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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

As we transition into the fall schedule at United Lutheran, many of your church's ministries get up and running again. Here are highlights of what to look forward to in September:

Sunday School gets up and running on September 12th from 9-9:45 am. Parents and grandparents make sure to get your children registered for Sunday school by connecting with Carla Gemmill or calling the church office. Together we have a responsibility to pass the faith on to the next generation and engage Jesus' promise, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for to such as these belongs the kingdom of God".

Also, on September 12th as a congregation, we will celebrate baptismal promises we made as a church by distributing 3-year old bibles in worship.

On September 19th we will confirm our 9th graders during worship service that day. Please pray for all our children and students during the month of September as these ministries of the church are vital to the wellbeing of who we are as people of God.

Also, I want you to know that the call committee is in the process of interviewing a candidate to serve as pastor for the future of United Lutheran's mission and ministry. Pray for your call committee as they do this important work for the good of God's church in Langdon, ND.

As always, worship is central to our lives as followers of Jesus. The 2nd commandment

reminds us, "Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy". Attending to your soul

business is crucial for your walk with God as you seek to run in to what it means to be a follower of Jesus. So make worship a priority in the busyness of your life. It will be well with your soul as you do! On a side note, I will be with you for the first three Sundays in September and then, depending on the call process, other arrangements are being made to make worship the priority it is for you as God's church in this place.

Finally, as we move from summer to fall, could I ask you to look at your giving to your church. Offerings tend to be less regular during summer with its different pace and the fall can be a good time to "catch up" and get back into the regular patterns of supporting your church that is needed for ministry. The many ministries of United Lutheran depend upon your generous and faithful support.

The momentum of God at work among His people is evident here at United Lutheran. Thank you for financially supporting what God is doing in our church as we engage our mission together, "We are United to experience Jesus, Serve others, and Live the Word".

It has been a joy to serve as your interim pastor, to get to know you and engage with you in your mission.

With gratitude for your faithfulness and who you are as God's church in Langdon, ND.

Pastor Chuck

September 2021

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | 1 | 2 12PM Al-Anon | 3 | 4 |
| 5 10AM Worship with Holy Communion | 6 Labor Day | 7 | 8 5PM Sunday school Leader Meeting 6PM 7-8Grade Parent/Student Confirmation Mtg 6PM 9th Grade Confirmation | 9 12PM Al-Anon | 10 | 11 |
| 12 9AM First Day of Sunday school 10AM Blended Worship Story Bibles for 3-Year Olds | 13 5PM P.E.O. 5:30 Esther Circle →→ 7PM Rachel Circle →→ | 14 9AM-3PM Quilting 10AM Deborah Circle | 15 9AM-3PM Quilting Confirmation 6PM 7-8Grade 6PM 9th Grade | 16 12PM Al-Anon | 17 | 18 |
| 19 9AM Sunday school 10AM Worship with Holy Communion 9th Grade Confirmation Pastor Chuck's last day at ULC | 20 6PM Church Council meeting | 21 | 22 Confirmation 6PM 7-8Grade | 23 12PM Al-Anon | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9AM Sunday school 10AM Contemporary Worship | 27 | 28 | 29 Confirmation 6PM 7-8Grade | 30 12PM Al-Anon | | |

Faith & Care #2 Carol Hart, chairman

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ULC Leadership 2021

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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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Council Notes 08-16-21 Mtg

Council did not meet in the month of August.

Interim Pastor Chuck

Contact information for Pastor Chuck is by phone 701-235-7847 or email at chriscrlmstd@gmail.com. Pastor Chuck's last day at United will be September 19.

Call Committee

The call committee has received a **second** pastor profile and has voted to move forward with an interview with this candidate.

Please pray for God to send United Lutheran a pastor who will "fit" into this congregation and serve us well. 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. Thanks for the prayers and any names you have to share.

Financial Update 07-31-21

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| July Offering | \$10,300.80 | |
| | <u>Year-to-Date</u> | <u>Budget YTD</u> |
| Offering Income | \$ 99,823.06 | \$95,692.91 |
| | <u>Current Year</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
| Total Income thru July | \$102,292.09 | \$115,208.26 |
| *Total Expenses thru July | \$106,117.72 | \$ 97,674.05 |

*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 August 31, our Endowment Fund balance was \$123,531.59. 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.

Farewell Pastor Chuck

A big thank you to this special person that we've grown to love as our own. Pastor Chuck retired from Hope Lutheran Church in August 2020 after 36 years of helping people with their "Soul Business" and he continues to help United Lutheran with theirs! He has been with us since March 1 as our interim pastor. He stepped in during the busy season of Lent and Easter and is now working with various committees to set the stage for the fall schedule before he leaves. Pastor Chuck has been a book of knowledge and genuinely fell seamlessly in to place here in our congregation. He has worked hard to keep us moving forward in the right direction and has never said "no" to all the tasks we throw his way. Some things you may have noticed about Pastor Chuck while he is here:

- his infectious laugh
- fist bumping, shaking hands while greeting members
- his passion for what he does
- genuine excitement about our youth (his open ended offer to wrestle some of the boys...)
- willingness to sit down over coffee to discuss the church and it's business
- and furthering our desire to take ownership in our church

We will surely miss him but wish him well as he continues on in his retirement.

Although Pastor Chuck is leaving, he is not far away and lives in Cavalier with his wife, Cara. His children and grandchildren all live in the Cavalier area. (He and Cara recently welcomed grandchild #7 - Theodore Charles). His last Sunday with us at United will be September 19. Please join us for cake and coffee following worship that day in his honor!



Help for Haiti

A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti on August 14. Over 1,400 people were killed and that number is expected to increase as search-and-rescue efforts continue. Blocked roads are delaying the delivery of vital supplies to hospitals which are overwhelmed with more than 6,900 injured people. At least 26,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, but the full extent of damage is still unknown. Haiti is also suffering through a political crisis and was hit by Tropical Storm Grace on Monday night, August 16, which caused severe flooding in communities already damaged by the earthquake.

As you know, United Lutheran has a relationship with the people of Haiti and God's church in Haiti. In response to this disaster, Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with partner organizations in the affected communities to meet relief needs, including food, water, medical supplies and temporary shelter to meet the basic needs of survival and help.

If you would like to give an offering to aid the efforts of Lutheran Disaster Response please know that 100 % of your offering goes to help "on the ground" in Haiti. To make an offering, make your check out to United Lutheran Church and mark the memo line, "Lutheran Disaster Response Offering". Your offering will be forwarded to Lutheran Disaster Response in Haiti.

Thanks for your gifts and your generous hearts reflecting who you are as a follower of Jesus. As Jesus taught us, "Whenever you reach out with an act of kindness or compassion to helping people in this world, you are doing it for me".

September Sermon Themes

September 5 - Following Jesus: Both Privilege and Responsibility

September 12 - Do you believe me when I tell you about heavenly things that will change your life?

September 19 - The Call

September 26 - Our Stumbling Blocks

Bibles for Three-Year-Olds

During our September 12 worship service, we will be giving Spark Story Bibles to three-year-olds in our congregation. We have contacted families with three-year-olds to join us for worship that day as we celebrate this gift with them and live into our baptismal promises by placing in their hands the holy scriptures.



Confirmation

9th graders will be confirmed during worship on Sunday, September 19.

Thank you to Elaine Haugen and Linda Olson for working with these students in preparation for that important Sunday.

Thank you to Pastor Chuck for making this happen prior to his departure.

Those being confirmed are: Catelyn Goodman, Brock Freer, Victor Long, Meredith Romfo, Jayden Lee and Jacob Sanders.

Prayers of...

Healing

Lois Jones (Val Olson's cousin, cancer), Diane Reinhardt (cancer), our brothers and sisters in Haiti, Connie Hakanson, Ryan Wagner, Clyde Anderson, Renae Skjervheim & Bob Kempert

Joy

Belated birthday blessings to a special lady, Arlaine Short on July 31.

Congratulations to Courtney (Becker) Feil & Joshua Feil on the birth of their new daughter, Roxanne Eliza.

Grief

The family of Mark Schneider on the death of Mark's mother, Sue Schneider.

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

Deborah Circle

Deborah Circle bible study group will be meeting on Tuesday morning, September 14 at 10AM at the Cavalier County Senior Meals & Services.

Memorials

John Almlie - Carol Hart (endowment), Erv & Sandra Reuther (general), Pat Jensen (general), Carla Symons (general), Dana & Karen Gauthier (general), Tom & Judy Waing (general), Jim & Faye Wilhelmi (general)

Sandra Almlie - Dana & Karen Gauthier (general)

Kathy Norum - Carol Hart (endowment)

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

Youth News

Happy Fall everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer vacation. I don't know about you but I always find myself wondering where the time went. It always seems to fly by! But, we are looking forward with anticipation to an exciting school year! This year again will be filled with some changes and new things and we are so thankful for everyone that has volunteered their time and talents to spend with our youth.

I want to include some information about confirmation, as some of the changes there affect our Sunday School kids. Without a full-time pastor and with Pastor Chuck leaving us at the end of September, we needed someone to step into the role of confirmation leader. I am excited to announce that Kim Hart agreed to take on that role and will be the full-time confirmation leader for this school year or until we have called a new pastor to ULC. Confirmation will kick off on September 8th, with a student/parent meeting at 6pm for the 7&8 Grade students at the church. 7&8 Grade students will meet most Wednesdays during the school year. We are looking forward to having the kids learn under Kim's leadership!

9th Grade Confirmation students will meet September 8 also at 6PM and will be confirmed on Sunday, September 19. Thank you to Elaine Haugen and Linda Olson for working with these students in preparation for that important Sunday. They will meet on September 8 and 15 for preparation.

Sunday School will resume on September 12th at 9am! We will again be using the Whirl "All Kids" curriculum which means that we'll have all the kids meet and learn in the fellowship hall. As I mentioned, we will be back to our old start time of 9am this year because we will be adding music back into our mornings! With Kim taking on the confirmation leader role, she wanted to step back from leading SS music. I am so happy to announce that Lisa Schuler and Becky Tollefson have offered to take on that role together and I know they will do a great job with the kids. We are excited to have this piece back in our SS hour! So again, we will begin at 9am and end at 9:45am each Sunday. Our leader meeting for Sunday School will be on September 8th at 5pm, so if you have offered to be a leader this year, please mark that time/date on your calendar! Extra leaders are always welcome so 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.)

We continue to be blessed with wonderful people that volunteer their time to lead our youth. It is such an essential part of our ministry at United Lutheran and I cannot thank you enough for giving of your time. A very special thank you to Kim Hart, Lisa Schuler and Becky Tollefson for stepping into roles that needed to be filled. We appreciate you all so much!

As always, we will post announcements and other news on our Sunday School Facebook page, and of course don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions! We look forward to seeing you at United Lutheran!

Grace & Peace, Carla Gemmill, Education Committee Chair



Thank you to Kathie Johnson, Carol Hart & Patty Metzger for maintaining the beautiful flower garden and potted flowers.



At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Thank You:

To those that were able to help with the Great Plains Mobile Food Pantry on August 12.

Sara Goodman and Gerald Anderson for their continuous work being done in the parsonage.

Al-Anon

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

Farewell Cake and Coffee

Please join us after worship on Sunday, September 19 for cake and coffee in honor of Pastor Chuck. This will be his last Sunday with us at United.

Periodicals

The "Living Lutheran" periodicals are available in the narthex.

Bake-less Bake Sale

The United Women Bake-less Bake Sale will continue through the end of August. Thank you so much to those who have already contributed.

Fellowship Hall Roof Update

After removing the siding from the sanctuary wall, the cause of the sole leak in the fellowship hall has been found. Property Committee will need to explore options to repair this area as it may be a challenging fix.

Sunday School

Sunday school will resume September 12. A meeting for leaders will be Wednesday, September 8 at 5pm.

Peanut-Free

A gentle reminder, United Lutheran Church is a peanut free building. This means **no peanuts, tree nuts such as almonds, cashews, walnuts, or pistachios, or legumes, such as peas, chickpeas, lentils or soybeans; green beans and kidney beans are okay.**

Please keep this in mind if bringing food for fellowship after worship, pot-lucks, funerals or other events at church.

Covid Vaccinations for the Public

COVID-19 vaccinations at Langdon United Methodist Church on Sundays of September 5 & 19, October 3 & 17 from 1-5PM, shots are free. Also, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Cavalier County Health in the courthouse.

Kitchen Pans & Lost Items

Missing a pan? It may be in the church kitchen. Missing baby items, toys, sunglasses, readers, etc. they may be laying on the lost & found shelf in the narthex. Please check if one is yours!

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 Fall Events

September 24 - Meatball Day
September 26 - Ham and Meatball Dinner

Dresden Museum Picnic

Cavalier County Historical Society is hosting the Fourth Annual picnic at the Dresden Museum on Sunday, September 5, 11:30AM-2:30PM in Dresden. All are welcome and proceeds go towards museum updates and maintenance.

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.

Fall Cancer Rummage Sale

Tuesday, September 14 through Saturday, September 18. Drop off dates are Sunday - Monday, September 12 & 13 from 10AM-6PM. Langdon American Legion Downtown building. Volunteers are welcome. More information posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Cavalier County Cancer Crusaders are a non-profit group. All funds earned are kept locally to support cancer patients.

Gifts of Grain 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, be sure to visit with your tax advisor and be sure any donations are processed properly through the elevator.

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



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Worship and Ministry - September Schedule

September 5 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - JoAnn Mueller
Usher - Carol Hart
Communion Prep - Karen Pederson
Communion Asst - JoAnn Mueller
Projectionist - Adam Hart
Coffee - Rick & Carolyn Crockett

September 12 - Blended Worship

Reader - JoAnn Mueller
Ushers - Angie Sanders family
Projectionist - Brenna Schuler
Coffee - Sandy Boe

September 19 - Worship with Holy Communion (Confirmation for 9th Grade Students)

Reader - Rebecca Tollefson
Ushers - Bernie Goodman & John Johnson
Communion Prep - Arlaine Short & Carol Hart
Communion Assts - Dean & Connie Hakanson
& Carol Goodman
Projectionist - Victor Long
Coffee - Bob & Nadine Kempert
Farewell Cake & Coffee with Pastor Chuck

September 26 - Contemporary Worship

Reader - Rachele Romfo
Usher - Rachele Romfo
Projectionist - Nathan Kitchin
Coffee - Gerald & Sue Anderson