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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.

The Good News

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As one year comes to an end and another begins, journalists and commentators often look back at the previous year. What changed? What stayed the same? Whose passing did we mourn? Whose new arrival did we celebrate?

At the same time, predictions are made about the coming year. What will the new year bring? What will change? What will stay the same?

Sometimes, it can be fun and exciting to reminisce about the past and dream about the future; all the joys and celebrations and opportunities come to mind. Other times, reminiscing and dreaming can be a little sad and scary. Things will likely never be what they used to be. Loved ones who have passed away don't come back. Jobs that are lost, seldom reappear quickly. Even when broken dreams and broken relationships are repaired, they rarely return to what they had been. Often, our experiences in an ever-changing world are difficult.

We all have gone through many changes both as a church and in our personal and professional lives this past year. The world in which we live is constantly changing and we are impacted by it. There are changes in health, relationships, vocations, homes, the weather, attitudes, age and just about everything else we can imagine.

Yet we sometimes look at our lives and we see a need for change. Many of us make New Year's resolutions: "I'm going to exercise more and eat less." "I'm going to save more and spend less." "I'm going to love more and hate less." But too often, our good intentions disappear and only poor excuses remain.

The Good News we can always celebrate is this...no matter what or who changes from one year to the next, there is one who never changes...Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He always exists, from before time, throughout the course of time and at the end of time for eternity. And get this... Jesus loved you before you were even born. He loves you today and he will always love you!

The greatest gift of Christmas, given over 2000 years ago, is Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior, our Emmanuel! He is the same yesterday, today and forever! And He promises to be with us, to love us, to care for us and to never leave us or forsake us! The amazing Gift of Christmas... Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem...is the source of unchanging "hope" to an ever-changing world!

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever," (Hebrews 13:8). My hope for you, this New Year, is that you will always know His presence in your life!

In Christ,
Pastor Jodi

January 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Happy New Year!
2 No Sunday School 10AM Worship	3	4 9AM-3PM Quilting (Note: Date change)	5 9AM-3PM Quilting (Note: Date change) 6PM Parent/Student Confirmation meeting	6 12PM Al-Anon	7	8
9 9AM Sunday School 10AM Worship with Holy Communion Pastor Jodi's Installation	10 5PM P.E.O.	11 10:30AM Deborah Circle @ Senior Center 5:30PM Esther Circle	12 6PM Confirmation 7-8PM Youth Night	13 10AM Pastors Conference Gathering in Grafton 12PM Al-Anon	14	15
16 9AM Sunday School 10AM Worship with Holy Communion 2:30PM Pastor Jodi @	17 6PM Church Council meeting	18 7PM Rachel Circle	19 6PM Confirmation	20 9AM Christmas Decorations taken down 12PM Al-Anon	21 Scrapbooking	22 Scrapbooking
23 9AM Sunday School 10AM Contemporary Worship	24 7PM PRBC Annual Meeting	25	26 6PM Confirmation	27 12PM Al-Anon	28	29
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Faith & Care #1

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ULC Leadership 2022

President Deidre Long
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Committee Council Representatives

Education Carla Gemmill
 Endowment Tyler Balsdon
 Hospitality Terry Jacobson
 Property Steve Hart
 Stewardship Troy Romfo

Non-voting Representative

Pastor Jodi Myrvik

Council Notes 12-20-21 Mtg

Pastor Jodi lead devotions and prayer. She has made several visits to the residents in Wheatland Estates and the Maple Manor Care Center.

Carla reported that the SS Christmas program went well and the students did a great job.

Endowment Committee met and they have \$14,500 to disperse from their funds this year.

The hospitality committee will be responsible for finding helpers to set up and serve the pot-luck following the Annual Meeting in January.

Troy reported the final numbers raised for Harvest Sunday, \$5,490.

A Covid protocol update, Council voted to begin passing the offering plates during worship services. Annual committee reports are due at the end of December. The Annual Meeting will be held after worship on January 30 and there will be a vote on a few by-law & constitution changes. Council made a motion to approve the 2022 Annual Budget. Pastor Jodi's installation date will be January 9 with a light reception following worship. The bishop of the END Synod will be present.

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

Financial Update 11-30-21

November Offering \$13,785.80

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$153,756.26	\$150,374.57

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
**Total Income thru November	\$157,400.56	\$163,206.90
*Total Expenses thru November	\$145,005.11	\$151,594.21

*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 December 28, our Endowment Fund balance was \$108,262.15. 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.

Annual Congregational Meeting

United Lutheran Church will hold its annual meeting of the congregation after worship on Sunday, January 30 (please note this change of date). Your presence is important; bring a dish to share for our potluck following the meeting! A few rough drafts of the annual report will be available the Sunday prior to the meeting.

Our meeting will include looking back at the 2021 calendar year, looking ahead to 2022, approving the church budget, nominations for committee and council members, voting on updates to our constitution as recommended by our Council.

Constitution and Bylaws Update

President Deidre Long and Pastor Jodi have reviewed the current Constitution and By-laws of United Lutheran. They have discovered a few discrepancies and duplications in the documents. The ELCA Model Constitution that was adopted in 2019 contains many of the items in the current by-laws; therefore, certain line items can and should be changed in the by-laws for consistency and clarity. Church Council has decided to address this at the annual meeting and a vote will take place to amend the by-laws to meet this need. Copies, highlighting these changes will be available on the church bulletin board at the east entrance of the sanctuary and hallway bulletin board by the women's bathroom through the month of January. If you would like a copy emailed or mailed to you personally, please contact the church office. If you have any questions regarding this vote on the proposed changes, please feel free to contact President Deidre Long or Pastor Jodi.

NOTE: When reviewing these changes, like items between the constitution and by-laws are highlighted by matching color. Items that are no longer applicable are scored with a black line. Word changes or additions are specified with bold ink.

November Memorials

Lyle Lothspeich - Jeff & Becky Overby (building), Faye Wilhelmi (building), David & Ardyce Hennager (general), Kevin & Jan Stein (music), Dennis & Linda Balsdon (building), Dale & Pam Luhmann (building)

Wally Stevens - David & Ardyce Hennager (general), Kevin & Jan Stein (music)

Memorials may be mailed or dropped by the Church Office at ULC at any time.

Pastor Jodi Installation

Please join us for this important event of the installation of Pastor Jodi as our new pastor of United Lutheran on January 9. Bishop Tessa Moon-Leiseth will be present during our worship service and a light reception will follow after worship that day.



Prayers of...

Healing

Lois Jones (Val Olson's cousin, cancer), Diane Reinhardt, Clyde Anderson, Renae Skjervheim, Bob Kempert, Joanne Field, Caven Dahl (Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma) and our brothers and sisters in Haiti

Joy

Congratulations to Paige Gellner and Grant Welsh on the baptism of their daughter, Peyton Marie on December 22.

Grief

The family of Ardyce & David Hennager on the loss of David's sister, Phyllis Byrne.

The family of David Bodnar on the death of David's dad, Edward Bodnar.

The family of Dennis Pengilly. Dennis passed away on December 23.

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

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season.

We will not be having Sunday School on Jan 2nd as the kids are still on Christmas break. Our Sunday School lessons for the rest of January are “Jesus is Baptized” on Jan 9th, “Many Follow Jesus” on Jan 16th, “Jesus Blesses Children” on Jan 23rd and “Jesus Teaches about Prayer” on Jan 30th. We look forward to working with the kids again and welcoming our music leader for the second half of the year, Becky Tollefson! Another big thank you to Lisa Schuler for her leadership during the first half of our year.

For our Confirmation age students, they once again volunteered at the food pantry in December by putting together the food baskets for the Christmas holiday. It is good to have them out doing these service projects for our community and we are proud of them for representing United Lutheran so well! I want to thank Kim Hart once again for leading this group for the first half of the school year. We are blessed to have her and appreciate her time and talents so much! Pastor Jodi will be taking over the confirmation classes in the new year and we look forward to having her get to know the kids and continuing with them on their journey of faith. Confirmation for the month of January looks like:

- 5th - Parent/Student meeting
- 12th - Baptism
- 19th - Communion
- 26th - The Great Commandment/Loving God...
Matthew 22:34-40.

All our best to you in the New Year and we look forward to seeing you and your children at United Lutheran!

Grace & Peace,
Carla Gemmill, Education Committee Chair

Youth Night

All youth, grades 7-12 are invited to youth night on January 12 from 7-8 pm. There will be a time of devotion and prayer followed by games and planning for future youth activities. Please bring ideas and suggestions to help plan a fun, faith filled year! All are welcome, bring a friend! (You don't need to be a member of ULC to attend.)



Above - Sunday School Christmas Program, “A Piece of Christmas” (The smiley three sheep and our handsome three kings.)



Left and Above - Food baskets prepared for the Cavalier County Food Pantry for the Christmas holiday.

Endowment

Thank you to our Endowment. With generous gifts given to the endowment this year, \$14,500 was distributed from "InFaith Foundation". The Endowment Committee chose to disperse the funds in the following way this year:

\$2,000 - Cavalier County Food Pantry

\$1,000 - The Giving Tree for children in our area

\$11,500 - United Lutheran Building Fund

Since investing our endowment monies with "InFaith Foundation", we've been able to disperse over \$35,000 in the past five years.



Tyler Balsdon, ULC endowment representative, presenting a check to Karrie Mikkelsen and Adrian Olson, representatives of the Cavalier County Food Pantry.

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.

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 Tithe.ly app. Your support is much appreciated!

Harvest Sunday

Thank you to those who brought food for our November 21 Harvest Sunday potluck, helped clean up afterward and who gave financially towards our Harvest Sunday dedicated offerings. Thanks especially to our Stewardship Committee for organizing the annual event. The \$5,490 raised was distributed as follows:

\$1,921.50 to ULC Building Fund

\$823.50 to ULC Sunday School

\$549 to Lutheran Campus Ministry

\$549 to Lutheran Disaster Response

\$549 to Synod Endowment

\$549 to the Great Plains Food Bank

\$549 Cavalier County Senior Center and Transit

Christmas Decorations Put Away

We are looking for a few individuals to assist DeLynn Carlson with taking the Christmas decorations down on Thursday, January 20 at 9AM. Your help would be much appreciated!

Giving Hearts Day

Giving Hearts Day, February 10, is a day of extravagant giving throughout our state.

The day continues to grow as a vital avenue to support the ministry of our Eastern North Dakota Synod. It has allowed the synod to maintain financial support to its ministry partners during complex financial times.

Our synod work not only provides resources which support United Lutheran and the other congregations in our synod, but helps pool our resources to provide greater ministry for our ministry partners in the Central African Republic, Haiti, Park River Bible Camp, Dacotah O'yate and more.

Log on to <https://givingheartsday.org> to see how you might support our synod and other non-profits in our state on Giving Hearts Day, February 10, 2021.



At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Thank You to:

Chloe Koons and Finley Crockett for their special music provided on December 12.

Helen & Linden Johnson and Colleen Johnson & Ed Cleaver for donating the new praise banner in the sanctuary in memory of Lyle Lothspeich.

The music students who provided special extended prelude music for the Sunday school Christmas program on December 19. Also, the Sunday School students for providing a great program and to Lisa Schuler and Carla Gemmill for their work with the Sunday School Christmas program.

The many talented vocalists and musicians that provided special music during the Christmas Eve services.

Laura Dease of LBDease Photography for the photos of our Confirmation students and donating her time and expense.

Shirley Robinson and Helen Johnson for the overseeing care of the beautiful poinsettias displayed on the alter for Christmas.

Dan Fischer for cleaning the stained carpeted areas from the leak in the fellowship hall and narthex.

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.

Address Information

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

Poinsettias

Thank you to all who have placed poinsettias on the altar of their loved ones.

In Memory of

**Hjalmer & Florence Gustafson
Ervin Gustafson**

By Jim & Faye Wilhelmi & family

Sharon Olson

By Edwin Olson & family

Sharon Olson & David Field

By Jason & Tara McFadden
Sam Field & Emma Field

Joyce Ridley

By Gary, Stephen & family

Walter Rude

By Randy, Kim & Kennedy Rude

Kevin Boe

By John & Karen Boe

Jean & Dean Burnham

Curtis Burnham

By their family

Greg & Herb Olson

By Val Olson & family

Chad Jordan

By Charles & Marie Jordan

Iris & Lyle Lothspeich

By Corey & Julie Johnson & family

Marjorie Olson

Ralph & Ruby Welsh

**Andrew, Henry, Erling, Olin,
Lloyd and Hans Olson**

Alda Raeder & June Marsden

Ole E.M. & Helga Olson

By Ole L.E. Olson family

Janice Pederson,

Morris & Alice Magnus

Leonard & Gladys Pederson

By Glenn Pederson, Teri & Kevin Lill
Tammy & Tom Verke & Jason Pedersons

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.

Tornado Relief

Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in that area to help with relief for the massive tornado damage. Donations are accepted and your gifts will be used in full (100%) to help people impacted. Please join in prayer and consider giving if you are able. Checks may be made out to United Lutheran Church and the church will forward on.

PRBC Events

Campers in 7-12 grade are invited to an overnight retreat at Frost Fire State Park! Check in is at 7PM, Friday February 18 and checkout is at 7PM, Saturday, February 19. Register at www.parkriverbiblecamp.org

The 2022 Winter Crafting Retreat, a weekend of sewing, quilting, crocheting, stamping and anything else two hands can make. Multiple classes will be offered (a day or the whole weekend). Register online, website listed above.

Summer 2022 camp registration has opened. Register before January 15th and receive \$100 off your registration fee. PRBC can't wait to spend summer with your children, sharing the love of Jesus Christ. To see all the camps being offered this summer, go online to their website. click on the SUMMER CAMP tab on the top of the page. Website listed above.

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Worship and Ministry - January Schedule

January 2 - Worship

Reader - Dale Klein
Ushers - Rory and Carey Freer
Coffee - Joanne Field

January 9 - Worship with Holy Communion (Pastor Jodi's Installation)

Reader - Shanda Christianson
Ushers - Lynn Domres & Tara Roberts
Communion Prep - Elaine Haugen
Communion Assts - Todd Christianson,
Patty Metzger & Pam Luhmann
Acolyte - Isabelle Vikan
Projectionist - Victor Long

January 16 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - Terry Jacobson
Ushers - Jim and Shannon Nuelle family
Acolytes - Jaymee Reidhammer & Sophia Nuelle
Communion Prep - Joanne Field

January 16 - Worship with Holy Communion (continued)

Communion Assts - Sandra Brooks
& Terry and Janet Jacobson
Coffee -
Projectionist - Nathan Kitchin

January 23 - Contemporary Worship

Reader - Darby Hart
Ushers - Rory and Carey Freer
Projectionist - Jaymee Reidhammer
Coffee - Darby Hart

January 30 - Worship (Annual Meeting)

Reader -
Ushers -
Acolyte - Jaymee Reidhammer
Projectionist - Tyson Gemmill
Potluck to Follow Worship