

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.

Moving into this Next Chapter

This March, after over a year of talking, planning and re-scheduling, we were able to have our congregational ministry review visit from the synod at United.

This May, we received the synod's written ministry review from their visit. Their report was well-written and included affirmations and challenges for our congregation based on their observations.

The synod's affirmations of our strengths:

- a variety of worship formats and strong musical talent;
- Sunday school and participation of young people in worship;
- mission-mindedness in Haiti and our community, beyond our congregation;
- mission statement;
- hospitality;
- openness to new ideas;
- pastors well-liked, respected and engaged in community;
- building is accessible and used by the community.

Challenges and opportunities for ULC:

- secularization in society;
- perceived stigma in our community related to those with chemical dependency, mental health issues or in need of financial assistance;
- engaging more members in the various ministries of our congregation;
- continued engagement of youth after confirmation and through high school;
- the number of households with little recorded financial contribution;
- reliance upon pastoral staff.

There is much to be thankful for at United and there continues to be much we can do as Jesus' disciples!

As a congregation, we have been blessed to have two (officially one-and-a-half) pastors for almost five years. I know many of you are wondering what is next for United, with Pastor Rebecca's call to Walhalla-Big Pembina. You may be mourning or sad or even upset about her announcement. Our congregation has been incredibly blessed by Pastor Rebecca's ministry. I have certainly been blessed to work with her, not only as a spouse, but as a co-pastor in ministry.

As United continues into this new chapter, I give thanks for our strengths and the many ways you have been a part of them. As we continue to lean on those strengths, I pray that we also face our challenges and opportunities.

As we do this, our ministry review team and church council will continue to learn from our congregational ministry review. Perhaps you already have ideas to help or perhaps you will be asked to help shape this next chapter for United Lutheran Church.

It has been and remains an incredible pleasure and honor to minister with and serve United. I look forward to where the Holy Spirit is leading us! God's peace,

~ Pastor Karl

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Pastor Rebecca's last
Sunday with us at United.
Please stay after worship
for cake and fellowship.**



June 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 10AM Worship & Communion Pastor Rebecca's last Sunday	3	4	5	6 12PM Al-Anon 1:30PM OCLC Communion Service	7	8 Synod Assembly
9 10AM Worship Synod Assembly	10 4PM P.E.O.	11 3PM Deborah Circle 5:30PM Esther Circle	12	13 12PM Al-Anon	14	15 Youth leave for Servant Learning Trip to SD
16 10AM Worship Happy Father's Day!	17	18 12PM Writer's Group	19	20 10:45-11:30AM Mobile Food Truck 12PM Al-Anon	21	22 Youth return from SD Mission Haiti team departs
23 10AM Contemporary Worship 2:30 Pastor Karl @ OCLC	24	25	26	27 12PM Al-Anon	28	29
30 10AM Worship 1:30PM Pastor Karl @ Maple Manor Care Center						

Faith & Care #1 Brian & Darby Hart, chair

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Todd & Abby Borchart	Kevin & Teri Lill
Sandra Brooks	Lyle & Deidre Long
Daren & Sarah Christianson	Dale & Pam Luhmann
Todd & Shanda Christianson	Shelly Messner
Jamie & Amanda Coyle	Patty Metzger
Lawrence & Susan Fay Crockett	Jeff & Brittanie Mostad
Denis Domres	Ken & Carol Myhre
Lynn Domres & Tara Roberts	Betty Nelson
Juanita Domres	Frances Noland
Margaret Downs	Ellen Nuelle
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Taylor Everson	Duane Olson
Joanne Field	Edwin Olson
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Dale Klein	Ron & Cathy White

ULC Leadership 2019

President	Josh Overby
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Financial Secretary	Julie Johnson

Committee Council Representatives

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

Non-voting Representatives

Pastors	Karl & Rebecca Breddin
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Financial Update *04-30-19*

April Offering	\$22,596.00	
	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$62,719.00	\$62,858.33
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Total Income thru April	\$67,933.24	\$64,782.00
Total Expenses thru April	\$65,001.00	\$67,579.38

Thank you for your generous giving! A simple, secure way to provide consistent giving is Bill Pay through your bank checking account.

Endowment

As of May 29, our Endowment Fund balance was \$110,276.70. 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 *05-20-19 Mtg*

The synod's congregational ministry review has been received and distributed to our ministry review task force to make recommendations for next steps. Pastor Karl referred to the synod's strength's and challenges identified at United for our opening devotional.

There has not yet been a volunteer(s) to fill the Sunday School Coordinator position so the Education Committee is planning to assume those responsibilities for the fall.

The Property committee is looking at options for repairing downspouts damaged this winter. Mikkelsen Brothers Construction will check the problematic sewage pipe in the parking lot this summer and bring in more gravel for the parking lot.

The Stewardship Committee has been counting and depositing Sunday cash offerings.

One of the pews in the sanctuary has been shortened to make wheelchair accessibility.

July 28 will be the annual outdoor worship and church picnic. Council and committee responsibilities were distributed.

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

Coordinator Needed

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. There is a job description in the church office. If you are interested, please talk to Carla Gemmill (chair of the education committee).

Park River Bible Camp

Summer 2019 online registration at Park River Bible Camp is available! Sign up for a great camp experience. ULC pays up to 1/2 the base cost for youth to attend an ELCA summer Bible camp in North Dakota! The church office has more info.

May 5, staff from PRBC were at United to share about their ministry. We collected a special offering of \$313 for the camp, toward the building of a new playground.

PRBC has summer concerts at 7pm. June concerts:
June 23: Benson Family Singers
June 30: Variety Concert

Call the camp, check their website or Facebook page for more info.

Flamingo Flockings

Be on the lookout for a flock of flamingos which continue to land on yards in the Langdon area.

Flock your friend's yard! You can direct the flock to land in a specific yard for \$20. The flamingos will come with a nice note explaining why they are there. They will remain on your friend's yard for approximately 24 hours. There is no fee for the removal of the flamingos!

Don't want the flock in your yard? Flock insurance may be purchased for \$15. With this insurance, flamingos cannot land on your lawn.

We are not responsible for hurt feelings, anger or loss of friendships :) This is a ULC youth fundraiser for our June service learning trip to Rapid City, SD.



Senior Recognition

On May 26, we honored our ULC high school graduates and gifted them with a quilt, hand-made by United Lutheran's quilting group. Congratulations to Erykka Gratton, Travis Johnson, April Kratcha, Alex Lowery and Emily Messner. May the Lord's face shine upon them and the Lord look upon them with favor as they continue with their next chapter!

Vacation Bible School

We have enjoyed having vacation Bible school at church this week, with 39 registered campers. Counselors from Metigoshe Ministries Bible camp have been doing a great job leading the programming and engaging our young people in fun and faith. The VBS theme for this week is "God's Kingdom Come, God's Will Be Done."

Our week runs May 28-31, Tuesday-Thursday, from 9am-3pm and Friday from 9am-12pm. Thursday, May 30 our campers will be leading a 6pm program. That evening, there will be special activities with the counselors for older youth to enjoy.

Thank you to our education committee for coordinating our VBS, our youth who assisted the counselors and to Carol Hart for providing housing for the counselors!



The sound of children laughing and learning fills our church! VBS was in progress as this edition of our monthly newsletter went to print.



Summer Youth Trip

We will have a small but mighty group from United going on a service learning trip with YouthWorks to Rapid City, SD this June.

Our group will depart Langdon in the church van on Saturday, June 15, staying that night at Upper Missouri Ministries (www.campumm.org) Bible camp near Williston. Sunday, June 16, we will drive to Rapid City and will be staying with other church youth groups at Trinity Lutheran Church.



During our week, we will have a variety of service and learning opportunities. These include staffing VBS for area children, visiting Crazy Horse Monument and other cultural sites. Also, volunteering at the Hope Center (www.hopecenterrapidcity.org) which ministers to those living in poverty without homes and other area non-profit organizations. We are accepting in-kind donations to bring with us to the Hope Center which may be placed in a tote in the church near the coat racks. A list of their current needs can be found on their website.

Programming with YouthWorks wraps up Friday morning, June 21. We will then take in some tourist sites, drive to Dickinson where we will stay at St. John Lutheran Church (Shanda Christianson’s home congregation).

We will return to Langdon, Saturday, June 22.

Please pray for our group as we travel and for those they will be ministering with. Our group participants are: Pastor Karl Breddin and Kari Henderson (adult leaders), Xavier Breddin, Jaya Henderson, Harrison Nuelle and Kara Kuhn. We look forward to sharing with you during and after the trip. Thank you for your support!

Mobile Food Pantry

The Great Plains Food Bank “mobile food pantry” will again be distributing free food baskets from United Lutheran Church’s parking lot, Thursday, June 20, from 10:45-11:30am.

Come if you are in need! Spread the word!

Volunteers are needed from 10:30-11:45am to help direct traffic, greet and load food into people’s vehicles. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

There are no eligibility requirements to receive food which is provided through donations to the Great Plains Food Bank. This is a ministry of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota.

GENESIS

A summer worship series on stories
from the first book of the Bible.
Starting June 23.

Photo by David McEachan from Pexels.



May Memorials

BUILDING

In memory of **Judy Ullyott**: Dan & Peggy Fischer, Lenora Olson, Bill & Kathy Muhs.

In memory of **Allyn Hart**: Dan & Peggy Fischer, Lenora Olson, Paul & Debbie Peterson.

ENDOWMENT

In memory of **Allyn Hart**: John & Kathie Johnson, Arlaine Short, Ted & Linda Dahl, Joel & Lisa Jacobson, Cheryl Muhs & family, Grant & Betty Nelson.

GARDEN

In memory of **Greg Olson**: Lawrence & Susan Fay Crockett.

In memory of **Judy Ullyott**: Linden & Helen Johnson.

In memory of **Wayne Flom**: Linden & Helen Johnson.

GENERAL MEMORIAL

In memory of **Greg Olson**: Paul & Annette Nelson.

In memory of **Judy Ullyott**: Larry & Linda Olson, Harvey & Patty Metzger, Jeremy & Lisa Schuler, Jeff & Becky Overby, Ron & Cathy White, Mathew & Ashton Hedger.

In memory of **Allyn Hart**: Greg & Sara Goodman, Dale & Pam Luhmann, Tom & Colleen Perius, Brit Jacobson & Nathan Kjelland, Harvey & Patty Metzger, Jim & Marcie Crockett, Mary Eilers, Ken & DeLynn Carlson, Jeff & Betty Vikan, Brandon & Sarah Badding, Mathew & Ashton Hedger, Anna Olson, Kerry & Mavis Mikkelsen, Trevor & Jennifer Romfo, Jeff & Becky Overby, Erv & Sandra Reuther, Don & Elaine Haugen, Daryl & Linda Timian, Paul & Barb Boesl, Warren & Iva Wenzel, Ole Olson, Wayne & Nancy Coyle, Tim & Myrna Divine, Holly Lyons, John & Karen Boe, Miles & Teresa Anderson, Elroy & Marilyn Rude, Richard & Janell Eklof, Rick & Carolyn Crockett, Duane & RuthAnn Olson, Joyce Dahl, Scott & Colleen Braeger, Bob & Diane Simmons, Darryl & Bev Dahl, Steve & Suzanne Hanson, Ed & Bernice Pengilly, Zach & Andrea Jacobson, Brian & Becky Twamley, Jerry & Joyce Larson, Lorne & Gertie Field, Arvid & Sandy Boe, Juanita Domres & Denis Domres, Jodi Hipp, Lyle & Deidre Long, Josh & Sarah Overby, Randy & Kim Rude, Ron & Cathy White, Timothy & Nicole (Thom) Arens.

In memory of **Al Adam**: Jim & Marcie Crockett.

In memory of **Wayne Flom**: Dale & Pam Luhmann, Kevin & Jan Stein, Rick & Carolyn Crockett.

MUSIC

In memory of **Judy Ullyott**: Kevin & Jan Stein, Mike & Connie Schrader, Milt Clover & Kathy Kram.

In memory of **Allyn Hart**: Larry & Linda Olson, Kevin & Jan Stein, Linden & Helen Johnson, Charles & Marie Jordan, Milt Clover & Kathy Kram, Janice Nuelle, LeeAnn Knudson, Randy & Phyllis Mikkelsen, Lawrence & Susan Fay Crockett, Jeremy & Lisa Schuler, Edwin Olson, Leland & Carolyn Balsdon, Jason & Tara McFadden, Brad & Marcy Paulson, Jerry & Bev Domres, Dorothy Adam, Sheri Romfo, Betty Nelson, Stephanie Van Beek & family, David & Ardyce Hennager, Mike & Connie Schrader.

In memory of **Wayne Flom**: David & Ardyce Hennager.

In Memory of **Al Adam**: Leland & Carolyn Balsdon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In memory of **Judy Ullyott**: David & Ardyce Hennager, Leland & Carolyn Balsdon.

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

Prayers of...

Healing

Gary Ridley, Brent Buresh (Betty Nelson's son-in-law) & Dorothy Adam

Sympathy

Joy

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

Gifts of Grain

Did you know that farmers may find significant tax savings through donating grain directly to United Lutheran or another favorite charity? By doing this, the church or other charity gets the proceeds of selling the donated grain and the donating farmer gets tax deductions at a better rate than just cash donations.

To learn more about this "bountiful" way of giving, be sure to visit with your tax advisor and be sure any donations are processed properly through the elevator.

At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Thank you to:

Lisa Schuler, Ella Goodman, Paige Kratcha, Sydney Crockett & Finley Crockett for their special music provided during the offerings for the month of May!

John Johnson and Lindy Johnson for trimming a pew to add a space in our sanctuary where a wheelchair can easily have access! What a beautiful addition! In the past few months, we have had folks shine up our pews, clean cushions and now create accessible seating! Thank you for being a community where everyone is welcome and has access!

Our United quilters for making the quilts for Lutheran World Relief, to Betty Vikan for boxing them up and to Ted Dahl and Dahl Trucking for getting them to Grand Forks!

Jeremy Schuler for power washing the outside north wall of the sanctuary!

Our funeral committee and custodians Mike and Connie Schrader for their hours of service for our many recent funerals and throughout the year.

Faith & Care Greeters

Starting in May, greeters have been standing by the north main entrance of the church instead of the entrance to the sanctuary. In this position, they will be better able to hold open the door and assist in other ways. We hope the congregation will stop to say hello as you're entering the church.

Picnic

United Lutheran's annual outdoor worship and picnic will be next month, July 28. If you are serving on a church committee, please check with your council rep for your committee's responsibilities.

Pastor Rebecca's Last Sunday

This Sunday, June 2, will be Pastor Rebecca's last Sunday with us at United. Please stay after worship for cake and fellowship!

While Pastor Rebecca will be serving Walhalla-Big Pembina, she will remain a part of our Langdon community. Her first Sunday at Walhalla-Big Pembina will be June 16. Please pray for her and her new parish as they minister together. Thank you for your ministry, Pastor Rebecca!

Offering Envelopes

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

Kitchen Pans

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

Synod Assembly

The annual synod assembly of our Eastern North Dakota Synod, ELCA, will be held in Fargo, June 8-9. Pastors will be attending along with congregational representatives Linda Timian, Terry and Janet Jacobson. Please pray for all participants as they work together for God's work in the world!

On June 9, Bishop Terry Brandt will be providing a video-sermon and Darby Hart will be leading worship.

On June 16, Linda, Terry and Janet will lead our worship and share what they learned from the synod assembly. There will not be communion that Sunday.

Periodicals

The new "Living Lutheran" periodicals are available in the narthex.

Summer Genesis Series

The Bible's book of Genesis has some of the best-known stories of the Bible but there's a lot more than what we hear in Sunday school! Hear the rest of these stories, how they connect, and what they mean for us today in our summer worship series on stories from the book of Genesis, starting June 23.

Trip to Haiti, June 22-July 1

Kids' Club - Leading kids in learning Bible stories, crafts, songs and games.

Health and Wellness Clinic - Haitian nurse and trip participants, dealing with minor ailments, assessing more serious problems for members of the Redemption Lutheran congregation and the Pasquette community.

Sex education for young single community members and family planning workshop for married couples. Both these two are in response to concerns of Pastor Holland and the Redemption church leadership.

Planning and beginning work on updating the well and water system to better serve the growing community. Maintenance and repairs on the solar panels and the bakery's kneader.

Workshops on Quickbooks and How to be a Good Employee (requested by teachers and students).

All these projects are as the result of requests by the people of Pasquette. We seek to help them with the priorities they set.

Thanks for the prayers and support provided by ULC and members. Financial assistance with these and other projects to be determined are always needed and welcome.

Questions? Contact Janet, 283-5195, 370-7430, or noutback@utma.com

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Worship and Ministry - June Schedule

June 2 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Dale Klein
Greeter: Jodi Hipp
Ushers - Terry & Janet Jacobson
Communion Prep - Joanne Field
Communion Assts - Jodi Hip,
Ardyce Hennager & Elaine Haugen
Coffee - Joanne Field
Projectionist - Xavier Breddin

June 9 - Worship

Reader - Darby Hart
Greeter - Patty Metzger
Ushers - Dale & Pam Luhmann
Coffee - Ron & Cathy White
Projectionist - Kaylee Lowery

June 16 - Worship

Reader -
Greeters - Taylor Everson & Jolene Everson
Ushers - Ken & Carol Myhre
Coffee - Shelly Messner
Projectionist - Dayton Porterfield

June 23 - Contemporary Worship

Reader - Abby Borchardt
Greeters - Todd Borchardt family
Ushers - Kathy Kram & Milt Clover
Coffee -
Projectionist - Brennan Kitchin

June 30 - Worship

Reader -
Greeters -
Usher - Edwin Olson
Coffee -
Projectionist - Brenna Schuler