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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.*

Jesus Said...

Our sermons during the first three weeks of worship in February will be exploring some of Jesus' sayings from his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's gospel. These sayings of Jesus are early in his ministry, but he has already gone *"throughout Galilee...teaching...and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people,"* (Matt.4:23).

Mountains are often places of significant revelation or religious events in scripture. Despite any claims by tourist guides in Israel, we don't know where exactly Jesus' Sermon on the Mount took place, but we do know that mountains in that area aren't very tall. From the top, one can get a good panoramic view of the surrounding area where the Galilean people, whom Jesus had been ministering to, lived. With this panoramic view, Jesus' mountain trek may well have allowed his listeners to connect his teachings to their lives, as they looked out and saw the places they lived and worked.

"Blessed are..."
Matt.5:1-12

"Let your light shine before others..."
Matt.5:13-20

"You have heard that it was said...But I say to you."
Matt.5:21-37

How do these sayings of Jesus apply to us today as we hear them on our northern plains? Join us as we explore that question and what "Jesus said" this month.

Pastor Karl

Calling All United Women



United Women (also known as WELCA) will be meeting after worship Sunday, February 2 in the sanctuary to discuss it's leadership and funding.

All women are invited!

The triennial Convention of Women of the ELCA will be held July 14-16, 2020 in Phoenix, AZ. The theme will be "Just Love." Registration cost is \$375 (excludes travel expenses). More information can be found at www.welcatg.org.

February 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9AM Sunday School 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship with Holy Communion 11AM United Women Mtg. 5PM Youth Super Bowl party	3	4 7PM Financial Peace University (FPU)	5 6PM Confirmation	6 9AM Mom's Group 12PM AI-Anon 1:30 OCLC Communion service	7	8
9 9AM Sunday School 9AM Bible Study 10AM Acoustic Worship 11AM New Member meeting 2PM ULC at MMCC	10 4PM P.E.O.	11 9AM-3PM Quilting 10AM Deborah Circle 5:30PM Esther Circle	12 9AM-3PM Quilting 6PM Confirmation	13 9AM Mom's Group Grafton Pastors Conference @ Park River 12PM AI-Anon	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15
16 9AM Cross-Generational Sunday School for all ages 10AM Worship with Holy Communion	17 6PM Church Council meeting	18 10AM Rachel Circle 7PM FPU	19 6PM Confirmation at Brooks Funeral Home	20 9AM Mom's Group 9AM-1PM Preschool Screening 12PM AI-Anon	21 Scrapbooking	22 Scrapbooking
23 9AM Sunday School 9AM Bible Study 10AM Contemporary Worship 5-7PM Mardi Gras youth pancake supper fundraiser	24 4PM P.E.O.	25 7PM FPU	26 7PM Ash Wednesday Communion Service	27 9AM Mom's Group 12PM AI-Anon	28 9:30AM Mobile Food Pantry	29

Faith & Care #4 Lisa Schuler, chair

Miles & Teresa Anderson	Darrel & Karen Kempert
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Rob & Laura Belle	LeeAnn Knudson
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Brynn Fischer	Trevor & Jennifer Romfo
Dan & Peggy Fischer	Mark & Shauna Schneider
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Linden & Helen Johnson	
Charles & Marie Jordan	

ULC Leadership 2020

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

Committee Council Representatives

Education	Carla Gemmill
Endowment	TBD
Hospitality	Terry Jacobson
Property	Dean Hakanson
Stewardship	TBD

Non-voting Representative

Pastor	Karl Breddin
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Financial Update 12-31-19

December Offering \$24,837.54

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$173,752.47	\$188,575.00
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Total Income thru December	\$182,791.46	\$191,873.51
Total Expenses thru December	\$175,130.80	\$194,664.08

Thank you for your regular and year-end giving through 2019. Our income exceeded our expenses by over \$7,000, expanding ministry opportunities. A simple, secure way to provide consistent giving is Bill Pay through your bank checking account.

Endowment

As of January 29, our Endowment Fund balance was \$112,133.61. 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 01-20-19 Mtg

HVAC credit line is over \$40,000. Transferred \$3,000 from Thrivent Choice account for Samson electric bill, rather than borrowing more.

We will have a new member meeting after worship, February 9.

Our first cross-gen Sunday school was January 19, focusing on the Lord's Prayer. VBS has been reserved with Metigoshe for May 26-29.

After discussion with funeral and hospitality committees' members, council voted to withdraw blessing for funeral coordinator to take up to 50% of funeral honorarium's as compensation for their time.

There has been ice build-up on HVAC units outside sanctuary; Jenson's is being contacted.

United Women (WELCA) will meet after worship, February 2, regarding leadership and funds.

After ending 2019 in the black, approved \$13,000 to distribute among recommended options, to be voted on at annual meeting.

Reviewed inactive member policy per bylaws.

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

Greetings! Sunday School was back in full swing in January after our break for Christmas. We had our first inter-generational Sunday School on January 19th with a lesson on The Lord's Prayer, led by Pastor Karl. We had a smaller crowd - we were fighting weather that weekend - but those of us that attended had good discussion and enjoyed our time exploring the meaning of this prayer.

In February, our lessons are "The Beatitudes," "Worship and Justice," and "Glory on the Mountain." Because of a long school weekend, we also have our second Inter-generational Sunday School on February 16th. Pastor Karl will lead us in a lesson on The Ten Commandments and we welcome students, parents, grandparents and congregation members to join us at 9am for this lesson in the fellowship hall. Please mark your calendars - we'd love to have you there!

I hope all of you are staying healthy as we trudge through this cold and flu season. Our days are getting longer, so the anticipation of a new season greeting us in the coming months is something we can all be thankful for!

Grace & Peace,
Carla Gemmill
Education Committee Chair

Youth Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 2! Church will supply pizza; bring your own beverage and a small snack to share. Parents are welcome.

For anyone planning to come, please let Pastor Karl know by Sunday morning, so we can plan for enough pizza! We will be setup for people to come by 5pm.

Kickoff will be at 5:30pm—bring a friend!



Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Sunday, February 23, 5-7pm

Serving Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs
\$7.00 ages 12 and up, \$4 ages 11 and under

All proceeds go to United Lutheran Youth.

Youth and families helping should contact Pastor Karl in advance as we organize for the event.

Confirmation

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

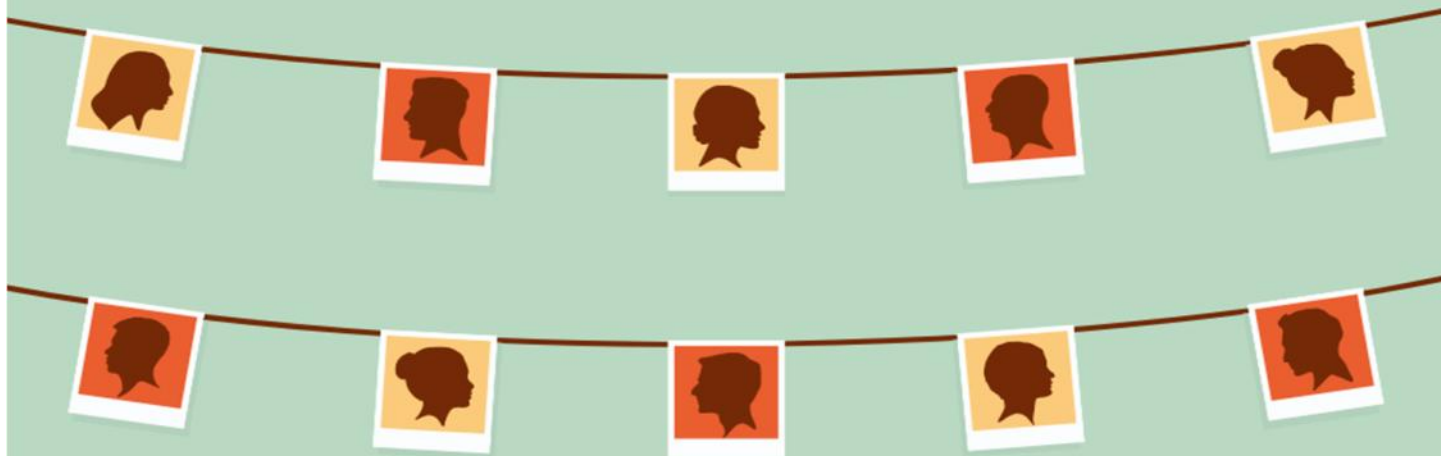
February 5
Holy Communion

February 12
Confession and Forgiveness

February 19
Brooks Funeral Home visit

February 26—Ash Wednesday
We will not meet during Lent. Students will be working on Lenten projects and are encouraged to attend Lenten worship.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHURCH FAMILY?



NEW MEMBER MEETING

AFTER WORSHIP FEBRUARY 9

IN THE FIRESIDEROOM (JUST EAST OF THE KITCHEN)

Cross-Generational Learning

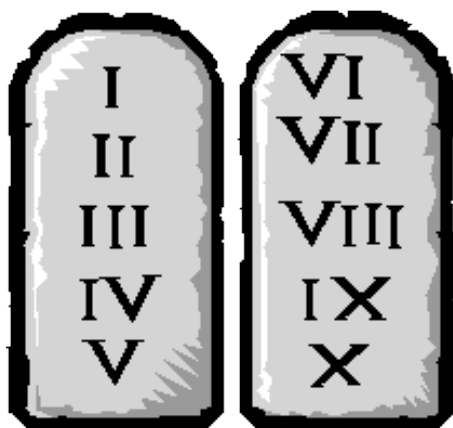
Thanks to those who participated in cross-generational learning during the Sunday school hour on January 19, as we explored the Lord’s Prayer.

We will have Sunday school for all ages again on Sunday, February 16, with the topic of the Ten Commandments. These cross-generational Sunday school learning hours (we’ll have another March 22) are for:

- children who are in Sunday school;
- parents;
- grandparents;
- adults without kids or who are empty-nesters.

Martin Luther taught that the catechism is for everyone and is best taught and learned by families having conversation with one another.

Come, play and learn together—everyone is invited!



Egg Hunting

For ten years, ULC hosted a community Easter egg hunt, the Saturday before Easter. The event grew and flourished under Andrea Jacobson’s leadership and truly was an event for the community and surrounding area.

For this event to continue at United, we are in need of new individuals to step into leadership in the planning and implementation of the event.

If you are interested, please contact Andrea Jacobson. She will not be in charge but is happy to mentor anyone or a group who assumes leadership of the event.



Giving Hearts Day

February 13, a 24-hour event for charities in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. Please consider a donation to our Eastern North Dakota Synod, Park River Bible Camp or another charity in our area. Checks mailed must be received before February 11 with "Giving Hearts Day" in their memo or give online February 11 at www.GivingHeartsday.org.

Some organizations have gift matches; those with the highest amount raised will receive additional matches. The longest-running giving day in the country, Giving Hearts Day has helped participating charities raise more than \$70 million since its founding.

Looking ahead to Lent

ULC will have services each Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Our offerings will go to ELCA World Hunger.

Community services will be each Sunday, rotating among the churches.

Wed. 2/26: Ash Wednesday	Sun. 3/01: Presbyterian
Wed. 3/04: Midweek Lent 1	Sun. 3/08: St. Alphonsus
Wed. 3/11: Midweek Lent 2	Sun. 3/15: Methodist
Wed. 3/18: Midweek Lent 3	Sun. 3/22: **United Lutheran**
Wed. 3/25: Midweek Lent 4	Sun. 3/29: New Hope
Wed. 4/01: Midweek Lent 5	Sun. 4/05: Emmanuel (concert)
Thurs. 4/09: Maundy Thursday	Fri. 4/10: Good Friday

We are tentatively planning ALL our Lenten services for 7pm.

Annual Meeting

Thank you to those who participated in our annual meeting on January 26. In addition to approving the budget and voting for new committee and council members, we approved ELCA-recommended changes to our constitution. Following our 2019 year-end budget surplus, it was voted on to disperse \$13,000, beyond budget, towards new carpet in the parsonage basement (approximately \$3,200 not including removal of the old carpet) with the remaining money to go toward our HVAC loan. 2019 Annual Reports are available on the magazine carousel outside the sanctuary.

Bishop Nomination

If any ULC members would like to nominate a rostered ELCA pastor for the next bishop of our Eastern North Dakota synod, they must let Pastor Karl know prior to February 27. Conferences in the synod will vote on names which have been nominated at assemblies in the spring, with those names going on the ballot at synod assembly, June 6-7. **Our Grafton conference will meet at 2pm, March 29 at Park River Bible Camp—we are asked to have a minimum of three congregational representatives at the March 29 conference assembly.**

Prayers of...

Healing

John & Sandy Almlie, Kynlee Pengilly, Mark Schneider, Lyla Johnson & Rob Field.

Sympathy

The family of Bernice Pengilly on the death of her sister, Wilma Gemmill.

The family of Janice Knudson on the death of her brother, Jimmy.

The family of Faye Wilhelmi on the death of her brother, Ervin Gustafson.

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

January Memorials

Allyn Hart - Bruce & Elsie Magnus (general)

Ervin Gustafson - Linden & Helen Johnson (living & general), Corey & Julie Johnson (building)

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

Mission

Today's mission. Tomorrow's mission.
The mission 80 years from today.

A church like ours is on a mission. It's not just about our work today—though that's why most of us do our giving. It's not even about our building that needs ongoing care. It's about creating a durable church foundation that's here for your grandkids' grandkids. This can be done by giving something extra to **United Lutheran Church's Endowment Fund**, a fund that can grow even as a portion of it is spent on mission-critical expenses.

For more information about how our Endowment Fund works, call InFaith Community Foundation at 800-365-4172 (where our endowment fund is held).

At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Thank you to the following people who completed terms of service on councils and committees at United Lutheran in January:

Brandon Badding (Property)
 Karen Boe (Endowment)
 Todd Borchardt (Stewardship)
 Dan Fischer (Nominating)
 Peggy Fischer (Audit)
 Carol Hart (Hospitality)
 Darby Hart (Nominating)
 Helen Johnson (Hospitality)
 Deidre Long (Stewardship)
 Jim Nuelle (Nominating)
 Sarah Overby (Education)
 Becky Tollefson (Education)

Thank you to those who have accepted nominations to serve in 2020 and ahead. We look forward to doing ministry together!

Thank you to:

Those that helped take down Christmas Decorations on January 19.

Catelyn Goodman and Lydia Breddin for their special music provided in the month of January.

Those who brought food for our potluck on January 26 and lended a hand with clean up.

Discover Islam Documentary

Join us for video and conversation in the church library, Sundays at 9am. February 2: African Americans & Islam, February 9 Islam—a Faith Hijacked, February 23: Christians & Islam.

Mobile Food Pantry-Rescheduled

The Mobile Food Pantry was rescheduled twice in January and is expected to come Friday, February 28, from 9:30-10:30am. Volunteers are appreciated. Come if you are in need!

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!

United Women

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Fundraiser

The Wales Fire Hall will be hosting a Breakfast at the St. Michael's parish hall in Wales on Sunday, February 2nd. They will be serving 9AM - 1PM. Items to be served are scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Free will offering.

Suicide: The Ripple Effect

Wednesday, February 12, 6:30PM at the Roxy Theater. The film chronicles the story of Kevin Hines, who at age 19, attempted to take his life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. Since then, Kevin uses his story to help others stay alive and find recovery. Sponsored by the Healthy Cavalier County Behavioral and Mental Health Task Force and Cavalier County Health District.

Confirmation will still meet at its regular time February 2, although students may attend the film if parents feel it is appropriate. Youth attending the film are encouraged to bring a parent.

Periodicals

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

Weather Cancellation Notice

If inclement weather should arise, Pastor and Council President will make any decisions to cancel worship by 7AM Sunday morning. A post will be made on our Facebook page. TV (WDAZ) and radio (KNDK) will also be notified.

Offering Envelopes

2020 offering envelopes are available and may be picked up in the fellowship hall. Please remember to not use your 2019 envelopes in the new year as each year the envelopes are renumbered.

Missing/Lost Items

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

Binders Available

We have updated the black ULW binders for our contemporary worship services. Fewer bulletin inserts, yay—and are reducing the number of binders. If you could use any, feel free to pick them up from the church library. They still have the old song sheets in them and measure 8.5"x7".

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.

Youth Ministry Coordinator

ULC is seeking an adult who loves Christ and youth to engage with youth, primarily grades 7-12.

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



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Worship and Ministry - February Schedule

February 2 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Nancy Coyle
Greeters - Ryan & Shannon Wagner family
Ushers - Dan & Peggy Fischer
Communion Prep - Peggy Fischer
Communion Assts - Ashton Hedger, Brynn Fischer
& LeeAnn Knudson
Acolytes - Isabelle Olson & Cora Badding
Coffee - Joan Schrader
Projectionist - Brock Freer

February 9 - Blended Worship

Reader - Sydney Crockett
Greeters - Jim & Marcie Crockett family
Ushers - Willy Thom & Edwin Olson
Acolyte - Kassydy Hochhalter
Coffee - Corey & Julie Johnson
Projectionist - Kaylee Lowery

February 16 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Andrea Jacobson
Greeters - Zach & Andrea Jacobson family

February 16 - Worship & Communion (Cont'd)

Ushers - Darrel & Karen Kempert
Communion Prep - Carol Hart
Communion Assts - Carol Hart, Zach Jacobson
& Ashton Fischer
Acolytes - Meredith Romfo & Jaya Henderson
Coffee - Jeremy & Brenna Schuler
Projectionist - Kassydy Hochhalter

February 23 - Contemporary Worship

Reader - Jan Knudson
Greeters - Devon & Katie Johnson family
Usher - Jan & Bub Knudson
Acolyte - Adam Hart
Coffee - Linden & Helen Johnson
Projectionist - Danny Hart

February 26 - Ash Wednesday

Reader - LeeAnn Knudson
Ushers - Shannon & Sheri Winnege
Communion Asst - LeeAnn Knudson