

# 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



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God's work.

## Greetings from Pastor Jodi

Greeting Brothers and Sisters in Christ at United Lutheran. I was asked to tell you a little bit about myself prior to my arrival at United.

I am the eldest child of the late Ardell and Mavis Naas. I have two brothers and one sister and grew up on a farm near Kloten, North Dakota. I was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of rural Kloten until I married. I graduated from McVillage High School which is now a part of the Dakota Prairie School District.

I attended Jamestown College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Nursing and a minor in psychology. My nursing career started in Northwood, ND where I worked as a graduate nurse and then spent 15 years working in Fargo at Dakota Heartland as an RN. First as a staff nurse in pediatrics and later as a nurse manager of pediatrics and the intensive care nursery. I met my husband, Paul, during this time and after getting married, moved to Edmore and worked as an RN in pediatrics at Altru in Grand Forks. One of my friends introduced me to parish nursing and I became a Faith Community Nurse in 2003. I started as a volunteer parish nurse, providing education, screenings and visitation to nursing homes and shut ins. My parish nurse role evolved into doing lay ministry and pulpit supply which I had been introduced to at Our Savior's. Occasionally, I would be asked to fill in when the pastor was on vacation during my senior year of high school and college.

My love for ministry increased and the Holy Spirit led me to seek an alternative route to ordained ministry. Through TEEM

(Theological Education for Emerging Ministry), I was able to pursue my seminary education through a merged program between Luther Seminary in St. Paul and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California. TEEM is a program that is designed for individuals who are already serving as a lay minister in a church setting, and who are lifted up by their Bishop and congregation as a candidate for the program. The three year program allows an individual to continue ministry in their current setting during their educational process. Upon completion of the program, their current setting assumes that the candidate will be called to that setting and ordained. I have served as a lay minister in the High Plains Ministry, a seven point parish including; Nekoma, Fairdale, Edmore, Adams, Lawton, Brocket and Doyon for seven years; followed by 10 years of ordained ministry.



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# November 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 6PM 7-8 Grade Confirmation	4 12PM AI-Anon  1:30-3:30PM Great Plains Mobile Food	5 Scrapbooking	6 Scrapbooking  (Don't forget to set your clocks back tonight)
7 9AM Sunday school 10AM Worship <b>(All Saints Sunday)</b>  1:30-3PM Park River Bible Camp online quilt auction	8 5PM P.E.O.	9 9AM-3PM Quilting 10:30AM Deborah Circle @ the Senior Center 5:30PM Esther Circle	10 9AM-3PM Quilting 6PM 7-8 Grade Confirmation	11 12PM AI-Anon	12	13 1-3PM Open House Bridal Shower for Andria Hart (open to all)
14 <b>No Sunday school</b> 10AM Blended Worship  2-3:30PM Bridal Shower for Megan Kasowski (Fiance to Landan Tollef- son - open to all)	15 3PM Lefse Days (Potato Prep)  6PM Church Council meeting	16 8AM Lefse Days (Rolling) 1PM Writer's Group  7PM Rachel Circle	17 6PM 7-8 Grade Confirmation	18 12PM AI-Anon	19 5:30PM Wedding rehearsal	20 4PM Hart/Juarez wedding
21 9AM Sunday school 10AM Worship <b>Harvest Sunday</b> <b>(Potluck)</b>	22	23	24 <b>No Confirmation</b>	25 <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	26	27
28 <b>No Sunday school</b> 10AM Worship 11AM Advent/Christmas Decorating	29	30	Welcome to Pastor Jodi beginning December 1			

# Faith & Care #4

Chairman - Lisa Schuler

Miles & Teresa Anderson  
 Rob & Nancy Becker  
 Rob & Laura Belle  
 John & Karen Boe  
 Kenneth & DeLynn Carlson  
 Jayla Christie  
 Wayne & Nancy Coyle  
 Jim & Marcie Crockett  
 Tim & Myrna Devine  
 Ryan & Heather Domres  
 Dan & Peggy Fischer  
 Darren & Lisa Gellner  
 Kraig Gellner  
 Greg & Sara Goodman  
 Ryan & Ashley Gustafson  
 Ashton Hedger  
 Zach & Andrea Jacobson  
 Corey & Julie Johnson  
 Devon & Katie Johnson  
 Jay & Delane Johnson  
 Landin & Brynn Johnson

Linden & Helen Johnson  
 Charles & Marie Jordan  
 Darrel & Karen Kempert  
 Bub & Janice Knudson  
 LeeAnn Knudson  
 Ryan & Nicole Koons  
 Jolena Lowery  
 Matt & Crystal Lowery  
 Chris & Tina Mikkelsen  
 Val Olson  
 Josh & Sarah Overby  
 Trevor & Jennifer Romfo  
 Mark & Shauna Schneider  
 Joan Schrader  
 Bob & Diane Simmons  
 Cassandra Spanier  
 Reuben & Jeannie Steinwand  
 Carla Symons  
 Willie Thom  
 Ryan & Shannon Wagner  
 Shannon & Sheri Winnegge

**Sunday, November 7th, daylight savings time ends. A reminder to set your clocks back Saturday night, November 6.**

## Financial Update 09-30-21

September Offering \$12,499.80

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Offering Income	\$127,101.66	\$123,033.74
Total Income thru September	\$129,857.50	\$139,472.27
*Total Expenses thru September	\$128,492.07	\$123,045.35

\*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.

November 2, our Endowment Fund balance was \$123,443.88. 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.

# 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 reported that Sunday school attendance has been great and Lisa has started practice for the Christmas program. Confirmation students will be involved with the Trick or Treat Food Drive and also Thanksgiving baskets.

Steve reported the basement flooring at the parsonage is complete. Deflectors for air placement will be ordered for the vents on the wall units in the sanctuary. The roof project at the parsonage will begin soon.

Hospitality will continue to work on filling pulpit supply for the month of November.

Stewardship provided their recommendation for Harvest Sunday funds dispersement.

Council voted to retain the current Covid protocols with no changes at this time. Deidre reported that the Mutual Ministry committee has been updated and Julie will reach out to them confirming their duties listed in the by-laws.

At this time, Pastor Jodi has verbally accepted the pastoral position. The contract will need to be finalized with her start date of December 1. The budget planning meeting will be scheduled once Pastor Jodi has arrived.

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

# Lefse Days

The Esther Circle is organizing their annual lefse days again November 15 & 16. Proceeds will be used for mission work. Lefse will be for sale the following Sunday on November 21st. Anyone wishing to help, please contact JoAnn Mueller at 256-3628 or if you want to observe this process of lefse days, feel free to stop by the church. Potato prep and mixing will take place on Monday, November 15 at 3PM. Rolling will begin on Tuesday morning at 8AM.



# Tithes and Offerings

Since the start of Covid, we have not been passing the offering places, but you will find them located in the back of the sanctuary or at the east entrance of the sanctuary. Your offerings help to meet our regular yearly budgeted needs and also supports our online worship services. If you are watching from home and would like to contribute in an easy manner, we are researching the option of "venmo". Other convenient ways to provide your offerings are through the mail, dropping it by the church, setting up bill pay through your bank to have the bank mail your recurring scheduled offering or going online from your computer or phone and using the Tithely app. Your support is much appreciated!



# Greetings

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My husband, Paul, farms his fourth generation family farm between Edmore and Fairdale. Our daughter, Sophie, is nine and a fourth grader at Langdon Elementary School. She loves art, music and playing with her dog, Goldie, and four cats. As for me, I enjoy music, reading, working in my yard and gardening. I also enjoy a good cup of decaffeinated coffee and conversation. I am looking forward to getting to know you better and doing ministry with you!

With joy and anticipation,  
Pastor Jodi Myrvik

# Memorials

No memorials were received in the month of October.

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

# Nominating Committee

The nominating committee has begun its important work of nominations for committee and council positions for our annual congregational meeting in January. Please consider how you might help serve our congregation!

# 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 November schedule is below, with 6pm start times for 7th-8th grade.

November 3rd	You Shall Not Steal
November 10th	You Shall Not Bear False Witness Against Your Neighbor
November 17	You Shall Not Covet Your Neighbor's Possessions
November 24	<b>Thanksgiving - No Confirmation</b>

# Harvest Sunday

November 21 is our annual "Harvest Sunday" when we celebrate God's blessings and give back with dedicated offerings, reaching out to meet needs in our area and beyond, in addition to our congregation's general budget.

Our stewardship committee is recommending Harvest Sunday allocation as follows:

Building/Repair fund (35%); Lutheran Campus Ministry (10%); Lutheran Disaster Response (10%); Synod Endowment (10%); Sunday School (15%); Cavalier County Senior Meals/Transit (10%); Great Plains Food Bank (10%).

We give thanks that God is good and God's steadfast love remains, even in these years of challenge. Following our worship, we will have a potluck—if you are staying to eat, please bring a dish to share. After the potluck, please consider staying to help clean up. (A gentle reminder that when choosing your dish, we are a peanut free church.)

# 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, November 4 from 1:30-3:30PM.

Come if you are in need! Spread the word!

Volunteers are needed from 1:15-3:45PM 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.

# Prayers of...

## Healing

Lois Jones (Val Olson's cousin, cancer and Val's aunt Nora Schoenberg, covid), Diane Reinhardt, Connie Hakanson, Ryan Wagner, Clyde Anderson, Renae Skjervheim, Bob Kempert, Arlaine Short, Robert Kobernick (Connie Schrader's brother) and our brothers and sisters in Haiti

## Joy

Congratulations to Bailey Dahl and Corey Schrader, married on October 2 at Icelandic State Park.

Congratulations to Carly Enger and Tim Downs, married on October 16 here at United.

## Grief

The family of Elroy & Marilyn Rude on the loss of Elroy's sister, Marliss Bock.

The family of Eva Westby on her death. Eva passed away October 10 at the Maple Manor Care Center. A private memorial service was held at the Brooks Funeral Home.

*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

All Saints Sunday is November 7. 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 as soon as possible. As we mourn their loss, we look forward with hope to their resurrection.



# Sunday School

Greetings to all! We are moving into November, and with that, have started preparing for our Christmas program! We are excited to be back to our normal program style this year - with wonderful music and kids in costume to tell the story of Jesus' birth. Some kids have received speaking parts and were sent home with scripts, so we ask that parents help them study their lines so we can have them memorized by December. We are looking forward to sharing this program with you on December 19<sup>th</sup> during worship!

Our lessons for November are "Deborah" on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> and "Esther" on Nov 21<sup>st</sup>. Yes - that's right, we only meet twice during November because of the long weekend at school and the Thanksgiving holiday. So mark your calendars to note that there is NO Sunday School on November 14<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup>.

We continue to be blessed with good attendance at Sunday School! We are meeting as a group in the fellowship hall for a portion of the morning and then split into two groups, with the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades going to the youth room to hear the lesson. With all of these excited students, things can get a little loud, so we ask that you remind your kids to be respectful of the teachers and to use the same rules they follow at school. We love their excitement and want to be sure they're getting the most out of our time together!

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

Grace & Peace,  
Carla Gemmill  
Education Committee Chair

## 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.

## PRBC Quilt Auction

The 34th Annual Quilt Auction of Park River Bible Camp will take place this Sunday 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 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.

## Christmas Decorating

If you are in town for the Thanksgiving weekend, please stay after worship to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season, following worship on November 28.



# At-a-Glance and General Announcements

## Thank You to:

Janet Jacobson, on short notice, for leading us in worship on October 3.

Kari Mast for leading us in worship on October 10 and 17, Rebecca Kjelland on October 24 and Kyle Rydell on October 31.

The Sunday school students for their special music on October 10 during worship and to Lisa Schuler for leading them.

Gerald Anderson for his generous work and time building the wall and laying the new flooring in the parsonage basement.

Lisa Schuler and Finley Crockett for their special music provided during worship on October 17.

The youth who participated in the "Trick or Treat" food drive for the local Food Pantry and those who responded with donating miscellaneous items.

Shirley Robinson in helping with the fall decorations through the fellowship hall and the sanctuary.

## Like to Sew? Quilt for ULC

Quilting has resumed, all are welcome as we need quilters! They meet once a month, on the 2nd Tuesday and Wednesday of each month, September through April. If you can cut, sew or tie we would love to have you help us fulfill our mission. We provide for our congregation quilts of comfort, baptism, graduation and sew larger quilts for Social Service and for mission needs outside our congregation. Please check us out. All materials, tools and machines are provided.

## Address Information

If you are leaving to go south and would like to receive the ULC newsletter, please let the church office know.

## Bridal Showers

Both are open to the congregation and held here at United:

Andria Hart - Saturday, November 13, 1-3PM.

Megan Kasowski - (bride to be of Landan Tollefson), Sunday, November 14, 2-3:30PM. Gift opening, 2:30PM.

## Weather Cancellation Notice

If inclement weather should arise, Pastor and Council President will make any decisions to cancel worship by 7AM Sunday morning. A post will be made on our Facebook page. TV (WDAZ) and radio (KNDK) will also be notified.

## Nominating Committee

The nominating committee has begun its important work of nominations for committee and council positions. Please consider how you might help serve our congregation!

## Help for Haiti

If you would like to give an offering to aid the efforts of Lutheran Disaster Response in helping Haiti, make your check payable to United Lutheran Church and mark the memo line, "Lutheran Disaster Response". Your offering will be forwarded to LDR in Haiti.

## Al-Anon

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

## Turkey/Ham Dinner

Supporting Nekoma Lutheran and St. Edwards Catholic Churches - Nekoma, Pain Reliever Bar and Grill, Sunday, November 14, 12-3PM. More information is located on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## PRBC Fall Events

November 7 Annual Quilt Auction  
November 12-14 Fall Quilt Retreat  
November 19-21 Scrapbooking & Stamping Retreats

## Working through Grief

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.

Suffering the loss of a loved one is difficult any time of the year, but the holiday season can intensify feelings of loss. A virtual class is free and open to the public. Registration is required one day prior to the class. Thursday, November 4, 11:30AM-1PM. Hosted 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.

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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 - November Schedule

### November 7 - Worship

Reader - Finley Crockett  
Ushers - Ken & DeLynn Carlson  
Acolytes - Kade Hansen & TJ Henderson  
Projectionist - Brenna Schuler  
Coffee - Joan Schrader

### November 14 - Blended Worship

Reader - Nancy Coyle  
Ushers - Greg & Sara Goodman family  
Acolytes - Tyson Gemmill & Jaymee Reidhammer  
Projectionist - Victor Long  
Coffee - Dan & Peggy Fischer

### November 21 - Worship

Reader - Liam Johnson  
Ushers - Charles & Marie Jordan  
Acolyte -  
Projectionist - Nathan Kitchin  
**Harvest Sunday (potluck)**

### November 28 - Worship

Reader - Andrea Jacobson  
Ushers - Zach & Andrea Jacobson family  
Acolyte -  
Projectionist - Jaymee Reidhammer  
Coffee - Karen Boe