

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.

Join us for Holy Week!

Each Easter, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Because Jesus lives, we know we will also have resurrection into new life. Knowing our death will only be temporary, we are freed into new life in this life as well: Freed to love our neighbors, to worship our God not out of guilt but out of thanks and to live confident in the gracious love of our redeemer. Come join us as we walk through the Bible's "holy week" stories of Jesus' passion!



Apr. 14	10:00am	Palm Sunday Worship With Sunday school palms processional
	7:00pm	Community Ecumenical Concert At Emmanuel Evangelical Church
Apr. 18	6:30pm	Maundy Thursday Worship With washing of hands & the last supper
Apr. 19	6:30pm	Good Friday Worship The story of Christ's trial & crucifixion
Apr. 20	11:00am	Community Easter Egg Hunt Easter story, egg hunt, door prizes & lunch
Apr. 21	8:00am	Easter Sunday Worship Traditional service with Holy Communion
	9:00am	Easter Fellowship Rolls, Lemonade & Coffee
	10:00am	Easter Sunday Worship Contemporary service with Holy Communion

April 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 5:30PM Lenten Meal 6:30PM Worship 7PM Choir	4 9AM Mom's Group 12PM Al-Anon 1:30PM OCLC Communion Service	5 7PM Greg Olson Prayer Service	6 11AM Greg Olson Funeral
7 9AM Sunday School 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship & Communion 11AM VBS Cake/Bake Auction 7PM Community Lenten service at New Hope	8 4PM P.E.O.	9 9AM-3PM Quilting 3PM Deborah Circle 5:30PM Esther Circle	10 9AM-3PM Quilting 5:30PM Lenten Meal 6:30PM Worship 7PM Choir	11 9AM Mom's Group 12PM Al-Anon	12 Scrap booking	13 Scrap booking
14 9AM Sunday School 9AM Bible Study 10AM Palm Sunday Worship 12:30PM YouthWorks Planning 7PM Palm Sunday concert @ Emmanuel Evangelical Church	15 6PM Church Council meeting	16 12PM Writer's Group 7PM Rachel Circle	17	18 9AM Mom's Group 12PM Al-Anon 6:30 Maundy Thursday service	19 6:30PM Good Friday service	20 11AM 10th Annual Easter Egg Hunt
21 No Sunday School 8AM Traditional Easter Service Rolls served between services 10AM Contemporary Easter Service	22 4PM P.E.O.	23	24 7PM Confirmation	25 9AM Mom's Group 12PM Al-Anon	26	27
28 9AM Sunday School 9AM Bible Study 10AM Acoustic Worship Soil/Seed Blessing 11AM Spring Cleanup Day 12:30-6PM Church reserved	29	30				

Faith & Care #3 Will & Skyler Moline, chair

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Keith Dahl	Ronald & Marie Peterson
Ted & Linda Dahl	Karen Plummer
Mark & Laura Dease	Jason & Melanie Reidhammer
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ULC Leadership 2019

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Committee Council Representatives

Education	Carla Gemmill
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Hospitality	Terry Jacobson
Property	Dean Hakanson
Stewardship	On Rotation

Non-voting Representatives

Pastors Karl & Rebecca Breddin

Financial Update 02-28-19

February Offering \$11,380.00

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Offering Income	\$20,457.00	\$31,429.17
Total Income thru February	\$20,909.16	\$29,683.66
Total Expenses thru February	\$31,651.48	\$34,073.14

General giving has overall been down in 2019; please keep this in mind as you support ULC's ongoing ministry needs.

A simple, secure way to provide consistent giving is Bill Pay through your bank checking account.

Endowment

As of April 2, our Endowment Fund balance was \$110,484.43. If you would like to make a contribution to the United Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, please make checks payable to "InFaith Foundation" (which manages our endowment fund).

Council Notes 03-18-19 Mtg

Council approved moving the \$968.34 in un-designated general memorial gifts toward paying off our HVAC loan quarterly payment.

Sunday school painted art canvases which are on silent auction through April 7 (date of the VBS cake auction); proceeds will be donated to Camp KACE in memory of John Freer.

There are two scholarship opportunities available through the InFaith Foundation which manages our endowment fund.

The north entry doors have been re-aligned. We have had the church sewer line freeze up twice in the last month. Hoping to get a group of people to shovel snow off the church building's roof. The chair in the narthex was repaired at Schroeder Furniture.

All of the sanctuary pews have new coats of stain. Patrick Hoffarth has cleaned 6 of the cushions for \$50 each; we need to decide whether to clean the remaining 12 cushions.

Per church bylaws, members without active church participation the last two years were moved to "inactive" membership status.

Full Council minutes, treasurers reports and pastors' reports are posted monthly on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church kitchen.

Sunday School News

Typical ND spring weather is here. Even though I've lived here all of my life and I should be "used" to it, I'm tired of winter, tired of cold, tired of wind, tired of stressful driving conditions, especially now that I have a teenager who wants to drive me around. Finishing up the long spring break weekend in March, we had beautiful weather that Sunday. We went outside and enjoyed the sunshine and warmer temps for several hours. I told Greg later that night that it felt like therapy. Even though the snow is still very deep and there is still the possibility of those white flakes appearing, I was feeling positive, renewed and full of hope for spring.

Easter season is here and Easter, unlike our spring weather in North Dakota, is not full of surprises. We know that it starts with darkness and turns to light. We know the sadness, frustration and anger will all turn to joy and understanding on Easter morning. Just like I know that spring WILL come, that our grass WILL be green again, that I WILL watch my boys mow the lawn and plant the garden and know that the cold darkness of winter has turned to the light of spring! Happy Easter!

We have started our final block of lessons for the year and the following is the schedule for April and May.

April	7	Mary Anoints Jesus/ <i>VBS Cake/Bake and canvas art print auction</i>
	14	Luke's Holy Week/ <i>Palm Sunday Processional</i>
	21	No Sunday School - Easter break
May	28	Alpha and Omega
	5	Saul Meets Jesus/ <i>PRBC representative</i>
	12	Last day of Sunday School - No lesson

A reminder that on April 7th we will have our annual cake/bake auction as well as the final silent auction bidding for the canvas art pieces that the students made. All Sunday School families are asked to provide one item for the cake/bake auction. The funds raised by the canvas art pieces will go to Kamp Kase and the cake/bake sale auction funds will go toward VBS.

Thank you to everyone who has made this year run very well once again! It truly takes a great group of volunteers to make everything run smoothly and it makes my "job" as Superintendent easier. You are all appreciated more than you know!

Blessings, Sara Goodman, ULC Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday School Coordinator

We are still looking for a volunteer(s) to fill the Sunday School Coordinator position for next year(s). This is a vital role in our congregation and ministry with our youngest members. If you are at all interested, please talk to Sara Goodman, our current superintendent. She is willing to work with that person(s) throughout the rest of this Sunday school time to explain how this position works.

We would really like to know we have a person(s) stepping into this position before the end of the school year. We hope all parents of young children and those interested in the formation of our children are prayerfully considering offering their time and energy to such an important piece of ULC. Thank you.

Please let Sara or the church office know if you are interested or have questions. We do have a "job description" in the church office if you would like to get a general overview. A special thank you Sara Goodman for being our superintendent these last five years!

**Fourth Grade
Communion Instruction
Wednesday,
May 1,
3:30-5:15**



Upcoming PRBC Events

****Summer 2019 online registration is available****

Remember, ULC helps pay up to 1/2 the base cost for youth to attend an ELCA summer Bible camp in North Dakota! Talk to pastors for more info and get signed up!

April 6: Paint Your Heart Out—Celebrating Church Together, 9am-11am

April 12-13: Jr. High Retreat

April 27-28: 4-6 Grade Retreat #2

April 28: Totcho Nacho Day (nachos served with tator tots instead of chips), 11am-2pm—LOOKING FOR VOL-UNTEERS TO HELP

May 4: Preschool-3rd Grade Retreat

May 9: Spring Senior Gathering, 2-4pm

May 22: Jubilee Day Camp, 1-4pm

PRBC is still in need of a couple male counselors for the summer, in ministry, fellowship and fun. They are also looking for a few responsible adults to join them this summer in the kitchen, programming and maintenance.

For more information or to register for these or other events, visit online at www.parkriverbiblecamp.org or call the camp at 800-269-2465.

FIRST SUNDAYS Youth Ministry

7-12 grade ULC youth and friends!



Bible Study
April 7, 7pm



May 5, 7pm

Scavenger
Hunt

Going to this summer's Rapid City Youth Service and Learning Trip?

Join us for a required afternoon of Community Building and Prep Work Sunday afternoon, April 14, from 12:30-5:00pm. Eat lunch before you come!

Confirmation

After taking a break during Lent from our weekly 7-8 grade confirmation lessons, we will resume confirmation April 24.

Many thanks this Lenten season to parents and grandparents who have visited with our 7th graders and to those who agreed to mentor our 8th graders.

We will close out the school year with three sessions, all at 7pm:

April 24: The Book of Revelation

May 1: Group Service Project (will decide 4/24 between May baskets or ditch cleaning)

May 8: End of year party

Easter Egg Hunt!



Saturday, April 20 at 11:00am
Youth: stay tuned to help stuff eggs before the hunt!

Soil, Seed, and Spring Cleanup

During Sunday morning worship, April 28, we will once again celebrate a "Soil and Seed Sunday." Plan to bring a small container of soil or seed, as we thank God for good harvests in seasons past and ask God's blessing on the harvest of 2019. Mark your container and take it home afterwards for planting.

Stay after worship to chip in around the church for a variety of indoor and outdoor "spring cleaning" projects. Stay tuned for more information!

Flamingo Flock Returning

Be on the lookout for a flock of flamingos, landing on yards in the Langdon area. This colorful flock has been gone for almost a year, but reports are that it will be returning with the snow melt.

Flock insurance may be purchased for \$15. With this insurance, flamingos cannot land on your lawn. Flock your friend's yard! As soon as the flamingos make their way to Langdon, you can direct them to land in a specific yard for \$20. The flamingos will come with a nice note sharing why they are there and who sent them (if you want). They will remain on your friend's yard for approximately 24 hours. There is no fee for the removal of the flamingos! We are not responsible for hurt feelings, anger or loss of friendships :) This is a ULC youth fundraiser.

Prayers of...

Healing

Arden Norum (Linda Timian's father), Gary Ridley, Brent Buresh (Betty Nelson's son-in-law), Dorothy Adam & Bernice Pengilly.

Sympathy

The family of Al Adam. His funeral was held March 23 at United.

The family of Greg Olson. His funeral will be held this Saturday, April 6 at 11AM here at United.

Joy

Baptism of Audrey Joe Stein Dietrich, daughter of Nicholas and Kayla Dietrich. Her baptismal sponsors are Ryan Wilson & Erika Stein.

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

March Memorials

Michael Muhs - John & JoAnn Mueller (general)

Darlyne Keegen - Paul & Debbie Peterson (building), Randy & Kim Rude (general)

Al Adam - Carla Symons (music), Linden & Helen Johnson (music), Dennis & Linda Balsdon (building), David & Ardyce Henager (general), Corey & Julie Johnson (building), Jan Nuelle (general), Edwin Olson (music), Larry & Linda Olson (music), Jeremy & Lisa Schuler (music), Kevin & Jan Stein (music), Chad, Tara & Maddy Ekren (endowment), Daryl & Cathy Wilkens (music), Sandra Brooks (general), Alvin Carlson (general), Wayne & Nancy Coyle (music), Rick & Carolyn Crockett (general), Ted & Linda Dahl (endowment), Arlaine Delebo (endowment), Dan & Peggy Fischer (music), Allyn & Carol Hart (music), Steve & Kim Hart (music), Don & Elaine Haugen (music), Charles & Marie Jordan (music), Bub & Janice Knudson (music), Ed & Bernice Pengilly (general), Paul & Debbie Peterson (building), Joan Schrader (building), Burnell & Renae Skjervheim (general), Darrel & Susan Schrader (general), Wayne & Fay Jensen (general)

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

Scholarships

There are two great scholarship opportunities, through the InFaith Foundation, which manages ULC's endowment fund. The money from these two scholarships comes from InFaith, not from our endowment.

\$5,000 for graduating seniors seeking a four-year undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university, demonstrating financial need, high academic achievement and a commitment to sharing their blessings with the world.

\$3,000 for Christian women seeking a Masters or Doctoral level degree in preparation for public service, non-profit leadership and/or Christian ministry.

Application deadlines are April 30. See the church office for more information.

United also has our own scholarship fund, for students attending a Lutheran college or considering future ministry. Please let the church council know if you would like consideration for assistance.

At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Thank you to:

Those that supported our youth with the Mardi Gras pancake dinner!

Nancy Becker, Hans & Diane Reinhardt, who treated the pews in our sanctuary, giving them a fresh look.

Those who have contributed household items for the Domestic Violence and Abuse Center in Grafton.

Pastors Karl and Rebecca and Lorraine Rude for helping with the Great Plains Mobile Food Pantry. We served 42 households (33 children, 39 adults, and 30 seniors). The Mobile Food Pantry will come again June 20.

The offering taken at our March 24 evening community Lenten service which raised \$214 for the Cavalier County Ministerial Association.

Lent

This year's midweek Lenten theme is "Praying the Psalms." Please join us for Wednesday simple suppers at 5:30pm and Lenten worship at 6:30pm, through April 10. Thank you to those who signed up to provide our meals!

Sunday night 7pm community Lenten services in April are at New Hope (4/07) and Emmanuel (4/14).

Ministry Review

Thank you for participating in our ministry review on March 3 and to those who returned for their initial remarks before our pancake supper. When we receive the synod's written review, this will be shared with the church council and congregation. We look forward to the benefits it will bring our ministry!

Kitchen Pans

Missing a pan? It may be in the church kitchen. Please check if one is yours!

Paint Your Heart Out

Saturday, April 6, 8:30AM-12PM, lunch included at Park River Bible Camp. "What does it mean to be church together?" - all ages, all supplies provided, come as individual or group. Registration is free. For more information, call PRBC at 284-6795 or register at www.eandsynod.org.

VBS Cake/Bake Auction

After worship, next Sunday, April 7. Anyone can provide an item or bid at the auction; all Sunday school families are asked to provide an item for the sale which supports VBS and Bible camp.

Sunday School Canvas Art

The canvas art that the Sunday School kids made last Sunday is ready for bidding! The art is on the table in the Fellowship hall. Bid sheets are underneath each item. Bids are open until the cake auction on April 7th. Art money will go toward Kamp Kase (www.kampkase.org), which serves school-age kids with cancer and their siblings.

GriefShare Support Group

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Tuesdays at 7pm, starting April 2 (meets for 13 weeks) at the United Methodist church. For more info, call Deb Balsdon at 370-5711.

Nursery Supervision

Shelly Messner has volunteered to staff the church nursery on the first and third Sundays of each month. Thank you, Shelly!

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies may be placed on the altar between Palm Sunday (April 14) and Easter. Please indicate on the card who the plant is in honor/memory of, as well as your name.

Periodicals

The "Living Lutheran" and "Christ in our Homes" periodicals are available in the narthex.

Easter Egg Hunt

We are looking for new individuals who are interested in helping this year and/or stepping into leadership roles in the planning of future egg hunts. Please contact Andrea Jacobson at AndreaPuppe@hotmail.com or calling 701-520-7413.

Donations for the hunt may be brought to the church narthex or fellowship hall. The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 20th.

Pew Cushion Cleaning

We have recently steam-cleaned 6 of our 18 pew cushions, at \$50 each. When we have raised the \$600 for the remaining 12 cushions, we will get them cleaned as well. Be sure to make a note with any such donations so we can put them in the "cushion cleaning" fund!

Offering Envelopes

If you have not yet picked up offering envelopes for 2019 and would like some, please let the church office know.

Cancer Rummage Sale

Wednesday, April 24 through Sunday, April 28. Langdon American Legion Downtown building. Volunteers are welcome. More information posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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



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Return Service Requested

Worship and Ministry - April Schedule

April 7 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Faye Wilhelmi
Greeters - Bob & Patricia Scott
Ushers - Ted & Linda Dahl
Acolyte - Adam Hart
Communion Prep - Skyler Moline
Communion Assts - Carol Hart,
Jim Wilhelmi & Patricia Scott
Coffee - Skyler Moline & Emily Messner
Projectionist - Addy Reidhammer

April 14 - Palm Sunday Worship

Reader - Carla Gemmill
Greeters - Kendall Gemmill family
Ushers - Steve McDonald family
Coffee - Joan Schrader
Projectionist - Nathan Kitchin

April 18 - Maundy Thursday

Ushers - Elroy & Marilyn Rude
Communion Asst - Skyler Moline

April 19 - Good Friday

Reader - LeeAnn Knudson

April 21 - 8AM Traditional Easter

Worship

Reader - Linda Balsdon
Greeter - Jeannie Steinwand
Ushers - Dennis Balsdon & Edwin Olson
Communion Assts - Connie Schrader,
Bub & Jan Knudson
Projectionist - Xavier Breddin
Coffee - Carol Hart
Rolls served between the worship services

April 21 - 10AM Contemporary

Easter Worship

Reader - Darby Hart
Greeters - Will & Skyler Moline family
Ushers - Paul Peterson & Ethan Peterson
Communion Prep - Skyler Moline
Communion Assts - Skyler Moline,
LeeAnn Knudson & Alex Gellner
Acolyte - Adam Hart
Projectionist - Kaylee Lowery

April 28 - Acoustic Worship

Reader - Lisa Schuler
Greeters - David Haslekaas family
Ushers - Scott & Tina LaPorte family
Acolyte - Jack Romfo
Coffee - David Haslekaas family
Projectionist - Dayton Porterfield