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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.

With Hopeful Anticipation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I think one of the most appropriate words to describe Advent must be the word "anticipation." There are so many things that people anticipate during this hustling and bustling season. There is so much to hope for and so much to prepare for. Excitement is in the air! Yet, we are called to wait. And waiting is hard!

I don't know about you... but it seems I've been doing a lot of waiting lately. Waiting to meet you, waiting to move into the parsonage, waiting to celebrate our first Sunday together and waiting to begin something new. So, it seems rather fitting that we begin this venture together in the season of Advent. In this season that calls us to wait with hopeful anticipation, as we reflect on the significance of the arrival of baby Jesus; and at the same time, look for-

ward to his coming again. May we find ourselves not just waiting, but waiting with hopeful anticipation for the coming of Jesus. The one who has saved us from sin and the power of death. The one who has come. The one who will come again. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

With hopeful anticipation, I look forward to celebrating with you in new ways as we share the old, old story of God's great love for us! Emmanuel! God with us! Joy to the World, the Lord is come!

In Christ,

Pastor Jodi

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Join us at United Lutheran
as we celebrate the birth
of Jesus Christ,
Friday, December 24!

Candlelight services with
Holy Communion will be held at:

3pm (Contemporary Worship)
5pm (Traditional Worship)



December 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Pastor Jodi's first day with United! 2-3PM Sanctuary reserved 6PM 7-8 Grade Confirmation	2 12PM Al-Anon	3 3-8PM Church reserved (Lisa Schuler Annual piano rally)	4
5 9AM Sunday school 10AM Worship with Holy Communion 7PM Lisa Schuler's Honor Recital	6 6PM Church Budget meeting	7	8 6PM 7-8 Grade Confirmation	9 12PM Al-Anon	10	11
12 9AM Sunday school 10AM Blended Worship	13 5PM P.E.O.	14 9AM-3PM Quilting 10:30AM Deborah Circle @ Senior Center 5:30PM Esther Circle 7PM Rachel Circle	15 9AM-3PM Quilting 6PM 7-8 Grade Confirmation	16 12PM Al-Anon	17	18
19 9AM Sunday school 10AM Worship (SS Christmas Program)	20 6PM Church Council meeting	21	22 No Confirmation	23 12PM Al-Anon	24 Christmas Eve Services 3PM Contemporary 5PM Traditional	25 Merry Christmas!
26 No Sunday school 10AM Worship	27	28	29 No Confirmation	30 12PM Al-Anon	31	

With Gratitude

A big thank you to our Faith & Care Leaders who keep the church year running smoothly by finding individuals/families each month for reading, ushering, coffee, communion prep and assistants. This is not always an easy task, even as the number of people needed each week has changed with Covid challenges. We so appreciate your time that it takes to volunteer to do this position!

- Darby & Brian Hart - Faith & Care #1
- Carol Hart - Faith & Care #2
- Skyler & Will Moline - Faith & Care #3
- Lisa Schuler - Faith & Care #4

Another huge thank you to our amazing Praise Band. Did you know that the band has been performing contemporary music for us for over 16 years? We have been blessed with their talents!

Members of the Praise Band are: Kathie Johnson, Lisa Schuler, Kim Hart, Linda Timian, Nicholas Balsdon, Carolyn Balsdon, Janet Jacobson, Darby Hart, Becky Tollefson and Sydney Crockett.



Financial Update 10-31-21

October Offering	\$13,326.00	
	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$139,970.46	\$136,704.16
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
**Total Income thru October	\$143,291.61	\$153,560.20
*Total Expenses thru October	\$138,954.88	\$141,291.98

*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.

**Last year's income reflects the \$17,400 Paycheck Protection Program Loan which United Lutheran applied for, received and then was forgiven.

As of November 29, our Endowment Fund balance was \$125,496.96. 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	Jodi Myrvik
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Council Notes 11-15-21 Mtg

Carla shared the Confirmation students were able to assist with the Trick or Treat Food Drive and will also help put together the Thanksgiving Food baskets at the food pantry.

The Endowment Committee will meet soon to discuss allocation of the endowment funds. The payouts will be distributed in December.

The parsonage roof has been completed and carpet will be installed on the basement stairway soon. Fire alarms will be installed at the parsonage. Sara Goodman and Carla Gemmill did a parsonage walk through with the Pastor and her family. Air deflectors have been placed on the HVAC wall units in the sanctuary. The leak between the sanctuary wall and narthex/fellowship hall is still being researched for repair options.

The budget planning meeting will be held December 6. Annual Committee reports are due by the end of December. Council made no changes with Covid protocols. Harvest Sunday is November 21. Church Council will fill the leadership roles for both Christmas Eve services.

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

Have You Wondered

Have you ever wondered how the planning of each Sunday service happens? There are a lot of individuals that make our Sunday services happen for in-person and online worship.

First, the service order is created by Pastor or Julie through the help of a worship planning program. Announcements for the bulletin are reviewed, revised and considered. Kathie Johnson, our worship planning coordinator, with much of her time, helps plan the worship along with choosing music according to the worship season/theme. Also, Kathie and Lisa Schuler have been our devoted organists for many years and much preparation goes in to leading us in music each Sunday.

From there, we have four individuals that work on a monthly rotation to come in each week, to format the slides, that you follow, on the screen each Sunday. They also add and update announcements for the screen: LeeAnn Knudson, Linda Olson, Becky Tollefson and Linda Timian (Linda also uploads the sermon each Sunday from worship to our webpage, unitedlangdon.org.)

We have three individuals now trained to run the video equipment for streaming live. Dale Klein is the main technician with Brenna Schuler and Victor Long as added backup for Dale.

We also have our projectionist students who are so good at keeping organized with their rotation schedule: Brock Freer, Tyson Gemmill, Addy and Jaymee Reidhammer, Adam Hart, Brenna Schuler, Victor Long and Nathan Kitchin.

Janet Jacobson, who is present most Sundays is our go to person when technical issues arise. These issues may not happen every Sunday but we sure do appreciate her knowledge when it does happen. Thank you for your patience when things do not run smoothly!

These individuals are very behind the scenes leaders and are truly appreciated. Don't hesitate to greet and thank them for their service.

Poinsettias

All are welcome to purchase and display poinsettias for Christmas. They will be displayed on the altar through Advent and -pending their condition - the Christmas season. Please be sure your name and the person's name you would like to acknowledge are on the card.



Tithes and Offerings

Your offerings help to meet our regular yearly budgeted needs and also support our online worship services. If you are watching from home and would like to contribute in an easy manner, offerings can be mailed, dropped 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!



Prayers of...

Healing

Lois Jones (Val Olson's cousin, cancer and Val's aunt Nora Schoenberg, covid), Diane Reinhardt, Clyde Anderson, Renae Skjervheim, Bob Kempert, Joanne Field and our brothers and sisters in Haiti

Joy

Congratulations to Josh and Sarah Overby on the birth of their new son, Huxley Keith Overby. Proud big sister and brother are Hallie and Reid.

Grief

The family of Connie Schrader on the death of Connie's brother, Roger Koebernich.

The family of Deidre Long on the death of Deidre's father, Wally Stevens.

The family of Julie Johnson on the death of Julie's father, Lyle Lothspeich.

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

Sunday School & Confirmation

Greetings to all and Merry Christmas!

Our Sunday School lessons for December are “The Annunciation” on December 5th and “Jesus is Born” on December 12th. Our Christmas Program will be on December 19th during worship and we will be using the full Sunday School hour that day to rehearse and get ready! A BIG thank you to Lisa Schuler for all her work with this! We are so lucky to have such great leaders for our music! We hope you are all able to join us for the program during 10am worship on the 19th as the kids have been working hard to share it with you!

Following our Christmas Program, we will then break for Christmas and will not meet on December 26th or January 2nd. 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!

Our Confirmation students had a busy month, participating in both the “Trick or Treat” for the food pantry and helping assemble the Thanksgiving food baskets for the food pantry. They have finished up their study of the 10 Commandments and are moving on to studying the Apostle’s Creed. Please mark your calendars - they will not be meeting on December 22nd or 29th for Christmas Break. Another big thank you to Kim Hart for her leadership with this group! I hope you have a blessed Christmas season and we look forward to continue seeing you at United Lutheran!



Confirmation students helping prepare Thanksgiving food boxes for the Cavalier County Food Pantry. They were able to help pack 81 boxes!



The December Confirmation schedule is below, with 6pm start times for 7th-8th grade.

Dec 1 - Article #1 - “I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.....

Dec 8 - Article #2 - “I Believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord...and He Shall Come to Judge the Living and the Dead”.....

Dec 15 - Article #3 - “I Believe in the Holy Spirit...and the Life Everlasting”....

December 22-29 Christmas Break, No Confirmation

Grace & Peace,
Carla Gemmill
Education Committee Chair

November Memorials

Eva Westby - David & Ardyce Hennager (general)

Wally Stevens - Corey & Julie Johnson (building),
David & Ardyce Hennager (general)

Lyle Lothspeich - Brad & Marcy Paulson (building),
David & Ardyce Hennager (general)

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

All Saints Sunday

During our worship on November 7, we remembered our loved ones—saints in Christ—who passed away during the past year and in years past. As we mourn their loss, we look forward with hope to their resurrection. We remembered and gave thanks for:

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| Pastor David Wasgatt | Sandra Almlie |
| Marjorie Jacobson | Lawrence Thielbar |
| Mary Bisenius | Marlene Seveur |
| Pastor John Almlie | Marion Johnson Iverson |
| Dorothy Adam | Eva Westby |
| | Roger Koebernick |

Harvest Sunday

November 21 we celebrated our annual “Harvest Sunday” as we gave thanks for 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:

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%).

Thank you to those that stayed after the potluck to help clean up! Donations will be collected through December 5 and thank you to those that have already given; \$5,120 has been received so far.

Lefse Days 2021

Thank you to the Esther Circle and the other volunteers for making the scrumptious lefse available for purchase on November 21. We had a potato prep crew (pictured to the right) and then the mixing and rolling crew (pictures below). Proceeds from this year’s event and the bake-less bake sale will go towards the Cavalier County Food Pantry, Dakota Oyate, Domestic Violence and Abuse, Doctors without Borders, Haiti and supporting our youth attending a Lutheran Bible Camp.



Above - left to right - Glenn Pederson, Jim Wilhelmi, JoAnn Mueller, Nadine Kempert, Linden Johnson & Keith Dahl.

Below - back to front - Janet Jacobson, DeLynn Carlson, Delane Johnson, Kathie Johnson, Linda Timian and Linda Olson.



Above - left to right - Patty Metzger, JoAnn Mueller, Betty Vikan, Jan Haslekaas, Carey Freer, Faye Wilhelmi, Linda Balsdon and Carol Hart.

At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Thank You to:

Those that were able to help with the mobile food pantry on November 4.

Janet Jacobson for leading us in worship on November 7 and to Terry Jacobson from the Hospitality Committee, greeting and assisting our pulpit supply individuals each Sunday.

Sara Goodman for leading us in worship on November 14 and Catelyn Goodman for her special music provided during worship.

Kari Mast for leading us in worship on November 21 and 28.

The families that stayed to help clean up after Harvest Sunday potluck.

Those that stayed after worship on November 28 to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. A special thank you to DeLynn Carlson for overseeing the meticulous work and finishing touches of the decorating process.

The Steve Hart family for purchasing the new deflectors installed on each of the HVAC wall units in the sanctuary.

Faye Wilhelmi, Helen Johnson and Shirley Robinson with decorating for Advent/Christmas in the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

United Quilters for their three quilts donated to the PRBC Quilt Auction. Their quilts brought in \$295 for the camp. Total funds raised for the camp from this fundraiser came to over \$30,000!

Periodicals

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

Assistance

While attending worship, large print bulletins are available and in-ear hearing devices from our ushers. We also have a wheelchair available for anyone needing transfer assistance, located in the narthex.

Poinsettias

All are welcome to purchase and display poinsettias for Christmas. They will be displayed on the altar through Advent and -pending their condition - the Christmas season. Please be sure your name and the person's name you would like to acknowledge are on the card.

Offering Envelopes

2022 offering envelopes are available to be picked up from the table in the fellowship hall. Please remember to not use your 2021 envelopes in the new year as each year the envelopes are renumbered.

If you have not used offering envelopes in the past and wish to but do not see a packet with your name, please let the church office know.

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!

Address Information

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

CDC Guidelines

United Lutheran (based on CDC guidelines) is encouraging members to mask during worship/fellowship.

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.

Help for Haiti

You may still offer your support to aid the efforts of Lutheran Disaster Response in helping Haiti. Please 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.

PRBC Events

December 10-12 - Men's Service Retreat

Blood Drive

Langdon Community Blood Drive, United Communications building, Monday, December 13, 12:30-6PM, Contact Mikan Lovcik at 256-5156 to schedule an appointment.

Al-Anon

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

ULC Annual Meeting

United Lutheran Church will hold its annual meeting of the congregation after worship on Sunday, January 23. Plans are to have a potluck after the meeting.

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



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Return Service Requested

Worship and Ministry - December Schedule

December 5 - Worship & Communion

Reader - Adam Hart
Ushers - Arvid Boe & Paul Peterson
Acolytes - Isabelle Olson & Sophia Nuelle
Communion Prep - Carol Hart
Communion Assts - Sandy Boe, John Johnson
& Sue Anderson
Coffee - Rick & Carolyn Crockett
Projectionist - Tyson Gemmill

December 12 - Blended Worship

Reader - Linda Balsdon
Ushers -
Acolyte - TJ Henderson
Coffee - Dennis & Linda Balsdon
Projectionist - Addy Reidhammer

December 19 - Worship (SS Christmas Program)

Reader - Karen Kempert
Ushers - Darrel & Karen Kempert
Acolyte - Tyson Gemmill
Coffee - Ryan & Shannon Wagner
Projectionist - Brock Freer

December 24 (3PM Contemporary)

Reader - Steve Hart
Ushers -
Acolytes - Isabelle Olson & Jaymee Reidhammer
Communion Prep - Corey & Julie Johnson
Communion Assts -
&
Projectionist - Adam Hart
Council/Committees to fulfill remaining responsibilities

December 24 (5PM Traditional)

Reader -
Ushers -
Acolytes -
Communion Assts -

Projectionist - Brenna Schuler
Council/Committees to fulfill remaining responsibilities

December 26 - Worship

Reader -
Usher -
Coffee -