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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.

The Holy Spirit

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Come, Holy Spirit, Come! *“And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim” (Acts 2:2-4).*

While Jesus was here on earth, he was bound by time and space. He was limited to being in one place at any one time. When he ascended to heaven and took up all power and authority again, he sent the Holy Spirit. This Spirit is the helper of those whom he left behind to carry on his work. The Spirit of God promotes the good news about Jesus and gives his followers the courage to do things that they would have otherwise never dared to do. The church was born as the Spirit bound together God's people...no one alike, all with unique talents and gifts, from various backgrounds. In fact, so different that sometimes it can be hard to agree and get along. Nevertheless, the church has survived for centuries despite the diversity of its members. That's what makes the church so special. The Spirit binds us together in order to care for one another, love one another, pray for one another, encourage one another and help one another as we share the Good News about Jesus with others.

The Holy Spirit is to the Church what air is to every human being. Air surrounds us so completely that we sometimes forget it is there. We breathe it continuously without always realizing what we are doing. So it is with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit empowers our lives. It deepens our faith. It motivates our mission. For, you see...Pentecost was never intended to be a once only affair. The Holy Spirit speaks to us the truth about God and shows us the love of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit also testifies who we are. We are God's children, we are spirit-filled people. Through the water and God's Word of promise we were adopted into God's family. At our baptism, we received the Spirit of God who promises that throughout our life's journey, through the twists and turns that life takes us, He is always there. It reminds us that God never gives up on us. It comforts us when we are sad. It lifts us up when we are down. And the Spirit gives us the power to live as children of God, namely to get God's Word out into the community by whatever means necessary.

The Holy Spirit has been described in many ways. It is like a breath that blows away the dust and makes everything clean. It is like refreshing cool water to a parched throat. It is like a cleansing bush fire that burns away all the thick undergrowth so that something new can rise out of the ashes. It is like a potter who starts with an odd-shaped lump and molds and shapes it into something beautiful. It is like a renovator who uses what is already there and strengthens, refreshes and revitalizes what's there. It is like a loving spouse whispering

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		9AM-3PM Vacation Bible School	1 9AM-3PM Vacation Bible School	2 9AM-3PM Vacation Bible School 12PM AI-Anon	3 9AM- 11:30AM Vacation Bible School	4 END Synod Assembly
5 10AM Worship END Synod Assembly	6 5PM P.E.O.	7	8	9 10AM Pastor Jodi at the Grafton Conference Gathering 12PM AI-Anon	10	11
12 10AM Blended Worship 2PM Pastor Jodi @ Maple Manor Care Center	13 12PM Pastor Jodi at the Behavioral Task Force Meeting	14 9:30 Memory Support Loss Group 5:30PM Esther Circle	15 10AM Ministerial meeting 1PM Stewardship meeting 2PM Wheatland Bible Study	16 12PM AI-Anon	17	18 11AM Celebration of Life for Dennis Pengilly @ the Funeral Home
19 10AM Worship with Holy Communion	20 6PM Church Council meeting	21	22	23 12PM AI-Anon	24 2PM Pastor Jodi (Dedication of Hitterdal Memorial Wall)	25
26 10AM Contemporary Worship New Member Welcome	27	28	29	30 12PM AI-Anon		

Faith & Care #2

Chairman - Carol Hart

- Gerald & Sue Anderson
- Steven & Michele Anderson
- Gene & Barb Arens
- David & Teri Bodnar
- Arvid & Sandy Boe
- Rick & Carolyn Crockett
- Ben Crockett
- Daniel Crockett
- Tara Domres
- Brittany Farris
- Bernie & Carol Goodman
- Dean & Connie Hakanson
- Travis & Megan Hakanson
- Seth & Beth Hansen
- Lawrence & Katie Henry
- Kyle & Tiffany Hetletved
- Tom & Lynda Hoyt
- Zane Jacobson
- John & Kathie Johnson
- Robert & Nadine Kempert
- Jim & Connie Kjos

- Caitlin Kreklau
- Robert & Lillian Lowery
- JoAnn Mueller
- Grant & Betty Nelson
- Eldon & Karen Pederson
- Paul Peterson
- Bill Reinhardt
- Stephen Ridley
- Darrin & Becca Romfo
- Troy & Rachelle Romfo
- Bill & Kathy Roy
- Randy & Kim Rude
- Angie Sanders
- Brandon & April Smith
- Gordon & Sharon Sondeland
- Carl & Rebecca Tollefson

ULC Leadership 2022

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

Committee Council Representatives

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

Non-voting Representative

- Pastor Jodi Myrvik

Financial Update 4-30-22

April Offering \$15,759.80

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Offering Income	\$62,412.53	\$63,200.00
Total Income April	\$66,548.29	\$63,028.24
*Total Expenses thru April	\$62,734.17	\$68,235.08

*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 May 31, our Endowment Fund balance was \$100,557.17. 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 05-16-22 Mtg

Senior recognition will be on May 29 for the graduates. They will be helping with the worship service. June 26 will be new member Sunday.

Kristi stated that there are 29 kids signed up for VBS so far. Metigoshe Ministries has reduced their fees per student by \$10 due to shortage of counselors.

The endowment fund has shown a drop by over \$4000 since last month.

Stewardship is continuing to look at lock box options for offering storage. The committee is rotating with collecting offering each Sunday.

Terry inquired if the visitation committee could give printed instructions to those that would like to see the live worship service.

Steve has purchased a door bell to be placed at the east entrance that rings in the offices so Pastor Jodi and Julie will know when someone has entered the building through that entrance.

Pastor Jodi, Julie Johnson and Janet Jacobson will attend Synod Assembly, June 4-5.

The new office computer, donated by Charles and Marie Jordan has been ordered and waiting arrival.

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

The Holy Spirit

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in your ear reassurances of love and support. It is like a parent guiding and helping a confused child. It is like a tour guide who points us in the right direction to see things that we would otherwise have missed. It is that gentle tap on the shoulder that makes us realize, "Hey, that's me that needs a new beginning and new direction." It is that fierce shaking that wakes us up; reminds us that there is more to life than earning money, relentlessly pushing ourselves until we are tired, stressed and depressed. That's what the Holy Spirit does...it revitalizes, renews, refreshes, empowers, creates, it reminds, it guides, it comforts the church, those in the church and those whom it touches outside the church. Each day as the wind blows on your face, through your hair and across the countryside may you feel the Spirit's presence!

In Christ, Pastor Jodi

Camp Hope

The Stewardship Committee is still collecting for **Camp Hope** through the end of June.

Monetary donations will be collected in a separate offering container at the back of the sanctuary, every Sunday. 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!

Synod Assembly

The annual Synod Assembly of our Eastern North Dakota Synod, ELCA, will be held in Fargo, June 4-5. Thank you to Janet Jacobson and Julie Johnson for attending as our congregational representatives along with Pastor Jodi.

Rogation Sunday

Sunday, May 1, we celebrated Rogation Sunday. The word "rogation" comes from the Latin verb, "rogare." It means to ASK. So, in the season of Easter, as we celebrated the resurrection joy of new life, we ASKED for God's blessing upon the earth.

Rogation Sunday morning was quite blustery and, surprisingly, there were many in church. Lots of blessings were given. We celebrated the "Walk of Blessings" with the reflection on water, soil, seed, tools, community and the wonders of creation.



Confirmation



Confirmation came to a close for this school year. The students were able to lend a hand with clean-up activities outside. We appreciate their hard work!



Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School for this year was May 8. Thank you to Carla Gemmill for her leadership and involvement with the Sunday school this year. Also, to our teachers, music leaders Lisa Schuler & Becky Tollefson. ULC is blessed to have you all!

We are looking for a volunteer(s) to fill the Sunday school coordinator position for next school year(s). If interested in this vital role in our congregation and ministry, please talk with Carla Gemmill.

Youth/Pastor Jodi

Thank you to our Youth for their coffee/cocoa services, leading worship and providing special music on May 1.

A very special thank you, Pastor Jodi, for sewing the seed in our youth program with your encouragement and influence on our students in the short period of time you have been here at United. You have made time and impacted the students through faithful exercise of your gifts. God bless you and a warm thank you for your time given, work you have done and the care given to our Youth. You are indeed a reflection of God's love and all of us want you to know how very much United appreciates you!



VBS and Bible Camp

Vacation Bible School has begun at United, May 31st through June 3rd. Camp Metigoshe counselors are here and last count, 55 students were registered!

It's not too late to sign up for a summer Bible camp! ULC will pay up to ½ the cost of attending an ELCA camp in North Dakota; sign up for a great experience today!

Go to the camp websites to learn more about their programs, costs and to register your child or youth for summer camp!



One of our faithful gardeners (Kathie Johnson), starting with spring planting in the garden area by the front doors of the church. Thanks Kathie!

New Member Sunday

June 26, we will be welcoming new members at United Lutheran. If you are looking for a new church home or 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.

May Memorials

No memorials were received in the month of May.

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

Quilt Blessing



During worship, Sunday, May 8, we blessed 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!

Prayers of...

Healing

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

Joy

Congratulations to the following:

Brenna Schuler, Alex Gellner, Adam Hart, Josie Long and Cloe Roberts for advancing to the State Music competition.

Alex Gellner for advancing to the State High School golf tournament. Jennifer Romfo for being selected as Region Golf Coach of the Year.

Meredith Romfo, Marlee Hetletved, Brock Freer and Mason Christianson for advancing to State Track.

Jack Romfo, Theo Romfo, Gage Goodman and Jayden Lee in advancing to the State Baseball tournament along with Coach Josh Krivarchka being selected as Region Baseball Coach of the Year.

Grief

Dennis Pengilly's Celebration of Life will be held on June 18 at 11AM at the funeral home with a lunch following. Inurnment will be at the Dresden Cemetery.

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

At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Thank You to:

Curtis Olson for harrowing the church parking lot.

Charles & Marie Jordan on their generous gift used through their Thrivent Funds to purchase a new computer for the church office, making the two office computers more compatible.

Those that were able to help and assist with the Mobile Food Pantry on Wednesday, May 4.

Carla Gemmill for her leadership and involvement with the Sunday school this year. Also, to our teachers, music leaders Lisa Schuler & Becky Tollefson. ULC is blessed to have you all!

The United quilters for their time this year making quilts for Lutheran World Relief and to Jeff & Betty Vikan for delivering the quilts to Grand Forks.

Finley & Sydney Crockett for their special music during worship on May 15.

Diane Reinhardt for the fun kid-friendly activity bags for worship services!

Items Needed

One of the workshops at Synod Assembly will be devoted to putting together health care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Our conference has been assigned to bring sturdy combs. Also, being asked to bring are towels: 20x40 and 52x27, dark colors preferred. If you are able to provide these things, please drop your items by the church office by June 2.

Mark Your Calendars

The outdoor worship and church picnic will be held July 24.

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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Help for Ukraine

Lutheran Disaster Response is still collecting donations to help with the Ukraine crisis. 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.

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!

Pastor Jodi's Contact Information

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

Memory Loss Support

Memory Loss Support meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30AM at United Lutheran. Come if you are in need of support for your loved one.

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

Due to improving temperatures, COVID testing for Cavalier County Health District will move back to the drive through testing trailer location in the northeast parking lot of the courthouse.

Senior Care Needed

Did you know we have seniors in our community who need a little help with basic needs around their home, including housekeeping, laundry or helping sort their mail? Contact social services, 256-2175, and ask about home and community services.

Volunteer to deliver "meals on wheels" in our community. Call senior meals and services to learn more, 256-2828.

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



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Return Service Requested

Worship and Ministry - June Schedule

June 5 - Worship

Reader - Rachele Romfo
Ushers - Rachele Romfo & April Smith
Projectionist - Meredith Romfo
Coffee - Arvid & Sandy Boe

June 12 - Blended Worship

Reader - Katie Henry
Ushers - JoAnn Mueller & PJ Rime
Projectionist - Addy Reidhammer
Coffee - Rick & Carolyn Crockett

June 19 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - JoAnn Mueller
Ushers - Travis Hakanson family
Communion Prep - Karen Pederson
Communion Assts - Carol Goodman,
Dean & Connie Hakanson
Projectionist - Brock Freer
Coffee - Carol Hart

June 26 - Contemporary Worship

Reader - Becky Tollefson
Ushers - Carl Tollefson family
Projectionist - Adam Hart
Coffee - Gerald & Sue Anderson
New Member Sunday