

# 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.

## Rain, Rain, Go Away

“What’s the weather going to be like today?” my kids ask most mornings. We open the weather app on my cell phone and sigh. Cool and wet. Again.

As tiresome as this weather has been for my household, that pales compared to what many of you in our congregation and community are facing: Crops and fields to wet to harvest, crops with high moisture content and even rot. That, combined with already low prices, brings a bleak economic outlook for our famers and ag economy.

It’s hard. I can’t understand all the layers of that difficulty, but I do know it’s hard.

I confess that I haven’t always been as understanding of this as I should and ask for your forgiveness.

Please know that while I can’t fix these problems, I can and will listen—naming our difficulties and talking about them is painful but freeing.

I will work with you to find resources to help you. I will pray for you and your family. You are not alone.

~ Pastor Karl

*Loving God,*

*In the resources of the earth you have given us riches for all humanity. We pray for all who are involved in harvesting those resources, especially agriculture in our area. Their work can be dangerous and face uncertainty through weather, pest and disease. We pray for those whose livelihoods are in question due to disease, falling crop prices and too much moisture. Help us to enable them to reflect on their future and chart their course with confidence. May they be set free from bitterness and anger. May they know that our church and community stands alongside them in their need.*

*In Jesus’ name. Amen.*

October 6  
**A Wealth of Wisdom**

October 13  
**The Better Blessing**

**Make Space**

Stewardship Worship Series  
September 22-October 13

# October 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Confirmation 6PM, 7-8 Grade 7PM, 9th Grade	3 12PM Al-Anon 1:30PM Pastor Karl at OCLC	4	5
6 9AM Sunday School 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship & Communion 11AM Visitation Ministry Mtg 2:30PM Pastor Karl at OCLC	7	8 9AM-3PM Quilting 3PM Deborah Circle 5:30PM Esther Circle	9 9AM-3PM Quilting Confirmation 6PM, 7-8 Grade 7PM, 9th Grade	10 12PM Al-Anon 9:30AM Grafton Conference Pastors' Meeting in Hoople	11	12
13 9AM Sunday School 9AM Bible Study 10AM Acoustic Worship 11AM New Membership Mtg <b>11AM Birthday Celebration for Ole Olson (open to public)</b> 6PM Faith & Film@ULC	14 2PM P.E.O.	15 12PM Writer's Group 7PM Rachel Circle	16 <b>No Confirmation</b>	17 12PM Al-Anon 3:30-4:30PM Great Plains Mobile Food Pantry	18	19
20 <b>No Sunday School</b> 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship & Communion 2PM Pastor Karl at Maple Manor Care Center	21 6PM Church Council meeting	22	23 Confirmation 6:45PM 7-8 Grade meets for Trunk or Treat Food Drive 7PM, 9th Grade pictures and practice	24 12PM Al-Anon	25 Scrapbooking	26 Scrapbooking
27 9AM Sunday School 9AM Bible Study 10AM Contemporary Worship <b>Reformation Sunday &amp; 9th Grade Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)</b>	28 4PM P.E.O.	29	30 Confirmation 6PM, 7-8 Grade	31 12PM Al-Anon		

## Faith & Care #1 Brian & Darby Hart, chair

Brandon & Sarah Badding	Kathy Kram
Carol Badding	Josh & Pam Krivarchka
Todd & Abby Borchartd	Kevin & Teri Lill
Sandra Brooks	Lyle & Deidre Long
Daren & Sarah Christianson	Dale & Pam Luhmann
Todd & Shanda Christianson	Shelly Messner
Jamie & Amanda Coyle	Patty Metzger
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Lynn Domres & Tara Roberts	Betty Nelson
Juanita Domres	Frances Noland
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Taylor Everson	Duane Olson
Joanne Field	Edwin Olson
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## ULC Leadership 2019

President	Josh Overby
Vice President	Deidre Long
Secretary	Tara McFadden
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

Pastor	Karl Breddin
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## Financial Update *08-31-19*

August Offering \$10,595.00

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$108,149.93	\$125,716.66

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Total Income thru August	\$116,141.00	\$125,668.76
Total Expenses thru August	\$124,619.03	\$132,065.72

Thank you for your giving which enables us to meet our ministry commitments! A simple, secure way to provide consistent giving is Bill Pay through your bank checking account.

## Endowment

As of October 1, our Endowment Fund balance was \$112,563.16. 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 *09-16-19 Mtg*

We invited the Cavalier County Sheriff's Department to join us to visit about what to do in the event of an active shooter event at ULC. It was very informative. While we hope and pray we will never have such an event, preparedness is critical in order to reduce loss of life.

Using the acronym "ALERT," we discussed these stages in response: Alert; Lockdown; Inform; Counter and Evacuate. We will be sharing more with the congregation about these steps and this unfortunate reality we live in today.

We were unable to do any formal business as we did not have a quorum.

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

## September Memorials

No memorials were received in September.

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

## Sunday School

Sunday school is back in full swing—thank you to our teachers, shepherds, Kim Hart with music, education committee and especially our students and their families for being part of United's Sunday school!

This month, our lessons will be:

Oct.6: Faith Passed Down

Oct.13: Jesus Heals Ten

Oct.20: No Sunday School—  
NDEA Conference

October 27: The Pharisee and  
the Tax Collector

## Church Library

Did you know that United Lutheran has a church library with a variety of books for all ages and genres?

Newly added books are:

“Where Two Seas Meet,” by Gilbert Morris

“Peace Like a River,” by Leif Enger

“The Blessing!” by Jude Deveraux

“Dakota Legacy,” by Lauraine Snelling

“A Quiet Strength,” by Janette Oke

“Montana,” by Debbie Macomber

“Divine.” by Karen Kinsbury

Thank you to those who have generously donated books to the church library.

If you haven't checked out our library recently, feel free to do so—and to check out a book while you are there!

Thank you to Patty Metzger for her work in tidying up and organizing the church library.

## Peanut-free

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, pot-lucks, funerals or other events at church.



## PRBC Crafting Event at United

Come and Craft at ULC in Langdon next month, Saturday, November 9 at 7pm.

Join Park River Bible Camp staff for their come and craft event here at United Lutheran in Langdon! We will be painting wooden signs that say “This is us. Our Life. Our Story. Our Home” (see below for example). This is an event for all ages, friends, families, etc. Light refreshments will be provided. Event begins at 7pm and costs \$40/person. Space is limited so register early!

### Other Upcoming PRBC Events

Oct.4-5: 3rd-6th Grade Autumn Blast, 7am-3pm

Oct.12: Come and Craft event at United Lutheran in Cavalier, 7pm

Nov.8-10: Quilting Retreat

Nov.22-24: Stamping and Scrapbooking Retreat

For more info, call 701-284-6795 or go to [www.parkriverbiblecamp.org](http://www.parkriverbiblecamp.org)





# Confirmation

October 2

6pm, Reformers (7-8 gr.)  
7pm, Stole Making (9 gr.)

October 9

6pm, Lutheran Confessions (7-8 gr.)  
7pm, Stole Making (9 gr.)

October 16

**NDEA Weekend—no confirmation**

October 23

6:45pm, Carpool from ULC to the Paragon for Trunk or Treat Community Food Drive (7-8 gr.). **We are in need of two or more drivers to help with this event, from approximately 7:45-8:15pm.**  
7pm, Pictures and Walk-through for Affirmation of Baptism Sunday (9 gr.)

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

October 30

6pm, Adiphora (7-8 gr.)

# 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.

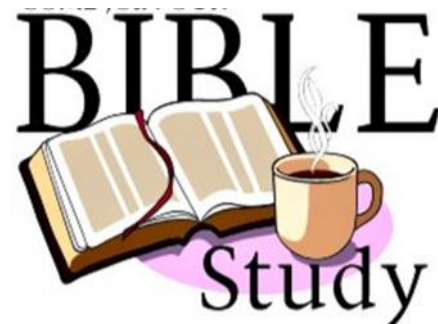
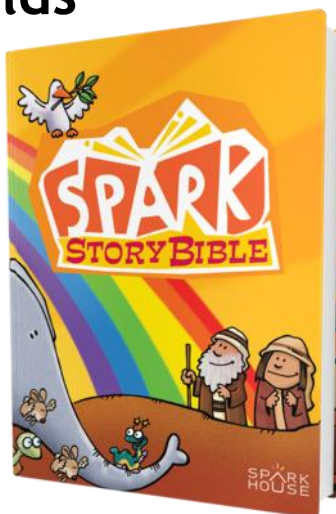
Continuing education as agreed upon with pastor and/or church council.

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

# Bibles for Three-year-olds

On September 15, we gave Spark Story Bibles to three-year-olds in our congregation. We celebrate this gift with them and live into our baptismal promises to place in their hands the holy scriptures!

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Crosby Almen    | Baylor Krivarchka |
| Jamison Balsdon | Gentri Lowery     |
| Hunter Jacobson | Maverick Mostad   |
| Colbie Johnson  | Calvin Moline     |
| Keaton Koons    | Hazel Smith       |
| Zoey Kreklau    | Reese Wagner      |



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.

## Faith, Film and Fellowship

Join us at United Lutheran at 6pm, Sunday evening, October 13 to watch the 2014 movie, "The Good Lie."



In 1983, orphans of the civil war in Sudan, known as The Lost Boys, traveled nearly a thousand miles on foot, enduring unspeakable circumstances in search of refuge. Over a decade later, a humanitarian effort would bring thousands of these survivors to the US. "The Good Lie" is the uplifting, true-to-life tale of four friends' journey from their devastated homeland to the foreign world that is modern America and the people who help them to begin again.

Many of those Sudanese refugees have settled in Fargo and the upper Midwest. Our Eastern North Dakota Synod has been a partner with the South Sudan Lutheran Church in Fargo ([www.sslconline.org](http://www.sslconline.org)).

We will have pizza (free will offering) for those attending and ask people to let church know in advance that you are coming so we have enough pizza. Also, we need to know what space will be most appropriate for the showing (youth room, project in fellowship hall or in the sanctuary). You may let church know by telling Pastor Karl, or by signing up for the event on our church Facebook page (you can go to the Facebook event directly by scanning the QR code to the right with a smart phone).



Following the movie, we will have an opportunity for discussion.

Maybe if there is interest, we could offer a field trip to visit South Sudan Lutheran Church in Fargo! The film is PG-13 and this event is geared toward high school youth and adults.

## Prayers of...

### Healing

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

### Joy

Congratulations to Alistair (Crockett) & Jared Kuss on the birth of their son, Elijah James.

Congratulations to Jamie & Amanda Coyle on the baptism of their twin daughters, Maida Marie and Medora Marjorie. Their baptismal sponsors are Cory & Katie Hoffarth, Nick & Molly Mikkelsen and Rick Doescher.

### Sympathy

The family of Rob and Nancy Becker on the death of Rob's brother, Paul.

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 receives 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.

## United Quilters

Quilters meet the 2nd Tuesday and Wednesday of each month, April-September. If you can cut, sew, or tie, you are welcome to come and help fulfill our mission.

Quilts are made for baptisms, graduates, care center residents and are sent to people in need throughout our nation and the world through Lutheran World Relief.

All materials, tools and machines are provided; little experience is required!



# At-a-Glance and General Announcements

## Thank you to:

Sydney and Marcie Crockett for their special music provided during the worship service on September 15.

Our Sunday school students for singing during worship on September 29 and to Kim Hart for leading them.

All who participated in our window cleaning project and donated food for the CC food pantry.

Patty Metzger for her work in tidying up and organizing the church library.

Faye Wilhelmi and Helen Johnson for the fall decorating around the church and to Shirley Robinson for supplying the pumpkins.

Pastor Karl for volunteering to help at the PRBC Lutefisk & Meatball dinner.

## Maple Manor Pie Social

October 4, 2-4 PM. Free will offering.

## Visitation Ministry

We will have a follow-up conversation for those who expressed interest in visitation ministry, after worship on Sunday, October 6 in the Fireside Room.

## New Member Meeting

Do you know someone interested in having United Lutheran become your new church home or just have questions? There will be an informational meeting following worship on October 13 in the Fireside Room. If someone is interested but unable to attend, please let Pastor Karl know.

## St. Alphonsus Fall Supper

Sunday, October 13th, serving from 4:00-7:00pm, turkey/ham and all the trimmings. Cake walk starts at 4:00pm. More information & prices found on the narthex bulletin board.

## Lutefisk & Meatball Supper

Sunday, October 20, at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Devil's Lake. Serving from 3-6:30pm.

## Mobile Food Pantry

The Great Plains Food Bank will be distributing free food baskets for our community from our parking lot, Thursday, October 17 from 3:30-4:30pm. Come if you are in need! Volunteers needed to help, starting at 3:15pm.

## Community Food Drive

Wednesday, October 23 for the Cavalier County Food Pantry. Youth will be going door-to-door collecting unopened non-perishable items in Langdon between 7-8pm.

## All-Saints Sunday

During our worship on Sunday, November 3, we will remember our loved ones—saints in Christ—who have passed away this last year and in years past.

As we mourn their loss, we look forward with hope to their resurrection.

## Grief Share Support Group

Grief Share provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Meets 6-8pm Thursdays until December 19. Each session is self-contained so you are welcome to attend at any point. Langdon United Methodist Church; call 370-5711 with any questions.

## Lost Items

Miscellaneous items can be found on the lost & found shelf in the narthex. Also unclaimed coats on the coat rack.

## Birthday Celebration

A special 90th Birthday celebration with cake for Ole Olson, October 13, following worship, all are welcome!

## 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 this 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.

## Nursery Supervision

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

## Periodicals

The new "Living Lutheran" and "Christ in Our Home" periodicals are available in the narthex.

## 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.

## United Women

Experience a life-changing event with other women of faith! The triennial Convention of Women of the ELCA will be held July 14-16, 2020 in Phoenix, AZ. The theme will be "Just Love." Early-bird registration through January 6, 2020 is \$325; after that, registration is \$375 (excludes airfare). [www.welcatg.org](http://www.welcatg.org).

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 - October Schedule

### October 6 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Todd Borchardt  
Greeters - Todd & Abby Borchardt family  
Communion Prep - Ardyce Hennager  
Communion Assts - Shelly Messner, Patty Metzger  
& Ardyce Hennager  
Ushers - Willie Thom & Edwin Olson  
Acolytes - Jake Sanders & Jayden Lee  
Coffee - Ardyce Hennager  
Projectionist - Victor Long

### October 13 - Blended Worship

Reader - Arik Christianson  
Greeters - Daren & Sarah Christianson family  
Ushers - Rory & Carey Freer family  
Acolyte - Victor Long  
Coffee - Joanne Field  
Projectionist - Nathan Kitchin

### October 20 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Jamie Coyle  
Greeters - Josh & Pam Krivarchka family  
Communion Prep - Elaine Haugen  
Communion Assts - Terry Jacobson, Sandra Brooks  
& Jamie Coyle  
Ushers - Dustin Wagner & Michelle Chock  
Acolytes - Isabelle Olson & Jaya Henderson  
Projectionist - Xavier Breddin

### October 27- Contemporary Worship & Confirmation Sunday

Coffee - Lyle & Deidre Long family  
Projectionist - Addy Reidhammer  
\*\*Our 9th grade confirmands will fill Faith & Care roles.\*\*