

# UNITED MONTHLY

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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.

## People of United Lutheran

As I step into the role of serving as your interim pastor, let me introduce myself to you; as I look forward to getting connected with you and getting to know you over the next several months.

I grew up in Cutbank, Montana, went to college in Texas, then straight to seminary and from there served as pastor at Hope Lutheran in Fargo for 37 years. In August, my wife Cara and I moved to Cavalier to be near our kids and grandkids. We have six grandchildren under six years old between my son and daughter and one on the way. It is pure joy to be a grandparent. I also knew upon moving to Cavalier that God would have plans for me to keep serving Him in whatever capacity he needed me to. When the opportunity came to serve as your pastor, for a period of time, it was a welcome opportunity. I am excited to be here as your pastor for the interim, as you search for a new full time pastor.

All I ever wanted was to be a pastor. My mom would tell you, she knew I was going to be a pastor by the time I was in fourth grade. It is a privilege to serve God in His church, which is the hope of the world. You, people of United Lutheran, are the hope of God's world in this place and time.

From a pastoral perspective and as a follower of Jesus two scripture verses have guided my life:

*In view of God's mercies present yourselves as a living sacrifice to God. DO not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by renewing your minds, in order to do what is pleasing in God's sight. Romans 12: 1-2*

*Praise be to God for He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3*

With these scriptural truths in mind, I hope to offer you whatever I can give as your pastor so that I might encourage and yes challenge you as people of faith to live out that high calling we have; to be followers of Jesus, so that we as His church might join with Him in His work in this world for the glory of God!

On a personal note, I love connecting with people and getting to know them and their stories. I also love the outdoors whether it is hunting or fishing or just enjoying the blessings of God's good creation.

Again, I look forward to getting to know you and having the privilege to serve you as your pastor.

Enjoy the day! Its a gift from God!

Pastor Chuck

## Call Committee

We are taking nominations to serve on the Call Committee for our next pastor. To make a nomination for yourself or someone else, call or email the church office or write that nominee's name on the tear-off of your Sunday bulletin.

Church Council will appoint committee members from selection of those nominated, to form a Call Committee with varied ages and backgrounds.

# March 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 4:30-7PM Church kitchen and fellowship hall reserved	2	3 7PM Lenten Worship Service	4 12PM Al-Anon in the youth room	5	6
7 <b>No Sunday school</b> 10AM Worship with Holy Communion	8 4PM P.E.O.	9 9AM-3PM Quilting	10 9AM-3PM Quilting  7PM Lenten Worship Service	11 12PM Al-Anon in the youth room	12 12:30-2:30PM Great Plains Mobile Food Pantry	13
14 9:15AM Sunday school 10AM Worship	15 6PM Church Council meeting	16	17 7PM Lenten Worship Service	18 12PM Al-Anon in the youth room	19 Scrapbooking	20 Scrapbooking
21 9:15AM Sunday school 10AM Worship with Holy Communion	22 4PM P.E.O.	23	24 7PM Lenten Worship Service	25 12PM Al-Anon in the youth room	26	27
28 9:15AM Sunday school 10AM Palm Sunday Contemporary Worship	29	30	31	12PM Al-Anon in the youth room 7PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service	7PM Good Friday Worship Service	

## Faith & Care #4 Lisa Schuler, chair

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

## ULC Leadership 2021

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|---------------------|----------------|
| President           | Deidre Long    |
| Vice President      | LeeAnn Knudson |
| Secretary           | Diane Simmons  |
| Financial Secretary | Julie Johnson  |

### Committee Council Representatives

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|-------------|----------------|
| Education   | Carla Gemmill  |
| Endowment   | Tyler Balsdon  |
| Hospitality | Terry Jacobson |
| Property    | Steve Hart     |
| Stewardship | Troy Romfo     |

### Non-voting Representative

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| Pastor | Chuck Olmstead |
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## Financial Update 01-31-21

January Offering	\$23,611.49	
	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$23,611.49	\$13,670.42
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Total Income thru January	\$23,877.08	\$17,410.21
*Total Expenses thru January	\$25,459.55	\$13,364.32

\*Please note, 2021 expense includes a transfer from the general check book to the dedicated fund to pay off the HVAC note of \$11,332.45.

## February Memorials

**Marjorie Jacobson** - David & Ardyce Hennager (quilters), Linden & Helen Johnson (garden), Dale & Pam Luhmann (building), Carla Symons (general), Kevin & Jan Stein (general), Corey & Julie Johnson (building), Jeremy & Lisa Schuler (music), Anna Olson (general), Daryl & Linda Timian (general), Charles & Marie Jordan (garden), Larry & Linda Olson (general), Jim & Faye Wilhelmi (quilters), Dennis & Linda Balsdon (general)

*Memorials may be mailed or given to the Church Office at ULC at any time.*

## Council Notes 02-15-21 Mtg

Shar Gumke, synod associate to the bishop joined council via Zoom to share info about the call process, updating congregational profile and pastoral interim. The congregation will be asked to nominate Call Committee members.

Pastor Chuck Olmstead, now living in Cavalier, met briefly with council. A contract was proposed; he will start as full-time interim pastor March 1.

All committees have had organizational meetings to welcome new committee members and look at the upcoming year.

There will be a farewell open house for Pastors Karl and Rebecca Sunday afternoon, February 28; coffee and cake will be served.

Coffee after Sunday church services will resume March 7.

ULC has a Zoom account which is available for committee use.

Approvals were made to update signature cards at Choice Bank for our banking accounts.

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

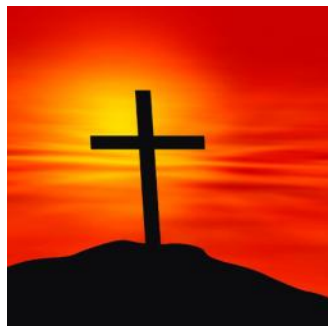
## Lent and Easter

United Lutheran has begun midweek Lenten services at 7:00 pm each Wednesday and also on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Our hope is to offer these both in-person and on Facebook.

Our midweek Lenten theme is “You Shall Love the Lord Your God.” Each week has a different focus on how we can love the Lord our God with all our hearts, our souls, our minds and our strength.

Offerings for our midweek Lenten services will go to the Cavalier County Ministerial Association which provides emergency financial support to people in need in our community. Support includes rental and utility assistance, short-term lodging and transportation. Most of the ministerial funding is generally raised through the ecumenical community Lenten services which we are not having this year. Thank you for your generosity.

Pending Council approving, United Lutheran is planning to have their 8AM Traditional Easter Worship service, 10AM Contemporary Easter Worship service on April 4.



## Lenten Suppers

Since we cannot share a simple supper as a church community this Lenten Season, we invite you to share a simple meal in your home each Wednesday night during lent before worshipping either in person or virtually.

Each recipe is designed to be quick and easy to cook and can be adapted to family tastes. Or, feel free to choose to cook something else! If your soup kettle overflows, share your abundance with a neighbor or a friend.

Along with the weekly recipes, our brief devotions offer discussion questions and a prayer focusing on food and those who are hungry in our world.

Printed copies of the recipes and devotionals are on the shelf outside the sanctuary. They will be posted each Tuesday on our Facebook page.

Thanks to Janet Jacobson for providing these Lenten devotionals and suppers for use in your home. Please join our United family as we prepare for Easter in our hearts and minds.

## Sunday School

Greetings! I will start with our usual Sunday School update this month and then will give you some information about VBS, as we are nearing the end of our Sunday School year already! Our March lessons are “Nicodemus at Night,” “Mary Anoints Jesus,” and “Matthew’s Holy Week.” Please note that we **will not** be having Sunday School on March 7th, as this is a four day weekend for the school system.

Our plans for VBS this year are a little different than past years, but we are excited to be able to offer something for the kids this summer. We will work with Metigoshe Ministries again - they will be providing us with all the materials we need to hold VBS and we are looking for individuals who would be willing to help us as leaders for this event! If you have an interest and are able to set aside 2-3 days of your time (final dates will be determined soon), please reach out to myself or any of the education committee members and we can give you more details! We do get to have the Metigoshe team with us for a full day as well! In addition, we would usually be releasing the date of our cake auction at this time, however; the funds that we raised from last year’s “bake-less” cake auction are enough to cover the expenses this year, so we won’t be holding the cake auction this spring. Thank you to everyone who donated last year - we appreciate your generosity!

As always, please continue to check our Sunday School Facebook page for announcements and don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

Grace & Peace,  
Carla Gemmill



## Confirmation

Confirmation students will not meet during Lent. Students will be working on Lenten projects and are encouraged to attend Lenten worship.

## Week-END Kids' Hunger

The Langdon Week-END Kids' Hunger Project continues to supply food each week for elementary students to take home, ensuring they have adequate food for the weekends. They currently serve 36 elementary students each week. They also provide punch cards at LAHS for students to access free, healthy snacks at the school snack shack after school. The Week-END Kids' Hunger Project has a small committee made up of individuals in our community who help coordinate this activity. There is a need for more individuals to be part of this committee. If you're interested in being involved, please visit with Sarah Overby.

## From Park River Bible Camp

Contact PRBC for information on any of these events!

4th-6th grade spring retreat (March 12-13)

Craft Your Worries Away retreat (March 19-21)

Senior High Night of Fun (April 16-17)

Pancake Dinner (April 25)

PeeWee Day Camp, pre-K to 3rd grade (May 8)

PRBC will have 2021 summer camps operating at half-capacity, following Covid safety precautions!

## Haiti Mission and Ministry Update

Connection is at the heart of Seeds of Support, our partner in ministry with Haiti. Our desire has always been to accompany our Haitian partners to help them achieve their goals, and through the years of that accompaniment work, strong connections are bearing fruit. Even in this time of social distancing, with no travel opportunities to connect face-to-face, we are figuring out ways to connect virtually and help implement projects that have the potential for lasting change both within and beyond Redemption Lutheran Church of Pasquette.

In January, a bench-building class was provided in Pasquette, with nine students attending. The benches will be used in the Pasquette church or Ideas Technology School sessions. Additionally, learning to build the benches is a transferable skill to other woodworking projects. To further support potential employment opportunities, Seeds of Support is gifting each student with tools of the trade (saw, hammer, square, etc.).

Our translator/mission support staff member, Joseph shares that he has started a small business selling refurbished cell phones. Especially with the uncertainties around COVID-19 and the challenges of life in Haiti right now, he is grateful for the continued support and partnership from Seeds of Support. He shares a few words about his current situation and future hopes below:

**What are you doing these days?** *I always thinking and to make a new stuff. Like a different kind of jewelry. I also do like football and I go to play some time.*

**Where do you see God present in your life?** *I see God present in prayer and sometimes you can feel it when you are singing too!*

**What are your hopes for the future?** *I am just thinking to working more harder and to get my own place. God knows everything!*

Please pray:

- for Kerlange, Pastor Holande, and Jorel's mother, navigating health challenges;
- for the people of Haiti for safety and protection from COVID-19;
- for peace and calm during political uncertainty in Haiti.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Andrew and United's work in Haiti. We are excited about the energy around our mission both among our board and our Haitian partners. God is presenting, with and through us and we wait in hope to see God's plans for the future.

## Journey

Our Journey through the Bible theme continues in March with the following passages:

March 7: Jesus Meets Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

March 14: Nicodemus at Night (John 3:1-17)

March 21: Mary Anoints Jesus (John 12:1-8)

March 28: Matthew's Holy Week (Matthew 21:1-11, 27:27-66)

## Prayers of...

### Healing

Lois Jones (Val Olson's cousin, cancer), Jodi Hipp, Diane Reinhardt (cancer), the people of Haiti.

### Grief

The family of Marjorie Jacobson on her death. Marjorie's funeral was held at United on February 12.

The family of Phoebe DeKrey, Sarah Badding's mother, who passed away.

### Joy

Congratulations to Rebecca Balsdon and Dillon McMahon on the baptism of their daughter, Genevieve Nicole McMahon, baptized February 13.

Congratulations to Devon and Katie Johnson on the baptism of their son, Clayton David Allen on Sunday, February 14.



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

## Two-Part Discernment Event

March 9 & 16, 7-8:30pm;  
FREE via Zoom

God calls everyone to do God's work in the world. How is God calling you? Explore that question with a series of Zoom conversations.

Session One: Public Ministry in the ELCA

Learn about discernment resources and explore the call to public ministry as you hear call stories from pastors and deacons!

Session Two: So, How Do I Get There? - Seminary and other Things You Need to Know.

Learn about the ELCA Candidacy Process and hear from Seminary partners who will share about programs that can equip you to follow God's call in your life.

Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kduusqD4sHtdwoxACliOldTFivopadZZu>



## A Final Note from Pastor Karl

Thank you again for our partnership in ministry. ULC and Langdon will always have a special place in Rebecca's and my heart and the hearts of Xavier, Lydia and Tobin.

As I look back at our time together, there is much to celebrate. It's unfortunate that Covid put such a damper on the past year, but that has also opened up new opportunities for ministry which will continue into the future.

I am so thankful that you have a seamless transition into your interim pastoral leadership with Pastor Chuck. United will be blessed to have his gifts and experience.

After we move, we will be intentional for a while about limiting our contact with the community here, so that we can focus on forming new relationships in our new community and so your interim and next pastor(s) can best serve you. After some time, if you find yourself near Madison, SD, feel free to look us up.

Until we meet again,  
Pastor Karl and Rebecca



# At-a-Glance and General Announcements

## Offering Envelopes

2021 offering envelopes are available to be picked up from the table in the fellowship hall. Please remember to not use your 2020 envelopes in the new year as each year the envelopes are renumbered.

If you have not used offering envelopes in the past and wish to but do not see a packet with your name, please let the church office know.

## Periodicals

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

## Visitation

Last winter United Lutheran formed a loosely-organized visitation group. The purpose was to remember shut-ins with visits, phone calls or notes. Thank you for continuing this important ministry!

## Needed

The Domestic Violence and Abuse Center is in need of infant & toddler clothing. If you can assist, you may leave the items at the church or at Jeannie Steinwand's home.

## 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.

## Mobile Food Pantry

The Great Plains Mobile Food Pantry will be at our church parking lot, distributing food baskets for our community Friday, March 12, from 12:30-2:30PM. Come if you are in need! Volunteers are needed to help, from approximately 12:15-2:45pm.

## 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.

## Tech Help Needed

Linda Timian has volunteered to help with maintaining our church website and YouTube channel and will be looking for backup when she is not available.

We are looking for additional backup to Dale Klein for our digital worship recording and streaming. Thank you to Brenna Schuler for volunteering to help with backup; a few more individuals would be welcome in this position.

## Senior Care Needed

Did you know we have seniors in our community who need a little help with basic needs around their home, including housekeeping, laundry, helping sort their mail or snow removal? Contact social services, 256-2175, and ask about home and community services.

Volunteer to deliver "meals on wheels" in our community. Call senior meals and services to learn more, 256-2828.

## Bredden Mailing Address

Karl and Rebecca Bredden, 118 North Grant Avenue, Madison, SD 57042.

## Current Covid Precautions

We will resume having coffee after Sunday worship services, March 7. Our other current precautions include:

- Pews are taped off for distancing;
- we will refrain from handshakes and passing offering plates;
- we will wear face coverings in the church sanctuary;
- additional precautions are being taken when distributing Holy Communion;
- the congregation will be ushered out following worship services.

## Cavalier County Friends for Life

Cavalier County Friends for Life will not be holding their 34th Annual Fundraising Brunch. They are asking for continued support for the Women's Pregnancy Help Center, the St. Gianna Home, the Perry Center and the Women's Care Clinic. Donations may be mailed to Duane Otto at 1114 5th Street, Langdon, ND.

## Easter Lilies

Easter lilies may be placed on the altar between Palm Sunday (March 28) and Easter. Please indicate on the card who the plant is in honor/memory of, as well as your name.

## 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.

## Annual Congregational Reports

2020 annual congregational reports are on the sanctuary's magazine carousel.

Visit United online at [www.unitedlangdon.org](http://www.unitedlangdon.org) or call us at 701-256-2594.



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## Worship and Ministry - March Schedule

### March 7 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Ashton Hedger  
Ushers - Charles & Marie Jordan  
Communion Prep - Karen Boe  
Communion Asst - Karen Boe  
Acolytes - Brock Freer & Jaymee Reidhammer  
Projectionist - Adam Hart  
Coffee - Diane Simmons

### March 14 - Worship

Reader - Olivia Bredeson  
Ushers - Greg Goodman family  
Acolytes - Sophia Nuelle & Graci Witzel  
Projectionist - Victor Long  
Coffee - Sheri Winnegge

### March 21 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Andrea Jacobson  
Ushers - Ken & DeLynn Carlson  
Communion Prep - Julie Johnson  
Communion Asst - Val Olson  
Acolytes - Jayden Lee & Tyson Gemmill  
Projectionist - Nathan Kitchin  
Coffee - Corey & Julie Johnson

### March 28 - Contemporary Worship

Reader - Nancy Coyle  
Ushers - Peggy & Dan Fischer  
Acolytes - Victor Long & Graci Witzel  
Projectionist - Addy Reidhammer  
Coffee - Marcie Crockett