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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.

Out of Love

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things,"
(1 Corinthians 13:4-6).

Out of love, for the safety of our congregation and community, we suspended in-person worship and activities at our March 16 church council meeting. On May 18, United Lutheran Church council set June 7 as our target date to resume in-person worship and activities. For some people, this seems too early; for others, this seems too late. However you view this target date, know it was decided upon with **love** for those who choose to gather and those who do not.

Many of you have been able to continue worshiping with our online services on Facebook; thank you to those who, **out of love**, have made that possible. Others who do not have internet access have missed their ULC community. To some extent, we have all missed gathering in person.

Out of love, following federal, state and church guidelines, we are resuming by diligently seeking to balance the physical, spiritual and emotional health of those who choose to gather in-person. At this time, per CDC guidelines, there is a potential risk for those who choose to gather. The risk is particularly higher for those older than age 65 or with underlying health conditions.

Out of love, even during our time of suspended activities, Mike and Connie continued and increased cleaning and sanitation at the church. This will continue.

When we resume, for the time being:

- worship and activities will be limited to 50 people or less;
- pews will be taped off for physical distancing;
- we will refrain from handshakes and passing offering plates;
- we will not have congregational singing, food or beverage at church, including Holy Communion;
- worship attendees will be encouraged but not required to wear face masks;
- the congregation will be ushered out following worship services;
- we will continue offering online worship, either streaming the full service to Facebook from the sanctuary or just the announcements, sermon and prayers.

Out of love, if Cavalier County continues to be free of Covid-19 cases, or if cases develop in our area church council will revisit these plans.

This is hard for all of us but we do it **out of love**: with patience, kindness, truth, hope and endurance.

United in Christ,
Pastor Karl

Faith & Care #4 Lisa Schuler, chair

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

Financial Update 04-30-20

April Offering	\$16,271.75	
	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$53,848.10	\$56,420.00
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
*Total Income thru April	\$73,209.61	\$67,993.24
Total Expenses thru April	\$60,990.65	\$65,011.00

*Please note, our total yearly income includes \$17,400 from the federal government's Payroll Protection Program (PPP) and this is not considered offering income. If this PPP money is used properly, it will be considered a grant and not a loan. Also, note that last year at this time, ULC was approximately \$3,000 in the black and **without the PPP money received, we would be approximately \$5,000 in the red.** This money is short-term assistance and cannot replace household giving.

Thank you for your continued financial gifts, whatever their size, during this time of economic uncertainty.

ULC Leadership 2020

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

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 05-18-20 Mtg

ULC received our \$17,400 federal Payroll Protection Program money on April 17. \$5,995.50 of these funds were used in April. If this money is used properly, it will be considered a grant.

Due to Covid-19 risks, Metigoshe has decided not to hold day camps this summer. As a result, we will not have VBS this summer; any donations collected will go toward next year's expenses. *(PRBC has also made this decision.)*

Church council reviewed discussion from the May 4 executive committee meeting and materials from pastor on resuming in-person worship and activities. Following lengthy discussion, a motion passed to resume worship in "phase 2," with a target date of June 7.

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

Endowment Fund

As of May 27, our Endowment Fund balance was \$104,517.78. 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).

Prayers of...

Thanksgiving

Healing

Steve Symons (son of Carla)

Sympathy

The family of Lorretta Gjesdal. Loretta passed away on April 29.

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

Words of Thanks to...

Those that were able to help with the Great Plains Mobile Food Bank on May 20, including (from ULC) Xavier Breddin, Sandy Brooks, Susan Fay Crockett and Pastor Karl. Over 100 households were served!

Elroy & Marilyn Rude, for supplying hard-to-get hand sanitizer and spray for our church building.

All who have checked in on other households in their Faith and Care group or beyond, in our congregation, community and elsewhere.

United Quilters for the beautiful quilts they gifted our graduates.

Thank you to the ULC Congregation for your continued financial support throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic as well as throughout this year. Also, thank you to each of the individuals who have contributed their time and talents during our online worship. It is greatly appreciated!

~The ULC Stewardship Committee



At-a-Glance, General Announcements

Graduating Seniors

Congratulations to the following ULC 2020 high school seniors:

Chris Becker, McKenna Belle, Arik Christianson, Emma Field, Jessi Gellner, Greta Haslekaas, Brennan Kitchin, Andy Muhs, Danny Muhs, Lizzie Muhs and Abby Romfo.

Youth Ministry Coordinator

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

Periodicals

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

Binders Available

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

Summer Bible Camp

With Covid safety concerns, both PRBC and Red Willow have suspended summer programs for 2020. Metigoshe is currently planning to begin summer programs in July.

Missing/Lost Items

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

Eastern North Dakota Synod News

The Eastern North Dakota Synod is currently seeking faithful candidates for the synod leadership positions below. See Pastor Karl for more information.

- Synod Secretary (4-year term)
- Youth Representative to the Synod Council (1-year term)
- A Layperson and Minister of Word and Sacrament to serve on the synod discipline committee (6 year term)

Sidewalk Edging

Do you have an edger? We are in need of someone to edge the sidewalks at church this spring and again in the fall. Contact the church if interested.

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.

Annual Outdoor Worship

We are still planning to have our annual outdoor worship service, July 26. We do not plan to have a picnic this year.

Needed (Changed)

Please note, the Domestic Violence & Abuse Center is in need of all boys clothing and not just blue jeans any more (all sizes). If you have clothing to offer, you may place them in the orange basket in the narthex.

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Return Service Requested

Worship and Ministry—June Schedule

June 7 Worship

Reader - Nancy Coyle
Ushers - Dan & Peggy Fischer
Projectionist - Xavier Breddin

June 14 Worship

Reader - Karen Boe
Ushers - Shannon & Sheri
Winnegge
Projectionist - Victor Long

June 21 Worship

Reader - Sara Goodman
Ushers -
Projectionist -

June 28 Worship

Reader - LeeAnn Knudson
Ushers -
Projectionist - Nathan Kitchin

Our target date for resuming in-person worship is June 7. We will be taking a number of steps as we seek to balance the physical, spiritual and emotional health of those who choose to gather in-person. These steps are based on recommendations from the CDC, ND Public Health, and ELCA synod and church wide resources. As you can see in the schedule above, those steps include not having food or beverage at church, including Holy Communion.

Additional details are on the front page of this newsletter.

