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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.

Beloved Child of God

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Happy February... the Month of Love! It's the time of year when some of us dream of chocolate and flowers and the perfect date night. While others simply dread the idea of Valentine's Day and prefer to avoid it like the plague. Of course, it really doesn't matter where you are on the mixed feelings spectrum of Valentine's Day, because EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US is a beloved child of God... a precious child of the One who created us and LOVES us no matter what.

As we dive into what God thinks about love, I think it is appropriate to start with this verse: **"We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19)**. Wow! To think that the reason we love our spouses, our family, our children, our friends and especially those whom we don't like so very much is simply because Jesus loved us FIRST. **Ephesians 18-19 says...** **"I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."**

Love that surpasses knowledge! A love so wide and so long and so high and so deep that we cannot even understand it or comprehend it! That's the love of God! Take a moment and allow that to sink into your mind and heart. Thank the Lord for His unending love for you!

Without a deep, affectionate understanding of the love Jesus has for us, the cards, flowers, chocolates and dinners are, well, just that...cards, flowers, chocolates and dinners. They are simply things that can remind us of joyful memories or at times not-so-good ones. But with Jesus, all of those things take on new meaning. They are not simply gestures of love that *ask*, "what's in it for me." But instead it is a love that *says*, "I'm in this for you, because Jesus is as well," "I love you because He first loved me... and that will never change."

I don't know about you, but I don't think Hallmark will ever come close to expressing love in a Valentine's Day card the incredible way the Bible does. The fact is that Jesus loves us and fills up our hearts so that we can pour out love to others (yes, even the hard-to-love ones!) It is the truth about God's love.

This month, I pray that you will be filled with Christ's love. That it will encourage and strengthen you. And that you will attempt to grasp how wide and long and high and deep the love of God is for YOU... BELOVED CHILD OF GOD.

In Christ,

Pastor Jodi

February 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 9AM-3PM Quilting	2 9AM-3PM Quilting 6PM Confirmation 7PM Youth Night	3 9AM Mom Group 12PM Al-Anon 4-6PM Mobile Food Pantry	4	5
6 9AM Sunday school 10AM Worship with Holy Communion	7	8 10:30AM Deborah Circle @ the Senior Center 5:30PM Esther Circle	9 2PM Pastor Jodi @ Wheatland Estates for Bible Study 6PM Confirmation	10 9AM Mom Group 12PM Al-Anon	11	12
13 9AM Sunday school 9:30AM Coffee served before worship 10AM Worship lead by the Youth	14 5PM P.E.O.	15 7PM Rachel Circle	16 6PM Confirmation	17 9AM Mom Group 12PM Al-Anon	18	19
20 No Sunday school 10AM Worship with Holy Communion	21 6PM Church Council meeting	22	23 6PM Confirmation 7PM Youth Night	24 9AM-1PM Preschool Screening 12PM Al-Anon	25 9AM Crafting/ Scrapbooking	26 9AM Crafting/ Scrapbooking
27 9AM Sunday school 10AM Contemporary Worship	28 5PM P.E.O.					

Faith & Care #2

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| Chairman - Carol Hart | Robert & Nadine Kempert |
| Gerald & Sue Anderson | Jim & Connie Kjos |
| Steven & Michele Anderson | Caitlin Kreklau |
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| Zane Jacobson | |
| John & Kathie Johnson | |

ULC Leadership 2022

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| President | Deidre Long |
| Vice President | LeeAnn Knudson |
| Secretary | Diane Simmons |
| Financial Secretary | Julie Johnson |

Committee Council Representatives

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| Education | Kim Hart, Kristi McDonald |
| Endowment | TBD |
| Hospitality | TBD |
| Property | TBD |
| Stewardship | TBD |

Non-voting Representative

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| Pastor | Jodi Myrvik |
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Financial Update 12-31-21

December Offering	\$17,974.02	
	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$171,730.28	\$164,045.00
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
**Total Income thru December	\$175,926.75	\$184,029.79
*Total Expenses thru December	\$173,695.20	\$169,316.53

*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 and also another transfer of \$10,000 to help pay off the new parsonage roof.

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

As of February 1, our Endowment Fund balance was \$111,069.45. 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.

Council Notes 01-17-22 Mtg

Pastor Jodi lead devotions. She reported that the youth will be fundraising during lent by doing Lenten suppers and services. Youth Sunday is February 13 and the youth will serve coffee and hot cocoa that day, prior to worship.

Carla reported that Becky Tollefson is providing music for Sunday school now and many fun things are happening!

Hospitality hosted the potluck on January 9 and will host the one on January 30 after the Annual Meeting. They will meet soon as a committee.

Steve shared that property has no ongoing projects, however the water leak continues. Some work has been done removing the rotten wood where the leak is in the fellowship hall. Need to seek professional help getting the Narthex corner leak fixed. Discussion continues regarding the drainage issue under the front doors.

A motion was made to approve 10-15 parish nurse hours to be included in Pastor Jodi's contract. PRBC Annual meeting is January 24, Pastor Jodi will attend via zoom. Committees should meet ASAP after the Annual Meeting to decide representatives, secretaries for the February Council meeting.

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

Annual Meeting

Thank you to those who participated in our annual meeting on January 30. In addition to approving the budget and voting for new committee and council members, we approved Council recommendations to our Constitution and By-Laws. 2022 Annual Reports are available on the magazine carousel outside the sanctuary. Thank you also to our hospitality committee for setting up and serving and those individuals that stayed to help clean up.

Thank you to the following people who completed terms of service on council and committees at United Lutheran in January:

- Lisa Schuler (Nominating)
- Ted Dahl (Endowment)
- Connie Kjos (Hospitality)
- Carla Gemmill (Education)
- Charlie Jordan (Nominating)
- Dean Hakanson (Property)
- Troy Romfo (Stewardship)

Thank you to those who have accepted nominations to serve in 2022 and ahead. We look forward to doing ministry together!

END Synod News

There have been a lot of changes in staffing in the Eastern North Dakota Synod this past year. Below is a list of the people who keep our synod functioning on our behalf:

Bishop - Tessa Moon Leiseth

Deacon Laura Carson - Associate with the Bishop for Administration and Formation

Pastor Brad Skogen - Associate with the Bishop for Congregational Leadership and Transitions

Alyssa Holmen - Administrative Assistant for Leadership

Hailey Brenden - Connections Coordinator

Deacon Erin Power - Director for Evangelical Mission.

Synod Assembly will be held in Fargo on **June 4-5, 2022**. Please contact Julie or Pastor Jodi if you are interested in attending this year.

Installation of Pastor Jodi

What a special day! The installation of Pastor Jodi as United Lutheran's new pastor was held on January 9. Bishop Tessa Moon-Leiseth was present during our worship service and with the unpredictable weather the day before, did not prevent the Bishop from being with us!



(Pastor Jodi and Bishop Tessa)



(Pastor Jodi, husband Paul and daughter Sophie)

January Memorials

Dennis Pengilly - David & Ardyce Hennager (building)

Joyce Duerr - David & Ardyce Hennager (building)

Wally Stevens - Dale & Pam Luhmann (building)

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

Sunday School/Confirmation/Youth Group

Greeting to everyone! We are slowly making our way through these cold months! Sunday school students will meet on February 6, 13 and 27. They will not meet on February 20 due to a long weekend away from school. Our lessons are “Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man” on Feb 6th, “Jesus Calms the Storm” on Feb 13th and “The Transfiguration” on February 27. With these winter months brings lots of busyness with sports and other activities, so we appreciate you taking that time on Sunday mornings to bring your kids to Sunday School. We love seeing their faces each week! A big thank you to all of the Sunday School teachers as we navigate this cold and flu season. We appreciate your willingness to step in and help out when needed!

Confirmation is back in full swing and is now being led by Pastor Jodi. The kids continue to meet most Wednesdays at 6PM. Confirmation topics for the month of February are:

2nd - Baptism

9th - Communion

16th - No Confirmation as the youth will be involved in worship on February 13 and also providing coffee and hot cocoa prior to the worship service that day.

23rd - Worship

Students have the opportunity to be part of Youth Group (open to all kids grades 7-12). The next dates the youth will meet will be Wednesdays of February 2 and 23 at 7PM. They had their first youth night in January and from what I’m hearing, everyone had a great time and is looking forward to meeting again. The youth also have plans to be involved in the Lenten worship services and they will be serving meals before each Lenten service as well. Watch for more information on that as we get closer! We are so excited to reignite the flame under our older youth program and look forward to Jodi’s leadership as they continue their journey of faith!

Grace & Peace,
Carla Gemmill, Education Committee Chair

Super Bowl Sunday

Join us for a different type of worship service on February 13 as our youth will take the lead. It is Super Bowl Sunday, so please wear your favorite team’s shirt or jersey (all sports). There will be Bible Trivia amongst our youth with teams.

For starters, the youth will be offering coffee and hot cocoa prior to worship in the narthex around 9:30AM. Bring your own covered coffee mug to have it filled and savor your coffee while attending the service! There will be eco-friendly cups available if you forget your cup and also a variety of creamers offered. (Please note that coffee will not be served following worship that day.)



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, 2022.



Baby Bottle Campaign

At any moment, the news of a pregnancy can be one of the most joyful events in one's life. When unexpected and unprepared, it can be the most heart pounding, frightening news one can receive. The Pregnancy Help Center provides support during this time of crisis. Their goal is that no one walks alone. They offer support, referrals, guidance, education and information for those who find themselves in a crisis situation. Besides support, the Center also offers new and gently used maternity and baby clothes, diapers, bassinets, blankets and more, available at no cost. The Pregnancy Help Center in Park River has asked us to join them in their yearly fundraising event... The Baby Bottle Campaign. During the month of February, baby bottles will be located on the counter closest to the sanctuary in the narthex of the church. If you would like to participate in this worthy endeavor, please take an empty baby bottle home with you and fill it with change, \$\$ bills or a check and return it to the church by February 28.

Looking Ahead

Believe it or not, Lent is only one short month away. **Ash Wednesday is March 2.**

This year, the youth will be serving a light supper at 6PM prior to worship at 7PM on Wednesdays starting on March 9. The youth will also be in charge of your worship experience during Lent with a little help from some adults who will be participating in the Lent Skits. This year, our theme is "Whose Cross Is It Anyway?" All throughout Lent, the JPS (Jerusalem Parcel Service) person tries to unload a cross. Following the company's motto of "Prompt delivery service anywhere in Israel," the JPS person takes it to disciples John and Andrew, a church secretary and a woman concerned that it may not match the decor of her home. All refuse delivery, though the cross comes free and undelivered. During each week of Lent, the cross makes the rounds to many customers with surprising, funny and moving results. Mary Magdalene already has a cross. Martha would rather make her own. Peter denies having anything to do with it. Judas says he doesn't deserve it. The drama reveals how people make excuses for not wanting Jesus in their lives.

Come support our United Youth Group as they fundraise for a mission event, (Feed My Starving Children), in which they will be attending the end of March. A free will offering will be taken at the meals served on March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6.

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), Lenora Olson and our brothers and sisters in Haiti

Grief

The family of Linden Johnson on the death of Linden's brother, Larry Johnson.

Joy

Congratulations to Josh and Sarah Overby on the baptism of their son, Huxley Keith, on January 16. Huxley is the little brother to Hallie and Reid (also Huxley's baptismal sponsors) along with Josh & Rachel Schaefer.

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



Pastor Jodi, Reid, Sarah, Huxley, Josh and Hallie Overby.

Mobile Food Pantry

The Great Plains Mobile Food Pantry will be at our church parking lot, distributing food baskets for our community this Thursday, February 3, from 4-6PM. Come if you are in need! Volunteers are needed to help, from approximately 3:45-6:15pm.

At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Thank You to:

DeLynn Carlson and Peggy Fischer for removing the Christmas decorations and packing them away.

Elroy Rude for fixing the stand in which the children's activity bags are hung.

Steve and Kim Hart for their special music provided during Pastor Jodi's Installation on January 9.

United Lutheran Church, thank you so much for the Christmas gift of Langdon Bucks! It will be fun to use them and meet new people as I do. You have all been very welcoming! We appreciate all you have done to make our start at United Lutheran go so smoothly.

In Christ,
The Myrviks

Offering Envelopes

The 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.

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.

Tornado Relief

You may still give to Lutheran Disaster Response to help with relief for the massive tornado damage in the south. Checks may be made out to ULC and the church will forward on.

United Quilters

Quilters will meet the first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month (September-April, 9AM-3PM). All are welcome to be part of this group to fulfill their quilt mission. Materials, tools and machines provided; little experience required.

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.

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Crafting Weekends

Open to anyone in the community who enjoys crafting while being with others! Bring your scrapbook, paints and canvases, sewing, crocheting, knitting, etc. to United Lutheran. The group meets once a month (Friday-Saturday). Bring in lunch or order in. Often times, the group goes for burgers on Fridays. Free, just bring what you need to do your project and a table will be set up for you. For more information, contact Lisa Schuler. They will be meeting February 25-26 this month, starting at 9AM.

Items Needed for DVAC

The Domestic Violence and Abuse Center is looking for items of need: paper towel, toilet paper, kitchen kettles and kitchen utensils. If you are able to assist, place your items in the orange tub located in the narthex, labeled "DVAC". Thank you for your help!

Foster Care Needed

Foster homes are in high need! For older youth and teens, sibling groups, children with higher behavioral needs and homes that have Native American heritage, part or full time care. Please call the ND Foster Care Inquiry Line 1-833-378-4663/1-833-FST-HOME or email or contact your local social services agency.

Fundraiser

The Wales Fire Hall will be hosting a Breakfast at the St. Michael's parish hall in Wales, Sunday, February 13. They will be serving 9AM - 1PM. Items to be served are scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Free will offering. Pick up orders will be available.

PRBC Events

7-12 graders, overnight retreat at Frost Fire State Park, Friday & Saturday, February 18-19. Register at www.parkriverbiblecamp.org

Summer 2022 camp registration is opened. To see all the camps offered this summer, go online to their website. click on the SUMMER CAMP tab on the top of the page. Website listed above.

Al-Anon

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

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Worship and Ministry - February Schedule

February 6 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - Katie Henry
Ushers - Seth & Beth Hansen family
Communion Prep - Karen Pederson
Communion Assts - Rachele & Meredith Romfo
Patty Metzger
Acolytes - TJ Henderson & Graci Witzel
Projectionist - Addy Reidhammer
Coffee - Sue Anderson

February 13 - Worship lead by the Youth

Coffee and hot cocoa will be served in the narthex prior to worship (9:30AM) by the youth and the Faith & Care roles will be fulfilled by the youth also.

Acolyte - Aubrey Badding
Projectionist - Brock Freer

February 20 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - JoAnn Mueller
Ushers - Edwin Olson & Willie Thom
Acolytes - Izzy Vikan &
Communion Prep - Karen Pederson
Communion Assts - Carol Goodman, JoAnn Mueller
& Terry Jacobson
Projectionist - Adam Hart
Coffee - Bob & Nadine Kempert

February 27 - Contemporary Worship

Reader - Rebecca Tollefson
Ushers - Travis Hakanson family
Acolytes - Aubrey Badding & Devin Hakanson
Projectionist - Brenna Schuler
Coffee - Connie Kjos