

# 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.

## The Reformation: Why It Still Matters

The reformation led by Martin Luther, whom after United Lutheran and all Lutheran churches world-wide are named after, happened a long time ago. So why should it still matter to followers of Jesus today? Simply stated, the reformation was a movement to get back to the basics of the faith. Luther stressed the basics by developing the small catechism which we still use for confirmation instruction. He stressed the importance of God's Word for personal devotion and public worship. He did this so that everyone could hear and reflect upon the good news of salvation offered to all people through the death and resurrection of Jesus; and what that meant for our lives as people of faith.

Think about it this way: Any athlete in any sport to rise to a competitive level needs to "practice the basics". Fans go to the games. What we don't see as fans is the hours of practice devoted to the basics so that an athlete can get better and better and become a master of his or her sport in order to defeat the competition.

That is the essence of why the reformation should matter to us all as followers of Jesus. We need to focus on the basics of faith so they become natural for us in the way we live our lives. So that we are not defeated by the brokenness of this world, (the terms Luther would have used were sin, death and the devil).

### What are those basics:

Love God by worshipping Him on a regular basis. This is the first, greatest commandment according to Jesus. In other words, the most basic of all the basics.

Serve God by using your gifts and talents, both in your church and in your community. Jesus said, "I have come not to be served but to serve" and by implication this is an expectation of all who follow Him. The second part of the great commandment of Jesus also refers to this basic Christian practice, "Love God and Love One Another".

Work at forgiveness as we have been forgiven and it's central to who we are as God's people. As we pray in the Lord's prayer, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us".

Make prayer central to your life. Put yourself in God's presence in order to speak and listen to God.

The Reformation still matters because it makes us focus on the basics of our faith. Also, to work on getting better and better in the high calling in becoming a son or daughter of God.

God Bless the people of United Lutheran for running the race of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus and to run your race with a focus on loving God and serving Him! As you focus on the basics, you will win the race!

**Special Congregational  
meeting, October 10 (11AM)  
to vote in calling a  
pastoral candidate  
for United Lutheran.  
More information on Page 4.**

# October 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 9AM Sunday school 10AM Worship (No Communion)	4	5	6 No Confirmation	7 12PM Al-Anon	8 Scrapbooking	9 Scrapbooking
10 9AM Sunday school 10AM Blended Worship (SS students sing) 11AM Special Congregational Meeting	11 5PM P.E.O.	12 9AM-3PM Quilting 10:30AM Deborah Circle @ Senior Center 5:30PM Esther Circle	13 9AM-3PM Quilting Confirmation 6PM 7-8 Grade	14 12PM Al-Anon	15 Wedding rehearsal	16 Downs/Enger Wedding
17 9AM Sunday school 10AM Worship with Holy Communion	18 6PM Church Council meeting	19 7PM Rachel Circle	20 No Confirmation	21 12PM Al-Anon	22	23
24 No Sunday school 10AM Contemporary Wor- ship	25 5PM P.E.O.	26	27 Confirmation 6PM 7-8 Grade	28 12PM Al-Anon	29	30
31 9AM Sunday school 10AM Worship						

# Faith & Care #3

Chairman - Will & Skyler  
Moline

Mitchell & Melissa Almen  
Dennis & Linda Balsdon  
Leland & Carolyn Balsdon  
Tyler Balsdon  
Alvin Carlson  
Aaron Dahl  
Darryl & Bev Dahl  
Keith Dahl  
Ted & Linda Dahl  
Mark & Laura Dease  
Jerry & Bev Domres  
Kendall & Carla Gemmill  
Don Gerth  
Steve & Kim Hart  
David & Jan Haslekaas  
Shane & Kari Henderson  
Scott & Tina LaPorte  
Steven & Kristin McDonald  
Tara McFadden  
Leota Mikkelsen  
Randy & Phyllis Mikkelsen  
Cheryl Muhs

Larry & Linda Olson  
Steve & Jamie Olson  
Tom Olson  
Justin Overby  
Dennis & Norma Pengilly  
Lynn Peterson  
Ronald & Marie Peterson  
Jason & Melanie Reidhammer  
Hans & Diane Reinhardt  
Shirley Robinson  
Elroy & Marilyn Rude  
Lance & Megan Schill  
Mike & Connie Schrader  
Bob & Patricia Scott  
Arlaine Short  
Burnell & Renae Skjervheim  
Kevin & Jan Stein  
Daryl & Linda Timian  
Brian Vikan  
Jeff & Betty Vikan  
Jim & Faye Wilhelmi

# 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

# Council Notes 09-20-21 Mtg

Carla and Kyle met with Pastor Chuck and have new ideas for Sunday school. Lisa Schuler will teach music with the students for the first semester and Rebecca Tollefson the second semester.

Council has moved to hire Kim Hart to teach 7-8 grade confirmation this year or until a new pastor is hired.

Endowment will meet in November to discuss their yearly distribution. Dan asked the Council if there are specific needs within the church/parsonage.

Worship leaders are in place for the next five Sundays.

Council has approved the recommended pastoral candidate and a special congregational meeting will be held on October 10 (11AM) to vote on calling this candidate and the compensation package.

The basement wall in the parsonage is finished; flooring will be delivered and stored in the garage. Marcotte's are a few weeks out from working on the roof. Steve is still searching for a fix to the sanctuary corner, leaking into the fellowship hall.

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

# Financial Update 08-31-21

August Offering \$14,778.80

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Offering Income	\$114,601.86	\$109,363.32
Total Income thru August	\$117,194.29	\$126,745.26
*Total Expenses thru August	\$116,621.64	\$111,973.85

\*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 September 28, our Endowment Fund balance was \$125,081.19. 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.

# Special Meeting of the Congregation

A special meeting of the congregation will be held **Sunday, October 10, following worship (11AM)** to vote on a proposed call of a pastor. This call has been recommended by the Call Committee and approved by the Church Council. Please consider being present as good attendance would be most appreciated for this important meeting. In respecting the wishes of this candidate, we will not be able to reveal their name until this meeting.

## Three Year-Old Bibles

On Sunday, September 12, three year-old bibles were given to:

Cabri Domres  
Cora Christie  
Ramsey Hedger  
Amelia Mostoller

Brooks Balsdon  
Odin Balsdon  
Lane Moline

We celebrate this gift with them and live into our baptismal promises by placing in their hands the holy scriptures.



## Memorials

No memorials were received in the month of September.

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

## CDC Recommendations

The CDC is recommending that fully vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals wear a mask in public indoor settings if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission. United Lutheran is encouraging members to mask during worship/fellowship. Current precautions will remain in place and are: opening windows, shutting off fans, still refraining from handshakes and passing offering plates. We will continue to use sanitizer while distributing communion.

## Continued Help for Haiti

After a devastating earthquake struck southwest Haiti, experiencing a tropical storm and also experiencing political unrest, much has not changed in Haiti.

United Lutheran has an ongoing relationship with the people of Haiti. Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with partner organizations to meet relief needs. It is not too late to give as we are still collecting offerings to aid the efforts of Lutheran Disaster Response. If you still wish to do so, please make your check payable to United Lutheran Church and mark the memo line, "Lutheran Disaster Response". (Know that 100% of your offering goes to help "on the ground" in Haiti.) Your offering will be forwarded to Lutheran Disaster Response in Haiti. Thank you for your gifts and your generous hearts reflecting who you are as a follower of Jesus.

Please continue to pray for our partners in Haiti.

## Pastoral Care

In the absence of a pastor, please share this information and know that we have care options.

In the event of hospitalization, both Grand Forks and Fargo hospitals offer a chaplain on site for your spiritual needs. If you need a visit, in home communion or prayer, please contact a member of our visitation team or by contacting the church office (256-2594). Please contact Julie Johnson in an event of a death and she will help guide you in the right direction (701-370-8658). Our visitation team consists of:

Sandy Boe  
JoAnn Mueller  
Ted Dahl  
Faye Wilhelmi  
Rory Freer  
Terry Jacobson  
Carol Hart

Carolyn Crockett  
Jeannie Steinwand  
Helen Johnson  
Rory Freer  
Carey Freer  
Abby Borchardt

# Confirmation

Confirmation sessions meet in person most weeks. Our October schedule is below, with 6pm start times for 7th-8th grade. Looking ahead in to October:

October 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Confirmation</b>
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	You Shall Not Kill
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NDEA - No Confirmation</b>
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	You Shall Not Commit Adultery

# In Celebration



Left to Right: Brock Freer, Victor Long, Jacob Sanders, Pastor Chuck Olmstead, Catelyn Goodman & Meredith Romfo.  
Not pictured: Jayden Lee

Congratulations to our 9th graders, confirmed on September 19. We celebrate this milestone in their faith journeys! A big thank you to Pastor Chuck in confirming these students before his departure.



# Prayers of...

## Healing

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

## Joy

Congratulations to Chris and Tina Mikkelsen on the birth of their new son, Mac Randall, born on September 1. Mac has two big sisters, Josie and Madden.

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

# All Saints Sunday

With all Saints Sunday coming soon, we are asking those to share names of loved ones—so we remember—saints in Christ—who have passed this last year and in years past. If you would like to share a name of a loved one, please let the church office know. All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 7. As we mourn their loss, we look forward with hope to their resurrection.

# With Gratitude

We have been blessed to offer worship services on our Facebook page for over a year and are grateful many have been able to connect with United Lutheran this way. Others have felt comfortable being back in-person to worship together with fellowship. Whether you are choosing to worship in-person or watching from home, we thank you for your offerings coming in, giving United uninterrupted flow of funds needed to pay our yearly budgeted expenses. A big bummer is our operating expenses don't go away and are always present, so thank you for your generosity!

Thank you to our main, streaming technician, Dale Klein and also to back-up individuals Brenna Schuler and Victor Long. Without these individuals, it would be hard to stream live or upload the worship service for viewing later. If you know of anyone else willing to learn this position, please let the church office know.



# Sunday School

Greetings! Time just flies by and here we are into October already. Sunday School started out wonderfully in September - we've had a great group of kids join us! It is so nice to be back together and to fill the church with our children. As a reminder, we are back to our normal start time of 9am and will finish up around 9:45am each Sunday. The Sunday school students will be singing during worship on October 10 under the direction of Lisa Schuler. It will be so nice to see and hear them singing again after sustaining from singing most of last year!

Our lessons for October are "Rebekah and Isaac" on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, "Jacob" on Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, "Joseph and His Brothers" on Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, and "Joseph in Egypt" on Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. Please note that there will be **NO Sunday School on October 24<sup>th</sup>**, as this is a long weekend for the schools. Our lesson leaflets do have some activities for you to do at home with your kids, so be sure to check those out!

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



## 75 Years Faithful Service

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly "Live in Love" was held August 14-15. Although no one was able to be present for Synod Assembly, United Lutheran was recognized with a certificate for their 75 years of faithful service.

We've been informed that Synod Assembly will be moved back to its normal month of June in 2022.

## Quilters

The United Lutheran quilting group has resumed with their mission work at the church. They meet regularly the 2nd Tuesday and Wednesday of each month, through April. If you can cut, sew, or tie, come and help fulfill their mission! Quilts are made for baptisms, graduates, care center residents and are also sent to people in need throughout our nation and the world through Lutheran World Relief. All materials, tools and machines are provided; little experience is required! Contact Joanne Field with any questions (256-5595).

Come Join Us!

## PRBC Quilt Auction

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Auction of Park River Bible Camp will take place on November 7 and will stream live at 1PM with a welcome and announcements. Bidding will begin at 1:30PM.

All items will be available for viewing in person or on-line on Monday, November 1-November 6 (hours 9AM to 4:30PM) in the chapel or find the link to view and bid on items at [parkriverbiblecamp.org](http://parkriverbiblecamp.org) or on their Facebook page.

Don't need or want an item, but would still like to support the camp? This can be done at [www.parkriverbiblecamp.org](http://www.parkriverbiblecamp.org) or on the live auction page, the day of.

You can also donate by calling the office or sending a check (please label "Quilt Auction" in the memo) to 106 Solid Rock Circle, Park River, ND 58270.



# At-a-Glance and General Announcements

## Thank You to:

The many individuals for contributing to the United Women's bake-less bake sale so they can do their mission work.

Lisa and Brenna Schuler for their special music provided during worship on September 19.

Elaine Haugen and Linda Olson for working with the 9th grade students in preparation for Confirmation Sunday on September 19.

Carol Hart for leading us in worship on Sunday, September 26.

The circles for providing cookies and lefse for the Park River Bible Camp Ham & Meatball dinner on September 26.

Faye Wilhelmi and Helen Johnson for the fall decorating around the church. Also, for making themselves available to help Julie each month with newsletters preparation.

## Deborah Circle

Deborah Circle will meet for bible study on Tuesday, October 12, 10:30AM at the Cavalier County Senior Meals & Services.

## Sunday School

A gentle reminder that Sunday school has begun and is back to the normal time of 9AM to 9:45AM. We look forward to your children being with us to further their faith journey.

The students will be singing during worship on October 10, under the direction of Lisa Schuler.

## Communion

There will be no communion on Sunday, October 3 but there will be communion on Sunday, October 17.

## Periodicals

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

## Visitation

If you know of individuals that should be added to our visitation list or would like a visit from the visitation team, please share with the church office or write on the "tear-off" section of the bulletin and place in the offering plate. Members reaching out to do visits are listed on page 4.

## St. Alphonsus Fall Supper

Sunday, October 17, 4-7PM, St. Alphonsus Parish Center. Serving: Turkey, Ham with all the trimmings, desserts. Prices and more information posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## Diaper/Household Paper Products

A drive for donations of diapers, facial tissue, paper towels, toilet tissue and feminine hygiene products. September 15-29, drop off sites are: Cavalier County Library, Dollar General and Leavers. Items will be delivered to the local food pantry. Please contact Sandra Brooks (370-8658) or Susan Fay Crockett (370-1890) with an questions.

## GriefShare

Do you have a loved one that you miss so much and feel so alone in that grief? You are not alone. Come to GriefShare, Wednesdays, 7PM at the Langdon United Methodist Church. Offered through December 15. For more information, please call 701-370-5711.

## Al-Anon

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

## Covid Vaccinations/Flu Shots

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.

Flu shots are available through County Health at various locations, beginning September 28. Dates and locations of the shot availability are located on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## PRBC Fall Events

October 8-10	Senior High Leadership Retreat
October 15-17	Junior High Retreat
October 20-22	Walsh County Fair
November 7	Annual Quilt Auction

## 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](http://www.unitedlangdon.org) or call us at 701-256-2594.



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## Worship and Ministry - October Schedule

### October 3 - Worship

Reader - Linda Olson  
Usher - Skyler Moline  
Acolytes - Tanner McDonald & Theo Romfo  
Projectionist - Jaymee Reidhammer  
Coffee - David & Jan Haslekaas

### October 10 - Blended Worship

Reader - Kim Hart  
Ushers - Ted & Linda Dahl  
Acolytes - Tucker Gellner & Devin Hakanson  
Projectionist - Tyson Gemmill  
Coffee -

### October 17 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - Steve Hart  
Usher -  
Communion Prep - Skyler Moline  
Acolytes - Kade Hansen & Aubrey Badding

### October 17 - Worship with Holy Communion (continued)

Communion Assts - Laura Dease, Kristin McDonald  
Projectionist - Addy Reidhammer  
Coffee -

### October 24 - Contemporary Worship

Reader - Linda Balsdon  
Usher - Dennis Balsdon  
Acolyte - Graci Witzel  
Projectionist - Brock Freer  
Coffee - Dennis & Linda Balsdon

### October 31 - Worship

Reader - Faye Wilhelmi  
Usher - Jim Wilhelmi  
Acolyte - Aubrey Badding  
Projectionist - Adam Hart  
Coffee -