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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.

Hymn of Promise

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Living in the northern hemisphere, we experience Easter in springtime...a time of new life, promises and possibilities. We see the grass turn green, flowers sprout and grow, trees bud and leaf out and the birth of birds, butterflies and animals. Our brothers and sisters in the southern hemisphere experience Easter during the fall. For them, the Easter hope is a promise, still unrevealed...the bulb, the seed and the cocoon. Much like it is for us this year as we wait for our long North Dakota winter to end. I know I'm eager for spring. I know, I for one am more than ready for warmer days. I'm anxiously anticipating the joy of planting seeds in the garden and I'm even kind of looking forward to mowing the lawn again! Our impatience, however, reaches beyond waiting for spring. Throughout life, in general, we become impatient to make sense of what seems senseless; whether it be long winters, the war in the Ukraine or suffering and death. We long for answers, for the unbearable and incomprehensible to be explained.

It is all a part of the cycle that God has created: life, death, new life, hope, pain and eternal life. For the new to come, the old must die. For hope to blossom, we must give up our grasp of what is, so that something better can be born. There is a moment of letting go, of accepting an ending, before the promise can become reality. We must accept what appears to be defeat before a greater victory can emerge.

Hymn of Promise, a beautiful hymn we will sing during the Easter season, speaks of our human experience and the journey we share together. "In the bulb there is a flower; in a seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see." While the hymn carries the promise of spring and the hope of Easter in its beautiful metaphors; it was written at a time when the author, Natalie Sleeth, was pondering the ideas of life, death, spring and winter, Good Friday and Easter, and the whole reawakening of the world that happens every spring. Whenever I sing this song or read the words, no matter how cold the day or how dark the night, I am reminded of the Easter promise that renews our hope and gives us the joy of life.

Our lives echo the parable of the seasons, no matter where we celebrate Easter. We believe that with God...despite our anxiety and often our doubt, all things are possible. As the hymn also says...in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! May our faith be blessed with growth throughout the 50 days of Easter! Happy Easter!

-Pastor Jodi

May 2022

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|--|---|--|--|-----------|-----------|
| 1 9AM Sunday school 9:30AM Coffee 10AM Worship with Holy Communion Rogation Sunday | 2 | 3 | 4 4:30-6PM Great Plains Mobile Food Pantry 6PM Confirmation | 5 12PM Al-Anon | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9AM Last day of Sunday school 10AM Worship Happy Mother's Day! | 9 10AM Pastor Jodi @ Behavioral Task Force meeting 5PM P.E.O. | 10 9:30AM Memory Loss Support Group 5:30PM Esther Circle | 11 10AM Deborah Circle @ Senior Center 2PM Pastor Jodi @ Wheatland for Bible Study 6PM Confirmation 7PM Youth Group | 12 10AM Pastor Jodi @ Grafton Conference Meeting 12PM Al-Anon | 13 | 14 |
| 15 10AM Worship with Holy Communion | 16 6PM Church Council meeting | 17 12PM Writer's Group | 18 10AM Ministerial meeting 7PM Baccalaureate service at St. Alphonsus for 2022 Senior Graduates | 19 12PM Al-Anon | 20 | 21 |
| 22 10AM Contemporary Worship | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 12PM Al-Anon | 27 | 28 |
| 29 10AM Worship ULC 2022 Senior Class Recognition | 30 Memorial Day | 31 First day of Vacation Bible School | | | | |

Faith & Care #1

Chairman - Brian & Darby Hart

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 Brandon & Sarah Badding
 Carol Badding
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 Todd & Shanda Christianson
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 Lyle & Deidre Long
 Dale & Pam Luhmann
 Patty Metzger
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ULC Leadership 2022

President Deidre Long
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Committee Council Representatives

Education Kim Hart, Kristi McDonald
 Endowment Tyler Balsdon
 Hospitality Terry Jacobson
 Property Steve Hart
 Stewardship Abby Borchartd

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Pastor Jodi Myrvik

Financial Update 3-31-22

March Offering \$19,959.96

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|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>Year-to-Date</u> | <u>Budget YTD</u> |
| Offering Income | \$46,652.73 | \$47,400.00 |

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|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | <u>Current Year</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
| Total Income March | \$47,255.86 | \$45,422.27 |
| *Total Expenses thru March | \$47,178.14 | \$55,327.49 |

*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 April 26, our Endowment Fund balance was \$104,879.52. 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 04-25-22 Mtg

Council approved the ULC Confirmation program to be a three year requirement and acolyte duties will be moved to 4-6 graders.

The Youth voted to donate the remainder of their Lenten funds to the food pantry and DVAC.

VBS Cake/Bake Auction went well raising, \$3,365. The Education Committee would like to advertise again for a Sunday school superintendent.

Synod Assembly is June 4-5 and ULC is allowed up to three representatives to attend. Information will be placed in the bulletin/newsletter announcements.

Property is still searching for a contractor to look at the moisture collecting between the sanctuary roof and flat roof. Steve was given a name to contact in regards to a possible grate placed at the front entrance of the north door.

With the generous Thrivent donation from Charles & Marie Jordan, Council approved to replace Julie's office computer with a newer one. Her computer will then be placed in Pastor Jodi's office to make their computers more compatible. The remainder of these Thrivent funds will then be earmarked for technology purposes.

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

Many Thanks!

Thank You! Thank You! I want to extend a huge thank you to the entire United Lutheran Church family for letting me try new ways of worship during Lent! You have all been very supportive, participatory and encouraging. Thanks first of all to the youth, for stepping up and having to be a little out of your comfort zone to read, lead, participate in skits and provide special music. Thanks to all the parents who helped with the Lenten meals. Thanks to those who assisted with worship in many ways: preparing, participating, supporting and cleaning. A huge shout out to Helen Johnson and Shirley Robinson for their creative decorating of the altar area from Lenten ponderings to Easter joy and to Lindy Johnson for making the cross for our Lenten journey. Last, but not least, thank you to those who do the work behind the scenes to prepare and present our worship both in person and online: Kathie Johnson, Lisa Schuler, Julie Johnson, Dale Klein, our slide makers and our projectionists. Teamwork always leads to success!

-Pastor Jodi

FMSC Event

Thank You Note: On behalf of starvation impacted children in our world, thank you for your participation in our 2022 Greater Grand Forks Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event. We cannot express enough to you, that you are the reason this event was successful both with your willingness to say yes to packing with us and to help us pay for the food.

Specifically, we want to thank you for helping us pay for the food we packed through your \$750 donation which paid for 3,000 meals that we packed. This will pay for eight children to eat for a year. Your partnership is truly a blessing.

Serving the Savior Together with YOU!!!

Isabell Fetsch
Greater Grand Forks
FMSC Mobile Pack, Core Team

Camp Hope

Each quarter of the year, United Lutheran will focus on a new stewardship project selected by the Stewardship Committee. 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!

Senior Recognition

The Langdon Area Ministerial will be holding a Baccalaureate Service for all the area graduating seniors, Wednesday, May 18, at 7pm at St. Alphonsus. This service is open to friends and family of each graduate with refreshments.

We will be honoring our United Lutheran Church high school graduates at our 10am worship service on **Sunday, May 29**. At this service, we will be gifting our graduates with a quilt, hand-made by United Lutheran's quilting group.

Congratulations to our graduating seniors and may the Lord's face shine upon them and the Lord look upon them with favor as they continue with their next chapter! ULC Seniors are: Josie Long, Claire Hiltner, Addy Reidhammer and Marlee Hetletved.



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? This Sunday, 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.

Sunday School/Confirmation/Youth

Greetings to everyone!

We are down to our last two Sunday School Lessons. The Great Commission on May 1st and The Holy Spirit at Pentecost on May 8th. On May 8th, we will have a fun event planned for the kids along with the lesson. Sunday school students will also be singing in that day. The Education Committee would like to thank everyone that took time out of their schedules to teach this year.

The Education Committee would like to thank everyone that donated for the cake/bake auction and the generous support from the bidders! A BIG Thank You goes to Greg Goodman for being the auctioneer!!!

Vacation Bible School will be held May 31st-June 3. We will be sending registration forms home with the Sunday school kids and posting it on Facebook, when we receive them. If anyone is interested in housing the counselors, please let me know or call the church office.

A large class of 4th Graders received their bibles and First Communion during Lent and Easter (14 students!) Due to the number of students, family events and weather conditions, the students weren't all able to be together at one time in this large step in their faith.

Confirmation will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 6PM through May 11th. Youth Group will also meet that evening at 7PM on May 11.

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

Bibles/First Communion Students

Left - Parker McDonald

*Below (left to right) -
Jack Borchardt, Dentyn Schill
and Carl Henry*

*Further below (left to right) -
Aiden Vikan, Sophie Myrvik,
Finley Crockett, Prestyn
Bodnar, Maxum Mostad,
Gavin Gemmill, Sophia Vikan,
Harper Jacobson, Hallie
Overby, Chloe Koons*



*Below - Sunday school students singing on Palm Sunday
Below, right - Cake/Bake Auction attendees*



Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held May 31st through June 3rd and for those who will have completed kindergarten through 5th grade. Pre-registration will be required for all children. Registration forms will be sent home with the Sunday school kids and also be posted on Facebook, when we receive

VBS 2022

the forms. If anyone is interested in housing the counselors, please let Kristi McDonald (370-8222) know or call the church office.

New Members

Are you are looking for a new church home and would like more information about becoming a member at United? Please fill out the tear-off card in the church bulletin and place it in the offering plate. You can also let Pastor Jodi or Julie know in the church office.

Mobile Food Pantry

The Great Plains Mobile Food Pantry will be at our church parking lot, distributing food baskets for our community Wednesday, May 4, from 4:30-6PM. Come if you are in need! Volunteers are needed to help, from approximately 4:15-6:15pm.

Coffee with Worship

Remember how fun this was?? This 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 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 and whipped cream offered.



Prayers of...

Healing

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

Joy

John and Karen Boe on their 50th Wedding Anniversary!
Nathan Kitchin, Aubrey Badding and Taryn Romfo for advancing to the State Science Olympiad Competition.

Grief

The family of Jared & Alistair (Crockett) Kuss on the death of their infant son, Roman Alexander.

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

April Memorials

Larry Johnson - Rick & Carolyn Crockett (garden)

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

Synod Assembly

The annual synod assembly of our Eastern North Dakota Synod, ELCA, will be held in Fargo, June 4-5. United is looking for up to three individuals that would like to experience and volunteer to be our congregational representatives at the assembly! (Hotel, meals and conference expenses are all covered by United Lutheran.)

Quilt Blessing

During worship, Sunday, May 8, we will bless the quilts made by our quilters. The quilts will travel abroad with Lutheran World Relief to be given to needy people throughout the world. Thanks to our quilters' work, talent and dedication!

At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Thank You to:

Those who have directed Thrivent Choice dollars to United. In April, \$3,992 was delegated to ULC!

Kendall & Carla Gemmill for the installation of the new TV in the youth room.

Don & Elaine Haugen and Terry & Janet Jacobson for providing the wine and wafers for communion Sundays.

Faye Wilhelmi, Shirley Robinson and Helen Johnson for helping Julie with newsletter mailing prep each month.

Our Sunday school students for their special music on Palm Sunday and to Becky Tollefson for volunteering her time in being their music leader.

All who donated auction items, those that stayed to bid at the cake/bake auction on April 10 and to Greg Goodman for volunteering to be the auctioneer. Your donations will allow many students to participate in VBS for free this summer. \$3,365 was raised which is just ridiculous generosity!

Mikkelsen Brothers Construction for their complimentary snow removal in our church parking lot this winter.

Rob Becker for keeping our sidewalks clear of snow this winter.

Landin and Brynn Johnson for using the RugDoctor to remove the excess water in the Narthex from the most recent storm. Thanks to Dan & Peggy Fischer for the use of their RugDoctor.

The congregation throughout the Easter season when asked not to bring Easter Lilies due to Pastor Jodi's allergies. We appreciate everyone understanding and keeping her healthy.

Offering Envelopes

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

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.

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Lost Items

Missing a pan? It may be in the church kitchen. Missing baby items, toys, sunglasses, readers, earrings, etc., they may be laying on the lost & found shelf in the narthex. Missing a children's winter jacket, it may be hanging in the narthex. Please check if one is yours!

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.

Pastor Jodi's Contact Information

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

Al-Anon

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

PRBC Events

PRBC is offering many camps; 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. Walk-ins accepted based on staff availability. cavalier-countyhealth.com

Are you immunocompromised or is someone you love? Additional vaccines may be recommended to protect someone who is immune compromised. Visit with your doctor or local public health unit to see if additional vaccines are recommended for you.

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



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Worship and Ministry - May Schedule

May 1 - Worship with Holy Communion (Rogation Sunday)

Leadership roles fulfilled by ULC Youth
Communion Prep - Elaine Haugen
Acolytes - Tanner McDonald & Theo Romfo
Projectionist - Brenna Schuler
Coffee will be served in the Narthex at
9:30AM by the youth

May 8 - Worship

Reader - Dale Klein
Usher - Edwin Olson
Projectionist - Victor Long
Coffee -

May 15 Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - Jamie Coyle
Ushers - Jamie & Amanda Coyle

May 15 Worship with Holy Communion (continued)

Communion Prep -
Communion Assts - Terry & Janet Jacobson
& Deidre Long
Projectionist - Nathan Kitchin
Coffee - Betty Nelson

May 22 - Contemporary Worship

Reader - Darby Hart
Ushers - Todd & Abby Borchardt & family
Projectionist - Jaymee Reidhammer
Coffee - Pam Luhmann

May 29 - Worship (Honoring our Graduates)

Leadership roles fulfilled by our ULC Graduates
Projectionist - Tyson Gemmill
Coffee - Ardyce Hennager