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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.*

Living Well

Traditionally, Lent—the season in the church between Ash Wednesday and Good Friday—is seen as a holy season meant to prepare the faithful for Easter through self-denial and letting go of things while we focus inward on our spiritual pulses.

Over the past years, we have seen this season change. Now, Lent draws many to notice the beauty of life in its fragility. There is a simplistic beauty to the thought that we come from the earth and, in death, return to it. We see Lent, especially Ash Wednesday, as a perfect time to remind us to live well for the sake of our well-being, for the sake of our communities of faith and for the sake of the world.

During this year's Lenten season, our theme will be "Living Well," as we explore what it means to live well and **what a balanced, healthy life in Christ looks like.**

The theme will begin Ash Wednesday, with "Living Well Spiritually." Following this, each topic will be introduced each Sunday with additional content the following Wednesday. Weekly topics:

- March 1 & 4: Living Well Financially
- March 8 & 11: Living Well Intellectually
- March 15 & 18: Living Well Socially
- March 22 & 25: Living Well Vocationally
- March 29 & April 1: Living Well Physically

Our Wednesday services will be held at 7pm in the fellowship hall, with light suppers served at 6pm. Offerings will go toward ELCA World Hunger.

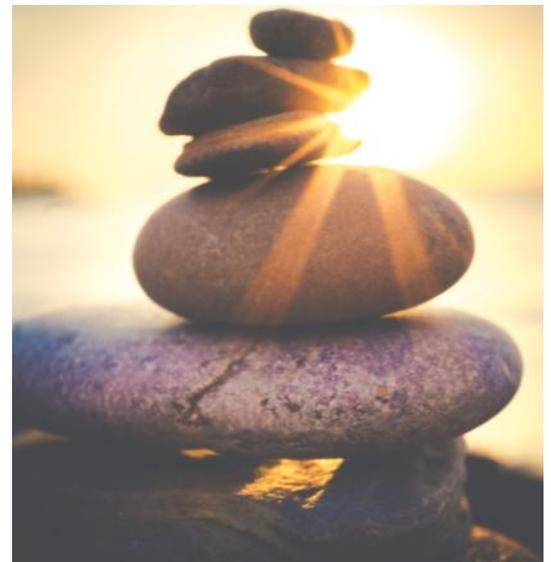
We are in need of groups or individuals to serve the suppers; please sign up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

Community Lenten ecumenical worship services will rotate among Langdon churches, 7pm Sundays during Lent. Offerings will go toward the Cavalier County Ministerial Association. Locations will be:

- 3/01, Presbyterian
- 3/08, St. Alphonsus
- 3/15, Methodist
- 3/22, *****United Lutheran*****
- 3/29, New Hope
- 4/05, Emmanuel (concert)

Maundy Thursday (April 9) and Good Friday (April 10) services at United Lutheran will be held at 7pm.

- Pastor Karl



March 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9AM Sunday School 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship with Holy Communion 11AM Stewardship mtg. 11AM United Women mtg. 2:30PM Pastor Karl @ OCLC	2	3 7PM FPU	4 12:15PM Youth Table Talks 6PM Hospitality mtg. 6PM Lenten supper 7PM Lenten Worship	5 9AM Mom's Group 12PM Al-Anon	6	7
8 No Sunday School 10AM Acoustic Worship	9 4PM P.E.O.	10 9AM-3PM Quilting 10AM Deborah Circle 5:30PM Esther Circle 7PM FPU	11 12:15PM Youth Table Talks 9AM-3PM Quilting 6PM Lenten supper 7PM Lenten Worship	12 Pastors' Conference Mtg. 9AM Mom's Group 12PM Al-Anon 3:30-5:30PM Rural NE Partners Chat	13	14
15 9AM Sunday School 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship	16 6PM Church Council Meeting 7-8:30PM Lisa Schuler Piano Recital	17 10AM Rachel Circle 12PM Writer's Group Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18 12:15PM Youth Table Talks 6PM Lenten supper 7PM Lenten Worship	19 9AM Mom's Group 12PM Al-Anon	20 6PM Wedding rehearsal	21 4PM Messner/Agnes Wedding
22 9AM Cross-Generational Sunday School for all ages 10AM Contemporary Worship 7PM ULC hosts Community Lenten worship service	23 4PM P.E.O.	24	25 12:15PM Youth Table Talks 6PM Lenten supper 7PM Lenten Worship	26 9AM Mom's Group 12PM Al-Anon	27	28
29 9AM Sunday School 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship 2PM Conference Assembly Meeting @ PRBC	30	31				

Faith & Care #1 Darby & Brian Hart, chair

Brandon & Sarah Badding	Josh & Pam Krivarchka
Carol Badding	Kevin & Teri Lill
Todd & Abby Borchart	Lyle & Deidre Long
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Daren & Sarah Christianson	Shelly Messner
Todd & Shanda Christianson	Patty Metzger
Jamie & Amanda Coyle	Jeff & Brittanie Mostad
Lawrence & Susan Fay Crockett	Ken & Carol Myhre
Denis Domres	Betty Nelson
Lynn Domres & Tara Roberts	Frances Noland
Juanita Domres	Ellen Nuelle
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Greg & Jolene Everson	Duane Olson
Taylor Everson	Edwin Olson
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ULC Leadership 2020

President	Josh Overby
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Committee Council Representatives

Education	Carla Gemmill
Endowment	Dan Fischer
Hospitality	Terry Jacobson
Property	Dean Hakanson
Stewardship	Brynn Fischer

Non-voting Representative

Pastor	Karl Breddin
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Council Notes 02-17-19 Mtg

As voted on, at the annual meeting, \$13k will be used to replace the parsonage basement carpeting with the remainder of those funds, used to pay down the HVAC loan. There is another issue that needs attention at the parsonage (see below), so carpet replacement may be delayed. To avoid accruing more interest on the HVAC loan, a motion was approved to pay down the loan by \$9k for now. Once the carpet is replaced, any additional funds left from the \$13k will be applied to the loan as well.

The Cake Auction date is set for April 5 with Greg Goodman being auctioneer.

We are still accepting nominations for synod bishop until 2/17. Deidre Long will attend the 3/29 conference assembly to vote on nominations; we can have two more lay reps. Synod assembly will be June 6-7 in Fargo.

Two radon tests on the west side of the parsonage basement have come back high. A specialist from Fargo will give estimates and mitigation suggestions later this month. Meanwhile, additional testing will be done on the east side of the parsonage basement.

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 01-31-20

January Offering \$16,589.08

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$16,589.08	\$14,105.00
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Total Income thru January	\$17,410.21	\$ 9,355.65
Total Expenses thru January	\$13,364.32	\$15,907.83

Thank you for your gifts, including annual contributions, which have gotten our 2020 budget year off to a wonderful start. A simple, secure way to provide consistent giving is Bill Pay through your bank checking account.

Endowment

As of February 27, our Endowment Fund balance was \$112,524.63. 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).

Sunday School News

Greetings!

As we move into March, a reminder that we won't have Sunday School on March 8th due to a four-day weekend for Spring Break. Our lessons for the month are "Adam and Eve," "Woman at the Well," and "Jesus Raises Lazarus." Because of another long school weekend, we also have our third Inter-generational Sunday School on March 22nd. Pastor Karl will lead us in a lesson on The Apostles' Creed. We've had a very small attendance for these, so we want to remind you that everyone is welcome - students, parents, grandparents and congregation members! We will start at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

We have set the date for our annual Cake auction for April 5th, which is Palm Sunday. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! The cake auction is our main fundraiser for Vacation Bible School and we appreciate all of the support our congregation gives. Your generosity has allowed us to offer VBS at no charge to the kids, which is such a blessing.

Grace & Peace,

Carla Gemmill
Education Committee Chair

4th Grade families, watch the mail for information about upcoming dates for spring First Communion instruction!

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Mardi Gras Pancake Supper youth fundraiser on February 23 a success! We served 90 people and raised \$879 after expenses. Thank you especially to:

- those who attended;
- youth and parents who volunteered;
- North Dakota Mill for donating pancake mix;
- Leever's Foods for donating eggs;
- Thrivent Financial for the Action Team funds which paid for our sausage.

We still have unused eggs and cooked sausage left-over for purchase.



After worship, April 5!
Proceeds support
VBS (May 26-29)
and summer Bible
camp opportunities.

Cross-Generational Learning

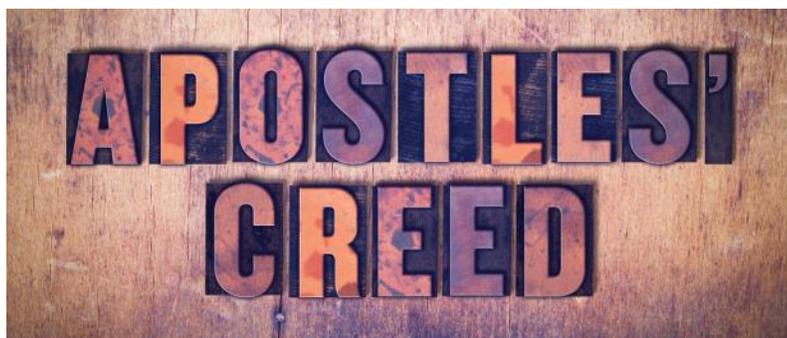
Thanks to those who participated in cross-generational learning during the Sunday school hour on February 16 as we explored the Ten Commandments.

We will have Sunday school for all ages again on Sunday, March 22, with the topic of the Apostles' Creed. These cross-generational Sunday school learning hours 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!



Confirmation

7-8 grade weekly confirmation lessons take a break during Lent so we will not be meeting until April 22.

During Lent, in addition to being encouraged to attend mid-week Lenten services, confirmation students will have Lenten mentor projects—7th graders will visit with parents and grandparents and 8th graders will do guided devotions with an adult of their choice... so United Lutheran adults, you may be asked to be a mentor!

These are wonderful opportunities to share our faith, learn and grow with one another.

Thank you to the parents of these youth who offer snacks and extra helping hands during confirmation classes each Wednesday night. Your presence makes a difference!

Summer Bible Camp

It is not too early to think about summer Bible camp! 2020 registrations are available online, with many options for different weeks and age groups.

Looking for a fun and different camp experience? How about Stargazers at Metigoshe Ministries, July 26-31, for youth entering grades 8-10? We already have one youth signed up. Here's its description:

If you love staying up late and sleeping in, we have the perfect week for you! Learn more about God's wondrous creation and grow in faith. You'll learn about the moon, stars and constellations and the enormous size of God's Creation. Worship and do Bible study at 2 in the morning and night games and night hikes through the woods are all a part of this week of camp. Come experience camp in a whole new "light"-the dark night sky of Stargazers!

For more information on this or other fantastic programs, or to register for summer Bible camp, visit any of our nearest ELCA Bible camps online or on Facebook.

ParkRiverBibleCamp.org MetigosheMinistries.com RedWillowBibleCamp.org

Remember, **United Lutheran helps pay up to 1/2 the base cost for ULC youth** to attend an ELCA summer Bible camp in North Dakota! Talk to pastor for more information and get signed up!

Think you're a little too old for camp? Bible camps are currently looking for young men and women who love Jesus to join their summer staff in ministry, fellowship while having fun serving in paid positions, with room and board, as counselors, cooks, medics and maintenance staff.

And please pray for our camps as they prepare for the summer season!

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.



9th-12th Grade Table Talks

Gather at church over lunch, Wednesdays in Lent, March 4-April 8. Pizza and beverages will be provided. We'll meet promptly at 12:15 and dismiss with time to get back to school on time.

RSVP if you are coming by texting Pastor Karl at 651-955-1896 by 11am that Wednesday morning.

Carpool with ULC youth without a vehicle and bring a friend!



Insert your favorite Pizza(s) here!

Bishop Nomination

ELCA congregations in our Eastern North Dakota Synod had until February 27 to submit nominations of ELCA pastors for our next synod bishop.

Conferences in the synod will vote on names which have been nominated at spring conference assemblies; our Grafton conference assembly will meet at 2pm, March 29 at Park River Bible Camp, to vote on the names submitted in our synod for going forward. Thank you to Deidre Long for volunteering to be one of our lay representatives at the March 29 conference assembly; **we are still looking for two additional lay representatives.**

The seven nominees with the most votes at spring conference assemblies will be on the bishop's ballot at synod assembly, June 6-7. This will be an exciting and educational synod assembly. If you are interested in attending as a congregational representative, please let Pastor Karl know!

Choice Dollars

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial, who's eligible to direct Choice Dollars? If so, these dollars are yours to allocate!

In 2019, \$3,789 in Choice Dollars were directed by Thrivent Financial members to United Lutheran Church. These dollars have been used in our congregation for non-budgeted needs and outreach, including Easter rolls, summer picnic items, a new AED battery, thank you cake for Pastor Rebecca, medical expenses for Kerlange in Haiti and church banners.

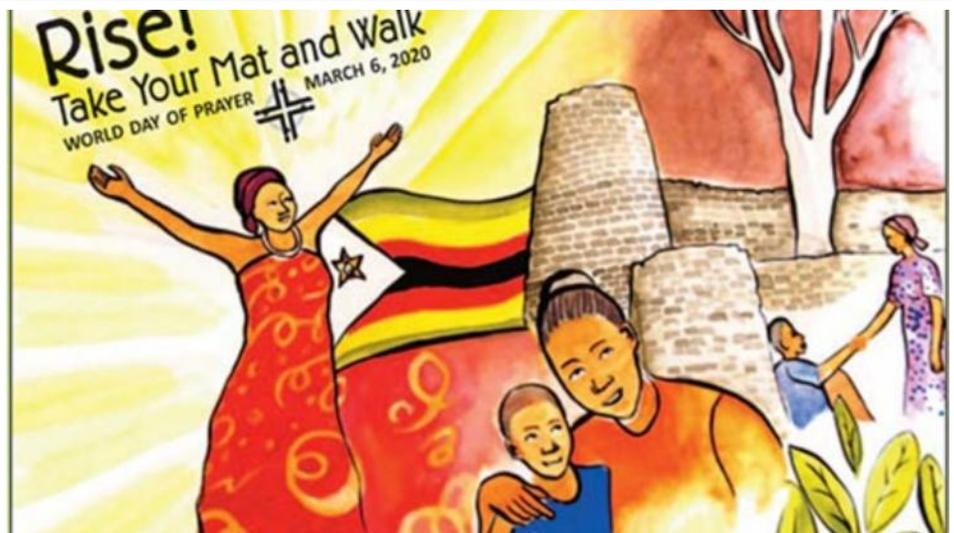
Choice Dollars charitable outreach funds can make a world of difference to our congregation. By directing Choice Dollars, eligible Thrivent members recommend where they feel Thrivent should distribute a portion of its charitable funds. Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice®" after the prompt. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until March 31 to direct them.

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 6, 2pm at the Presbyterian Church. The theme, "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk" was planned by Christian women in Zimbabwe.

World Day of Prayer is an international, annual collective worship, the first Friday in March. Each year, a different country provides the theme.

Everyone is welcome to attend this service which promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnership, service and celebration.



Prayers of...

Healing

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

Sympathy

The family of Creola Lundquist. Her funeral was held at ULC on February 19.

Joy

Congratulations to John & Chelsea Clark on the baptism of their son, Jameson William. His baptismal sponsors are Justin & Lori Miller.

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

February Memorials

Ervin Gustafson - David & Diane Heutmaker (building), Burnell & Renae Skjervheim (building), John & Marlys Verwey (building), Jim & Faye Wilhelmi, Suzanne & Jeffrey Ellingson, Jared & Sonya Wilhelmi (general), David & Ardyce Hennager (general), Lenora Olson (general), Shirley Delvo (building), Kevin & Teri Lill (general)

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

At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Thank you to:

Janet Jacobson and Lisa Schuler for their special music provided in the month of February.

Those that came to support the youth at the Mardi Gras pancake supper fundraiser on February 23. We have unused eggs and cooked sausage left-over for purchase.

Those that were able to help with the Mobile Food Pantry on February 28.

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

United Women (also known as WELCA) will have a follow-up meeting after worship Sunday, March 1 in the sanctuary to discuss its 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. Register at online at www.welcatg.org (registration cost excludes travel expenses).

New Member Welcome

We formally welcomed Bailey Dahl as a new member of our congregation family on February 23.

Annual Congregational Reports

2019 annual reports of our congregation are available on the magazine carousel outside the sanctuary.

Daylight Savings

Daylight savings time begins March 8. Don't forget to move your clocks forward an hour!

Nursery Supervision

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

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.

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".

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.

Youth Ministry Coordinator

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

Missing/Lost Items

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

Youth Table Talks

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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.

Periodicals

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

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Return Service Requested

Worship and Ministry - March Schedule

March 1 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Shanda Christianson
Greeters - Todd & Shanda Christianson family
Ushers - Lynn Domres & Tara Roberts
Communion Prep - Elaine Haugen
Communion Assts - Brian & Darby Hart,
Elaine Haugen
Acolytes - Brock Freer & Victor Long
Coffee - Brian & Darby Hart
Projectionist - Gage Hochhalter

March 8 - Acoustic Worship

Reader - Deidre Long
Greeters - Joel & Lisa Jacobson
Ushers - Lyle & Deidre Long family
Acolyte - Brock Freer
Coffee - Patty Metzger
Projectionist - Adam Hart

March 15 - Worship

Reader - Dale Klein
Greeters - Jim & Shannon Nuelle family

March 15 - Worship (continued)

Ushers - Ted & Linda Dahl
Acolytes - Cora Badding & Meredith Romfo
Coffee - Janet Jacobson
Projectionist - Brenna Schuler

March 22 - Contemporary Worship

Reader - Dale Klein
Greeter - Terry Jacobson
Usher - Edwin Olson & Duane Olson
Acolyte - Victor Long
Coffee - Betty Nelson
Projectionist - Xavier Breddin

March 29 - Worship

Reader - Sandra Brooks
Greeters - Dale & Pam Luhman
Ushers - Kathy Kram & Milt Clover
Acolyte - Catelyn Goodman
Coffee - Sandra Brooks
Projectionist - Victor Long