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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.*

A Caring Ministry of Visitation

Do you enjoy visiting with other people?

It's a simple question and one which many of us—even introverts like myself—can answer with a “yes.”

One of my responsibilities as a pastor is to visit people. Sometimes that involves going to their homes. Sometimes it means going to the hospital or care center. Sometimes there are visits in my church office. Sometimes visits are over the phone, at the grocery store or a sporting game.

Visitation is quite possibly the greatest joy for me in ministry, but it can also be one of the most challenging because of the time visitation takes. Prayer and communion can be fairly brief, but I enjoy the coffee and conversation, too!

Many of you also enjoy coffee and conversation and so I'm asking for your help. In conversation with the church council, we would like to recognize the “caring ministry of visitation” which already happens among our United Lutheran members and also support and equip you in this important work.

There are many people in our congregation who need regular human companionship for a check-in and conversation. I can't do this alone, nor should I, when we are all called to care for one another and many of you are already doing this so well!

To this end, after worship on Sunday, September 22, I would like to invite you to a visitation ministry information meeting to talk more about how we can support one another as we support those we visit. Who are people in our congregation needing to be visited? When is it important to let me know a pastoral visit is needed? How can someone add praying together to their coffee and conversation?

Care is one of the key parts to a healthy community. Together, we are the body of Christ, supporting one another. I thank you for the care you already provide and hope to see you at our meeting after worship on September 22!

In Christ, the great caregiver,

Pastor Karl

Service-Learning Travel Opportunities

Texas-Mexico Border Trip: Join synod bishop Terry Brandt and others in an immersion experience which will combine learning and service. Participants will do some volunteer serving in the migrant shelters (cooking and serving meals, clothes sorting or whatever the most urgent needs are at the time) and will meet with Border Patrol agents as well as other organizations who live the reality on a day by day basis. Oct.27-Nov.2, \$890 (excludes airfare). Registration forms may be obtained from Vicki Schmidt, veschmidt45@msn.com.

Haiti Mission Trip: A relational, inspirational partnership! Activities may include Kid's Club, community health, light construction, business planning and more. Dec.29-Jan.6, registration closes Friday, September 13. Contact Janet Jacobson or Pastor Karl for info.

September 2019

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|-----|--|
| 1 10AM Worship & Communion | 2 | 3 | 4 Parent/Student Confirmation Mtgs 6PM 7-8Grade 7PM 9th Grade | 5 12PM Al-Anon | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9AM Bible Study 9AM First day of Sunday school 10AM Blended Worship "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday | 9 4PM P.E.O. | 10 9AM-3PM Quilting 5:30PM Esther Circle | 11 9AM-3PM Quilting Confirmation 6PM, 7-8 Grade 7PM, 9th Grade | 12 12PM Al-Anon | 13 | 14 |
| | Pastor Karl at Fair Hills retreat | | | | | |
| 15 9AM Bible Study 9AM Sunday school 10AM Worship & Communion, Story Bibles for 3 year-olds 2PM Pastor Karl @ Maple Manor Care Center | 16 6PM Church Council meeting | 17 12PM Writer's Group 7PM Rachel Circle | 18 Confirmation 6PM, 7-8 Grade 7PM, 9th Grade | 19 12PM Al-Anon | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9AM Bible Study 9AM Sunday school 10AM Contemporary Worship 11AM Visitation ministry informational meeting | 23 | 24 | 25 7:50AM "See You at the Pole" - youth event Confirmation 6PM, 7-8 Grade 7PM, 9th Grade | 26 12PM Al-Anon | 27 | 28 Baby shower for Amanda Coyle |
| 29 9AM Bible Study 9AM Sunday school 10AM Worship | 30 | | | | | |

Faith & Care #4 Lisa Schuler, chair

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| Miles & Teresa Anderson | Darrel & Karen Kempert |
| Rob & Nancy Becker | Bub & Janice Knudson |
| Rob & Laura Belle | LeeAnn Knudson |
| John & Karen Boe | Ryan & Nicole Koons |
| Kenneth & DeLynn Carlson | Matt & Crystal Lowery |
| Jayla Christie | Jolena Lowery |
| Wayne & Nancy Coyle | Pauline Mack |
| Jim & Marcie Crockett | Chris & Tina Mikkelsen |
| Tim & Myrna Devine | Val Olson |
| Ryan & Heather Domres | Josh & Sarah Overby |
| Brynn Fischer | Trevor & Jennifer Romfo |
| Dan & Peggy Fischer | Mark & Shauna Schneider |
| Darren & Lisa Gellner | Joan Schrader |
| Kraig Gellner | Bob & Diane Simmons |
| Greg & Sara Goodman | Charlotte Soli |
| Ryan & Ashley Gustafson | Kassandra Spanier |
| Ashton Hedger | Reuben & Jeannie Steinwand |
| Ryan & Kori Howatt | Carla Symons |
| Zach & Andrea Jacobson | Willie Thom |
| Corey & Julie Johnson | Ryan & Shannon Wagner |
| Devon & Katie Johnson | Shannon & Sheri Winnege |
| Jay & Delane Johnson | |
| Linden & Helen Johnson | |
| Charles & Marie Jordan | |

ULC Leadership 2019

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| President | Josh Overby |
| Vice President | Deidre Long |
| Secretary | Tara McFadden |
| Financial Secretary | Julie Johnson |

Committee Council Representatives

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

Non-voting Representatives

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| Pastor | Karl Breddin |
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Council Notes 08-19-19 Mtg

Enrollment for Sunday school is good. Due to less teachers volunteering for Sunday school than hoped, we will not be offering a PreK class. We will offer three intergenerational Sundays over three-day weekends this school year.

This fall, Mikkelsen Construction will be opening up the church sewer line and grating the parking lot. Jenson's is behind schedule on our sanctuary HVAC.

Council agreed to advise 50% of the honorariums given to the funeral committee be offered to the funeral coordinator to compensate for their time.

Council approved advertising for a Youth Ministry Coordinator at 20 hours/month and \$5,000 year salary. Pastor is drafting a job description.

Pastor shared with Council the recent ELCA Churchwide vote to be a "sanctuary denomination" and what it means.

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

Financial Update 07-31-19

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| July Offering | \$9,984.93 | |
| | <u>Year-to-Date</u> | <u>Budget YTD</u> |
| Offering Income | \$97,554.93 | \$110,002.08 |
| | <u>Current Year</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
| Total Income thru July | \$105,441.09 | \$109,523.78 |
| Total Expenses thru July | \$112,096.86 | \$116,867.70 |

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 August 28, our Endowment Fund balance was \$112,004.14. 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).

August Memorials

No memorials were received in August.

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

Sunday School

The 2019-2020 Sunday school year will kick off on September 8. We will begin with a few minutes with everyone in the fellowship hall at 9:00am, before splitting into our age groups for classroom and music activities. At the end of the Sunday school hour, around 9:45-9:50, **we ask that parents who are picking up their children do so from the fellowship hall.** This ensures kids are safely being picked up with supervision.

We will continue using the “Whirl” curriculum from Augsburg Fortress/Sparkhouse which we have used the last several years. This curriculum connects with the three-year church lectionary cycle so most Sundays there is connection between what students learn in Sunday school and in our worship readings.

While Sunday school will not meet over some long weekends during the school year, we will be scheduling fewer “no Sunday school” weekends this year. Three weekends in January and February where we have often had “off” in the past, we will have “intergenerational Sunday school” lessons for all ages to participate. Stay tuned!

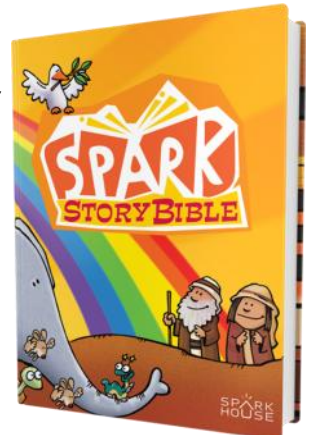
As we are currently without a Sunday school coordinator, the Education Committee has assumed those responsibilities. A huge thank you to those who have volunteered to teach and help with Sunday school this year! Due to a shortage of teachers, we will not be offering PreK lessons this year. We could still use a few more teachers—the more people available in the rotation or as substitutes, the less load it is for our regular leaders!



A friendly reminder that **United Lutheran Church is a peanut free building.** This means no peanuts, tree nuts such as almonds, cashews, walnuts, or pistachios, or legumes, such as peas, chickpeas, lentils or soybeans; green beans and kidney beans are okay. Please keep this in mind if bringing food for fellowship after worship, potlucks, funerals or other events at church.

Bibles for Three-year-olds

During our September 15 worship service, we will be giving Spark Story Bibles to three year olds in our congregation. If you have a three year old, please join us for worship September 15 as we celebrate this gift with them and live into our baptismal promises to place in their hands the holy scriptures.



We will also be giving 4th graders Bibles this spring during their first communion instruction.

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

Lutefisk, lutefisk, lefse, lefse...
And if you don't like lutefisk,
there's meatballs, too - you betcha!

Sunday, September 29 at Park River Bible Camp.

Serving from 11am until 3pm.

Bazaar starts at 11am, take outs start at 11:30pm.

Helpers needed to work, bring cookies or lefse—sign up to help on the ULC church bulletin board by Thursday, Sept. 12!

9/18: Peeling, Cooking and Ricing potatoes, 8am-12pm

9/18: Rolling Lefse, 4pm-finished

9/27: Meatball making, 9am-1pm

Other Upcoming PRBC Events

Sept. 14: Prek-3rd Grade Day Retreat, 10am-7pm

Oct. 11-12: 3rd-4th Grade Overnight Retreat, 7am-3pm

Oct. 26: PreK-6th Grade Costume Day Retreat, 10am-7pm

For more info, call 701-284-6795 or go to
www.parkriverbiblecamp.org

Voices from the North

A concert featuring performances from Arctic Norway
and an authentic Norwegian meal.

Friday, September 20 at Metigoshe Ministries

Concert at 4:30pm

Meal at 6:00pm

RSVP by September 13 to 701-263-4788
or retreats@MetigosheMinistries.com

Confirmation

Confirmation sessions for the 2019-2020 school year begins Wednesday, September 4, with informational meetings for 7-9 grade students and parent(s)/guardian(s). We look forward to learning and having fun together! Our September schedule is below.

September 4

6pm, Parent/student meeting (7-8 gr.)

7pm, Parent/student meeting (9 gr.)

September 11

6pm, Wacky Olympics & Acolyte training (7-8 gr.)

7pm, Students pick topic (9 gr.)

September 18

6pm, Martin Luther (7-8 gr.)

7pm, Students pick topic (9 gr.)

September 25

6pm, Reformation (7-8 gr.)

7pm, Students pick topic (9 gr.)

October 2

6pm, Reformers (7-8 gr.)

7pm, Stole Making (9 gr.)

9th graders will be confirmed during the worship service on Reformation Sunday, October 27.

Youth Ministry Coordinator

United Lutheran Church is prayerfully seeking a Christian adult who loves God and loves youth, who wants to have fun with and mentor youth, primarily grades 7-12. This position may possibly include upper elementary children or young adults. This person will engage, support and equip parents in raising youth in the Christian faith.

Ideally, this person will: have a Lutheran background in the Christian church or have a willingness to work within a Lutheran church and its theology; be able to plan, organize, and communicate with others; be flexible, willing to learn and try new things.

Responsibilities:

Plan and lead 7-12 grade youth group events, at least once-per-month, but ideally more often. Youth events should include opportunities for faith formation, service to others and fun - all in a safe space.

Plan and coordinate summer 7-12 youth trip opportunities, including trip fundraising.

Work within a budget.

It is estimated that the Youth Ministry Coordinator will work twenty hours per month which includes planning as well as hands-on time. Some months may have less hours and months with trips will have considerably more.

Compensation:

\$5,000 per year, to be paid monthly or twice per month and to be reviewed annually.

Continuing education as agreed upon with pastor and/or church council.

To apply, send cover letter and resume to Pastor Karl at ULC.

SYATP

SYATP means "See You At The Pole!"

Youth in grades 7-12, mark your calendars for a community youth event of song and prayer around the LAHS flagpole, Wednesday morning, September 25 at 7:50am.

Bring a friend, hang out with other Langdon area students, explore this year's theme "If..." and join in prayer with students around the globe!



A Sanctuary Denomination

August 5-10, our denomination, the ELCA, adopted a resolution to be a “sanctuary denomination.” As our church begins the conversation of what this action means, some media outlets have tried to answer the question for us. This has caused confusion and misinformation. What does this mean for the ELCA?

In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith.

Being a sanctuary denomination does not call for any person, congregation or synod to engage in civil disobedience or any illegal actions.

Today, people migrate for all kinds of reasons. For some it might be hunger or employment while others are fleeing violence and are literally running for their lives. Most immigrants desire to be in their homeland, but to no fault of their own, there is no option other than to flee. Nearly 70 million people have been forced to leave their homeland. Those finding themselves and their families in horrific situations is at an all-time high. This is not God’s desire for God’s children. While we may have different ideas about how to fix a broken immigration system and may have different ways of loving our neighbors, our call to do so is central to our faith. This is where we begin.

Being a sanctuary denomination will look different in different contexts. While we don’t yet know the full scope of the work this declaration will open for the church, we do know that our faith communities are already doing sanctuary work. This may mean hosting English as a second language (ESL) classes; writing letters to representatives or providing housing to a community member facing deportation.

Except for our members whose ancestors were here before European settlement or others who were forced to come to the US against their will, the ELCA is an immigrant church. Lutherans started Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, one of the nine refugee resettlement agencies in the US. A generation ago, our own congregation welcomed refugees from Vietnam.

At our last churchwide assembly in 2016, we also committed to walking alongside Central American children and families fleeing their communities by passing the AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities). Through the AMMPARO strategy, we are also working through our global partners in Central America to alleviate the conditions that cause people to migrate.

In baptism, we are brought into a covenantal relationship with Jesus Christ that commits us to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Following the example of Martin Luther, we believe that advocacy is a crucial expression of baptismal identity. As a church, we have advocated for stopping the detention of children and families for decades and have taken steps to address the root causes of migration in a way that honors the humanity of people who must flee.

Being a sanctuary denomination means that we, as church together, want to be public and vocal about this work. At the same time, we will have conversations about what sanctuary means with many of our members and discern future actions and direction. Welcoming people is not a political issue for us—we have been doing it since the birth of the Christian church!—it is a matter of faith.

How are we being called to work for justice and peace in this place and in this time? I welcome your conversation as we seek to answer this important question. ~ Pastor Karl

Prayers of...

Healing

Gary Ridley, Brent Buresh (Betty Nelson’s son-in-law), Dorothy Adam and Bob Kempert.

Joy

Congratulations to Zach & Andrea Jacobson on the birth of their new daughter, Maren Grace.

Congratulations to Ben Crockett and Christina Saylor, married July 27.

Congratulations to Kerlange & Armstrong Aristilde on the birth of their son, Ezekiel. Kerlange has been one of our primary Haitian translators and helpers in our ministry partnership in Haiti for the past five years. She had pregnancy difficulties and we are happy she and baby are doing well!

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:

All the committees for their help in organizing the outdoor picnic! A special thank you to Steve Hart for the use of his speakers.

Those who attended summer Bible camp and who supported camps and campers!

Rebecca Kjelland for leading worship on August 4 while Pastor Karl and Linda Timian were away at Church-wide Assembly in Milwaukee, WI.

Linda Timian for her help in the church office while Julie was recovering from shoulder surgery.

Elroy Rude for refinishing the pew in the church entry.

All who contributed towards the United Women Bake-less Bake Sale. Funds from the sale are used to support mission work.

ULC from Pastors Karl and Rebecca for the new carpet in the parsonage living room.

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.

Sunday Bible Study

Do you have kids in Sunday school and aren't teaching? Join us for conversation and prayer. We meet at 9am in the church library each Sunday that there is Sunday school during the school year, starting September 8. The coffee will be on!

Going to College?

It is that time when many young adults are going to college. ELCA campus ministry is present at more than 180 colleges and universities nationwide: building community, deepening faith, expanding minds and inspiring Service. Get connected! Learn more at www.LuMin-Network.com.

Funeral Committee

Would you be open to be called upon by our funeral committee to serve food when we have a funeral? For more information or to help, contact Joanne Field.

Kitchen Pans & Lost Items

Missing a pan? It may be in the church kitchen. Missing baby items, toys, sunglasses, readers, etc. they may be laying on the lost & found shelf in the narthex. Please check if one is yours!

Live Concert Event

Songs and stories with Brent Vernon, a singer, songwriter, ventriloquist, author and illustrator. Langdon Presbyterian Church, Thursday, September 26, 7PM. A live concert for the whole family with special appearance by Sam (he's no dummy)!

Fall Festival

Cavalier United Lutheran Church, September 15, 11am-2pm. Smoked pork and chicken dinner, silent auction, bake sale, hay rides and games.

Nursery Supervision

Shelly Messner has volunteered to staff the church nursery the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Thank you, Shelly!

"Make Space" Stewardship Series

"Stewardship" can be a scary, churchy word but it doesn't have to be. Join us in this practical series which impacts our lives beyond church and money.

Sept.22: Me, My Stuff and God

Sept.29: Joy with More or Less

Oct.6: A Wealth of Wisdom

Oct.13: The Better Blessing

Periodicals

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

**September 8,
following morning worship**

**"God's work. Our hands."
A dedicated day of service in our
community.**

Bring canned goods for the Cavalier County Food Pantry to be blessed during our worship. Jelly, peanut butter, syrup, pancake mix, hamburger and tuna helpers and pudding snack packs are all items the food pantry is often short of; please bring unopened, non-expired goods.

After worship, wash windows inside and outside for individuals in our community who need assistance such as disabled or elderly. Please let the church know if you or someone you know could have their windows washed! Please bring your own cleaning supplies; portable ladders will be appreciated!

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Worship and Ministry - September Schedule

September 1 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Cole Spanier
Greeters - Ryan & Shannon Wagner family
Communion Prep - Julie Jonson
Communion Assts - Carol Hart, Karen Boe
& Ardyce Hennager
Ushers - Ken & DeLynn Carlson
Coffee - Jeannie Steinwand
Projectionist - Dayton Porterfield

September 8 - Blended Worship

Reader - Sydney Crockett
Greeters - Jim & Marcie Crockett family
Ushers - Darrel & Karen Kempert
Coffee - Jenny Romfo
Projectionist - Gage Goodman

September 15 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Olivia Bredeson
Greeters - Kraig & Lindsey Gellner family
Communion Prep - Julie Johnson

September 15 - Worship & Communion (continued)

Communion Assts - Diane Simmons, Sandy Boe
& LeeAnn Knudson
Ushers - Shannon & Sheri Winnege
Coffee - Ryan & Shannon Wagner family
Projectionist - Brenna Schuler

September 22 - Contemporary Worship

Reader - LeeAnn Knudson
Greeters - Ashton Hedger & Brynn Fischer
Ushers - Dan & Peggy Fischer
Coffee - Ashton Hedger & Brynn Fischer
Projectionist - Brennan Kitchin

September 29 - Worship

Reader - Jan Knudson
Greeters - Zach & Andrea Jacobson family
Ushers - Willy Thom & Edwin Olson
Coffee - Ryan & Shannon Wagner family
Projectionist - Payton Henderson