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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.
Our hands.

Quest for Freedom

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we...the United States of America...celebrate Independence Day on July 4, I think it's worth noting the nation was founded upon the idea that [God created human beings](#) to be free. The Declaration of Independence states that people "are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights...Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

But what is "liberty," exactly? Is freedom based upon the country where you live or can it have a deeper meaning? **Here are some key ideas from the Bible about freedom including how to find true freedom in your life.**

The quest for freedom is a theme found throughout the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. Just three chapters into the story of God's creation, humanity gave up its freedom by choosing to rebel against God. From that time forward, the perfect freedom God created in the Garden of Eden was gone and the long-term effects were both physical and spiritual. The Old Testament records how God's people lost their physical freedom time and again as various empires overtook them. The loss of physical freedom was often tied to spiritual disobedience like worshiping false gods. But time and again, the one true God forgave His people and rescued them. When God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, He was foreshadowing the arrival of Jesus Christ, who came to free humanity from sin...the spiritual slavery that leads to death.

When Jesus began his short period of ministry on earth, He announced He was the One that God's people had been waiting for since the fall of humanity. The core message of the Christian faith...the Gospel...is that Jesus Christ rescues us from the slavery of sin and offers true freedom in this life and beyond.

"Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" (John 8:31-32)

I encourage you to have a fun and safe Fourth of July. Enjoy the activities and the celebrations! I also encourage you to take time to not only give thanks for the freedoms we have as a nation, but also for the freedom from sin and death valiantly given to us through our Lord Jesus Christ!

We look forward to our outdoor worship service and picnic on July 24. Please join us! More information is located on page 5.

In Christ, Pastor Jodi



July 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 10AM Worship with Holy Communion	4 Happy 4th of July!	5	6	7 12PM AI-Anon	8	9
10 10AM Blended Worship	11	12 9:30 Memory Loss 5:30PM Esther Circle	13	14 12PM AI-Anon	15	16
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Pastor Jodi is away on vacation July 9-18. Pastor Adrian Olson is available for pastoral emergencies, 701-370-0622 </div>						
17 10AM Worship	18 6PM Church Council meeting	19 12PM Writer's Group	20 2PM Pastor Jodi @ Wheatland Bible Study	21 12PM AI-Anon	22	23
24 10AM Contemporary Outdoor Worship & Picnic 2PM Pastor Jodi & Maple Manor Care Center	25	26	27	28 12PM AI-Anon	29	30
31 10AM Worship						

Faith & Care #3

Chairmen - Will & Skyler Moline

Mitchell & Melissa Almen
 Dennis & Linda Balsdon
 Leland & Carolyn Balsdon
 Tyler Balsdon
 Aaron Dahl
 Darryl & Bev Dahl
 Keith Dahl
 Ted & Linda Dahl
 Mark & Laura Dease
 Jerry & Bev Domres
 Kendall & Carla Gemmill
 Steve & Kim Hart
 David & Jan Haslekaas
 Shane & Kari Henderson
 Scott & Tina LaPorte
 Steven & Kristin McDonald
 Tara McFadden
 Leota Mikkelsen
 Randy & Phyllis Mikkelsen

Larry & Linda Olson
 Steve & Jamie Olson
 Tom Olson
 Justin Overby
 Norma Pengilly
 Lynn Peterson
 Marie Peterson
 Jason & Melanie Reidhammer
 Hans & Diane Reinhardt
 Shirley Robinson
 Elroy & Marilyn Rude
 Lance & Megan Schill
 Mike & Connie Schrader
 Bob & Patricia Scott
 Arlaine Short
 Burnell & Renae Skjervheim
 Kevin & Jan Stein
 Daryl & Linda Timian
 Brian Vikan
 Jeff & Betty Vikan
 Jim & Faye Wilhelm

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
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Financial Update 5-31-22

May Offering \$14,902.80

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Offering Income	\$77,315.33	\$79,000.00
Total Income thru May	\$81,875.87	\$80,081.62
*Total Expenses thru May	\$77,483.36	\$81,791.91

*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 June 28, our Endowment Fund balance was \$100,670.91. 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.

Summer Offering

With attendance down during summer, we look forward to your contributions to keep the steady flow of funds to pay the church's yearly budgeted expenses. Whether you are away on vacation or watching online, we appreciate those contributions coming in the mail, through Tithe.ly or even bill pay. We thank you for that!

Council Notes 06-20-22 Mtg

Pastor Jodi lead in devotions and spoke about Synod Assembly, she recently attended. The assembly theme was "Called to Serve". She asked Council to think of areas in our church and community that we could be more of service.

Julie reported that we are below expenses by about \$3,600 and a bit above for income (about \$750) at this point in our 2022 budget. She also said the new computer has been installed in her office by Charlie Jordan and her old one has moved to Pastor Jodi's office.

Kim shared that there were 56 students in attendance for VBS. There were five counselors from Camp Metigoshe and she felt they did a fantastic job.

Stewardship has chosen their mission for the next quarter to help raise funds to support the new city baby pool. They have mapped out their mission plans until the end of the year.

The outdoor worship and church picnic will be held July 24. Julie distributed copies with each committee's responsibility for that day.

Council voted to contact the CC Emergency Manager, to put us in contact with the Department of Homeland Security that conducts, free of charge, walk-throughs of church properties, looking for areas of safety concerns. We will coordinate with the other churches in Langdon to have done at the same time.

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

Sunday School Coordinator

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. Some of the duties would include:

July - working with the Education Committee to secure teachers for the upcoming Sunday school year, plan and order with the help of Pastor Jodi/Julie the curriculum for the upcoming year and set teaching schedule.

August - hold teacher meeting to go over details/schedule.

Send out reminders each week on who is teaching so subs can be found if needed. (Education committee can probably cover some of this too).

Coordinate with music instructor to plan the Christmas program. Assign roles, organize costumes, help rehearse, etc. (Can form a committee to split up these duties).

Help organize fall/spring service projects for the kids.



Vacation Bible School

Many thanks to all who participated in our vacation Bible school at United, May 28-31. Five counselors from Metigoshe Ministries led our 56 campers, who had a great time! Thanks to our Education Committee for providing snacks and their presence during the week. A special thank you goes out to Graci Witzel for her help with the youth during camp.

A thank you from Camp Metigoshe:

“Dearly beloved,

Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. We are the Metigoshe ministries staff. We were so blessed to be part of your community, the whole week of day camp was amazing.

We would like to sincerely thank you for making our day camp possible and for bringing your kids to spend time with us. I hope they enjoyed it and are excited to come to camp whenever they can. We would for sure love to see these kids again in future years at camp.”

Sincerest thanks,

Camp Metigoshe Staff



Outdoor Worship & Picnic

Our annual outdoor worship and picnic will be held Sunday, July 24. Feel free to bring a lawn chair (folding chairs will also be available). Bring a friend, too!

Various Council committees have responsibilities for the picnic, which are summarized below (a full list is on the bulletin board located by the sanctuary doors). If you serve on one of these committees, please coordinate together to ensure your duties are taken care of. Thank you!

Council President/Vice President - Grilling, picking up burgers

Stewardship Committee - Set up of tables and chairs

Hospitality Committee - Set our supplies, serving

Property Committee - Clean up

Endowment Committee - Bakes beans, prep ice pool & roasters

United Women - Salads

Education Committee - Make coffee and lemonade

Youth - Serve coffee, lemonade and ice cream

Financial Secretary - pick up ice and ice cream, order supplies

Quarterly Mission

Thank you to those that have given towards project **Camp Hope**. A check of \$436 will be mailed to Park River Bible Camp this week!

The Stewardship Committee has chosen a mission project for the next quarter and have chosen to keep it local. We live in an amazing community! One of the most amazing aspects is that over the past years, we have been able to see a baby boom as young families are moving back and other young families moving in and settling down. Our community has wonderful pre-existing amenities for these young families. But, unfortunately, due to complications with our local baby pool, it hasn't been functional for many years. Stewardship has chosen this opportunity to help raise funds for this project.

As Pastor Jodi shares in her Synod Assembly column (page 6) "the Holy Spirit challenges us to be open to the Spirits calling and think outside the box to find new opportunities for serving and becoming a bigger part of our forever changing communities." Please join in and help with funding for this much needed local amenity. If you're able to help, please make your checks payable to the "Langdon Swimming Pool" or a cash donation, labeled in an envelope, marked for this designation by leaving it in the offering plate, church office or even in the collection box at the pool located in the narthex.



presents:

Sunday Concert Series



June 26	Becca & Bernice
July 10	Aaron Weil
July 17	Variety Show
July 24	Northern Plains Brass
July 31	Anneliese Johnson
August 7	Rachel Kurtz

7:00 PM

106 Solid Rock Circle
Park River, ND

Refreshments to Follow

WWW.PARKRIVERBIBLECAMP.ORG



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Synod Assembly

Pastor Jodi, Janet Jacobson and Julie Johnson attended the Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly in Fargo on June 4&5. The theme for this year was "Called to Serve." We were encouraged through Bible Study, worship and breakout sessions to think of the many ways the Holy Spirit is calling us to serve our neighbors near and far. Dr. Michael Chan, who led our Bible Studies, reminded us that the Holy Spirit often calls us out of our comfort zones, our traditions and our ways that have always been. He challenged us to be open to the Spirits calling and think outside the box to find new opportunities for serving and becoming a bigger part of our forever changing communities.

Resolutions were passed regarding being welcoming congregations. A resolution for the new synod guidelines for rostered leader's compensation was approved. Julie Johnson addressed the assembly regarding the concern United has voiced about the high cost of the medical insurance portion of the compensation package. Other congregations also voiced similar concerns. Bishop Tessa Moon-Leiseth thanked those who spoke up and said that the synod is aware and will look into this issue further.

The assembly ended with worship.

June Memorials

Dennis Pengilly - Charles & Marie Jordan (music)

Ron Peterson - Linden & Helen Johnson (building), David & Ardyce Hennager (general)

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

Senior Recognition

We honored our United Lutheran Church high school graduates at our 10AM worship service on Sunday, May 29. The graduates each received a devotional book from the church, a special book titled "Love You Forever" gifted from Pastor Jodi and 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 in life.

Pictured left to right: Marlee Hetletved, Claire Hiltner, Pastor Jodi, Cloe Roberts, Addy Reidhammer and Josie Long.



Another of our faithful gardeners (Carol Hart), watering and maintaining the church flowers. We appreciate these gals keeping the property looking nice. Thanks Carol!

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, Marie Peterson and our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

Grief

Continue to pray for the family of Dennis Pengilly. His Celebration of Life was held on June 18. Dennis passed away December 23, 2021.

The family of Ron and Marie Peterson on the death of Ron who passed away June 20.

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:

Terry Jacobson for leading us in worship on June 5 while Pastor Jodi was away at Synod Assembly.

Janet Jacobson and Julie Johnson for being our Synod Assembly representatives.

Connie Schrader family for the purchase of the "Come Thou Fount" banner purchased in memory of Connie's brother, Roger Koebernick.

Lane Lindseth for being our guest organist on June 12.

Charles & Marie Jordan for the new computer installed in the church office.

Bakeless Bake Sale

The United Women's Bakeless Bake Sale is going on. If you have contributed, thank you so much for your generosity. Funds from the bake sale are used to support mission work. If you have questions, please contact your circle chairman.

Vacation Bible School

A few jackets were left behind from Vacation Bible School. Please check to see that one may belong to your child.

Outdoor Worship & Picnic

Mark your calendars for the outdoor worship and church picnic to be held July 24. Please see the list of committee duties located on page 5.

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.

Periodicals

The new "Christ in Our Homes" and "Living Lutheran" periodicals are available in the narthex.

Summer Bible Camp

It's not too late to sign up for 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!

Peanut-Free

A reminder, United Lutheran Church is a peanut free building. This means **no peanuts, tree nuts such as almonds, cashews, walnuts, or pistachios, or legumes, such as peas, chickpeas, lentils or soybeans; green beans and kidney beans are okay.** Please keep this in mind if bringing food for fellowship after worship, potlucks, funerals or other events at church.

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.

Al-Anon

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

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.

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-19 Dashboard

While the pandemic has slowed down significantly, it is important that we remain vigilant. Getting vaccinated and boosted as well as testing for Covid-19 when you feel sick remains an important and vital way to protect yourself, your family and your neighbors.

Covid-19 testing is available M,W,F from 1-1:30PM with appointments preferred. Please call CCHD at 256-2402.

Covid-19 Self Testing Kits are available at Cavalier County Health, free. They also have an in-house machine with same day results and the cost is free.

Run Langdon

Saturday, July 16, starting at the Dakota Spirit Arena. 10K Run, 5K Run/Walk and a Kid's Donut Dash! All proceeds to benefit the Langdon Fire Department and the baby pool renovation project. More information with times and details can be found at www.runlangdon.com. There are also cards in the narthex with information available.

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



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Worship and Ministry - July Schedule

July 3 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - Linda Olson
Ushers - Ted & Linda Dahl
Communion Prep - Skyler Moline
Communion Asst - Linda Olson
Coffee - Jan Haslekaas

July 10 - Blended Worship

Reader -
Ushers -
Projectionist - Victor Long
Coffee -

July 17 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader
Ushers -
Projectionist - Nathan Kitchin
Coffee -

July 24 - Outdoor Worship & Picnic

Reader -
Ushers -
Picnic

July 31 - Worship

Reader -
Ushers -
Projectionist - Addy Reidhammer
Coffee -