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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



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God's work.

A Word From Pastor Chuck

Summer makes us think about recreation. Enjoying the weather and the water as well as family gatherings and all the good things that are a part of what we call summer here in the northland. But let me for a moment get you thinking about a biblical view of recreation and what it means for your life. Do you ever wonder why God rested on the seventh day? Here's what scripture says about what God did after he created the heavens and the earth and humanity as the crowning achievement of all he had done.

Thus the heavens and earth were finished and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God, after God had finished all He had done, He rested from all the work He had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because God rested from all the work He had done in creation. Genesis 2:1-3

From a biblical point of view, recreation is better viewed as RE-CREATION. An opportunity to renew and restore ourselves, as we look at a week of work or a season of work with all the blessings that flow from that work. Without re-creation, life can become dull and monotonous, losing both meaning and purpose, so we find ourselves just going through the motions. And when we are just going through the motions of life, we lose a sense of gratitude for all the blessings that flow from creation and from God's goodness. Gratitude is necessary as people of faith, so we are looking up to God giving thanks for the beauty and blessings of nature and the primacy of relationships that give meaning to life. In this season of the year, I want to encourage you to do a little RE-CREATION. That means

enjoying summer with the outdoors and family vacations that are a big part of our lives during July and August. It also means focusing on God, as the giver of all. That is a part of summer and with gratitude, thanking Him, making Him central to your experiences of RE-CREATION. When we worship Him and thank Him for all we experience in the summer season of life, we are renewed and our souls connect with Him as our creator and as the one who blesses my life with all His good gifts. SO embrace a biblical view of recreation and make RE-CREATION your focus...it will be well with your soul when you do and your heart and life will be filled with God's blessings of summer!

As a part of your summer Re-Creation plans, don't forget the outdoor worship service and picnic planned for July 25th.

Other notes of interest include:

The property team has been hard at work this summer getting the parsonage "up to speed" with clean-up and repairs, readying it for a new pastor, as well as getting roof repairs done at the church. Many folks have volunteered time and resources and they deserve a word of thanks on behalf of the congregation. If opportunity presents itself, personally thank them and cheer them on in their labors of love for the church.

As an expression of your love for God, remember to keep your "regular" offerings regular. And thank you for your gifts that support the mission and ministry of United.

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July 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 12PM Al-Anon	2	3
Pastor Chuck away on vacation until July 10						
4 10AM Worship Happy 4th of July!	5	6	7	8 12PM Al-Anon	9	10
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11 10AM Blended Worship	12 7:30-9:30PM Church reserved	13 5:30PM Esther Circle	14	15 12PM Al-Anon	16	17
18 10AM Worship with Holy Communion	19 6PM Church Council meeting	20	21	22 12PM Al-Anon	23	24 10AM-2PM (Kitchen & Fellowship Hall reserved)
25 10AM Contemporary Worship 11AM Outdoor Picnic	26	27	28	29 12PM Al-Anon	30	31

Faith & Care #4 Lisa Schuler, chair

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
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Ryan & Heather Domres	Val Olson
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Devon & Katie Johnson	Willie Thom
Jay & Delane Johnson	Ryan & Shannon Wagner
Landin & Brynn Johnson	Shannon & Sheri Winnegge

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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Interim Pastor

Contact information for Pastor Chuck is by phone 701-235-7847 or email at chrslcrlmstd@gmail.com

Financial Update 05-31-21

May Offering	\$16,898.00	
	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$ 78,837.26	\$68,352.08
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Total Income thru May	\$80,081.62	\$85,533.62
*Total Expenses thru May	\$81,791.91	\$72,274.81

*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 June 29, our Endowment Fund balance was \$121,499.93. If you would like to make a contribution to the Endowment Fund, please make checks payable to "InFaith Foundation" (which manages our endowment fund). Interest accrued yearly from this Endowment fund has been used at the end of each year to give back to needs within our community or special projects within the church.

Council Notes 06-21-21 Mtg

Pastor Chuck lead in devotion and prayer. He reported attendance is strong, giving has been good. He will meet with Carla Gemmill soon to plan curriculum for Sunday school and Confirmation.

The Easter Egg Hunt money of \$507.87 has been moved to the Sunday school dedicated fund.

Steve reported that the church roof repair has been completed. Property Committee recommended a new steel roof for the parsonage, new vinyl plank flooring for the basement living room along with carpeting for the basement stairs. A motion was made to proceed on these projects and motion carried.

No new Covid-19 precaution updates other than we will not be ushering out after worship services.

The Mutual Ministry Committee needs to be reestablished. Looking for three to six individuals, showing faith based maturity, honesty with mentorship as the goal.

Synod Assembly is August 14-15 in Fargo. Up to three representatives from the congregation can attend along with the pastor.

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



(Storage Room 1) Before



(Storage Room 1) After



(Storage Room 2) Before ↑

(Storage Room 2) After ↓



So...this really happened! Thank you to so many for help with Clean-Up Day. Much needed improvements, you are appreciated!



A Word From Pastor Chuck

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The visitation team is making visits, which in some cases include communion to shut-ins as well as visits to others who are alone, hospitalized, or otherwise in need of that care that the team offers. If you know of someone who should be visited by a member of our visitation team, please let the church office know.

Rebecca Kjelland from Park River Bible camp will be the fill in pastor for June 27th and Kate Johnson from Red Willow Bible camp will be the fill-in pastor for July 4th. Welcome them and bless them as a church as they provide pastoral leadership for the church in my absence while I am on RE-CREATION.

Thank you people of United for your faithfulness as followers of Jesus and by all means enjoy the summer!

Pastor Chuck

Summer Worship Series

United's summer worship series is focused on Transformation. This series is focused on God's work of changing us from the inside out so we ourselves become living sacrifices, pleasing and acceptable to God. As scripture reminds us, "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may present yourselves as living sacrifices holy and pleasing to God". And God is really good at transforming anyone who says to Him, "Take my life and do Your work in me O Lord". July preaching focuses are as follows:

- July 4 - Transformed from captive to free
(Guest preacher is Kate Johnson)
- July 11 - Transformed from hate to love
- July 18 - Transformed from grief to healing
- July 25 - Transformed from frustration to patience
(Outdoor worship and picnic)

Summer in Langdon needs to be celebrated and enjoyed as summer is short here in the northland, but; along with enjoying summer, make worship a priority as the grace and goodness of God celebrated in worship is good for our souls.

Covid Updates 6/21

Coffee with food may be offered/served. Masks are optional, (we ask that everyone respect others decisions with face coverings), still refraining from handshakes and passing the offering plates. We will have continuous Holy Communion, although servers will continue to wear face coverings during distribution as they place the wafer in your hands. We will not be ushered out following worship services.

Prayers of...

Healing

Lois Jones (Val Olson's cousin, cancer), Diane Reinhardt (cancer), the people of Haiti, Connie Hakanson, Ken Carlson

Grief

The family of Will and Skyler Moline on the death of Skyler's grandma, Ethel Messner.

The Almlie family on the death of United Lutheran's former long-term pastor, John. John passed away on June 24. (For anyone wishing to send condolences to the Almlie family, you may send them to Lisa and Paul Riihiluoma, 4619 Alm Road, Moose Lake, MN 55767.)

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

Memorials

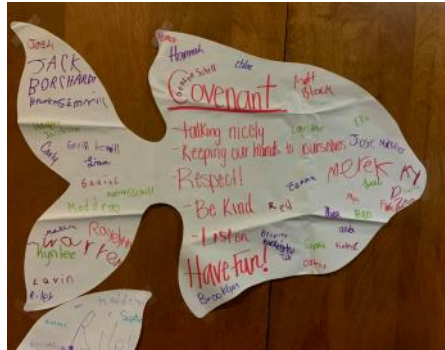
John Almlie - Dale & Pam Luhmann (music)

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

Vacation Bible School

Thank you to everyone who helped with or participated in Vacation Bible School, June 1-3. United Lutheran hosted 47 kids!

A special thank you to the leaders: Marcie Crockett, Sydney Crockett, Lynn Johnson, Kim Hart; youth helpers: Tyson Gemmill and Levi Swanson; the kitchen help and our education committee chairperson, Carla Gemmill! This could not happen without all our volunteers and helpers!



Call Committee Update

The call committee is in a waiting process for potential candidates to serve as a full-time, long term pastor at United. As we wait, there are two things that you as congregation can do to participate in the call process. Please pray for God to send United Lutheran a pastor who will “fit” into this congregation and serve us well as our pastor for a good long run. Alongside of that, you can help the call committee be proactive by sharing any names of potential candidates with the church office. North Dakota is pretty well “connected” and you likely know a pastor or have heard of one that might be a good fit for ministry here at our church. Sharing those names can help the process in that one conversation can lead to another, that might well open the door to potential pastoral candidates. Don’t hesitate to share the names of pastors you know or have heard of that you believe we should connect with. The Holy Spirit can work through these conversations to lead the call committee in the right direction. So thanks for your prayers and any names you have to share.

Church Roof Project



The church roof project has been completed! A special offering is still being collected to help raise funds for this project. Cost of the project is approximately \$28,420. To give an offering, simply indicate on the memo line of your check or envelope.

Thank you to those that have given so far; **17,370** has been raised!

At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Thank You:

Steve Hart family for the two new fans and for Steve stepping in on short notice to wet vac and maintain the larger than normal leak in the narthex on June 6.

Rebecca Kjelland for being our worship leader on June 27 while Pastor Chuck was away.

Al-Anon

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

Periodicals

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

Pastoral Care

Pastor Chuck will be out of the area from June 22 - July 10. If anyone needs pastoral care while he is away, please contact Pastor Adrian Olson at 256-3161.

United Women Bake-less Bake Sale

The Bake-less Bake Sale is going on. If you have contributed, thank you so much for your generosity. Funds from the bake sale are used to support mission work. If you have questions, contact your circle chair.

Visitation

The visitation ministry group has reformed. If you know of individuals that should be added to our visitation list, please share with the church office or write on the "tear-off" section of the bulletin and place in the offering plate.

If you want to be part of this group, please let Pastor Chuck know.

Outdoor Worship and Picnic

United Lutheran's annual outdoor worship and picnic will be July 25. We will bring chairs outside, but feel free to bring a lawn chair!

Our picnic will be done in a slightly different manner with precautions. Various committees have responsibilities for the picnic, which are summarized below (a full list is on the bulletin board in the church). If you serve on one of these groups, please coordinate together to ensure your duties are taken care of. Thank you!

Council Pres/VP: Grills and grilling.

Endowment Committee: Cook baked beans, prep roasters for cooked meat and "pool" to keep salads cold.

United Women: Each circle provides 5 salads (3 vegetable and 2 fruit).

Stewardship Committee: Setup tables for serving and eating, bring rack of chairs outside for worship.

Education Committee: Make the coffee and lemonade. Supervise youth as needed in their duties.

Hospitality Committee: Set out dish-ware, condiments, and salad. Replace supplies as needed.

Youth: Serve the coffee, lemonade and ice cream.

Property Committee: Clean-up.

Thanks in advance for everyone's help in putting on this event as we enjoy a morning in the great outdoors! Yes, we are praying for good weather!

Thanks also in advance to the contemporary praise band for providing our music and to Steve Hart for the use of his outdoor sound equipment!

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.

PRBC Summer Concert Series

July 4: No Concert

July 11: To be Determined

July 18: Aaron Weil

July 25: Becca and Bernice

(A Girl and her Uke)

August 1: Rachel Kurtz

August 8: Woodpicks

Camp Opportunities

It's not too late to sign up for summer Bible camp! ULC will pay up to ½ the cost of attending an ELCA camp in North Dakota; sign up for a great experience today! Go to the camp websites to learn more about their programs, costs and to register your child or youth for summer camp!

Journeying Through Grief

For Adults 18 years & older who have experienced recent loss of a loved one. The virtual class is free/open to the public, July 1, 11:30am-1PM. Register by calling (800)237-4629, deadline, June 30. Sponsored by Hospice of the Red River Valley.

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.

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



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Return Service Requested

Worship and Ministry - July Schedule

July 4 - Worship

Usher - Jeannie Steinwand

No Coffee

July 11 - Blended Worship

Reader - Nancy Coyle

Ushers - Sheri & Shannon Winnegge

Projectionist - Brenna Schuler

Coffee - Ashton Hedger

July 18 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - Finley Crockett

Ushers - Dan & Peggy Fischer

Communion Prep - LeeAnn Knudson

Communion Assts - Karen Boe, Val Olson
& DeLynn Carlson

Projectionist - Victor Long

Coffee - Joan Schrader

July 25 - Outdoor Contemporary Worship & Picnic

Reader - Greg Goodman

Ushers - Willie Thom & Edwin Olson