for Graduation Open House	30 Memorial Day	31				
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Pastors on vacation, then at Synod Assembly; will be back at work June 7. </div>						

May - Faith & Care #3

Chairpersons - Dennis & Linda Balsdon	Michael & Cheryl Muhs
Elton & Dorothy Adam	Curtis Olson
Leland & Carolyn Balsdon	Larry & Linda Olson
Melanie Balsdon	Steve & Jamie Olson
Tyler Balsdon	Tom & Charlie Olson
Alvin Carlson	Justin Overby
Aaron Dahl	Dennis & Norma Pengilly
Darryl & Bev Dahl	Ronald & Marie Peterson
Keith Dahl	Karen Plummer
Ted & Linda Dahl	Hans & Diane Reinhardt
Arlaine Delebo	Shirley Robinson
Jerry & Bev Domres	Sheri Romfo
Tara Field	Elroy & Marilyn Rude
Wayne & Idell Flom	Mike & Connie Schrader
Kendall & Carla Gemmill	Bob & Patricia Scott
Don Gerth	Kevin & Jan Stein
Steve & Kim Hart	Dean & Marnie Steinwand
David & Jan Haslekaas	Daryl & Linda Timian
Darrell & Pat Jensen	Brian Vikan
Kathy Kram	Jeff & Betty Vikan
Jill Kratcha	Jim & Faye Wilhelmi
Leota Mikkelsen	
Randy & Phyllis Mikkelsen	

ULC Leadership 2016

Pastors	Karl & Rebecca Breddin
President	Ted Dahl
Vice President	Greg Goodman
Secretary	Linda Olson
Financial Secretary	Delane Johnson
Trustees	Brandon Badding
	Lynn Domres
	Kathie Johnson
Deacons	David Haslekaas
	Patty Metzger
	Joanne Field
<u>Committee Council Representatives</u>	
Education	Becca Romfo
Evangelism	Karen Pederson
Stewardship	Deidre Long
Endowment	To-be-decided

Memorials for April

Martha Muth - David & Ardyce Hennager (garden)
Britt Haslekaas - Linden & Helen Johnson (garden)

Memorials may be given at any time by being mailed or brought to the Church Office at United Lutheran. Thank you for your gifts.

Financial Update *As of 03-31-16*

March Offering	\$13,369.21	
	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$45,445.78	\$ 45,387.50
Total Income YTD	\$48,279.33	
Total Expenses YTD	\$48,167.68	

Council Update

April 18, 2016 Meeting

New members will be welcomed during worship, May 15.

“Feed the World” change boxes for the ELCA World Hunger program brought in \$714.47.

The Park River Bible Camp cabin adoption work is progressing.

WELCA had its annual spring meeting on March 22.

The roof entry did not leak during recent heavy rain; the issue may be due to melting snow and ice block.

Three summer lawn care bids were presented with Orris Gjesdal’s bid being accepted.

The annual summer outdoor worship service and church picnic will be held June 26.

Council reviewed first quarter budget income and expenses. Expenses are slightly higher, but not currently a concern.

Council tidbits are offered monthly by the Council. Council minutes, treasurers reports and pastor’s reports are available for review and posted monthly on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church kitchen.

End of the Year Sunday School News

Thank-you! To everyone- Leaders, Shepherds, Music Leaders, Students, Education Committee, Parents, Pastors.....I know that doesn't include everyone, but if you had a part at all in Sunday School this year and helped in any way, my sincere "thanks" to you! It makes the "job" of superintendent so much easier when I know I can rely on willing and trusted volunteers.

May 1st - Sunday School Wrap-up and Planning meeting. After worship on Sunday, May 1st, there will be a Sunday School meeting at the church for leaders, shepherds, parents and anyone who has an interest in helping with Sunday School. This includes those parents who will have children starting Sunday School this coming fall! We will be reviewing the current Whirl curriculum and I will have a short survey to fill out. I would also like to work on formulating some committees for various projects that come up throughout the year and get some feedback on those areas. Most of my planning, ordering materials and paperwork is done over the summer so this meeting will be very helpful for me in getting ready for the next year. Please plan to attend, it should only take about 20-30 minutes.

May 8th - LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL! This is a change from the original schedule! After some consideration of the schedule for the month of May, it was decided to have the last day of Sunday School be May 8th rather than the 15th. Please have your children attend as we will have a final lesson and end the hour with a craft and a treat. We will have an outdoor activity as well, weather and time permitting.

Vacation Bible School - VBS this year will be June 8th-10th. The ULC Education Committee and Park River Bible Camp staff always do a great job and work hard to put together a fun and informative VBS for kids! This is open to any denomination so please spread the word and plan to have your kids attend.

Park River Bible Camp - There are many fun, spiritually energizing and educational programs available through PRBC. If your kids have not attended in the past, please consider having them check it out! My kids love PRBC and can't wait to attend again this summer. More information and brochures can be found in the narthex at the church or by going online to www.parkriverbiblecamp.org, or you can check them out on Facebook. Online registration is available and very easy!

Have a wonderful summer!
Blessings,
ULC Sunday School Superintendent
Sara Goodman

Baptism Class

Our next baptism class for parents of those planning to baptize a child will be Sunday, June 19 at 9:00 am. Participation in one of our baptism classes is expected prior to scheduling a baptism.

VBS Cake Bake Auction

Thank you to everyone who donated baked items for the VBS cake/bake auction held April 17, who bid on items (including trays of home-made donuts and home-made Oreos which bid up to \$100!), and to Al Adam for being our auctioneer.

The auction was a great success, raising \$2,040! Money raised will help with costs for Vacation Bible School, which will be held at ULC Wednesday-Friday, June 8-10, from 9am-3pm. Counselors from Park River Bible Camp will again lead our VBS program.

For more information on VBS, please contact Becca Romfo.

Graduating Seniors

In recognition of our LAHS senior graduates, their family and friends are welcome to our community Baccalaureate worship service, 7pm, Wednesday, May 11 at New Hope Church. ULC will be recognizing our graduating seniors during our Sunday morning worship May 29, where seniors will receive personal quilts made by our ULC quilters. Thank you in advance to our quilters for preparing these gifts!



Concerts at PRBC

Come to Park River Bible Camp and enjoy one of these great concerts! All concerts are at 7pm.

June 5, Peder Eide. Come and worship and experience Christ-centered praise and worship music. Peder's concerts are for all ages and family friendly. His concerts get you involved, get you moving and leaves you excited about your faith (\$5 admission).

June 12, John Bedore. John is director of worship at Hope Lutheran in Fargo. His band brings life, hope and joy through their music and testimony. Leave refreshed and inspired.

June 19, SueAnn Berntson and Family. SueAnn, Tim and their 5 children love to sing, southern gospel tied with some country classic music.

June 26, High Plains Trio. Don Rynolds, Doug Loff & Bryce Hoime are a powerhouse Trio! You won't want to miss these outstanding men bring down the house with their southern/country gospel music. This concert will Rock your socks off!!

July 3, no concert

July 10, Sacred Variety. Come hear a variety of local Christian artists display their talents!

July 17, Rachel Kurtz. An incredible singer-songwriter. Her song "Make a Difference" has become a widespread sensation. Rachel has lead worship for the last three National Gatherings for the ELCA (\$10 admission).

July 24, Staff Concert/Drama. Enjoy listening to campers from the summer one last time before summer ends. Also, come see the drama that the staff has been performing all summer.

July 31, Amy Redding and Family. Amy and her husband Paul write and produce their own music; they and their six kids sing Christian gospel music.

Youth Group

Youth group for grades 8th -12th grade will finish up in May. Our last night of youth group at ULC this spring will be May 4th, followed May 11th by a worship service at New Hope Church to celebrate with our graduating seniors (both at 7pm).

A canoe and camping trip was planned for this summer but because of the lack of interest the trip was cancelled. There are other options available for youth to participate in. The Eastern North Dakota synod is hosting a synod wide (think all of eastern North Dakota) youth event during the first weekend in June. This youth Summit (6th -12th grade) will focus on hunger and justice issues. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Rebecca so we can get you and a group of friends signed up!

Confirmation May Schedule

7th and 8th Grades, Wednesdays at 5:00pm

5/04: End-of-year pizza party!!!

5/11: Confirmation may be done for the school year, but consider coming to New Hope Church at 7pm for the baccalau-reate service for graduating Langdon seniors.

Thanks for a great year!



Rhubarb Fest

We are in need of youth and families to help Pastor Rebecca with Rhubarb Fest this year. Funds from this annual fundraiser can be applied to this summer's bible camp fees, next years mission trip or the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2018.

This fundraiser is well supported in our congregation and in our community - making it a fairly simple and easy money raiser! Rhubarb Fest coincides with Music Fest in Langdon. The event will take place July 23 from 1pm-3pm.

If you are at all interested in serving desserts, set up and clean up, please contact Pastor Rebecca.



Prayers of...

Healing

John Freer, Steve Bulat, Della Jensen, Dara Lyn Moline, Jolene Everson, David Ullyott, Allyn Hart & Ray Foster

Joy

Congratulations to Devon and Katie Johnson on the baptism of their daughter, Colbie Ellen. Her baptismal sponsors are Ryan & Nicole Steckler, Taylor Roppel & Dylan Johnson. Colbie is the little sister to Liam and Lavin.

Sympathy

The family of Brandon Smith on the death of Brandon's father

The family of Sarah Overby on the death of her father, Keith Mack

The family of Diane Simmons on the death of Diane's mom, Margaret Heck

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.

Adopted Cabin

Many thanks to the volunteers who have been working on Athens, our adopted cabin at Park River Bible Camp! Thanks especially to John and Kathie Johnson and Lindy Johnson for all of their time and skills!

Athens has undergone a wonderful facelift, including new paint and bathroom flooring, and will be ready to greet counselors for staff training and campers for the summer.

Great work!

Feed the World Coin Boxes



Thank you for your generosity and many coins collected during Lent with the ELCA World Hunger Program "Feed the World" coin boxes!

We were able to raise \$714.47 and—as Pastor Rebecca promised, for us raising more than \$500—Pastor Karl received a mud (um, chocolate) pie to the face.

Thanks to Grant Romfo for taking aim with the pie!

Holding ULC Families in Prayer

In January, we began intentionally praying each Sunday for our ULC households. While these prayers do not name specific needs, they are an important way of naming the many people who make our church community.

As we pray for one another, we invite you to meditate on the needs, joys, and situations each person being named has, whether known to you or not. Thank you for holding one another in prayer!

Each week, during our Sunday morning worship in May, we will pray for the following families: Haugen's, Hennagers', Henry's, Hetletved's, Hiltner's, Hipp's, Howatt's, Hoyt's, Hursman's, Jacobsons', Jensens' and Johnsons'.

Haiti Mission Update

While the February trip to Haiti was cancelled due to political unrest, the next Seeds of Support trip, "Spring Break with a Purpose" (coinciding with Eden Prairie spring break in April) was a success. Lorna Isle, who has connections with ULC, was able to attend the trip. You can read their trip blog online at <http://standrewseedsofsupport2016.blogspot.com/>

The next scheduled trips are November 26-December 4 (September 30 registration deadline) and an "Age 50+" trip in January. These trips will focus on getting the Pasquette bakery established. The structure is complete (*below*) and now the focus turns to getting hardware and establishing a business plan.

If you're interested in attending a trip, please visit with Pastor Karl or Janet Jacobson.



General Announcements

Thank You to:

- the Sunday school families and the congregation for donating baked items for the cake/bake auction. Thank you also to Al Adam for being our auctioneer. It was a great success by raising just over \$2,000!
- everyone who donated egg fillers and door prizes for the 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. We had a record-breaking 240 children attend this year. We were able to hide over 3,700 eggs and give away 107 door prizes. A special thanks to our volunteers for the time and effort they gave to make this event such a success.

Easter Lilies

Lilies were given to beautify our sanctuary on Easter, in loving memory of:

Kevin Boe
by John and Karen Boe

Howard and Marty Nuelle
by Ellen and Brenda Nuelle

Adam Olson
by Linda, Larry, Chris, Meagan,
Gabiella and Jocelynn Olson

Sharon Olson
by the Edwin Olson family

Lyle Overby, Roger,
Regina and Robert McDougall
by the Rena Overby family

Pastors' Vacation

Pastors Karl and Rebecca will be on vacation prior to the Synod Assembly. They will leave Langdon the afternoon of May 29, then will be at Synod Assembly June 4-5, before returning home to Langdon.

Synod Assembly Reps Needed

Have you ever wondered what happens at Synod Assembly or what they are about? We are in need of 1-2 people (it could even be a married couple!) to attend our Eastern ND Synod Assembly in Fargo, Saturday-Sunday, June 4-5, as voting representatives for United Lutheran Church. Some childcare is available through our synod Bible camps, on request. Registration and lodging is covered by the congregation. Please talk to pastors for more information.

New Member Sunday

Please join us in welcoming new members on our May 15 worship service. Our Evangelism Committee will serve rolls during fellowship after the service.

Children Activity Bags

Children activity bags are located on the wall behind the east door of the sanctuary; feel free to use them for your children. Thank you Stewardship Committee for maintaining them!

Adult Confirmation Bible Study

Too old for Sunday school? Join us for adult Bible study, Sunday mornings at 9:00am. We are currently looking at what it means to be a part of the Lutheran church.

GriefShare

Another series of GriefShare began March 9th and meets every Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Langdon United Methodist Church through June 1st. The registration fee is \$20; scholarships are available.

Park River Bible Camp Calendar

May 3, Sr. Citizen Spring Gathering
May 13-14, Spring Women's Retreat
May 14, Creatively Uncorked
May 18, Jubilee Day Retreat for
People with Special Needs

Evangelism Committee Project

You are invited to help address a need identified at the elementary school in Langdon: collecting outerwear (snow pants, hats, mittens, gloves) in all size ranges, for the elementary school to distribute as needed. **Please note: the committee has received enough hats, thank you to those who have already given!**

This is a great time to assess if your children's outerwear will fit for next year. If not, but the condition is still good, please consider donating and place in the tote located in the church narthex. Needed sizes are on the bulletin board poster. Thank you.

Periodicals

The "Lutheran" magazines have arrived and can be picked up in the narthex.

Communion

We will not be celebrating Holy Communion at worship the first Sunday in June (June 5), but will the 5th Sunday in May (May 29).

Just for laughs...

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose,
But mosquitoes come close.

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Worship and Ministry - May Schedule

May 1 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Hans Reinhardt
Greeters - Leland & Carolyn Balsdon
Ushers - Keith Dahl & Kevin Stein
Communion Prep - Shirley Robinson
Communion Assts - Dennis Balsdon, Ted Dahl
& Patricia Scott
Acolytes - Dayton Porterfield & Jessi Gellner
Coffee - Leland & Carolyn Balsdon
Offering Assistant - Deidre Long

May 8 - Worship

Reader - Linda Balsdon
Greeters/Ushers - The David Haslekaas Family
Acolytes - Emma Field & Jessi Gellner
Projectionist - Lexis Olson
Coffee - The David Haslekaas Family
Offering Assistant - Steve Hart

May 15 - Worship & Communion (New Member Sunday)

Reader - Faye Wilhelmi
Greeters/Ushers - The Michael Muhs Family
Communion Prep - Shirley Robinson

Communion Assts - Jim Wilhelmi, Marie Peterson
& Patricia Scott
Acolytes - Daniel Hart
Projectionist - Kaylee Lowery
Offering Assistant - Josh Overby

May 22 - Contemporary Worship

Reader - Carla Gemmill
Greeters - The Kendall Gemmill Family
Ushers - Jerry & Bev Domres
Acolytes - McKenna Belle & Paige Kratcha
Projectionist - Greta Haslekaas
Coffee - Faye Wilhelmi & Sheri Romfo
Offering Assistant - Troy Romfo

May 29 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Linda Olson
Greeters/Ushers - The Michael Muhs Family
Communion Prep - Shirley Robinson
Communion Assts - Al & Dorothy Adam
Projectionist - McKenna Belle
Offering Assistant - Sandy Brooks