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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
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The Days of Holy Week

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our midweek Lent services this year have focused on the frustration of a JPS (Jerusalem Postal Service) worker who is trying to find the rightful owner of the cross. It seems that no one is eager or willing to accept this special delivery. Some already have one, some deny the need for one, some worry about the cost and others just plain old don't want it! I hope you continue this Lenten journey with us to find out "Whose Cross Is It Anyway?" Especially pay careful attention to the events of Holy Week...not with a nod-off-through-the-sermon kind of attention, but with a real, earnest, eager attention riveted on Christ and the Cross. If we miss the events and the significance of the events, we scamper past the greatest joy in the universe.

At the heart of our faith is Mystery: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. All of salvation history leads up to and goes forth from these saving events. What follows is a brief description of each day of Holy Week. Make it your goal this year to prayerfully walk with Jesus in his most difficult and yet glorious week. Plan to attend the special services of Holy Week. By celebrating them in community, we make them present today and learn again, in a new way, the reality of our Risen Lord alive in our midst.

PALM SUNDAY....Our celebration of Holy Week begins as we remember and make present the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem to begin his final week and initiate his Passion. As you receive your palms, consider that you are part of that vast crowd. How will you journey with Jesus this final week? Let the palm remind you to praise him with your prayerful presence. Pray with Jesus as he considers the difficult days ahead of him.

MAUNDY THURSDAY....Earlier this day, Jesus has given instructions to the disciples on how to prepare for this most holy meal. During this service, we remember and make present that Last Supper which Jesus shared with his disciples. We are in the upper room with Jesus and the Apostles. As we remember the ritual of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, we unite in service to one another. Through our celebration of this first Holy Eucharist, we unite ourselves to Jesus and receive his Body and Blood as if for the first time. Our fourth grade First Communion class will be an integral part of this event.

After the Last Supper, the apostles and Jesus make a short journey across the Kidron Valley to the Garden of Gethsemane where he asks them to stay awake with him. We too will process in Church with Jesus to a garden as we strip the altar. It is here in the garden where Jesus prays as he goes through his agony. The service ends in silence. It is an ancient custom to spend time in prayerful reflection. What will you reflect upon this night? It was near midnight when Jesus was betrayed by Judas, arrested and taken to the house of the High Priest. (continued on Page 5)

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3 9AM Sunday school 10AM Worship	4	5 9AM-3PM Quilting	6 9AM-3PM Quilting 3:45PM First Communion Instruction 6PM Lenten supper 7PM Worship	7 9AM Mom's Group 12PM Al-Anon	8	9
10 9AM Sunday school 10AM Palm Sunday Worship 11AM VBS Cake/Bake Auction 7PM Palm Sunday concert @ Emmanuel Evangelical Church	11 12PM Pastor Jodi at Behavioral Task Force Meeting	12 10:30AM Deborah Circle @ the Senior Center 5:30PM Esther Circle	13 2PM Pastor Jodi at Wheatland for Bible Study	14 9AM Mom's Group 12PM Al-Anon 7PM Maundy Thursday Worship	15 7PM Good Friday Worship	16
17 No Sunday School <u>Easter Communion Services</u> 8AM Traditional Worship Rolls served between services 10AM Contemporary Worship	18 6PM Church Council meeting	19 12PM Writer's Group	20 6PM Confirmation 7PM Youth Group	21 9AM Mom's Group 12PM Al-Anon	22	23
24 9AM Sunday school 10AM Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion 2PM Pastor Jodi at MMCC 7PM Lisa Schuler's Spring Piano Recital	25 5PM P.E.O.	26	27 6PM Confirmation	28 9AM Mom's Group, 9AM-4:30PM Pastor Jodi at Theological Event 12PM Al-Anon	29	30

Faith & Care #4

Chairman - Lisa Schuler

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- Rob & Laura Belle
- John & Karen Boe
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- Tim & Myrna Devine
- Ryan & Heather Domres
- Dan & Peggy Fischer
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- Kraig Gellner
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- Education Kim Hart, Kristi McDonald
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- Hospitality Terry Jacobson
- Property Steve Hart
- Stewardship Abby Borchardt

Non-voting Representative

- Pastor Jodi Myrvik

Council Notes 03-21-22 Mtg

May 1st will be Rogation Sunday and coffee and cocoa will be offered before church once again by our Youth.

Julie reported that \$201 was given to the Langdon Ministerial from the Sunday night ecumenical service hosted at United on March 13. As a congregation, we may qualify for the Employee Retention Credit (ERC) for employee payroll taxes from March 2020 to September 2021.

Greg Goodman, guest speaker, spoke of the research he has done with the Portico company, owned by the ELCA which carries Pastor Jodi's pension/health plan. The Executive Committee will visit with a representative from Portico through a zoom visit, yet to be scheduled. Further discussion will then be held at the next Council meeting.

The Youth hosted two Lenten suppers and have raised \$463 so far to put toward their mission event, "Feed My Starving Children". The Cake/Bake Auction will be held on April 10th.

Synod Assembly will be held June 4-5 in Fargo. United Lutheran can have representation of three individuals along with Pastor Jodi. Registration deadline is May 19th.

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

Financial Update 2-28-22

February Offering \$6,812.00

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$26,692.77	\$32,450.00
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Total Income thru February	\$27,035.91	\$33,699.41
*Total Expenses thru February	\$31,935.34	\$43,438.40

*Please note, last year's 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 March 29, our Endowment Fund balance was \$105,130.94. 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.



“Feed My Starving Children” Pack Event

A group of 15 from ULC participated in the “Feed My Starving Children” pack event in Grand Forks on Saturday, March 26. United also supported the event monetarily through donations given during the youth Lent suppers! Thanks for all your support! They were told that the food they packed would be sent to the Ukraine and surrounding countries.

World hunger is the cause of half the deaths of children under the age of five years. Every day, MannaPack® meals from “Feed My Starving Children” (FMSC) are shipped around the world to the kids and families who need them most.

The Grand Forks event had no paid staff. All the contributions went directly to the purchase of supplies needed to pack 282,000 meals. A majority of the hundreds of packing volunteers were children learning the virtue of Christian sharing. The event required \$65,000 for ingredients and around 600 volunteers to do the packing. The ND-MN regional FMSC program is an interdenominational Christian effort in which individuals come together to bring the compassion of Jesus to feed hungry children.

“Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.” - Proverbs 22:9



Camp Hope

Each quarter of the year, United Lutheran will focus on a new stewardship project selected by the Stewardship Committee. Thank you for your donations to the Domestic Violence and Abuse Center during the first quarter, (January-March). The Stewardship Committee has chosen **Camp Hope** as the second quarter, recipient of blessings.

Monetary donations will be collected in a separate offering container at the back of the sanctuary, every Sunday, (April-June). At the end of June, a check will be sent to Park River Bible Camp to help with camperships for kids who are in foster care settings. **Camp Hope** is designed specifically for kids who have finished kindergarten to twelfth grade who are in foster care. It is a three-night, four-day camp experience that provides kids with a safe place to have fun, meet friends who are experiencing like situations, play games, join in camp fires and so much more. May God bless our United effort in supporting this stewardship project!

Rogation Sunday

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. He said, "Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants, and fruit trees bearing fruit with their seeds inside, on the earth." And so it was. The earth produced vegetation: plants bearing seeds in their various kinds, and trees bearing fruit with their seed inside in their several kinds. God saw that it was good, (Genesis 1:1, 11-12).

Ready for a SPRING Adventure? May 1st has been designated as Rogation Sunday at ULC! “What is THAT?” you might ask. Great question! The word “rogation” comes from the Latin verb, “rogare.” It means to ASK. So, in the season of Easter, as we celebrate the resurrection joy of new life, we will ASK for God’s blessing upon the earth, the seeds and the equipment used for spring planting. **Farmers and gardeners of all kinds...this one’s for you!** Bring your tractors, bring your planters, your tools and of course the seed! Let’s fill the church sanctuary and parking lot with the equipment needed for spring planting. Come dressed as you are or as you would for work. Feed on God’s word and be sent out to the fields and pastures of your life.

The Days of Holy Week

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GOOD FRIDAY....All through the night, Jesus has been locked in the dungeon of the high priest's house. Early in the morning, he is bought before Pilate who transfers his case to Herod. Herod sends him back to Pilate, who, sometime in the mid-morning, bows to the pressure of the Temple leadership and the crowds and condemns Jesus to a horrible death by crucifixion. In the late morning, Jesus is taken by the soldiers through the city and up the hillside of Golgotha. By noon he is nailed to the cross where he hangs in agony for some three hours. He dies around three in the afternoon. He is taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb hastily before sundown.

Today is a day of prayer. In the evening, we gather quietly in worship to enter into a time of prayer as we reflect on Jesus' death on the cross. The mystery of "Whose Cross Is It Anyway?" is solved. We acknowledge the power of the cross in our lives today. Considering too, how the apostles might have gathered that night together in fear and prayer reflecting on all that happened.

HOLY SATURDAY....The body of Jesus is in the tomb. The disciples, heartbroken at the death of Jesus, observed the Jewish Sabbath in sorrow. They have forgotten the promise of Jesus...that he would rise. We cannot forget his promise. We cannot forget! Jesus is the light that will shine through all darkness. He is the light of the world.

EASTER SUNDAY....Suddenly, the church lights are lit and the Alleluia is sung as we celebrate the moment of Christ's resurrection. The women come to the tomb. The tomb is empty! He Lives! As a Church we sing Alleluia for the first time in forty days! The hunt is over! In the joy of the resurrection, we celebrate the hope we have for a future. Do everything you can to be present on this day and invite friends and family to join. Easter is a joyful celebration that never ends! Will you be afraid? Or, will you "Go and Tell" the story of Jesus and his love for you?

To experience the total impact....Journey with us to the cross and beyond and you too will be filled with Easter joy!

In Christ, Pastor Jodi

Sunday School/Confirmation/Youth

Greeting to everyone!

Wow! We are down to our last five Sunday School Lessons. April 3rd we will be learning about "The Greatest Commandment". On April 10th, Palm Sunday, the Sunday School students will be singing in church and the lesson is "Jesus is Risen". We will not have Sunday School on Easter, April 17th and finish April off with "Thomas Believes" on April 24th.

Fourth Graders and parents mark your calendars, First Communion Instruction will be Wednesday, April 6th at 3:45PM. First Communion will be held April 14th during Maundy Thursday service at 7pm. Families that will be gone; a makeup First Communion service will be during regular worship on April 24th.

We will be bringing back the Cake/Bake Auction Fundraiser for raising funds for Vacation Bible School. The Auction will be following worship on April 10th. We ask that all Sunday School families bring **at least one** baked item to be auctioned off. Others in the congregation are free to help support this event. (Please keep in mind, ULC is peanut-free).

Confirmation students should still be meeting with their mentors after Lenten Wednesday services and will resume classes on April 20th at 6PM.

The meals that the Youth (and parents) have been providing have been wonderful, Thank You! We had 15 people attend "Feed My Starving Children" in Grand Forks on March 26th. It was a lot of fun and continue to look for other events to serve. Youth Group will meet again on April 20 at 7PM.

Grace & Peace, Kristin McDonald, Education Committee Co-Chair

Easter Worship Schedule

Youth will serve their last Lenten supper with a free will offering on April 6 at 6PM prior to worship at 7PM. Your free will offerings have helped support a mission event, (Feed My Starving Children), in which they attended on Saturday, March 26.

Palm Sunday (April 10) - 10AM
(Students will be singing during worship)

Maundy Thursday (April 14) - 7PM
(First Communion - 4th graders)

Good Friday (April 15) - 7PM

Easter Sunday - April 17

8AM Traditional Worship

10AM - Contemporary Worship

Cake/Bake Auction

The Cake/Bake Auction is back, Sunday, April 10th after worship! This annual auction was in existence every year prior to covid and helps cover most of the costs of Vacation Bible School. The Auction allows United Lutheran to offer camp free of charge for our students and those outside our congregation. We ask that all Sunday School families please bring **at least one** baked item to be auctioned off. Others in the congregation are free to help support this event, also. Please bring a baked item(s) to donate and your generosity! (Please keep in mind, ULC is peanut-free).

Vacation Bible School will be held Tuesday through Friday, May 31st through June 3rd. Pre-registration will be required this year for all children; please stay tuned for more information! The auction helps cover most of the costs of VBS, so please bring a baked item(s) to donate and your generosity!

First Communion

First Communion instruction will be held Wednesday, April 6 at 3:45PM for fourth graders. A letter has been sent to those families with more information. Please let the church office know if you've not received a letter.



Prayers of...

Healing

Lois Jones (Val Olson's cousin, cancer), Diane Reinhardt, Renae Skjervheim, Bob Kempert, Joanne Field, Caven Dahl (Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma), Gage Goodman, Cora Badding, Michelle Kaercher (breast cancer), Ole Olson and our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

Joy

Congratulations to Nathan and Samantha Howatt on the birth of their new son, Vince Gerald Howatt on March 25.



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

March Memorials

Larry Johnson - Carla Symons (building)

Vicki Muth - Carla Symons (building)

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

Help for Ukraine

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia as well as other ecumenical partners in humanitarian aid. If you wish to donate, you can write a check to Lutheran Disaster Response and give to the church, to forward on. 100% of your gift will be used entirely to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the Eastern Europe Crisis.

Easter Lilies - (please note)

We will not be having families place Easter Lilies in the sanctuary this year and going forward. Although, feel free to purchase other floral arrangements. The church has purchased synthetic Easter Lilies to beautify this space. Pastor Jodi is extremely allergic to the Lilies and we would like to keep her healthy. Thank you for your understanding!

At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Thank You to:

The Hospitality Committee for setting up and serving the Community Lenten service hosted by United Lutheran on March 13. Also, to those that were able to bring bars/cookies for that evening.

Those that directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to United Lutheran. We appreciate it!

Our Youth for taking the lead in the various ways throughout the Lenten worship services.

Those who have contributed household items for the Domestic Violence and Abuse Center in Grafton.

Those that gave offering at our March 13 evening community Lenten service. \$201 was raised for the Ministerial Association.

Lane Lindseth for being United's guest organist on March 20th.

Community Lenten Services

The last of the Sunday night (7PM) Community Lenten services are:

New Hope - April 3
Emmanuel Evangelical - April 10
(Palm Sunday concert)

Sunday evening offerings will go to the Ministerial Association.

United Quilters

Quilters 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.

Coffee with Worship, Again

On Sunday, May 1st, the Youth will once again 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.)

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.

Bulletins

You may have noticed a change in our bulletin format/color this last month or so. As a Council, we have chosen to be good stewards of saving the yearly expense that goes in to paying for the colored bulletin covers with the perforation that were previously used. Feel free to continue filling out any requests, questions or notes found on the bottom and back of each bulletin. In keeping our church records updated, we ask that you fill out the communion box with your name, once annually.

Offering Envelopes

The 2022 offering envelopes are available to be picked up from the table in the fellowship hall.

Pastor Jodi's Contact Information

pjmyrvik@polarcomm.com
Cell phone number 701-265-2409

PRBC Events

PRBC is offering many camps; some brochures are located at the entrance of the sanctuary. More camps with information can be found at www.parkriverbiblecamp.org, their website.

The camp is also looking for needed help: program assistant, camp counselor, maintenance & kitchen staff, camp medic and VBS team members. More information about these positions are posted on the bulletin board by the sanctuary doors.

Covid Information

Pediatric Vaccines are being offered and Adult Boosters. (Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson). Cavalier County Health District is offering vaccinations on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Free Covid-19 Testing, new days, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1-1:30PM. Walk-ins accepted based on staff availability, cavaliercounty-health.com

Schedule appointments for vaccines or testing by calling 256-2402 or online at tinyurl.com/f2e2uaw3.

Babysitting Clinic

Saturday, April 2, 9AM-4PM, Cavalier County Courthouse. Youth grades 6-8. Cost is \$10, class size is limited. Preregistration required by March 25. Call 256-2560 to register.

Cancer Rummage Sale

Tuesday, April 26th through Saturday, April 30. Langdon American Legion Downtown building. Drop-off dates are Sunday, April 24 & Monday, April 25th, 10AM-6PM. Volunteers are welcome.

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



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Worship and Ministry - April Schedule

April 3 - Worship

Reader - Andrea Jacobson
Ushers - Chris & Tina Mikkelsen
Acolytes - Theo Romfo & Kade Hansen
Projectionist - Meredith Romfo
Coffee - Ryan & Shannon Wagner

April 6 - Wednesday Lenten Worship

Meal - 6PM
Worship - 7PM
Leadership roles filled by our Youth

April 10 - Worship (Palm Sunday)

Reader - Finley Crockett
Ushers - Bub & Janice Knudson
Acolytes - Tucker Gellner
& Devin Hakanson
Projectionist - Addy Reidhammer
Coffee - Bub & Janice Knudson
(SS students sing during worship)

April 14 - Maundy Thursday (7PM)

Ushers - Jeff & Josh Overby
Communion Prep - Nicole Koons
Communion Assistants: Andrea
Jacobson, Diane Simmons
& LeeAnn Knudson

April 15 - Good Friday (7PM)

Usher - Heather Domres

April 17 - 8AM Traditional Easter Worship with Holy Communion)

Reader - Nancy Coyle
Ushers - Greg & Sara Goodman
Communion Prep - Julie Johnson
Communion Asst - Sara Goodman
Coffee - Joan Schrader
**Rolls/coffee served between the
worship services**

April 17 - 10AM Contemporary Easter Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - Nancy Coyle
Ushers - Willie Thom & Edwin Olson
Communion Prep - LeeAnn Knudson
Communion Assts - Val Olson,
Andrea Jacobson & Katie Johnson
Acolytes - Tanner McDonald
& Theo Romfo
Projectionist - Brock Freer
No Coffee

April 24 - Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - Lisa Schuler
Ushers - Dan & Peggy Fischer
Communion Prep - Brynn Johnson
Communion Assts - Ashton Hedger,
Sheri Winnege & Brynn Johnson
Acolyte - Jaymee Reidhammer
Projectionist - Adam Hart
Coffee - Ashton Hedger