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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.

Kyrie Eleison—Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie eleison is a Latin phrase which is part of our liturgy, meaning “Lord, have mercy.” It is usually sung in our liturgy, but—during this time of Covid—we have instead been speaking the Kyrie.

How I want to sing! I catch myself every Sunday, starting to sing. I want to fellowship, I want to go out to eat, I want to go to special events. I want life to be normal.

It may be awhile before normal returns, and even then, experts predict it may be a “new normal.”

Kyrie eleison—Lord, have mercy.

I want this election season to be over. I want our nation to come together over common concerns and set our differences aside. I want honesty in public service.

Kyrie eleison—Lord, have mercy.

What do you want? Where does your heart ache, sing and cry out to God for mercy and hope?

Lament is part of faith. There's a whole book in the Bible called Lamentations! We lament together, knowing God's mercy is with us, even when we cannot see it.

~ Pastor Karl

October Journey through the Bible

4th, Exodus 14:1-30, “Power” (The Red Sea)

11th, Exodus 20:1-17, “Law” (The Ten Commandments)

18th, Joshua 6:1-20, “Faithful” (Joshua)

25th, Romans 13:1-7, “Being Subject to Authorities” (a stand-alone pre-election sermon)

Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a **Special Meeting of the United Lutheran Church Congregation** after worship Sunday, **December 6**, to approve striking the following paragraph from our bylaws:

United Women shall elect one representative from their organization to regularly attend all Council meetings to act as a liaison between their organization and Council. This member shall have all the duties and responsibilities of a Council member including voting rights.

This amendment was brought to the Church Council at the request of our United Women circle leaders. If approved December 6, it will then require ratification at our January 24 Annual Meeting of the Congregation. If we are unable to meet in-person for either meeting, our bylaws allow us to vote electronically.

October 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 12PM AI-Anon in the youth room 1:30PM OCLC Communion Service	2	3
4 9:15AM First Day of Sunday School 10AM Worship with Holy Communion 2:30PM Pastor Karl @ OCLC	5	6	7 Confirmation 6PM 7-8 Grade 7PM 9th Grade	8 12PM AI-Anon in the youth room	9 5PM Wedding Rehearsal	10 4PM Johnson/ Fischer wedding Chock/Wagner wedding in MN
11 9:15AM Sunday school 10AM Worship	12	13 9AM-3PM Quilting 3PM Deborah Circle @ Senior Center 5:30PM Esther Circle (pending)	14 9AM-3PM Quilting Confirmation 6PM 7-8 Grade 7PM 9th Grade pictures and practice	15 12PM AI-Anon in the youth room	16	17
18 9:15AM Sunday school 10AM Worship with Holy Communion 9th Grade Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)	19 6PM Church Council meeting	20	21 No Confirmation	22 12PM AI-Anon in the youth room	23 Scrapbooking	24 Scrapbooking
25 No Sunday school 10AM Worship Reformation Sunday	26 4PM P.E.O.	27	28 7PM Community Youth Food Pantry event (Please note time change, see page 5)	29 12PM AI-Anon in the youth room	30	31

Faith & Care #4 Lisa Schuler, chair

Miles & Teresa Anderson	Darrel & Karen Kempert
Rob & Nancy Becker	Bub & Janice Knudson
Rob & Laura Belle	LeeAnn Knudson
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Jayla Christie	Matt & Crystal Lowery
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Jim & Marcie Crockett	Chris & Tina Mikkelsen
Tim & Myrna Devine	Val Olson
Ryan & Heather Domres	Josh & Sarah Overby
Brynn Fischer	Trevor & Jennifer Romfo
Dan & Peggy Fischer	Mark & Shauna Schneider
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ULC Leadership 2020

President	Josh Overby
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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 09-21-20 Mtg

ULC has applied for and received a ND economic resiliency grant which will be used to ward hand sanitizer stations in the church building.

Samson Electric has been installing off-peak metering for the church building.

Sunday school schedule is finalized with precautionary Covid plans in place. Thrivent Action Team money has been used to purchase a large-screen TV for mounting in the fellowship hall.

There was discussion about needs to the church facility and both weekly and annual church maintenance needs.

Council approved recommendations for amending church bylaws to strike United Women from having a church council representative. This will need approval by the congregation, at a special meeting December 6 and our January 24 annual meeting.

Council made a motion to attempt to sell the church van.

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

Financial Update 08-31-20

August Offering	\$11,415.00	
	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$105,941.58	\$112,840.00
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
*Total Income thru August	\$126,745.26	\$116,141.00
Total Expenses thru August	\$111,973.85	\$124,619.03

*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.

Your financial support this year has been inspiring!
Thank you for supporting our congregation's ministry!

Endowment

As of September 29, our Endowment Fund balance was \$114,240.35. 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

Greetings and Happy Fall!

As we approach the start of our Sunday School year, the Education Committee has been working to ensure that things go smoothly and we wanted to share some of the information with all of you so we are set for our first day.

First, a reminder that SS will begin at 9:15 this year with our first day being October 4th. The kids will meet in the fellowship hall as usual. SS will dismiss at 9:50. We ask that kids do not bring any treats or snacks to SS and a reminder to wash up well before coming to church if you've had any peanut butter items for breakfast.

Some changes due to Covid-19: Kids will be asked to bring masks to SS. Once we are all seated at our tables, we will determine if they need to wear them during class time depending on attendance. We will be keeping kids in groups by class, very similar to how they are grouped at school. Again, please make sure your child has a mask before arriving at SS. We will also be asking the children to sanitize their hands before coming into the fellowship hall at our sanitizing station in the entry way.

We will be following the school's quarantine policy - if your child is quarantined from school, they will be quarantined from SS as well. In addition, if the school decides to distance learn for a period of time, our SS won't meet in person either. Please watch our Facebook page for those announcements.

This year, we are asking that our Student Registration form is filled out for ALL kids, regardless of grade, as we haven't updated them recently. This can be found on our Sunday School Facebook page or at the church office. Feel free to print that off and send it with your child on the first day of SS or drop it off at the church office.

We are excited to begin our Sunday School year and have the kids back in the church! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Grace & Peace,
Carla Gemmill
ULC Education Committee Chair

ELCA National Youth Gathering

After much prayer and consideration, the ELCA has decided to **postpone next summer's ELCA Youth Gathering to 2022** due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The next ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 24-28, 2022.

The Gathering is open to high-school age youth. If there is interest in a 2021 summer youth mission trip (middle school/high school/mixed) and with hopes of Covid-19 being gone by then, Pastor Karl would love to get one on the calendar. There are opportunities with Youth Works and other organizations.

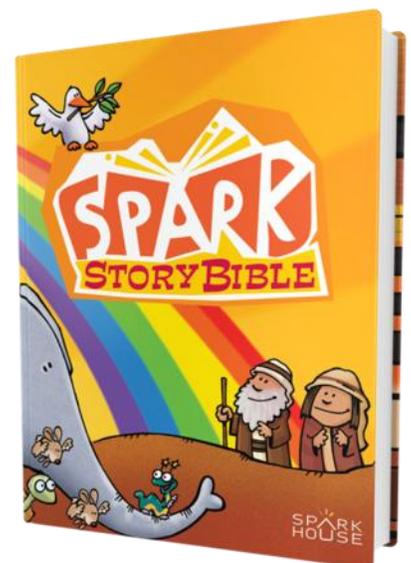


Bibles for Three-year-olds

During our September 27 worship, we gave Spark Story Bibles to three-year-olds in our congregation, as we lived into our baptismal promises by placing in their hands the holy scriptures. Children who were not at the service will have their Bibles delivered to them. Three-year-olds receiving Bibles are:

Amelia Abney
Lucas Anderson
Samuel Borchardt
Hunter Clark
Kaiya Crockett
Knox Farris
Aspyn Kempert
Zoey O'Brien
Kenzington Rollness
Lennox Sunderland

We will be giving 4th graders "big kid" Bibles this spring as part of their First Communion instruction.



GWOH Day of Service

A big thank you to all who participated in “God’s Work. Our Hand’s” Sunday on September 13 by cleaning windows at Wheatland, writing notes to the care center residents and helping with the placement of rocks in the church’s flower garden. Thank you for being God’s hands in the world on special days like this and every day!



Confirmation

Confirmation sessions meet in person most weeks, but will shift to Zoom if necessary. Our October schedule is below, with 6pm start times for 7th-8th grade and 7pm start times for 9th grade.

October 7

6pm, Kings
7pm, Girls finish stoles at church; Boys have the week off.

October 14

6pm, Babylonian Captivity
7pm, Photos/practice for October 18 Affirmation of Baptism service.

9th graders will be confirmed during our 10AM worship, Sunday morning, October 18.

October 21

No confirmation—NDEA weekend

October 28

7pm Community Youth Food Pantry event **note different time
More details on this below!**

Youth Food Pantry Event

This year, instead of youth meeting at the Paragon and carpooling around town to collect food, we will be raising money for the Cavalier County Emergency Food Pantry. We will NOT be collecting food door-to-door, although food donations may be brought to church.

Instead, the evening of October 28, youth at ULC and at other Langdon churches will receive educational information about hunger issues in general and related to our community. Youth whose church has no adult leaders are welcome to join with another church for the evening.

Youth will then contact people by phone/text, seeking donations. We will have a script for them to use. They can contact people in their contact list or of church members. Let’s see how much support Langdon area youth can raise for the food pantry!

Financial donations may be made in two ways: by mail or online. If mailed, checks can be made to the CC Emergency Food Pantry and mailed to PO Box 630, in Langdon. Online donations will be given through PayPal; stay tuned for their web link!

United Lutheran youth in confirmation or high school will gather for this at 7pm. There will not be 7th-8th grade confirmation at our “regular” 6pm time, October 28.

Storage Moving Help Needed

Do you have a few hours of muscle available, 9am, Wednesday morning, October 14?

Help is needed to move an 85-year-old's stored items from a Schroeder storage unit to a garage at Park Village Apartments where he lives. There will be a pickup and trailer. This is a great way to share Christ's love to someone with no family in the Langdon area.

Please contact Pastor Karl if you are able to help.

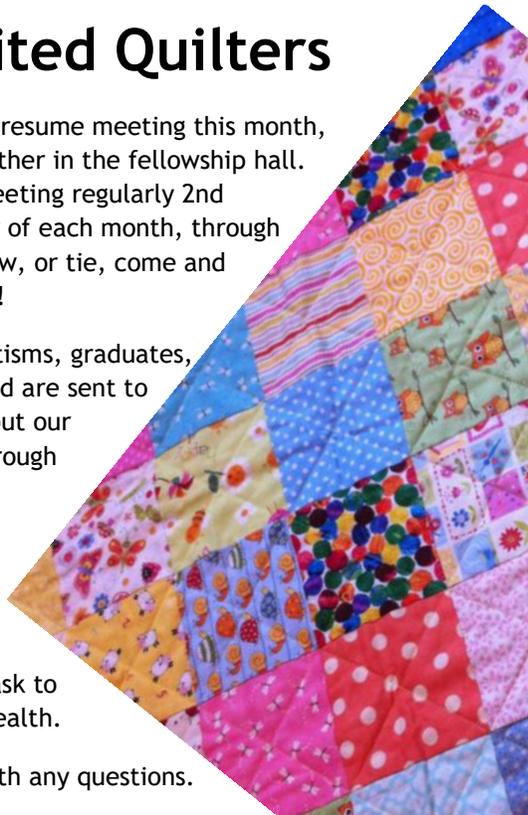
United Quilters

Quilters are planning to resume meeting this month, distancing from one another in the fellowship hall. They hope to resume meeting regularly 2nd Tuesday and Wednesday of each month, through April. If you can cut, sew, or tie, come and help fulfill their 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! Quilters are asked to wear a face mask to protect one another's health.

Contact Joanne Field with any questions.



Sandy Almlie Update

September 21, 2020

Hi, Family and Friends,

Well, today did not go as planned. Lisa was supposed to take mom to meet with her oncologist today at 1:00. Instead, she picked her up at 10:00am and drove her to St. John's ER. Mom has struggled for the past month or so with some delusions and this past week they became pretty significant. She also started to get very confused and struggled to comprehend what was going on around her. She had a UTI (urinary tract infection), which we had initially thought was the cause of her diminished mental state, but the penicillin did not help. We were hoping that the UTI had not been cleared with the antibiotics, but all her labs today came back normal. So, she is spending the night at St. John's while they investigate further. She will also have her lung drained again tomorrow as it was full of fluid and she was breathing heavy with even minimal exertion.

We spoke to her oncologist late in the day. Her brain showed no sign of cancer and thus far the cancer has not moved past the lung chamber. However, given her marked weakness and her multitude of health complications along with her current mental state, he is recommending hospice.

We will keep you posted as we learn more tomorrow and always, now more than ever.

Lisa & Erica & Nathan

Park River Bible Camp

Quilt Auction

November 1

Bidding in-person and online

Stay tuned for more info

September Memorials

Mary MacArthur - Ted & Linda Dahl (HVAC)

Marilyn Hennager - Ted & Linda Dahl (general),
David & Ardyce Hennager (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:

All who participated in "God's Work. Our Hand's" Sunday on September 13 by cleaning windows at Wheatland, writing notes to the care center residents and helping with the placement of rocks in the church's flower garden.

Faye Wilhelmi and Helen Johnson for the fall decorating around the church.

Dan Fischer for trimming up the bushes by the front church entrance.

United Quilters for donating over 50 homemade face masks for students in need at LAES.

Kendall Gemmill for mounting the new large-screen TV in the fellowship hall.

Periodicals

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

Youth Ministry Coordinator

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

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".

Getting Worship to You

Dale Klein continues to make DVDs of our services. We are also streaming our 10am Sunday worship services live on our church Facebook page. These services and their sermons are also edited and posted to our YouTube and church websites.

Offering Envelopes

2020 offering envelopes may be picked up in the fellowship hall.

Deborah Circle

Deborah Circle will meet Tuesday, October 13 at 3PM at the Senior Center.

United Lutheran Van for Sale

2001 Ford E250 fifteen-passenger van, 157,000 miles. Runs well but has issues with battery and some seatbelts. Asking price is \$1,000.

Lost Items

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

Al-Anon

Al-Anon will now meet in the youth room on Thursdays at noon and provides support for relatives and friends of alcoholics. Please call 701-270-2254 with questions.

All-Saints Sunday

November 1, we celebrate the lives of members and loved ones who have died the past year.

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 gets 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, visit with your tax advisor and be sure any donations are processed properly through the elevator.

Prayers of...

Healing

Lois Jones (Val Olson's sister, cancer), Sandy Almlie, Jodi Hipp

Joy

Congratulations to Todd & Shanda Christianson on the baptism of their daughter, Layeton Mae, September 12th. Her baptismal sponsors are Trevor Horn, Lindsey Illerbrunn and Koree Hoffman.

Special 90th Birthday to Lenora Olson on September 29!

Sympathy

The family of Mark Dease, on the loss of Mark's mother, Lola Dease.

The family of David & Ardyce Hennager, on the death of their daughter-in-law, Marilyn Hennager.

The family of Linda Dahl on the loss of her mother, Mary MacArthur.

We invite you to pray for those people listed. Please call the church office if you have additions to our prayer list.

Covid-19 Updates

As we continue to monitor the number of active Covid-19 cases in our area, any **decisions to suspend in-person worship** will be made on Wednesdays by Pastor Karl and Josh Overby (church council president). Notification will be made on the radio, our Facebook page and website.

We will be purchasing new audio-visual equipment to improve recording, access and quality for those worshiping from home. Gifts given toward this should have "camera fund" in their check memo.

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



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Worship and Ministry - October Schedule

October 4 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - LeeAnn Knudson
Ushers - Willy Thom & Edwin Olson
Communion Prep - Katie Johnson
Communion Assistant - LeeAnn Knudson
Acolytes - Catelyn Goodman & Meredith Romfo
Projectionist - Brock Freer

October 11 - Worship

Reader - Sydney Crockett
Ushers - Charlie & Marie Jordan
Acolyte - Tanner McDonald
Projectionist - Kaylee Lowery

October 18 - Worship with Holy Communion (Confirmation)

Communion Prep - Sara Goodman
Projectionist - Danny Hart
Our 9th grade confirmands will fill Faith & Care roles.

October 25 - Worship

Reader - Nancy Coyle
Ushers - Shannon & Sheri Winnegge
Acolyte - Theo Romfo
Projectionist - Adam Hart

As we worship in person during this time of Covid-19, we continue 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