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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.

Fear and Love

In Luther's explanation of the Ten Commandments, he begins each section with the words, "We are to fear and love God."

Fear and love. We follow the Ten Commandments, given to us by God, because we fear and love God. The fear isn't in the sense of "I don't want to go to hell," but fear in the sense of awe and respect. And the love? That is shown in the ways we show our awe and respect to God and in love for the common good of our neighbors.

Fear and love are important pillars to lean into any time but perhaps especially now as we face the Covid-19 global pandemic and a polarizing US presidential election.

There is no shame in admitting fear or anxiety around these issues. While I'm not afraid of Covid, I do fear for others who are more at risk. While I'm not afraid that one

party will destroy our nation, I do fear for others whose lives are affected by the policies those parties may put in place.

I fear because of love for others.

When Covid or politics or something else causes you to fear, I invite you to stop and ask yourself why. Do you fear what the effects may be for yourself—for your comfort, your happiness, your life? This is natural, but it is also a selfish kind of fear.

Or, do you fear because of what the effects may be for others?

Can you see the difference?

God be with us, to help us know see and know the difference, so that we can best respond to our fears with love.

- Pastor Karl



Daylight Savings

This Sunday, November 1st, daylight savings time ends. Remember to set your clocks back Saturday night, October 31!

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 November 29.



November 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:15AM Sunday school 10AM Worship with Holy Communion (All Saints Sunday) 1:30-3PM Park River Bible Camp online quilt auction	2	3	4 6PM 7&8 Grade Confirmation	5 12PM Al-Anon 1:30PM OCLC Communion Service	6	7
8 9:15AM Sunday school 10AM Worship	9 4PM P.E.O.	10 3PM Deborah Circle 5:30PM Esther Circle	11 No Confirmation	12 12PM Al-Anon	13	14
15 9:15AM Sunday school 10AM Worship with Holy Communion	16 6PM Church Council meeting	17 7PM Rachel Circle	18 6PM 7&8 Grade Confirmation	19 12PM Al-Anon	20	21
22 9:15AM Sunday school 10AM Contemporary Worship (Harvest Sunday)	23	24	25 No Confirmation	26 Happy Thanksgiving!	27	28
29 No Sunday school 10AM Worship	30					

Faith & Care #1 Darby & Brian Hart, chairs

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ULC Leadership 2020

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Hospitality	Terry Jacobson
Property	Dean Hakanson
Stewardship	Brynn Fischer

Non-voting Representative

Pastor	Karl Breddin
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Council Notes 10-19-20 Mtg

No negative responses have been received from our recent mask requirement.

Sunday school is going well. Students will keep face coverings on for now. Education Committee is still thinking about what, if any Christmas program options we may have.

Parsonage basement water issues. Will try to put in an outdoor sump pump; should be able to do this fall. Still waiting on parsonage driveway; likely a 2021 project now.

Devil's Lake Glass will put in a seal on the church's north entry doors. Property is looking at window replacement in the Sunday school rooms and window trim refinishing in the fellowship hall.

Church van is for sale, asking price \$1,000. Some interest from Trinity LC in Edinburg. Will advertise next month if still available.

Stewardship will bring Harvest Sunday ideas together soon.

Worship streaming equipment has been purchased and installed for use. A \$3,000 grant from Wohletz trust was received for this.

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

Financial Update 09-30-20

September Offering	\$12,605.32	
	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$118,546.90	\$126,945.00
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
*Total Income thru September	\$139,472.27	\$132,541.90
Total Expenses thru September	\$123,045.35	\$138,368.99

*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 October 27, our Endowment Fund balance was \$114,851.89. 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).

Park River Bible Camp

Over \$10,000 was raised with PRBC's fall dinner. Thanks to those who contributed to make this possible.

Upcoming events:

Quilt Auction, November 1—see the article on the right for much more information on this fundraiser!

Quilting Retreat, November 6-8

Scrapbooking Retreat, November 20-22

High School Ski Trip, December 27-January 1

High School Lock-in, February 6-7

Register for PRBC events online at ParkRiverBibleCamp.org or call 701-284-6795.

Ordination of Women

Did you know that 2020 marks a special 50th anniversary in the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)?

On November 22, 1970, Elizabeth Platz was ordained in the Lutheran Church in America, making her the first woman ordained in a Lutheran church body in North America.

The ELCA, our church denomination, would be formed in 1988, with the merger of the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

This year, we also celebrate the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the first women of color in a Lutheran Church body in the US and the 10th anniversary of the ELCA's decision to officially ordain people in same-gender committed relationships.

As part of this anniversary year, we lament that women have been barred from serving and have been bullied, dismissed and excluded. We also celebrate the gifts and service that women have brought to our church and our world as pastors.



PRBC Quilt Auction

PRBC's 33rd Annual Quilt Auction planning is well underway. Things will look different this year due to COVID but we are excited for this year's event! Thank you to all who have donated, including ULC's quilters, to help make this year's event a success.

The items are live and will be available for bidding starting October 26 on a new and improved auction site in which you can start bidding on your favorite items. The auction will go live on Sunday, November 1 at 1:30pm. There are many incredible items! View items online at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/j4Z/>

On the 26th-31st, all items (both silent auction and quilts) will be open for viewing and bidding. This site will be open all week, 24 hours a day. At the end of the week, bidding will be suspended until November 1. At 1:30pm, Park River Bible Camp will GO LIVE thus all bidding will resume. The live auction will be open until the last item is shown and bid on, the silent auction will close at 4pm on November 1.

To view items you must register for the event. Please put in the information asked and you will be able to view all items, both silent auction and quilts.

Come view the quilts in person! Starting the 26th at 9am, quilts will be able to be viewed in the camp chapel. Offices are open from 9am-4pm, M-F. Please wear a mask when viewing the quilts. If you would like to visit but are not able to come during office hours, please call the camp at 701-284-6795 and PRBC will make sure you can view the quilts.

Plan to tune in live for the auction! On Sunday, November 1 at 1:30pm the auction will go live with a welcome and announcements. The auction will be available on PRBC's website, Facebook page and the online auction page (listed above). Looking for more information on how it will all work? Contact the camp office at 701-284-6795.

Don't need or want an item, but still want to support the camp? This can be done here as well, over the phone by calling camp at 701-284-6795 or by sending a check (in the memo, label Quilt Auction) to: 106 Solid Rock Circle, Park River, ND 58270.



All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 1, we celebrate these new saints-in-Christ who have joined our church body in Holy Baptism since last year's All-Saints Sunday:

- Maren Jacobson
- Jameson Clark
- Declan Domres
- Layeton Christianson

We also will remember these saints-in-Christ from our church who have died since last year's All-Saints Sunday:

- Willard Stenerson
- Creola Lundquist
- Marilyn Hennager
- Curtis Burnham

Food Pantry Event

Every fall, youth in our community go door-to-door collecting food donations for the Cavalier County Food Pantry. With Covid, we've made some changes this year. Youth will be contacting families on October 28, by phone, asking for their support of the food pantry. This year, while the food pantry is welcoming food donations, they are much more in need of financial donations.

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 securely through PayPal at www.paypal.me/ccma58249.

Online donations will first go into the ministerial bank account which will cut a check for the food pantry after our food drive.

Non-perishable, non-expired food donations can be brought to the church.

Thanks to our youth for contacting people and to the many people who already participated!

Confirmation

Congratulations to our 9th grade students (pictured below, in normal and "funny" poses) who affirmed their baptismal promises Sunday, October 18. Thanks to Laura Dease for taking their confirmation pictures and to Elaine Haugen and Linda Olson for helping them make their stoles. The following students were confirmed:

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| Cora Badding | Edward Freer |
| Adam Hart | Jaya Henderson |
| Isabelle Olson | Taryn Romfo |

Confirmation sessions for our 7th-8th graders continue, meeting in person most weeks at 6pm, but will shift to Zoom if necessary. Our 7th-8th grade November schedule is below.

November 4: Prophets

November 11: No confirmation (Veterans' Day)

November 18: Psalms

November 25: No confirmation (Thanksgiving)

December 2: Job



Energy Savings

Our HVAC project was a big investment for our church and took a lengthy time to complete. The following is the monthly average and annual cost from the 4th quarter through 3rd quarter, for the last three years:

2018: \$1,035/\$12,420 per mo./yr.

2019: \$769/\$9,228 per mo./yr.

2020: \$651/\$7,812 per mo./yr.

We are seeing nearly \$5,000/year savings. Off-peak electric metering was installed this October, which should add to these savings.

Video Updates

United Lutheran applied for and received a \$3,000 grant from the Wohletz Charitable Trust. This is in addition to \$820 donated toward our camera fund. The money was used to upgrade our digital recording and streaming equipment which is used to share our worship services with those viewing online from home.

Our new setup was first used October 25. Even as we are learning to use it, the new setup has already greatly improved picture and sound quality. To date, we have spent \$2,368.40 on new cameras, equipment and software. We are planning to purchase one or two more cameras for the system from the money we have received. There will be an annual cost of \$379 for the software.

Journey

Our journey through the Bible theme continues in November, with the following themes during Sunday school and worship:

1: Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1) - *All Saints Sunday*

8: God Calls Samuel (1 Sam. 3:1-20)

15: David is Anointed (1 Sam. 16:1-13)

22: David and Goliath (1 Sam. 17:1-49) - *Harvest Sunday, Women's Ordination 50th Anniversary*

29: Malachi's Words (Messenger, Malachi 3:1-4) - Advent 1.

There will be no Sunday school on November 29.



Prayers of...

Healing

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

Sympathy

The Pam Luhmann family on the death of Pam's brother, Curtis Burnham. His funeral was held at United on October 17.

The family of Rachelle Romfo on the death of her father, Wayne Simon.

Joy

Congratulations to Landin Johnson and Brynn Fischer on their wedding, October 10 here at United.

Congratulations to Dustin Wagner and Michelle Chock on their wedding, October 10 in Alexandria, MN.

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

October Memorials

Marilyn Hennager - Jim & Faye Wilhelmi (garden)

Curtis Burnham - David & Ardyce Hennager (general), Carla Symons (camera fund)

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

Covid Resources—You're Not Alone

Project Renew is partnered with Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota to provide free virtual group counseling sessions to anyone in the state of North Dakota who has been impacted in any way by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Go to <https://bit.ly/2FqmpW4> for more on information on each of the following sessions and to sign up.

Grief and Loss During Covid-19: Losing a loved one is always difficult but Covid-19 has made grieving much more complicated. Mondays at 6:30pm.

Baby, Let's Talk: Parenting is hard in general. But becoming a parent in the middle of a pandemic is unprecedentedly hard. Tuesdays at 1pm.

High Risk, High Anxiety: A weekly support group for high-risk individuals as they navigate life during Covid-19. Thursdays at 6:30pm.

Educator Support Groups: It's not the school year you thought it would be. Let's talk about it. Mondays at 4pm.

Visit www.projectrenew.nd.gov for additional Covid-19 resources.

At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Harvest Sunday

Harvest Sunday will be November 22. During our worship on Harvest Sunday, we will have the opportunity to give “above and beyond” to areas outside our church and our congregation’s general budget. Stay tuned for information on where our special gifts will be going this year!

Thank you to:

Dan and Peggy Fischer for donating the newly planted trees in the front yard of the church grounds and painting the railing by the front entrance.

Gerald Anderson for the window repairs in the church kitchen and pastors’ office.

Steve Hart for assisting in setting up our new digital camera system and the network to support it and Dale Klein for learning to use the new system.

The many talented individuals that provided special music this past month: Korbyn Rollness, Finley Crockett, Lisa Schuler, Kathie Johnson, Becky Tollefson, Sydney Crockett, Janet Jacobson and Brenna Schuler. Also, to our amazing Praise Band!

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.

Needed

Domestic Violence & Abuse continues to need the basics such as Lysol spray, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. Also, at this time, they are in need of household items such as silverware, cookware, table & chairs, end tables, etc. Please text or call Julie at 701-331-0261 to arrange pickup or by contacting her at julie@dvacnd.org.

Getting Worship to You

We continue 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.

Youth Ministry Coordinator

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

Lost Items

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

Periodicals

The new “Living Lutheran” periodicals are available in the narthex.

Address Information

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

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.

Nominating Committee

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

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.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Thursdays at noon in the youth room, providing support for relatives and friends of alcoholics. Please call 701-270-2254 with questions.

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.

Since October 11, **we have been requiring face coverings for Sunday morning worship**. If you are in need of one, we have them available. Thank you for taking this simple step to keep everyone safe!

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



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Worship and Ministry - November Schedule

November 1 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - Sandra Brooks
Ushers - Dale & Pam Luhmann
Communion Prep - Pam Luhmann
Communion Asst - Sandra Brooks
Acolytes - Jayden Lee & Kade Hansen
Projectionist - Victor Long

November 8 - Worship

Reader -
Ushers -
Acolyte - Sophia Nuelle
Projectionist - Xavier Breddin

November 15 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader -
Ushers - Glenn Pederson & Teri Lill
Communion Prep - Joanne Field
Communion Asst - Joanne Field
Acolytes - Jayden Lee & Jacob Sanders
Projectionist - Brenna Schuler

November 22 - Contemporary Worship

Reader -
Ushers -
Acolyte - Kade Hansen
Projectionist - Nathan Kitchin

November 29 - Worship

Reader -
Ushers - Daren Christianson family
Acolyte - Victor Long
Projectionist - Addy Reidhammer