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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.

With Hope

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The town of Langdon has seen its share of tragedy in recent days...two young lives ended way too soon, a long term business demolished by fire, others suffering with chronic illnesses and financial instability. The message of Easter is essential this year for so many.

Easter is about hope! Hope is essential in our lives. Everything that gets done in this world starts with hope. Hope is the ignition, the spark that gets things moving. With hope, almost anything is possible. With God, all things are possible. Without hope...without God...nothing is possible at all.

1 Peter 1:3 says, *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."* I like Peter's phrase, a "Living Hope." It's one that is not dormant; it's alive. It's not static; it's dynamic. It's vibrant, motivating and going somewhere!

Peter did not come to this hope easily. They are not the words of someone who's led an easy life and never struggled or failed. Peter came to this living hope the hard way...through adversity and trials, through mistakes and grand failures. Of all the disciples, Peter had the most dramatic ups and downs. Peter either soared or sank. Literally...remember when he tried to walk on water?

Peter knew the experience of having one's hope shattered, through failures and tragedy. His best friend and teacher was crucified. Peter's hope was bound up and taken away when Jesus was bound and taken away like a criminal. Peter's hope took a beating early the next morning when his Lord was mocked and beaten. Peter's hope died when Jesus died. Peter's hope was placed in a cold, dark tomb with the Messiah.

All hope was seemingly gone...at least on Friday and Saturday. But on Sunday, on that first Easter Sunday, when it looked like hope was down for the count, Hope got up! Hope was raised when Jesus was raised! Hope was resuscitated when Jesus was! Hope blasted out of that tomb to victory and freedom! And that's where Peter found his Hope. Listen to his words again:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Jesus was born into humanity. He was from a small town called Nazareth. He lived among people just like you and me. He taught us to love. On Good Friday, he died on the cross, facing all the evil this world could throw at him. On Easter Sunday God raised him from the dead and now he goes ahead of us to bring about wholeness, purpose, abundant life and love. He promises that we will never be alone. And so we follow him, the Risen Christ, with hope...a Living Hope!

Happy Easter! **Pastor Jodi**



April 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 5:15PM Wednesday school 6PM Confirmation	4 12PM Al-Anon	5	6
7 10AM Worship with Holy Communion	8	9 9AM-3PM Quilting 5PM Esther Circle	10 9AM-3PM Quilting 10:30AM Deborah Circle @ Senior Center 2PM Wheatland Bible Study No Wednesday school or Confirmation	11 10AM Grafton Pastors' Conference here at United 12PM Al-Anon	12	13
14 10AM Worship with Holy Communion 11AM Cake/Bake Auction	15 6PM Church Council Meeting	16 12PM Writer's Group	17 2PM Rachel Circle 5:15PM Wednesday school 6PM Confirmation	18 12PM Al-Anon	19	20
21 10AM Worship with Holy Communion	22 6PM P.E.O.	23 10:30 Pastors' Text Study	24 5:15PM Wednesday school 6PM Confirmation	25 12PM Al-Anon 1PM Mobile Food Pantry (approximate)	26 9AM Crafting/Scrapbooking	27 9AM Crafting/Scrapbooking
28 10AM Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion 1:30 & 4PM Lisa Schuler's Spring Piano Recital	29	30				

Faith & Care #2

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

Charlie Klein
 Caitlin Kreklaug
 Robert & Lillian Lowery
 JoAnn Mueller
 Paul Myrvik
 Grant & Betty Nelson
 Karen Pederson
 Paul Peterson
 Stephen Ridley
 PJ Rime
 Mackenzie Rindy
 Darrin & Becca Romfo
 Troy & Rachelle Romfo
 Bill Roy
 Randy & Kim Rude
 Angie Sanders
 Arlaine Short
 Brandon & April Smith
 Gordon & Sharon Sondeland
 Carl & Rebecca Tollefson
 Carolyn Vik

ULC Leadership 2024

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 Endowment On Rotation
 Hospitality Andrea Jacobson
 Property Sara Goodman
 Stewardship Katie Henry

Non-voting Representative

Pastor Jodi Myrvik

Council Notes 03-18-24 Mtg

Pastor Jodi shared devotions from the book of Acts and said First Communion for the 3rd Graders will be on Maundy Thursday during worship.

Lent is going well with 40-50 individuals attending the Wednesday meals prepared and served by the confirmation families. Worship attendance for Wednesday evenings is averaging 75 people. Youth have led, ushered, read and performed skits and all have participated. There were 42 individuals at the Sunday community ecumenical service here at United on March 3. Community Easter Hunt will be held here on Saturday before Easter. There are five Confirmation classes left for this school year.

Discussion was held regarding paying utilities at the house, the Catholic Parish has offered up for the Haitian sponsorship family. Tabled until the next meeting to gather more information.

Kim shared the Cake/Bake Auction has been rescheduled until April 14.

Katie from Stewardship reported that Tuesday, March 19 is the soup supper at Wheatland Estates.

END Synod Assembly is June 1-2. United Lutheran can have up to three individuals besides Pastor attend.

Council minutes and treasurer's report are posted monthly on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church kitchen.

Financial Update 2-29-24

February Offering	\$14,021.01	
	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Offering Income	\$31,081.94	\$31,901.33
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Total Income thru February	\$32,105.41	\$31,624.80
*Total Expenses thru February	\$32,961.91	\$41,144.20

As of April 3, our Endowment Fund balance was \$110,708.24. 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.

General Giving

Your offerings help to meet our regular yearly budgeted needs and also support our online worship services. If you are watching from home and would like to contribute in an easy manner, offerings can be mailed, dropped by the church, by setting up bill pay through your bank to have the bank mail your recurring scheduled offering or going online from your computer or phone and using the Tithe.ly app. Your support is much appreciated!

END Synod Assembly

Registration is now open for the Annual Synod Assembly of our Eastern North Dakota Synod, ELCA, held in Fargo, June 1-2. United is looking for up to three individuals that would like to experience and volunteer to be our congregational representatives at the assembly! (Hotel and conference expenses are all covered by United Lutheran.) Please reach out to Pastor Jodi or Julie if you're interested in attending.

March Memorials

Anna Olson - Kevin & Jan Stein (general)

Pam Schuler - Lawrence & Susan Fay Crockett (music)

Sharon Chaput - Lawrence & Susan Fay Crockett (music)

Margaret Bata - Gary & Mildred Smith (quilting)

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

Camp Scholarships/Jobs

Attending Bible camp can be foundational for faith formation of young people and there are many summer Bible Camp opportunities for grade-school kids and up! From one-day, partial-week and full-week sessions, there are lots of ways to have outdoor ministry be part of your summer schedule! Park River Bible Camp, Metigoshe Ministries and Red Willow Bible Camp are all great opportunities nearby. Check out their websites!

What's more, United Lutheran and our women's circles will pay for up to 1/2 the cost for campers attending Bible camp at an ELCA camp in North Dakota. Be sure to let us know if you wish assistance as there are steps to take in advance to ensure your camp gets our payment.

Bible camps are also currently looking for responsible young men and women who love Jesus to join their summer staff in ministry, fellowship and fun. There are positions in counseling, in the kitchen, nurse's station and maintenance.



Prayers of...

Healing

Caven Dahl (Hodgkin's lymphoma), David Roy, Julie Nelson, Steve Bulat, Joyce Johnson, Ken Carlson, Bev Domres, Arden Norum, Bonnie Hoffer, Mavis Dahl, Bernice Pengilly and our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

Grief:

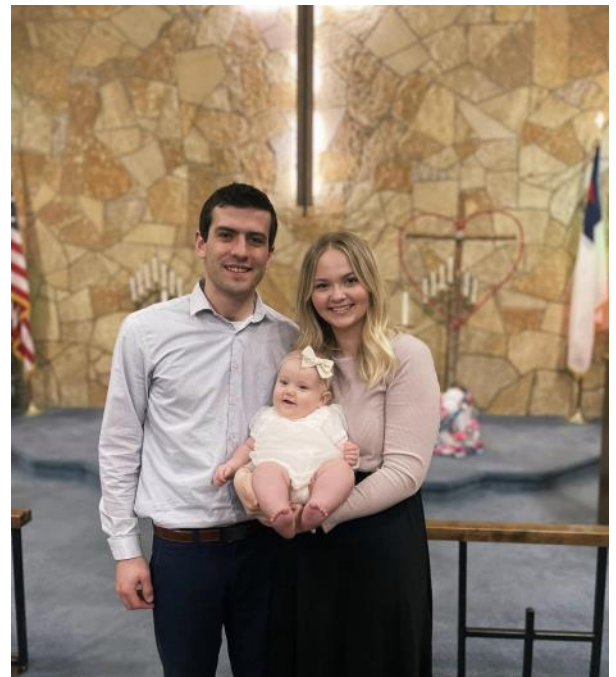
The family of Linden and Helen Johnson on the death of their sister-in-law Vivian (Evans) Johnson.

Joy

Congratulations to Brody and Adrienne Cahill on the baptism of their daughter, Marlowe Mae Cahill on March 3. Her baptismal sponsors are Nick Cahill and Miranda Larson.

Special 90th Birthday greetings to a wonderful man, Glenn Pederson!

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



Welcome Child of God! Marlowe was baptized on March 3rd at United. Parents are Adrienne and Brody Cahill. Congratulations!!

First Communion

United Lutheran had 13 students complete their First Communion classes this year and receive their first communion during Maundy Thursday worship on March 28. God's blessings to these students!

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| Brooke Gemmill | Ryann Farris |
| Kalleigh Rollness | Riley Jacobson |
| Kollyns Schill | Sawyer Moline |
| Brynlee Koons | Kasen Roppel |
| Madden Mikkelsen | Zoe Ritterman |
| Breck Krivarchka | Asher Veer |
| Kamdyn Krom | |



Easter Egg Hunt

United Lutheran hosted the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30. The event was sponsored by the Langdon Chamber of Commerce and the Langdon Eagles Auxiliary. A very special thank you to Brittanie Mostad for doing the welcome for the event and reciting the Easter story!



Vacation Bible School

How will your summer start? Mark your calendars, VBS will be held Tuesday through Friday, May 28th through May 31. Camp Metigoshe will once again be with the students. Pre-registration will be required for all children again. Registration forms will be sent home with the Wednesday school kids and also be posted on Facebook when the forms are available.

Thank you to Mostad Properties for offering their furnished Airbnb apartment for the counselors to stay for very little cost!

Confirmation/Youth

- April 3 - Movie...The Passion
- April 10 - **No Class**
- April 17 - Jesus' Appearance to the disciples after the resurrection
- April 24 - The Ascension

Cake/Bake Auction

The annual cake/bake auction will be held on **Sunday, April 14th** after worship (this is a rescheduled date). The auction funds allow United Lutheran to offer Vacation Bible School free of charge for our students and those outside our congregation. We ask that all Wednesday school families bring at least one baked item to be auctioned off and please stay to participate in the auction.

Others in the congregation are free to help support this event in bringing a baked item and/or staying for the auction. Please keep in mind ULC is peanut-free.

On average, the cost of Vacation Bible School runs a little over \$3,000 to hold at United Lutheran. (This does not include the snacks purchased and provided to the children).



Wednesday School

Classes for April are: (5:15PM)

- April 3 - Easter Lesson
- April 10 - **No Class**
- April 17 - Fruit of the Spirit
- April 24 - Psalm 23

Students in grades K-3rd Grade will be singing during the worship service on Sunday, April 14.

Wheatland Soup Supper



On March 19, United Lutheran hosted the second soup supper for our neighbors and friends at Wheatland Estates.

Thank you to the many individuals that provided food items for this event! The residents expressed their appreciation and loved having us there again this year. The food items donated allowed the residents extra leftovers to take back to their apartments.

We're already looking forward to doing this event again next year!

Above far left - The guest piano performers at the Wheatland Supper were (back): Harper Jacobson, Sophie Myrvik, Finley Crockett; (front): Riley Jacobson and Brooke Gemmill.



Directly above - Abby Borchardt and Brynn Johnson representing the United Lutheran Stewardship Committee. Lower left - Abby Borchardt announcing our guest pianists.



Great Plains Food Bank

The Great Plains Food Bank "mobile food pantry" will again be distributing food from United Lutheran Church's parking lot, Thursday, April 25 from 1-5PM (approximate).

Come if you are in need! Volunteers are needed to help direct traffic, greet and load food into vehicles. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

There are no eligibility requirements to receive food which is provided through donations to the Great Plains Food Bank.



At-a-Glance and General Announcements

Thank You to:

Kim Rude and Jan Stein for serving our Sunday Community Lenten service on March 3rd.

Our students for their special music on Palm Sunday, offering music - Sophie Myrvik and to Lane Lindseth for being their accompanist and our guest organist that day!

Our Youth and families for taking the lead in our worship experience and preparing the delicious meals on Wednesday evenings!

Those that offered soup, buns or bars for the Wheatland meal brought to the residents on March 19!

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

Mikkelsen Brothers Construction for their complimentary snow removal in our church parking lot this winter. Chris and crew, you are appreciated!

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

United Lutheran families for your loose offerings given during the Wednesday evening worship services. \$825 was raised for the Langdon Area Ministerial!

LeeAnn Knudson, Sydney Crockett, Gage Goodman, Taryn Romfo, Harrison Nuelle and Josie Long for helping with Good Friday service and Easter services to allow Pastor Jodi to rest her voice due to laryngitis.

John Johnson for his special music during the 8AM Easter service and our Praise Band for their exceptional music at the 10AM Easter service.

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.

Flowers on the Altar, Easter Sunday

In Memory of Carol Goodman
by her family

In Memory of Sharon Olson
by Scott & Laurie Stiller

In Honor of Glenn Pederson
for his 90th Birthday
by Eldra Forsgren & Sharon Crep

Quilting

Quilters meet on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 9 and 10 (9AM-3PM). All are welcome to be part of this group!

Lost Items

Please check the lost & found shelf in the narthex; a jacket has been left at the church. Check to see that any of these items may belong to you or your child. If no one claims them, we will donate the items to the spring Cavalier County Cancer Crusaders Rummage Sale.

PRBC Registration

Summer 2024 camp registration is open. To see all the camps offered this summer, go online to their website and click on the "Summer" tab on the top of the page and a drop down menu will list camp options.

Camp Scholarships

If your child is interested in attending a Lutheran Bible Camp, ULC and the three women's circles will pay 1/2 of the cost for your child to attend. Please let the church office know if your child will be attending a camp and we can take care of helping with this expense.

Meatball Dinner Fundraiser

Grafton Lutheran Youth, Sunday, April 14, 11AM-1:30PM. All proceeds go towards service and learning trip to New Orleans. Dine-in or Drive Thru orders.

Crafting Weekend/April 26-27

Open to all in the community who enjoys crafting while being with others! Bring your scrapbook, paints/canvases, sewing, crocheting, knitting, etc. to United Lutheran. The group meets once a month, usually (Friday-Saturday). For more information, contact Lisa Schuler.

Cancer Rummage Sale

Tuesday, April 23 through Saturday, April 27. Langdon American Legion Downtown building. Drop-off dates are Sunday, April 21 & Monday, April 22, 10AM-6PM. Volunteers are welcome.

Helpful Information

AI-Anon - Thursdays, 12PM, ULC, providing support for relatives and friends of alcoholics. Call 701-270-2254 with questions.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Langdon - Wednesdays, 7PM, south wing of Langdon Prairie Health, **Cavalier** - Tuesdays, 8PM, Pembina County Memorial Hospital, **Lakota** - Thursdays, 7PM, Lakota

Mental health distress - Dial 988 for support for anyone experiencing mental health distress – whether that is thoughts of suicide, mental health, substance use crisis, emotional distress and even just worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

Protect Yourself

This year we are seeing cases of pertussis, whooping cough, across North Dakota. Protect yourself and your family and slow the spread of whooping cough by making sure you and your family members are up to date with a tetanus vaccine that contains whooping cough. Doses of this vaccine are routinely due at ages 2, 4, 6, and 18 months, 4 years, 11 years and every 10 years thereafter. If you are not sure if you or your family are up to date call or stop in to Cavalier County Health District 256-2402.

Pastor Jodi's Contact Information

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Worship and Ministry - April Schedule

April 7 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - Rachelle Romfo
Ushers - Troy & Rachelle Romfo
Communion Assts - The Hayes/Witzel family
Acolytes - Lexi Close & Maddyn Lykken
Projectionist - Logan Landsem
Coffee - Arvid & Sandy Boe

April 14 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - JoAnn Mueller
Ushers - Paul Peterson & Ethan Peterson
Communion Assts - Korbyn Rollness
Acolytes - Josie Mikkelsen & Reid Overby
Projectionist - Jaymee Reidhammer
Coffee - Jim & Connie Kjos
Cake/Bake Auction

April 21 - Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - Seth Hansen
Ushers - Karson Hansen & Kyler Hansen
Communion Asst - JoAnn Mueller,
Karen Pederson & John Johnson
Acolytes - Sophi Witzel & Landree Lowery
Projectionist - Tyson Gemmill
Coffee - Bob & Nadine Kempert

April 28 - Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Reader - Tollefson family
Ushers - Brandon & April Smith family
Communion Asst - Remmi Bodnar
Acolytes - Lavin Johnson & Raiden Wagner
Projectionist - Meredith Romfo
Coffee - Carolyn Vik

*Thank you to Karen Boe for being our
communion prep individual for the month of April!*