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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.*

Mr. Rogers and All the Saints

Did you ever watch the PBS TV show *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*? I enjoyed watching the show as a child and the more I learn about it now, the more impressed I am with the show and its host, Fred Rogers.

Won't You Be My Neighbor? The 2018 documentary of the life and impact of Fred Rogers includes many quotes from Rogers about his deep care for all children and his desire for them to know they were loved just as they are. This message, though simple, was—and still is—transformative and not just for children!

On All Saints Day, we proclaim a powerful and lasting truth from God that our sinfulness is swallowed by the sainthood God bestows on us. In spite of all that we are not, God loves us as we are. This radical love actually changes us into new and redeemed people: saints in Christ.

God has made into saints all who have been baptized into Christ. On the festival of All Saints Day, we honor especially those saints who have died in the faith. Their names may be unknown and their lives generally forgotten, but we sing our thanks that they are now held in God.

During our worship on Sunday, November 3, we will celebrate the baptisms of those baptized into our Christian family at United Lutheran since last year's All-Saints Sunday. We will also remember our loved ones, those saints in Christ, who have passed away since last year's All Saints Sunday and in years past. Worshipers will be invited to light a candle in remembrance of lost loved ones.

Who are the saints who have blessed you in your life?

How has God used them to nurture your faith?

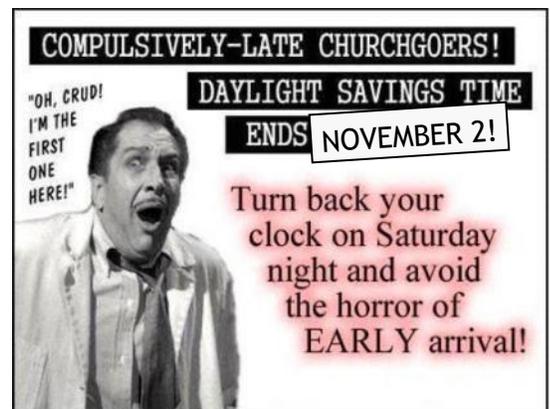
If they are still alive, have you been able to say thank you?

In addition to hosting a children's television program, Fred Rogers was a Presbyterian minister and was certainly a saint. But did you know that all baptized Christians are saints. *You* are a saint! God has used you to be a blessing for others. How is God calling you to nurture others' faith?

While we mourn the loss of our loved ones, we look forward with hope to their resurrection and our reunion with them.

~ Pastor Karl

And, on a much lighter note...



November 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 9AM Sunday school 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship & Communion (All Saints Sunday) 11AM Hospitality meeting	4	5	6 6PM 7&8 Grade Confirmation	7 9AM Mom's Group 12PM AI-Anon 1:30PM Pastor Karl at OCLC	8	9 7PM "Come and Craft" event sponsored by PRBC
10 9AM Sunday school 9AM Bible Study 10AM Acoustic Worship	11 4PM P.E.O.	12 9AM-3PM Quilting 3PM Deborah Circle 5:30PM Esther Circle	13 9AM-3PM Quilting 6PM 7&8 Grade Confirmation	14 9AM Mom's Group 12PM AI-Anon	15 3-8PM Church Reserved	16
17 9AM Sunday school 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship & Communion 11AM Visitation Meeting 2PM Pastor Karl at Maple Manor Care Center	18 6PM Church Council meeting	19 12PM Writer's Group 7PM Rachel Circle	20 6PM 7&8 Grade Confirmation	21 9AM Mom's Group 12PM AI-Anon	22	23
24 9AM Sunday school 9AM Bible Study 10AM Contemporary Worship (Harvest Sunday) 2:30PM Pastor Karl at OCLC	25 7PM Honors Recital	26	27 No Confirmation	28 Happy Thanksgiving!	29	30
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Faith & Care #2 Carol Hart, chair

Dean & Julie Aanderud	Caitlin Kreklau
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David & Teri Bodnar	Eldon & Karen Pederson
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ULC Leadership 2019

President	Josh Overby
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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 *09-30-19*

September Offering \$16,207.00

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$124,356.93	\$141,431.24

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Total Income thru September	\$132,541.90	\$140,832.53
Total Expenses thru September	\$138,368.99	\$146,956.78

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.

Council Notes *10-21-19 Mtg*

Harvest Sunday preparations are underway with the Stewardship Committee.

Mikkelsens have replaced 2/3 of the church septic line which should greatly lessen the possibility of seasonal freezing.

Based on last month's conversation with the Cavalier County Sheriff's Department about preparedness for an active shooter, we will be looking into adding an emergency exit door toward the north end of the sanctuary.

Education committee will be working to add a small space in the fellowship area for families that need to step out of worship but don't necessarily need the nursery.

We are exploring storage/sale options for the desk Pastor Rebecca used and will be replacing it with a small loveseat.

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

Endowment

As of October 29, our Endowment Fund balance was \$113,067.60. 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).

October Memorials

No memorials were received in October.

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

Sunday School

Greetings to you all! Sunday school is in full swing and we've had a great start to our year. Thank you to all of our leaders and shepherds who provide lessons and lead our students each Sunday. Lessons for November are "Jesus and Zaccheaus," "The Sadducees Question," "Working Together," and "King on the Cross." Please note, we will be having Sunday School on November 10th, even though it is a long weekend for the schools. As we approach the holiday season, our Sunday's are limited for practicing for our Christmas program (only one Sunday in December for a lesson!), so we hope everyone can join us each Sunday as we prepare for that!

You may have noticed the little note cards that your child has come home with and tells you they need to bring to Sunday School each week. This year, for our opening each Sunday, we are focusing on The Lord's Prayer, The Apostles Creed and the Ten Commandments. The kids were each given these note cards to keep with them so they could look at them throughout the week and get familiar with these three important parts of Christian worship. In November we will be focusing on The Apostles Creed.

A big thank you to Kim Hart for leading our kids in music again this year! They have already sung once during worship and we have more of these Sunday's planned so everyone can enjoy what they're learning under Kim's leadership!

Stay tuned for our fall service project, which will be happening in the next month or so! We hope you all enjoy this season and all the blessings that come with it!

Grace & Peace,
Carla Gemmill
Education Committee Chair

PRBC Crafting Event at United

Come and Craft at ULC in Langdon, 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

Nov.8-10: Quilting Retreat

Nov.22-24: Stamping and Scrapbooking Retreat

Dec.14: Come and Craft, Blu Soul Design, Walhalla, 7pm

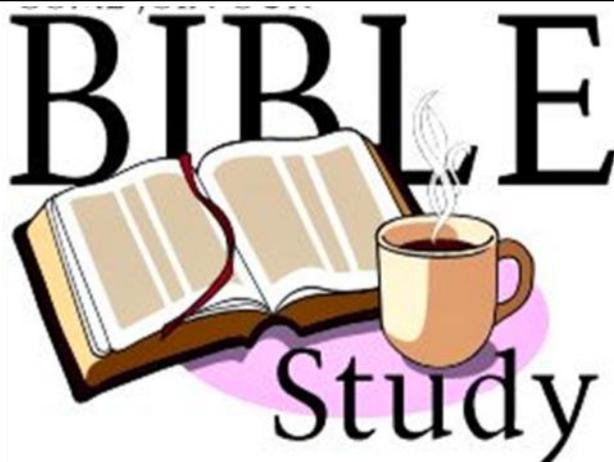
For more info, call 701-284-6795 or go to www.parkriverbiblecamp.org



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.



Confirmation

Students in 7-8 grade meet for confirmation instruction most Wednesdays at 6pm. Our November schedule:

November 6

Luther’s Small Catechism

November 13

The Ten Commandments

November 20

Apostles’ Creed, Article 1

November 27

No confirmation—Thanksgiving

Thank you to Sara Goodman, Kari Henderson and Lyle Long for helping drive during the Trick or Treat food drive for the Cavalier County Food Pantry on October 23.

9th graders were confirmed during worship on Reformation Sunday, October 27. Thank you to our quilters for helping them prepare their stoles. Our confirmands are pictured below, from left to right:

Alex Gellner, Mason Christianson, Gage Goodman, Brenna Schuler, Harrison Nuelle, Nathan Kitchin, Jack Romfo, Xavier Breddin, Pastor Karl Breddin. *(Photo credit: Laura Dease.)*

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.



Surviving the Holidays

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Grief Share's "Surviving the Holidays" seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. Areas which will be addressed include:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays;
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes;
- Helpful tips for surviving social events;
- How to discover hope for your future.

This seminar will be offered twice, November 17 at 6pm (with a light meal of soup) and December 7 at 10am, both at the Langdon United Methodist Church.

Call Deb Balsdon for more info, 370-5711.



Harvest Sunday

November 24 is our annual "Harvest Sunday" when we celebrate God's blessings and give back with dedicated offerings, reaching out to meet needs in our area and beyond, in addition to our congregation's general budget.

Our stewardship committee is recommending Harvest Sunday allocation as follows:

Building/Repair fund (30%); Lutheran Campus Ministry (10%); Lutheran Disaster Response (10%); Park River Bible Camp (10%); Synod Endowment (10%); Week-END Hunger (10%); Winter Clothing Drive (10%); Youth/Sunday School (10%).

While weather negatively impacted this year's harvest, we give thanks that God is good and God's steadfast love remains, even in this year of challenge.

Following our worship, we will have a potluck—if you are staying to eat, please bring a dish to share! After the potluck, please consider staying to help clean up.



The Power of the Planned Gift

A "planned gift" is different from yearly giving (even though you likely plan on doing that as well). A planned gift typically goes beyond the gifts we make through the year and often people think about them when making their will or estate plan—although this kind of "planned giving" can be done as part of a financial plan at any time.

What's key about a planned gift is that your dreams make each gift unique and important. They're ideal when you have a strong commitment to a place, cause or a mission you love, like the church. Planned giving is not just for the wealthy; it's a tool everyone can use for the causes they care about most. There can be interesting benefits to planned gifts as they can be tailored to suit your needs and goals. Planned givers may receive tax benefits or even lifetime incomes.

We use planned gifts at United Lutheran with our Endowment Fund because the Endowment Fund ensures our mission continues. The Endowment Fund is designed to grow over time and gives us flexibility to reach our mission and church-body goals more effectively. It's an especially good resource for long-term plans and projects that may not find sufficient resources in annual budgets.

For more details on planned giving and how to make it work for you, call 800-365-4172 (the InFaith Foundation, where our endowment fund is held).

Prayers of...

Healing

Gary Ridley, Brent Buresh (Betty Nelson's son-in-law), Willard Olsen, John & Sandy Almie, Kynlee Pengilly, & Patricia Scott.

Joy

Congratulations to Mathew & Ashton Hedger on the birth of their new son, Grady Patrick.

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

At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Thank you to:

Dean Hakanson for resealing the threshold doorway at the church's north entry.

Chris Mikkelsen for replacing collapsed sewer line in the church parking lot.

Lyle & Deidre Long and Lorraine Rude for helping distribute food for the Great Plains Food Truck on October 17.

Lisa & Brenna Schuler, Josie Long, Kim Hart and Darby Hart for their special music provided during worship in the month of October.

Quilt Auction

This Sunday, November 3, at Park River Bible Camp. Event begins 11:30am with a free-will offering lunch. Viewing begins at 12:30pm and the auction begins at 1:30pm. All proceeds support PRBC.

Periodicals

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

Large Print Bulletins

While in worship, if you struggle reading the words on the screen, your pew hymnal or pew Bible, we have large print bulletins available which include the full service order of the worship service (except songs). We also have in-ear speakers for hearing assistance. Ask an usher if you are in need.

Give Thanks Give Back

Did you miss the trick or treat youth food drive for the Food Pantry or want to donate more? Thrivent Financial's regional office will give the Food Pantry \$500 if 500 items for the Food Pantry are collected between November 1-15. Items may be dropped off at church or the Thrivent office.

Prayers for Haiti

Due to ongoing instability in Haiti, Seeds of Support has cancelled its December trip to Haiti and has put any future trips on hold until the situation in Haiti resolves. It is unlikely there will be any large scale trips for the next year. There may be some small exploratory/fact finding groups but only when it is reasonably safe for us and our Haitian friends to do so.

Lost Items

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

Christmas Decorating

If you are in town for the Thanksgiving weekend, please stay after worship to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season following worship on December 1.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee has begun its important work of nominations for committee and council positions. Please consider how you might help serve our congregation!

Hymn Sing

Gather at Frostfire with other area churches for an Advent/Christmas hymn sing! The hill should be open until 4-4:30ish, at which time we'll gather and share in song and fellowship. Stay tuned for more info to come, on this event, for all ages!

United Quilters

Quilters meet the 2nd Tuesday and Wednesday of each month, September-April. If you can cut, sew or tie, you are welcome to come and help fulfill our mission. All materials, tools and machines provided; little experience required!

Mom's Group

Thursday morning at 9am in the fireside room at United Lutheran. Check with Abby Borchardt for more info.

Good Lie Film Follow-up

Thank you to those who attended our faith and film event October 20. We hope to offer a trip to Fargo in the future to visit South Sudan Lutheran Church in Fargo.

LSS 100 Year Celebration

Lutheran Social Services is celebrating its 100th anniversary in communities across the state. St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Devils Lake will host a celebration event and thank you to friends and supporters on Wednesday, November 6 from 7:30-8:30am.

Visitation Ministry

Our visitation ministry team will meet after worship on Sunday, November 17 in the Fireside Room.

Office Desk

We are searching for a home for the desk Pastor Rebecca used while at United. Please contact the church office if you would like to buy the desk (we're asking \$100) or store it.

Address Information

If you are leaving to go south and would like to receive the ULC newsletter, please let the church office know.

United Women

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.

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Worship and Ministry - November Schedule

November 3 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Rachelle Romfo
Greeters - Andrew & Caitlin Kreklau family
Ushers - Troy & Rachelle Romfo family
Communion Prep - Carol Hart
Communion Assts - Carolyn Crockett, John Johnson
& Paul Peterson
Acolytes - Isabelle Olson & Jaya Henderson
Coffee - Rick & Carolyn Crockett
Projectionist - Brock Freer

November 10 - Blended Worship

Reader - Monica Porterfield
Greeters - Randy & Kim Rude
Ushers - Angie Sanders & Jake Sanders
Acolyte - Brock Freer
Coffee -
Projectionist - Kaylee Lowery

November 17 - Worship & Communion

Reader - JoAnn Mueller
Greeters - Kelly & Steph Hochhalter family
Ushers -
Communion Prep -
Communion Assts - Sue Anderson, Dean Hakanson
& Connie Hakanson
Acolytes - Cora Badding & Meredith Romfo
Projectionist - Gage Hochhalter

November 24 - Contemporary Worship (Harvest Sunday)

Reader - Becky Tollefson
Greeters - Carl Tollefson family
Ushers - Travis & Megan Hakanson family
Acolyte - Adam Hart
Projectionist - Kassydy Hochhalter