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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

It has been said that "God's Church is the hope of the world". This is unequivocally true. Jesus himself summed this up in the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. When God's church, as a body of believer's, loves God and one another as Jesus loved us, (The Great Commandment) and when we engage ownership, in the life of God's church, by reaching out to our community and our world with the good news of Jesus in word and deed, (The Great Commission); we are indeed the hope of the world.

A brief look at the history of the church at work in this world is telling:

Countless orphanages, medical facilities, hospices, and other care organizations came into being throughout the world as followers of Jesus sought to model their master's example bringing hope and healing into the world.

The vast majority of educational organizations of higher learning were birthed by followers of Jesus who believed that serving God included educating young people for service in this world.

The fields of art and music have sought to reflect the heart of God and more music and art have pointed to Jesus than any other single person in the history of the world.

And above all else, as the church lives into its calling to be the hope of the world countless lives have been redeemed through the sacrifice of Jesus in every corner of this

world, including me and you, making us right with God.

God's church is the hope of the world. United Lutheran is the hope of the world! You here at United Lutheran are a part of God's worldwide plan to engage your community with the good news of Jesus. I raise this because in the midst of pastoral transition and change, as you wait on the call process which seems to move too slowly, we can forget who we are and why we exist as a church.

From my perspective as your interim pastor, I want to encourage you and cheerlead you on in your calling to be the hope of the world and this is what I see:

- 1) Faith filled people who love God and worship Him with a devotion and passion of your hearts.
- 2) Significant ownership in the ministry and mission of your church through your volunteer efforts and financial support of United Lutheran.
- 3) A community that cares about the other. You are welcoming and invitational, reaching out in various ways through service and sacrifice.
- 4) You want the best for your kids and there is a deep desire to have ministries in place that pass the faith on to the next generation.

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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|---|-----|-------------------------------|
| 1 10AM Worship with Holy Communion | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 12PM Al-Anon | 6 | 7 |
| 8 10AM Blended Worship | 9 5PM P.E.O. | 10 5:30PM Esther Circle | 11 | 12 12PM Al-Anon 3-4PM Great Plains Mobile Food Pantry | 13 | 14 Synod Assembly in Fargo |
| 15 10AM Worship with Holy Communion Synod Assembly in Fargo | 16 6PM Church Council meeting | 17 | 18 | 19 12PM Al-Anon | 20 | 21 |
| 22 10AM Contemporary Worship | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 12PM Al-Anon | 27 | 28 |
| 29 10AM Worship | 30 | 31 | | | | |

Faith & Care #1 Brian & Darby Hart, chair

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| Shelly Agnes | Josh & Pam Krivarchka |
| Brandon & Sarah Badding | Kevin & Teri Lill |
| Carol Badding | Lyle & Deidre Long |
| Todd & Abby Borchardt | Dale & Pam Luhmann |
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| Daren & Sarah Christianson | Jeff & Brittanie Mostad |
| Todd & Shanda Christianson | Ken & Carol Myhre |
| Jamie & Amanda Coyle | Betty Nelson |
| Lawrence & Susan Fay Crockett | Frances Noland |
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| Lynn Domres & Tara Roberts | Jim & Shannon Nuelle |
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| Joel Jacobson | Laura Thielbar |
| Terry & Janet Jacobson | Dustin & Michelle Wagner |
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| Kathy Kram | |

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

Financial Update 06-30-21

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|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| June Offering | \$10,685.00 | |
| | <u>Year-to-Date</u> | <u>Budget YTD</u> |
| Offering Income | \$ 89,522.26 | \$82,022.50 |
| | <u>Current Year</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
| Total Income thru June | \$91,867.94 | \$96,526.74 |
| *Total Expenses thru June | \$94,215.30 | \$84,968.33 |

*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 July 27, our Endowment Fund balance was \$122,548.83. 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 07-19-21 Mtg

Carla reported that members of the education committee will meet with Pastor Chuck to discuss curriculum needs.

Terry reported that a member from his committee will be moving and he will look for someone to fill this open position.

Steve reported that the siding on the south sanctuary wall may need to be removed to further investigate the sole leak yet in the fellowship hall.

We will continue with continuous communion; the assistants will no longer mask and glove up but use hand sanitizer.

Call committee reported that they had received a candidate's ministry profile but felt this individual was not a good fit for United Lutheran.

Names of nominated individuals for the mutual ministry committee were submitted and these individuals will then be contacted by Deidre.

Synod Assembly, August 14-15 in Fargo. We are looking for a few individuals to represent United. At assembly, our congregation will be recognized for 75 years of faithful service.

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

Student Education

Sunday school is tentatively scheduled to begin Sunday, September 12. Students that will be entering kindergarten or new students to the area, please contact Carla Gemmill or the church office to be registered. If you are willing to help be a teacher, shepherd or substitute teach, please let Carla know this too. (Older students that help can use these hours towards volunteer middle/high school hours.)

Confirmation sessions are just around the corner! We are planning to have a parent-student informational meeting on Wednesday, September 8, at 6pm for the 7th & 8th Graders and parents. We will meet most Wednesdays during the school year after that. 9th graders will conclude their confirmation studies and affirm their baptisms. Stay tuned for the Confirmation Sunday date!

Outdoor Worship & Picnic

Our annual outdoor worship and picnic were held on Sunday, July 25. What a beautiful morning of sunshine, music, fellowship and great food on the lawn! Thank you to all the committees for their help in organizing the outdoor picnic and a special thank you to Steve Hart for the use of his speakers!



A Word From Pastor Chuck

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5) You have great leadership at all levels of ministry and organization in your church.

6) You are living into your call to be the hope of the world!

SO keep on keeping on, even in this transitional period. Don't grow weary in doing the work of being the church, God's church; and God bless you as you live into who you are as followers of Jesus.

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to give you a future filled with hope! Jeremiah 29:11

Pastor Chuck



Haiti update

Please pray for the country of Haiti. Haitian president, Jovenel Moise was assassinated in his home in Port-au-Prince in the early morning of Wednesday, July 7. (President Moise's funeral was held July 22). His wife was seriously wounded in the attack. It is unclear who carried out the assassination and who is now in charge of the government. So far, our friends are safe; the markets are closed and people are staying inside their homes. Access to food is limited and the situation is explosive. Pray for a peaceful resolution of the situation and a transition to a just government for our brothers and sisters in Haiti.



Summer Worship Series

United Lutheran's Summer worship series is focused on God's transformational work in our lives as followers of Jesus. Anyone who comes to God and says to Him, "Take my life and do Your work in me, O Lord" will be changed by the grace and goodness of God from the inside out. As scripture reminds us, "DO not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your minds that you may present yourself as a living sacrifice to God". August preaching focuses include:

August 1 - From Isolation to Communion

August 8 - From Words that Destroy to Language that Builds Up One Another

August 15 - From Tight-Fisted Greed to Open Handed Mercy

August 22 - From Secrets that Enslave to Unburdening my Soul to God

August 29 - From Consumerism to Servant Hood

Worship is central to the life of who we are as God's people. See you in church!

Prayers of...

Healing

Lois Jones (Val Olson's cousin, cancer), Diane Reinhardt (cancer), the people of Haiti, Connie Hakanson, Ken Carlson, Ryan Wagner, Clyde Anderson & Renae Skjervheim

Joy

Congratulations to Justin and Megan Overby on the birth of their new son, Lyle Wesley.

Happy birthday wishes to a special lady, Arlaine Short.

Grief

The family of Ole Olson on the loss of Ole's sister, June Marsden.

The family of Linda Timian on the passing of her mother, Kathryn "Kathy" Norum.

The family of Gordon Sondeland on the death of Gordon's father, Gordon Sr.

The family of Lynda Hoyt on the death of Lynda's mother, Sylvia Fetsch.

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 - Jeremy & Lisa Schuler (building, roof project), Linden & Helen Johnson (endowment), Anna Olson (general), John & Kathie Johnson (endowment), Corey & Julie Johnson (building)

Gordon Sondeland, Sr. - Laura Thielbar & family (building, roof project)

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

2021 Synod Assembly



The 34th Annual Synod Assembly of our Eastern North Dakota Synod, ELCA, will be held in Fargo, August 14-15. We are looking for a few individuals (up to three) to be our congregational representatives at the assembly. Hotel and registration costs are covered by the congregation. Childcare has been available in recent years. This is a great way to be part of the larger church! Please let Pastor Chuck or Julie know if you are interested.

During the Sunday closing worship service of the assembly, United Lutheran will receive special recognition for 75 years of faithful service to our Lord.

A reason to celebrate!

Call Committee Update

The call committee has been given their first pastor profile. After review of this candidate's rostered ministry profile, the call committee felt this candidate was not the right fit for United Lutheran.

There are two things as a congregation we 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 you well as your pastor for a long time. Alongside of that, you can 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 ULC. Sharing those names can help the process in that one conversation can lead to another that might open the door to potential pastoral candidates. So 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.

Mobile Food Pantry

The Great Plains Food Bank "mobile food pantry" will again be distributing free food from United Lutheran Church's parking lot, Thursday, August 12, from 3-4PM.

Come if you are in need! Spread the word!

Volunteers are needed from 2:45-4:15PM to help direct traffic, greet and load food into people's vehicles. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

There are no eligibility requirements to receive food which is provided through donations to the Great Plains Food Bank.



At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Thank You:

Pastor Kate Johnson for being our worship leader on July 4 while Pastor Chuck was away.

To all the committees for their help in organizing the outdoor picnic! A special thank you to Steve Hart for the use of his speakers.

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 "Living Lutheran" periodicals are available in the narthex.

Bake-less Bake Sale

United Women's Bake-less Bake Sale is happening. 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.

Off the Charts Music Festival

The Summer's best FREE music festival, August 21-22, featuring The Afters, We Are Messenger and more! Held in the Cavalier City Park. Games, food, fun and music! Check out their website for more information at www.offthechartsnd.com

Roof Project

To the many individuals/families that have given towards our roof project. The main part of the roof project is completed and has been fully funded by our generous members!

Minor mitigation will still happen of removing the siding on the south sanctuary wall to further investigate the sole leak yet in the fellowship hall.

Let's Build an Impact that Lasts

When you give to the United Lutheran Church Endowment Fund in your will or estate plan, you help build an organization that lasts. Since only a portion of the fund is used each year, what you give, grows. And what grows, sustains our mission as a permanent source of support.

For more information about how our Endowment Fund works, call In Faith Community Foundation at 800-365-4172 (where our endowment is held).

Layers of Loss

Most of us have experienced a loss through death, but what about other types of loss? The pandemic has caused more losses than ever. How do we cope with the loss of normalcy, structure, routine and more? A virtual class is available, hosted by Hospice of the Red River Valley, Thursday, September 2 from 11:30AM to 1PM. Registration is required by one day prior to the class date.

PRBC Summer Concert Series

August 1: Rachel Kurtz

August 8: Woodpicks

Lost Items

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

Remembering Pastor John

For anyone wishing to watch the funeral service of Pastor John, which was live streamed on July, 24, may do so by going to www.youtube.com/c/NativityLutheranChurch/videos and clicking on "A Celebration of the Life of John Almlie".

If anyone would like a copy of Pastor John's obituary, there are copies in the office.

Condolences can be sent to the Almlie family, you may send them to Lisa (Almlie) Riihiluoma, 4619 Alm Road, Moose Lake, MN 55767.

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.

Muhs Fest

2nd Annual Muhs Fest in honor of the late Michael Muhs, past member of United Lutheran. Held at Mt. Carmel Dam Recreational Area, August 7. Corn hole tournament begins at 2PM. Rib cook-off - Chef's meeting at 11:30AM. Day concludes with the judging of the ribs at 7:30PM. A picnic meal to follow, free will offering. Proceeds to be donated to the Cavalier County Cancer Crusaders.

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



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Worship and Ministry - August Schedule

August 1 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - Deidre Long
Ushers - Lyle & Deidre Long
Communion Prep - Elaine Haugen
Communion Assts - Ardyce Hennager,
Terry & Janet Jacobson
Projectionist - Jaymee Reidhammer
Coffee - Ardyce Hennager

August 8 - Blended Worship

Reader - Terry Jacobson
Usher - Edwin Olson
Projectionist - Nathan Kitchin
Coffee -

August 15 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader -
Ushers - Jim & Shannon Nuelle
Communion Prep - Elaine Haugen

August 15 - (continued)

Communion Assts -
Projectionist - Tyson Gemmill
Coffee -

August 22 - Contemporary Worship

Reader -
Ushers -
Projectionist - Addy Reidhammer
Coffee -

August 29 - Worship

Reader - Jamie Coyle
Usher - Jamie Coyle
Projectionist - Brock Freer
Coffee -