



United Lutheran Church

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CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

You will all recognize the familiar Easter greeting that begins our Easter worship. I love how the service begins in the dark reminding us not only of the darkness of Good Friday, but the darkness and hopelessness we can encounter in our present lives.

And so, with hesitation, we go with the women to the tomb, knowing that what they found was not what they expected, what no one would have expected, an empty tomb. Seeing that empty tomb brought some mixed emotions, fear and joy, unbelief as well as wonder. Who could imagine such a thing?! In the gospel of Mark, they are so overwhelmed and afraid, they go home and don't tell anyone for a while. No one is sure if they didn't say anything to anyone because they didn't think that anyone would believe them, or if they just needed some time to process everything.

And yet, they and other believers began to understand and trust that the unthinkable and unbelievable had happened. And with the power of the Holy Spirit their lives and the lives of many were changed forever as they went and not only told the good news, but lived that good news in their lives, lives now filled with hope, lives now filled with God's never-ending love.

We celebrate Easter year after year, it is meaningful to us. Yet in some ways it has been turned into a mere celebration of a past event, complete with meal and Easter baskets and chocolate. But Easter isn't simply a past event that we celebrate, but is also a part of our reality right now. The resurrection not only speaks about hope for us after we die a physical death, but promises new life, here and now, as God continues to breathe new life into us when we have suffered any number of deaths in our present lives: death of a loved one, death of a relationship, death of some of our hopes or expectations, all of those things that can lead us to despair. Easter is about new life here and now. Easter is about how Christ is still present with us in our daily lives, how God is always with us and for us. Easter is what gives us hope each morning and brings us peace each night.

Yes, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Happy Easter!

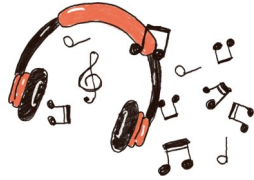


Pastor Beth



Thank you so much for your continued support of L.O.A.N. We appreciate your support, both prayers and financial! We have served 225 so far this year. Blessings, L.O.A.N.

Thank you to our musicians who accompany us -- worship wouldn't be the same without each of you! Suzie Ashpole, Barb Puppe, Deb Vivatson, Joyful Noise Band; *John Dungan, Denny Morrison, Drew Olafson, Keith Hartz, Brad Westman, Barb Puppe, Suzie Ashpole, Laura Ermer, Nicole Safranski, James Zorn & Steve Crowson.* **You Are Appreciated!**



Will be meeting on April 16 at 4:00pm

75TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES

We invite current and past members of all ages to share their favorite ULC memories with pictures, video recordings, or written memories.

Here are a few suggestions: confirmation, baptism, or wedding events; fundraising projects or groups you took part in; youth events or activities; Sunday School memories; general church history.

Please drop off written memories at the church office. Share pictures, videos recordings, or typed memories by emailing to ulcpics@yahoo.com.

Need help with your video recording? Call Margaux Lindsay @ 520-3024



- Tuna Helper
- Pop Tarts
- Juice-Bottled
- Brownie Mixes
- Canned Apple Sauce
- Mustard

Items can be placed in the drop box located in the narthex under the coat rack. Thank you!

Wednesday School News

Happy April! Wow, the months have been going quickly and our Wednesday School program is flourishing. Each week we dedicate our time to music, a Bible lesson and a group project that goes along with the story. This is a great hands-on opportunity to really engage the students with the lesson. Please be sure to be asking your students about the lessons each week and communicate with them about what they've learned.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 28! Students will be singing during worship & we will collect the Barnyard Boxes the kids brought home a few months ago (please remember to be adding to that great cause). Decorate your boxes and make it a fun memory. An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good. Our youth were excited to see what we could purchase for those in need. There will also be a potluck following worship; please bring a dish to share and stay for great food and fellowship!



Cow

A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security.

\$500



Goat

Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market.

\$50



Pig

Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds — bringing a big payoff at the market.

\$30



Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein-rich meals for families who are hungry.

\$10



Honeybees

Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth — helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market.

\$20



Fish Farm

A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community.

\$250



Congratulations to our 5th grade students who received First Communion this year during our Maundy Thursday service on March 28:
 Jorja Busse, Freddie Crowston, Zayden Denault, Adlee Hay, Colton Jonasson, Emma Lindsay, Nolan Pelletier, Oliver Sagert & Drake Stegman.



Park River Bible Camp

Registration is live now for Summer 2024!
<https://www.parkriverbiblecamp.org/summer/>

Faith & Care: April 2024

Co-Chairs: Dawn Menzies & Lisa Thorlakson

Sunday, April 7 - Communion Worship - 9am

Usher: Joe & Norine Hardy

Refreshments: Janet Stegman & Vonda Anderson

Sunday, April 14 - Worship - 9am

Usher: Brittany Nelson & Lynzee Ricard

Refreshments:

Ken & Ardie Pitcher and Sharon Dalzell

Sunday, April 21 - Communion Worship - 9am

Usher: Matt & Lori Bjornson

Refreshments: Jerry & Connie Trenbeath

Sunday, April 28 - Worship - 10am

Usher: Paul Brown & Mitch Greenwood

Kitchen Help:

John & JoDee Dungan, Keith & LeRae Hartz and
Brandon & Carmen Stanhope

Set up and take down tables and chairs for funerals (2 volunteers):

**Co-Chairs are responsible for contacting
volunteers to set up for funeral.*

Doug & Lisa Thorlakson and Lee & Dawn Menzies

Clean Kitchen refrigerator and ovens:

Carmen Foxen



Blessed are you

The Beatitudes receive little attention, lamented novelist Kurt Vonnegut. "But, often with tears in their eyes, [Christians] demand that the Ten Commandments be posted in public buildings. And, of course, that's Moses, not Jesus. I haven't heard [anyone] demand that the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, be posted anywhere."



Jesus' Beatitudes have much to teach about selflessness, mourning, peacemaking and more. Jim Berger, author of *Being Sermon on the Mount Christians*, explains that those teachings were once "viewed as a mandate for the faithful." Post-Reformation, they became less law-like and more of a "liberating directive." Berger writes, "For Jesus, being and doing are inseparable. The Sermon is at once theory and praxis. It is not enough to read it or hear it. Jesus intends it to be how we live."

When it rains

The skeleton flower, a perennial native to Japan, has delicate petals that change from opaque white to almost transparent when wet. After it rains, only the flower's intricate, skeleton-like veins are visible.

When the rains come (and they will!) in our lives, the same can be said. Amid difficulty and struggle, our true selves often become more transparent. During a parenting challenge, criticism might emerge. Or while we tackle a tough work project, impatience might rear its ugly head.

Hosea 6:3 (NLT) proclaims: "Oh, that we might know the Lord! Let us press on to know him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring." The rains will come. Whether you're experiencing light rain or a downpour, ponder what the water reveals. Then ask God how you can be more open to his work in that area.

—Janna Firestone

The Joy of Jesus

The joy that Jesus offers his disciples is his own joy, which flows from his intimate communion with the One who sent him. It is a joy that does not separate happy days from sad days, successful moments from moments of failure, experiences of honor from experiences of dishonor, passion from resurrection.



This joy is a divine gift that does not leave us during times of illness, poverty, oppression or persecution. It is present even when the world laughs or tortures, robs or maims, fights or kills. It is truly ecstatic, always moving us away from the house of fear into the house of love, and always proclaiming that death no longer has the final say, though its noise remains loud and its devastation visible. The joy of Jesus lifts up life to be celebrated.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Lifesigns*

Trustworthy Stewards

After making people in his own image, God entrusted them with the rest of his creation. He wants us to manage well our bodies, our minds and our earthly home. Consider these stewardship quotes from Christian thinkers:

"We ourselves are not masters of our own ability and knowledge. They, like our talents and health, are a loan presented for our use. We must live as people who know that such temporary possessions are not true belongings and that we must give account for our management of them."

—Albert Schweitzer

"Our God is not a God who discards what he has made, who is defeated by sin and evil. Our God is a redeeming God, a God who is determined to reclaim his fallen world, setting it free from its enslavement to corruption and bringing it to a final state of glory."

—Douglas J. Moo, *Creation Care*

Superimposed Love

Maybe you've heard how salvation is like a total solar eclipse: God doesn't see our sins because Jesus' holiness covers them completely. Or maybe you've heard how trials can cause an "eclipse of faith."

At WorldChallenge.org, Pastor Gary Wilkerson explains that in Greek, *eclipse* means "I am absent" or "I cease to exist," because people once thought the gods temporarily extinguished the sun. "For Christians, a 'spiritual eclipse' is a dark hour when God seems to be absent from our lives," Wilkerson writes.

Wilkerson points to Peter being sifted like wheat, Elijah and Jeremiah facing extreme discouragement, and David collapsing morally. Amid Satan's attacks, "God seems completely absent," writes the pastor. "In that dark moment of eclipse, the devil has created such chaos we can't possibly see a way out." During times of testing, Christians must cry out to God and trust his faithfulness.

Completing the eclipse analogy, Wilkerson shares Titus 3:4, the "love of God our Savior appeared" (NIV). The Greek meaning of *appeared* here is *superimposed*, he writes. God looks on our fraught-filled times of eclipse and "superimposes his divine love over us."

Keep on Shining

Charles W. Naylor (1874-1950) was a traveling evangelist until misfortune struck. First a tentpole fell on him as he prepared for a meeting. A year later, a bus accident left him partially paralyzed.



Despite experiencing chronic pain, Naylor became a prolific author and hymnist, dictating almost 150 songs. He often wrote about God's loving care amid adversity. One of his hymns begins:

When the winds of persecution blow,
When the streams of hatred tow'rd you flow,
When your foes in number seem to grow,
Just keep on shining.

"God's comfort in our times of sorrow is not an imaginary thing," Naylor wrote. "It can be so real that it is a balm for our wounded spirits. Having passed through the experience more than once, [I know] how real and vital and sustaining the comfort of God can be."

SOMETHING
OLD,

Something New

Use scrap paper to fuel
new growth and make a gift
that keeps on giving.

What you need:

- Scrap paper
- Water
- Herb or flower seeds
- Blender
- Strainer
- Cookie sheet
- Towel
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Tear the scrap paper into strips and place in a bowl. Cover the paper with water and let it soak overnight.
2. Pour the mixture into a blender and blend about 10 seconds.
3. Strain and squeeze the paper pulp to remove excess water. Place in a bowl.
4. Sprinkle seeds over the pulp and mix to incorporate them into the pulp.
5. Shape the pulp into a flat layer on the cookie sheet. Use a towel to soak up excess water. Allow the paper to dry completely.
6. Tear paper into shapes or fold into a card. You can plant the paper directly into soil. Water it and then watch your plants grow!





Thank you for your giving--each donation you give helps pay for our building, programs, staff and outreach. Together we support our church building, our congregation and God's mission. Your monetary giving makes a significant difference.

Our treasures, financial secretary and offering counters consist of an offering team here at ULC. Being a team is being able to work together as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

With that, we need your help. Please make sure to put your name on your offering envelopes along with the amount you are giving. If you are concerned about others seeing your giving amount, simply place your envelope upside down in the offering plate (lots of people do this).

This will greatly help our team succeed and improve!



*United Lutheran Church's
75th Anniversary Celebration
September 22, 2024*

**Lost
&
Found**



Please take a moment to look in our coat room if you have any missing bakeware, Tupperware, gloves, coffee mugs or youth winter gear.

Stewardship Statistics

Date	Offering	Building	Youth	Misc.	Endowment
February					
25	\$3,144.00	\$195.00		\$10.00	
28					
<i>Direct Deposit: \$5,185.00</i>					
March					
3	\$1,278.00	\$185.00		\$70.00	
10	\$2,625.50	\$312.50		\$25.00	
13	\$386.00			\$20.00	
				<i>Lenten Meal - Wednesday School - \$320.00</i>	
17	\$3,185.00			\$170.00	

United Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
Tuesday, February 15, 2023

Called to Order: 6:08 pm

Members Present: Pastor Beth, Mark Ramsay (Phone), Jenna Carpenter, Andrew Hay, Shawn Lindsey, Kaitlyn Bjornson, Jason Stevenson.

Members Absent: Brooke Forester, John Dungan, and Scott Holmquist

Opening Prayer and Devotions: Pastor Beth opened with prayer and devotion.

Approve Insurance: There was a motion to continue with insurance through Kyle Gagner for the year 2024. Motion Jason Second: Shawn
All in favor: Motion carried.

Jenna C. Joined the meeting at this time and Mark R. left the meeting via phone.

Approve Minutes: Motion to accept as read: Motion: Shawn Second: Jenna
All in favor: Motion carried.

Approve Financials:
Motion to accept as read: Shawn Second: Jenna
All in favor: Motion carried.

Approve Post Annual Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept as read: Motion: Shawn Second: Jenna
All in favor: Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Pastor Beth's Report:

She has completed her required training.
Went to Park River Bible Camp Annual meeting.
The camp is struggling with low attendance.
They have hired a new director that is hoping to turn things around.
Serviced at Wedgewood and Country Estates done this month.
Anniversary committee has gained members and is meeting next week.
She has sent the annual report to the ELCA and the Bishop.
Lent has started.
She has also started her recommended meetings with her spiritual advisor.

Youth & Education Committee:

There was a motion to have Brooke Forester and Jenna Carpenter sit on the Youth and Education Committee.
Motion: Shawn Second: Jason All in favor: Motion Carried.
Wednesday school kids completed door decorations for Country Estates and cards for Wedgewood.
Super Bowl Party and Skating both had to be canceled.

Skating due to weather and Super Bowl Party for lack of interest.

Kids are singing on Palm Sunday and April 28th.
Wednesday school seems to be going well.

Parish Life:

Jesus and Coffee will be held this next Sunday.
More people have started to sign up for the Parish Life Committee.
There are more events in the works.

Property and Grounds:

Ricards was at the church to service the furnaces.
Ralph has been in helping with things for Lenten services.

Music and Worship:

Meeting is needed to plan for Easter.
Called Calvary Lutheran Church about chalice for intinction communion. Still needs to get ahold of someone there that knows what is going on.
Pastor Beth will look for new candles for the altar.

Stewardship:

Meeting next week
Looking to start a possible push for a new Kitchen?
This will be tabled for later discussion.
Looking for ideas for the stewardship committee to cover.

Old Business:

Scott is still looking for Christmas tree replacements for the front of the church.
Sign out front of the building: Lights will need to be changed out when the weather gets nicer.

New Business:

Table evaluations updates.
Synod has meetings about serving on church councils coming up on Sunday March 17th from 2-4 pm. Pastor Beth will email out the Zoom link.

Communion Assistants:

March 3rd - Jenna
March 17th - Jason
March 28th - Kaitlyn
March 31st - Early: Shawn
Late: Jenna

Next meeting will be held on March 19th at 6 pm.

Motion to adjourn: 6:49 pm
Motion: Jason Second: Jenna



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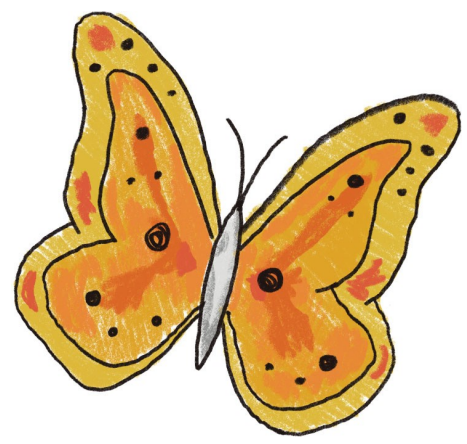
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 <i>Pastor Beth's Day Off</i>	2	3 9:30 am Women's Bible Study <i>Wednesday School</i> 3:45 - 5:15 7 pm Confirmation	4	5	6 <i>Wedding</i> <i>Congratulations</i> <i>Jessica Bohn & Tyler Reimer</i>
7 9:00 am Communion Worship Acolyte: Xander CA: Mark Ramsay	8 <i>Pastor Beth's Day Off</i>	9	10 9:30 am Women's Bible Study <i>Wednesday School</i> 3:45 - 5:15 7 pm Confirmation	11 <i>Pastors Confrence Meeting in Langsdon</i>	12 <i>Ellie Berg's 90th Birthday Party from 2-4pm at ULC</i>	13
14 9:00 am Worship Acolyte: Mason <i>Noisy Offering</i>	15 <i>Pastor Beth's Day Off</i>	16 <i>4:00pm Anniversary Committee Meeting</i>	17 9:30 am Women's Bible Study <i>Wednesday School</i> 3:45 - 5:15 7 pm Confirmation	18	19	20
21 9:00 am Communion Worship Acolyte: Zayden B. CA: Andrew Hay	22 <i>Pastor Beth's Day Off</i>	23	24 9:30 am Women's Bible Study <i>Wednesday School</i> 3:45 - 5:15 7 pm Confirmation	25	26	27
28 10:00 am Worship Acolyte: Kyxa <i>Youth sing in church</i> <i>Barnyard Box Collection</i> <i>Church Potluck</i>	29 <i>Pastor Beth's Day Off</i>	30				

APRIL

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|----|--------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Rebecca Jeffords | 17 | Nicolle Kemnitz |
| 2 | Lisa Cull | | Daniel Nordstrom |
| | Teagyn Fitzsimonds | | Diane Peterson |
| | Janet Wood | | Barb Ratchenski |
| 4 | Doreen McLeod | | James Zorn |
| | Bill Nordstrom | 18 | Brianna Dungan |
| 5 | Declan Austfjord | | Kathy Nelson |
| | Joann Carik | | Shauna Stevenson |
| | Luke Ermer | 19 | Neil Hanson |
| 6 | Clara Olafson | | Brett Hardy |
| | Koree Vivatson | 20 | Haydee Krieg |
| 7 | Thomas Beard | | Bentley Otto |
| | Brad Bowman | 21 | Eli Askew |
| 8 | Jennifer Grube | | Christopher Puppe |
| 9 | Zayden Denault | 22 | Brittany Nelson |
| | Lorri Sapa | 23 | Michael Foerster |
| 10 | Desiree Hopkins | | Jeremy Johnson |
| | Rhonda Schweitzer | | Samantha Simley |
| 11 | Michaela Erlendson | 24 | Matthew Anderson |
| | Jason Kemnitz | | Brenda Carignan |
| 12 | Ellen Berg | | Madalynn Steele |
| | Amanda Carignan | | Doreen Thorlakson |
| | Boone Carrier | 25 | Kayla Austfjord |
| | Nash Fitzsimonds | | Hazel Grube |
| | Mary Indridason | 26 | Sheldon Braget |
| | Paige Kleinsasser | | Rebecca Hunter |
| | Abbie O'Hara | | Ruth Rollefstad |
| | Alek Thompson | 27 | Norine Hardy |
| 13 | Jeffrey Anderson | | Drew Olafson |
| | Maci Puppe | | Dee Schluchter |
| | Mason Puppe | 28 | David Duncan |
| | Herman Sott | | Alan Latozke |
| 14 | Meris Lindsay | | Lisa Pflaum |
| | McCoy Thomas | 30 | Scott McColl |
| 15 | Joel Morrison | | |
| 16 | Layne Dungan | | |

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| 4/6 | Shirley & Robert Moe |
| 4/7 | Curtis & Lorri Sapa |
| | Duane & Bonnie Deraas |
| 4/11 | Christopher & Rachelle Puppe |
| 4/13 | James & Rebecca Jeffords |
| 4/20 | Mark & Denise Christinson |
| 4/21 | Michael & Janet Woods |
| 4/24 | Dana & Jessica Sundby |
| | Chris & Whitney Hager |
| 4/26 | Barry & Shari Hanson |
| 4/29 | Zachary & Lynzee Ricard |



**If your special date is missing or incorrect please notify the church office.*

In Loving Memory

Kenneth Peterson

Kitchen Fund by Lanny & Rhonda Schweitzer

James Vaughn

Undesignated by Patty Askew

Terrance Yokom

Kitchen Fund by Mel & Kay Stark
Joyful Noise Band by David & Robin Hartz

Karter Pfohe

Kitchen Fund by Mel & Kay Stark

Dennis Johnson

Wednesday School by David & Robin Hartz
Endowment Fund by Allen & Cindy Anderson



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep Mel Stark, Alice Anderson, Bill Nordstrom, Madi Letzring & David Eastad in your prayers.

Isaiah 41:10 ~ Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

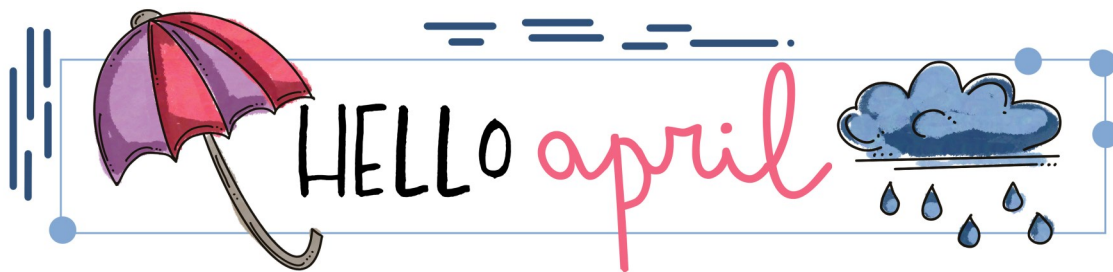
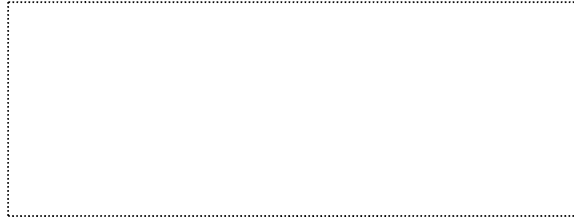
Are you needing a prayer for yourself or a loved one? Please call or message the church office at 265-8907 or unitedoffice@polarcomm.com.

Please keep in prayer the following area people who are currently serving in the armed forces:
Lt. Col. Jennifer Erlendson, Brett Nelson, CPT Tim Hines, Jacob Papenfuss U.S. Army, W.O. Matthew Hines, Bill Thompson, E-8 Sandra Hines, U.S. Colonel Patricia Olson, First Lt. Sarah Olson, First Lt. Hannah Olson, Tanner Urlaub Army National Guard

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LIVE on United Lutheran Church Facebook Page
Services are uploaded to the church website following worship
at cavalierunitedlutheran.org**