

# 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.

## A Word From Pastor Chuck

People of United Lutheran, it's EASTER! The main event. Without the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, there is no United Lutheran church. There are no Christian churches anywhere in the world. It's the reason we exist both as a church and as people of faith. It's at the center of everything we are and it is the one event in the history of this world that provides an unparalleled HOPE for life with God! Saint Paul in reflecting on the resurrection of Jesus wrote these words,

"Now, let me ask you something profound yet troubling. If you became believers because you trusted the proclamation that Christ is alive, risen from the dead, how can you let people say that there is no such thing as a resurrection? If there's no resurrection, there's no living Christ. And face it—if there's no resurrection for Christ, everything we've told you is smoke and mirrors, and everything you've staked your life on is smoke and mirrors. If Christ weren't raised, then all you're doing is wandering about in the dark, as lost as ever. If all we get out of Christ is a little inspiration for a few short years, we're a pretty sorry lot." (The Message Bible 1 Corinthians 15:14-15)

Paul then goes on to write, "But in fact Jesus was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father". And that is what we celebrate on Easter! And so I want to encourage you as people of faith to make the celebration of Easter this year a big deal. Last year, everything was shut down and in one sense, it was a way to remember what that first Easter was like when nobody was there at the tomb except a few women to anoint Jesus' dead body. But this year is different.

We are back in church. At United Lutheran, we will have two worship services to celebrate the resurrection.

A traditional service at 8am.

A contemporary service at 10 am.

We will have the church open with 75 percent capacity for the first time in a year and will use both the sanctuary and the fellowship hall if necessary to accommodate all who come to Easter services. Please be advised, you will still need to wear a mask. If you are traveling or are not quite at a place health-wise to be with a large group of people, online services will be available and you are encouraged to make worship a priority that way.

Because Easter is so central to who we are as God's people, it's a great time to invite and bring along family and friends who need an invitation.

SO let's celebrate the resurrection. It's a day of worship you won't want to miss!

See you at Easter worship.

Pastor Chuck



# April 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 12PM Al-Anon by zoom (more info on page 7) 7PM Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion	2 7PM Good Friday Worship	3
4 <b>No Sunday School</b> 8AM Traditional Easter Service with Holy Communion 10AM Contemporary Easter Service with Holy Communion	5	6	7	8 12PM Al-Anon by zoom (more info on page 7)	9	10
11 9:15 Sunday school 10AM Blended Worship	12 5PM P.E.O.	13 9AM-3PM Quilting 5:30PM Esther Circle	14 9AM-3PM Quilting 6PM 7&8 Grade Confirmation	15 12PM Al-Anon by zoom (more info on page 7)	16	17
18 9:15AM Sunday school 10AM Worship with Holy Communion	19 6PM Church Council meeting	20	21 6PM 7&8 Grade Confirmation	22 12PM Al-Anon by zoom (more info on page 7)	23	24
25 9:15 Sunday School 10AM Contemporary Worship 11AM First Communion Instruction 12:30-5:30PM Church reserved for Lisa Schuler's piano recital	26 5PM P.E.O.	27	28 6PM 7&8 Grade Confirmation	29 12PM Al-Anon by zoom (more info on page 7)	30 Scrapbooking	

## Faith & Care #1 Brian & Darby Hart, chair

Shelly Agnes	Josh & Pam Krivarchka
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Todd & Shanda Christianson	Ken & Carol Myhre
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Lynn Domres & Tara Roberts	Jim & Shannon Nuelle
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Joanne Field	Ed & Bernice Pengilly
Rory & Carey Freer	Shane & Janelle Peterson
Don & Elaine Haugen	Kyle & Kaila Rollness
David & Ardyce Hennager	Cindy Steinke
Joel Jacobson	Laura Thielbar
Terry & Janet Jacobson	Dustin & Michelle Wagner
Dale Klein	Ron & Cathy White
Kathy Kram	

A special thank you to our Faith & Care leaders: Darby & Brian Hart, Carol Hart, Will & Skyler Moline and Lisa Schuler. They keep the church year running smoothly by finding our readers, ushers, communion prep and assistant individuals, coffee, etc. They volunteer their time and their work doesn't go unnoticed. You all are much appreciated!

## Financial Update 02-28-21

February Offering	\$9,669.20	
	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$33,280.69	\$27,340.83
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Total Income thru February	\$33,699.41	\$28,254.62
*Total Expenses thru February	\$43,438.40	\$35,372.76

\*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.

As of March 25, our Endowment Fund balance was \$116,054.42. 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).

## ULC Leadership 2021

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

### Committee Council Representatives

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

### Non-voting Representative

Pastor	Chuck Olmstead
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## Council Notes 03-15-21 Mtg

Holy Week services are being planned along with First Communion for fourth graders.

Carla reported that VBS will take place June 1 and will continue through the week based on the amount of volunteers to help.

Easter services (April 4) will be the start of allowing 75% capacity for the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Pews on the west side will no longer be taped off. Masks will still be required.

Property has many items on their list for parsonage and church property needs. Receiving bids for roof repair work for the fellowship hall, Sunday school wing and above the north front entrance. The church's insurance policy is up for renewal. Property or Pastor Chuck will look at a few of the new changes and if they are feasible for a rural congregation.

Of the 28 names submitted for the call committee, 10 will be asked to complete this committee. Once the committee is formed, contact with the Synod will continue.

A motion was made to continue having Orris Gjesdal do lawn care and a date for spring cleaning will be determined at the next meeting.

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

## Holy Week

Looking ahead in this Holy Week, we will have Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion (April 1) and Good Friday (April 2) worship services at 7pm. Council has approved having our Easter Worship services (no reservations required); 8AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion and 10AM Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion. We will be at 75% capacity in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Masks will continue to be required. We will not be serving caramel/cinnamon rolls or coffee between the two Easter services, as we always had prior to Covid. We are hoping next year to return to this fellowship opportunity between our two Easter worship services!

## Lenten Offerings

Thank you for your midweek Lenten offerings collected. We have gathered the last of the offerings and were able to donate \$1,003 to the Cavalier County Ministerial Association. This offering will help to provide 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 were not held this year. Thank you for your generosity!

**Fourth Grade Communion  
Instruction, Sunday, April 25,  
11AM Immediately  
following the  
worship service**



## Sunday School

Greetings and Happy Spring! It is so refreshing to be able to spend time outside and feel the promise of spring and all that comes along with it. I hope you have all been able to enjoy it!

I would like to start our update with a big welcome to our Interim leader, Pastor Chuck. We look forward to him meeting all of our young church members as we finish up our Sunday School year! The first weekend in April, the 4<sup>th</sup>, is Easter Sunday and we will not be holding Sunday School that day. Our lessons for the remainder of April are "The Road to Emmaus," "A Light to the Nations," and "God Provides."

As I mentioned last month, please mark June 1-4 on your calendars as VBS week. Although it will look a little different than past years, we are excited to have the kids with us for a few days. Keep an eye out for more details coming soon!

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  
Education Committee Chair

## Confirmation

After taking a break during Lent from our weekly 7-8 grade confirmation lessons, we will resume confirmation April 14.

Many thanks this Lenten season to parents and grandparents who have visited with our 7th graders and to those who agreed to mentor our 8th graders.

We will close out the school year with five sessions, all at 6pm:

April 14: Acts/Paul and the Early Church

April 21: Letters

April 28: Revelation

May 5: Group Service Project, Ditch Cleaning

May 12: Adventure Night - Trivia/End of year party

# Haiti Mission and Ministry Update

Life in Haiti is always a challenge. Not only have our friends in the Caribbean had to deal with the same pandemic we've struggled with, but the political climate is even more chaotic than our own. Protests and demonstrations, kidnappings and riots are a daily threat to education, work and finding food.

Pray for our friends in Haiti.

The good news is that our friends at Redemption Lutheran Church in Pasquette have finished building a new water tower which has dedicated solar panels and new plumbing. Subscriptions to deliver water to houses down the hill from the church are producing income and water is available free for those who carry it home in five gallon buckets. Our support has given the gift of water to many.

Other good news is that our good friend and translator, Kerlange and her husband and baby son are in the process of building a new home. Owning their own home gives them security and freedom from annual rent payments that increase every year. They hope to be able to use their new home as a place from which they can sell in the market and as a base for Armstrong's photography and video business.

If you would like to help Kerlange and her family build their house, you can leave a check in the church office with a note that it is for Kerlange or send it to ULC Esther Circle, c/o, Janet Jacobson, 9173 95th St. NE, Wales, ND 58281. An anonymous donor has offered to match gifts given in support of Kerlange and her family.

Thank you for our congregation's past and continued support of Seeds of Support work in Haiti even though we have not been able to visit there for a couple years. Bondye béni nou! (God bless all of you.)

## Park River Bible Camp

Contact PRBC for information on any of these events!

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!

## 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.



## Memorials

**Lawrence Thielbar** - Jim & Faye Wilhelmi (general), Dale & Pam Luhmann (general), Linden & Helen Johnson (general), Larry & Linda Olson (general), Paul & Lana Balsdon & family (general), Leland & Carolyn Balsdon (music), Gerald Thielbar (general), Don & Elaine Haugen (building), Lenora Olson (general)

**Dorothy Adam** - Linden & Helen Johnson (general), Corey & Julie Johnson (building), Arlaine Short (endowment), Kevin & Jan Stein (music), Larry & Linda Olson (music), Carla Symons (music), Jeremy & Lisa Schuler (music)

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

## Journey

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

April 4 - The Resurrection is Everything!

April 11 - The Road to Emmaus...On the road again, but what road?

April 18 - Doubting Thomas...Dealing with a broken Heart

April 25 - Jesus & Peter...The Need and importance of Renewal

## Prayers of...

### Healing

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

### Grief

The family of Lawrence Thielbar. Lawrence passed away on March 18. His funeral service was held at United on March 23.

The family of Dorothy Adam. Dorothy passed away March 22. Her funeral was held on March 27.

### Joy

Congratulations to Nic Kram and Kendra Langerud on the baptism of their daughter, Riley Dawn. Riley was baptized March 7 and her sponsors are Joshua and Karissa Langerud.

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

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Many Thrivent Financial members are eligible to direct Choice Dollars to our congregation or other charities. Members have until March 31 to direct dollars.

## Call Committee

Thank you for all the nominations for the call committee. The committee has been formed which includes: Carla Gemmill, Lisa Schuler, Linda Olson, Ted Dahl, Kyle Rollness, Abby Borchardt, Steve Hart, Ashton Hedger, Julie Johnson and Andrea Jacobson. The first meeting with the Synod as a newly formed call committee took place this past Monday, March 29.

## Interim Pastor

We are excited and blessed to have Pastor Chuck here at United as our interim pastor. Pastor Chuck started serving United Lutheran, March 1 and lives in Cavalier with his wife. His contact information is 701-235-7847 or by emailing at [chrslrmstd@gmail.com](mailto:chrslrmstd@gmail.com). You will generally find Pastor Chuck in the church office Mondays, Tuesdays and most Wednesdays.

Pastor Chuck grew up in Cutbank, Montana, went to college in Texas, then straight to seminary and from there served as pastor at Hope Lutheran Church in Fargo for 37 years. In August of last year, he and his wife, Cara moved to Cavalier to be near their kids and grandkids. They have a daughter and a son, six grandchildren and one on the way. Welcome Pastor Chuck!

## Scholarships

There are great college scholarship opportunities through the InFaith Foundation, which manages ULC's endowment fund. The money from these scholarships comes from InFaith, not from our endowment.

More information can be found at <https://www.infaithfound.org/newsgrants/scholarships>. Application deadlines are April 30.



United also has our own scholarship fund for students attending a Lutheran college or considering future ministry. Please let the church council know if you would like consideration for assistance.

# At-a-Glance and General Announcements

## Thank You to:

Charlie Jordan for updating the office computer and setting up email for Pastor Chuck.

Curtis Olson for harrowing the church parking lot to dry the lot down.

Those that were able to help with the Mobile Food Pantry on March 12.

Chris and Randy Mikkelsen, families and crew for keeping the parking lot at ULC cleared of snow this past winter.

## Offering Envelopes

2021 offering envelopes are available to be picked up from the table in the fellowship hall.

If you do not see a packet with your name, please let the church office know.

## Visitation

Last year, 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!

## Vaccinations - New Update

Cavalier County Health is offering vaccinations for individuals aged 18 and above, (16-18 year olds can call and be placed on a waiting list). Call 256-3911 for assistance to schedule an appointment or online at <https://tinyurl.com/yxn9aa2e>. An appointment is needed for receiving a vaccination and masks are required.

## Cancer Rummage Sale

Tuesday, April 27th through Saturday, May 1st. Langdon American Legion Downtown building. Volunteers are welcome. More information posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## 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.

Thank you to Brenna Schuler and Victor Long for volunteering to backup Dale Klein if he should need to be gone, for our digital worship recording and streaming.

## 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.

## Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Thursdays through zoom, providing support for relatives and friends of alcoholics. Please call 701-270-2254 with questions.

## Periodicals

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

## Lost Items

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

## Updated Covid Precautions at ULC

Coffee has resumed after Sunday worship services. The west side of the sanctuary will not be taped off starting Easter Sunday. With Council approval, the sanctuary and fellowship hall will increase to 75% capacity. Our other current precautions include:

- Pews are taped off for distancing, only on the east side;
- 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.

## 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.

## Annual Congregational Reports

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

## Pastor Breddin Mailing Address

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

## 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".

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 - April Schedule

### April 1 - Maundy Thursday

Reader - Karen Kempert  
Usher - Darrel & Karen Kempert  
Communion Prep - Carol Hart  
Communion Asst - Carol Hart

### April 2 - Good Friday

Readers - Carol Hart & JoAnn Mueller

### April 4 - 8AM Traditional Easter Worship

Reader - Dale Klein  
Ushers - Duane Olson & Edwin Olson  
Communion Prep - Elaine Haugen  
Communion Assts - Dustin & Michelle Wagner

### April 4 - 10AM Contemporary Easter

#### Worship

Reader - Jamie Coyle  
Ushers - Rory & Carey Freer  
Communion Prep - Elaine Haugen  
Communion Assts - Terry Jacobson  
& Deidre Long

### April 4 - 10AM Contemporary Easter

#### Worship (continued)

Acolyte - Brock Freer  
Projectionist - Kaylee Lowery

### April 11 - Worship

Reader - Sandra Brooks  
Ushers - Daren Christianson family  
Acolytes - Catelyn Goodman  
& Brock Freer  
Projectionist - Danny Hart  
Coffee - Sandra Brooks

### April 18 Worship & Communion

Reader - Patty Metzger  
Ushers - Dale & Pam Luhmann  
Communion Prep - Joanne Field  
Communion Asst - Patty Metzger  
Acolytes - Jacob Sanders  
& Tanner McDonald  
Projectionist - Brock Freer  
Coffee - Betty Nelson

### April 25 - Contemporary

#### Worship

Reader - Dale Klein  
Ushers - Jim & Shannon Nuelle  
Acolytes - Tanner McDonald  
& Brock Freer  
Projectionist - Adam Hart  
Coffee -