



# United Lutheran Church

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***For God alone my soul waits in silence, from Him comes my salvation. Psalm 62:1***

This year, after talking about it for a year or two, my daughter and her father-in-law finally got me out hunting. I had watched them and so many others go hunting and always wondered a bit what it would be like, so this year was the year. So, after some initial lessons on safety and with a little practice, I headed out, tag in hand (in pocket actually) in borrowed hunting gear (and with an experienced hunter) for my first season. And, it didn't disappoint. I did enjoy it. I like being outdoors, enjoying the landscape while looking for deer, even when it was really cold on some days.

One of the things about hunting that made the biggest impression on me was the waiting, the waiting in silence, watching, alert to any movement that might signal the presence of a deer. And as I waited, in the silence, it reminded me a lot of what we do in the season of Advent. It always seems as if the church is out of touch with society with all of its Black Fridays, Cyber Mondays, festivals, get-togethers, parties, programs and all of the other hullabaloo that keep us running from one thing to the next. Advent is in direct contrast to that because it is about waiting, waiting in silence, not simply for the celebration of the birth of Christ, but looking for God's presence and movement in our lives and in our world. Silence is necessary so that we can focus on what we are looking for, so that we can hear God speak to us, without the noisy world drowning God out. And like with hunting, as we wait in silence we do so attentively, looking for those subtle signs that will help us to see where and how God comes to us. We wait in hope, we wait in trust, because we know that even if God's presence isn't readily apparent, God is there and we will see God.

And, while with hunting the promise might be unfulfilled (no I didn't get one this year) with God we know and trust that God is faithful to God's promises. God will come, even at times and in places we might least expect, like a manger in Bethlehem. A Blessed Advent and Christmas!

*Pastor Billy*





**Advent Schedule**

Sunday Mornings at 9:00am  
December  
3, 10, 17 & 31

Wednesday School Christmas Program  
December 17 at 9:00am

Wednesday Evenings  
Advent Meal at 5:30pm  
Worship at 6:30pm  
December 6 & 13

December 20 - Christmas-Carol Worship  
with cocoa and treats indoors  
6:30pm

Christmas Eve Worship  
4:30pm



- Frosting
- Muffin mixes
- Jello & Pudding mixes
- Boxed Potatoes
- Microwave Popcorn
- Mustard
- Ketchup

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

**Advent Meanings**

During Advent, which begins this year on December 3, many churches and families use wreaths to symbolize watchfulness and increasing joy as Christmas approaches.



Colors for the candles vary, with some traditions using blue (for hope or creation) and others preferring purple (for royalty, humility or penitence).

The four candles that each represent a week in Advent also signify hope, peace, joy and love. (The third candle is often pink.) In the center is the white Christ candle, representing Jesus as the light of the world. That candle is lit on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The round, green Advent wreath has special meaning of its own. It symbolizes eternal life and the unending love of God, who sent his only Son to earth to die in our place.



If you would like to order a Poinsettia this year in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the following information along with the payment, \$20 each at the church office. The Deadline is December 17.

***In Memory of***

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***In Honor of***

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***From***

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United Lutheran Church

# WEDNESDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

FEATURING  
GRADES PRE-K - 6TH

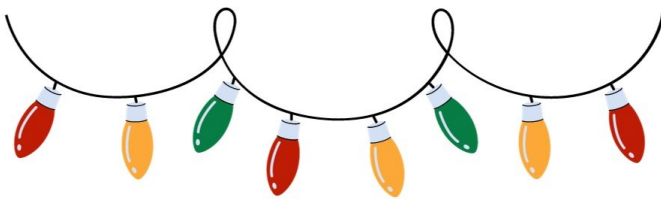
Sunday, December 17  
9:00am Worship



## Wednesday School TEACHERS NEEDED

EVERY OTHER WEEK DURING THE  
SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR!

We provide the snacks, the lessons and the activity ideas! You can be creative and fun while teaching our youth about the Word of God!  
Sign up in the Narthex!



## Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Sammy's Bar  
Monday, December 12  
at 7:00pm  
Join us for Music, Food  
& Fellowship!

Sponsored by United Lutheran Church

### Looking for a Parish Nurse

For many years Susan Vivatson has donated her time and talent to the United Lutheran Church's Parish Nurse Program. She assisted people with their health needs and questions. She also dedicated her time to send hand-written cards to those in our congregation.



We are looking for someone who is willing to give their time and talent to our congregation and help keep these needs alive.

Are you a health professional willing to give your time and talent?

Are you passionate about writing and willing to send a sympathy, thinking-of-you or any other type of card to members of our congregation? If so, please speak with Pastor Beth or Brittany in the church office.

**United Lutheran Church**  
Council Minutes  
Tuesday, September 19th, 2023

**Called to Order:** 6:02 pm

**Members Present:** Pastor Beth, Ralph Byron, Mark Ramsay, Jenna Carpenter, Andrew Hay, Kaitlyn Bjornson, Shawn Lindsay, James Zorn arrived at 6:30pm

**Members Absent:** Scott Holmquist, Holly Stegman

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

**Approve Minutes:** Motion to accept as read Motion: Ralph B. Second: Mark R.  
All in favor: Motion carried.

**Approve Special Meeting Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes with changes added that Mark and Scott were in attendance. Motion Mark R. Second Shawn L.  
All in favor motion carried.

**Approve Financials:** Motion: Mark R. Second: Jenna C. All in favor: Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

Pastor Beth's Report:

Confirmation will be starting October 15th.

She has been helping with Wednesday School.

Was at Conference last week and got some great information.

The Bishops visit went very well.

Will be gone next week and may leave this week to see her mother.

Youth & Education Committee:

First Wednesday School went well other than some issues with one class. Those issues didn't continue into the next week.

There was discussion about the Middle School Youth Director Position.

Youth account discussion: It was decided to continue with the youth accounts as decided at the special meeting.

Parish Life:

This group hopes to meet early winter to work on previous items discussed.

Property and Grounds:

Ralph Sprayed the weeds.

The faucet has been fixed.

There is a light that is out in the Ladies Bathroom.

Blinds in the nursery are broken. It was discussed to remove them as they tend to get broken with small children playing in there.

There will be a sheet to log maintenance issues that need to be looked at so that when Ralph or anyone else would stop in they can see the issues that need to be taken care of.

Music and Worship:

The band would like to purchase new symbols. Motion was made to make the purchase of symbols and stand. Motion Mark R. Second: Ralph B.  
All in favor: motion carried.

There was also discussion on getting a TV for the back of the church for the band and others at the front to see. There was more information that was needed as to what size and where it could go.

Stewardship:

Nothing new.

**Old Business:**

The forms for the Banking are ready to be signed.

**New Business:**

The Church's 75th Anniversary is next year. Looking to start a committee to start planning an event to celebrate this milestone.

Youth Director compensation is currently \$420.00 per quarter. We will look at doing a possible raise or bonus at the end of the year. Currently this is what was budgeted for and we decided to stick to the current budget.

Melanie Steele is not looking forward to taking on more work for the new banking system. It was decided that we would handle this the same as the Youth Director position. This will be evaluated to get a bonus or raise for the next budget.

Synod is trying to raise money for Native Congregation from Spirit Lake. Pastor Beth would like to have a giving tree during Christmas time to get donations.

Communion Assistants:

October 15th - Ralph

October 29th - Ralph

Next meeting will be held on October, 17th at 6 pm.

**Motion to adjourn:** 7:03 pm

Motion: James

Close with the Lord's Prayer

**United Lutheran Church**  
Council Minutes  
Tuesday, October 17, 2023

**Called to Order:** 6:00 pm

**Members Present:** Pastor Beth, Ralph Byron, Mark Ramsay, Jenna Carpenter, Andrew Hay, Kaitlyn Bjornson, James Zorn, Scott Holmquist. Guests Missy Kemnitz, Brittany Vaughn

**Members Absent:** Holly Stegman & Sean Lindsay.

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

**Approve Minutes:** Motion to accept as read

Motion: Ralph B. Second: Jenna C. All in favor: Motion carried.

**Approve Financials:** Motion to accept the financials as presented:

Motion: Mark R. Second: James Z. All in favor: Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

Pastor Beth's Report:

Thank you to James Zorn for filling in while she was gone.

Must go back to her mother's to help clean up. This will be 22- 29 of October. James will fill in for her.

Had a very busy last month with a lot going on.

Duluth will be where the mission trip will go this summer. This can be Junior High and High Schools students.

June 16- 21 will be when the mission trip is happening.

Youth & Education Committee:

Still working on some small issues with Wednesday school.

Parish Life:

No report.

Property and Grounds:

Should schedule time to clean up leaves. This will be something that we could use help to accomplish.

Eves could be cleaned as well.

Music and Worship:

Sang last week (October 15) and this week (October 22).

Have started the process of getting a video monitor in the back of the church.

Stewardship:

Nothing new.

Need to look at getting people to give more time now and not just monetary donations.

**Old Business:**

75th Anniversary committee will be started soon. This will be in the bulletin to find members soon.

Pastor Beth is still looking for more ideas.

Discussion about doing a new directory. There will be some research done to see what options are out there for this.

Youth Director pay we will need to reevaluate at the time of doing the budget.

**New Business:**

Wednesday School checking account:

Missy had questions about intentions and need for this account.

There was discussion about the account and how things are operating currently.

There was a motion to rescind the previous motion to start a checking account for the youth and the Venmo account.

Motion: James Z. Second: Mark R. All in Favor: Motion carried.

*New Business Continued:*

UND called and talked about a community outing game opportunity. This would be a Football or Basketball game that we could turn into a congregational outing. Brittany asked if this is something she could look at organizing for a youth outing. Football is \$12 a ticket and Basketball is \$5 a ticket. Will look at seeing if Tom Beard would rent/provide the bus.

Fall gathering at Grafton Lutheran Church this Sunday October 22. This is a planning meeting for congregations in the area and will be from 2-4pm.

Thanksgiving worship service will be at the Assembly of God Church on November 20.

Pastor Beth would like us to look into finding a new Parish Nurse, as Susan Vivatson has retired from her position.

She has had several people asking for Susan and also thinks having someone sending out cards to congregation members in time of need would be great. We will see if we can find someone interested in doing this.

James Zorn is looking for a \$250 donation to sponsor his leadership event that he was selected to participate in. There was discussion and this topic was tabled.

We will start looking at and planning the budget at next month's meeting.

The council will look at completing evaluations in the very near future.

We will have to start looking for people to replace Ralph (6 year term done), Holly, and James. If Holly and James are looking to be done we will need 3 new council members.

There was a request from members of the congregation to get away from using intinction communion when possible. Pastor Beth said that is fine and she will try and only use when absolutely necessary.

Communion Assistants:

November 5 - Ralph                      November 19 - Mark

Next meeting will be held on November 14 at 6 pm.

**Motion to adjourn:** 7:18 pm

Motion: James

Close with the Lord's Prayer

**Stewardship Statistics**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Offering</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Misc.</b>	<b>Endowment</b>
<b>October</b>					
22	\$2,407.50	\$202.50		\$230.00	Wednesday School - \$20.00
29	\$1,557.00	\$100.00		\$45.00	Wednesday School - \$8.00
<i>Direct Deposit: \$5,360.00</i>					
<b>November</b>					
5	\$3,355.00	\$190.00		\$3,065.00	
12	\$1,964.50	\$62.50		\$120.00	Wednesday School - \$80.50 Noisy Offering - \$77.67
19	\$4,020.00	\$660.00		\$165.00	\$25.00 Wednesday School - \$23.75



# DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Worship</b> Acolyte: Zayden CA: Scott	<b>4</b> <i>Pastor Beth's</i> <i>Day Off</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study <i>Wednesday School</i> 3:45 - 5:15 Advent Supper 5:30pm Worship 6:30pm Acolyte: Knox 7:00pm Confirmation with mentors	<b>7</b> <i>10:15 am</i> <i>Ministerial</i> <i>Meeting</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Social Church Outing to a UND Men's Basketball Game <i>Call the church</i> <i>office for more</i> <i>details</i> 265-8907
<b>10</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>Worship</b> Acolyte: Keira <i>Noisy Offering</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Pastor Beth's</i> <i>Day Off</i>	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Christmas-Carol at Sammy's Bar	<b>13</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study <i>Wednesday School</i> 3:45 - 5:15 Advent Supper 5:30pm Worship 6:30pm Acolyte: Ali 7:00pm Confirmation with mentors	<b>14</b> <i>Grafton</i> <i>Conference</i> <i>Pastor Meeting</i>  3:00pm Wedgewood Communion  6:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Worship</b> Acolyte: Emmet CA: Holly	<b>18</b> <i>Pastor Beth's</i> <i>Day Off</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study Advent Christmas-Carol Worship 6:30pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>4:30pm</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Worship</b> CA: Kaitlyn, Brittany & Andrew Acolyte: Maci	<b>25</b> <i>Pastor Beth's</i> <i>Day Off</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>Worship</b> Acolyte: Mason						



# DECEMBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Patricia Davidson		Joseph Hardy	2	Alan & Naomi Latozke
2	Marcus Ramsay		Jeremy Indridason	12	Evan & Rebekah Laxdal
	Rhett Thom	17	Clarissa Hartz	14	Jeffrey & Jane Stevenson
3	Carl Carik		Terry Nupdal	19	Rodney & Sandy McDonald
	Cole Furstenuau		Jeffrey Urlaub		Jay & Julie Peterson
4	Ryan Kalinowski	20	John Steinke	20	Kayo & Susan Vivatson
	Drake Stegman		Katie Werner	22	Neil & Joyce Hanson
5	Russell Anderson	21	Donald Bergsgaard		Barry & Lisa Walton
	Gail Jensen	22	Nolan Pelletier	23	Gordon & Deborah Johnson
	Jenna Stith		Holly Stegman	27	Jim & Jennifer Wznick
6	Harlan Kiemele	24	James Jeffords	29	Matt & Lori Bjornson
	Jacey Nelson		Scott McGillvray		Shawn & Margaux Lindsay
	Kaden Yanish	25	Peyton LeTexier		
7	Lucy Vivatson	26	Daphnie Kalinowski		
8	Isaiah Wood		Vaya Morrison		
9	Patty Helgoe		Kelsey Vivatson		
	Shelly Henke	28	Jorja Busse		
	Elena Cull	29	Jocelyn Anderson		
10	Derek Johnson		Blaine Erickson		
	Janet Stegman		Arnold Peterson		
11	Ryan Fitzsimonds	30	Anthony Askew		
12	Ryker Kemnitz		Mark Collins		
	Oscar Puppe		Cindy Moe		
13	Shaun Anderson		Joanne Otto		
	Lorrie Horsley		Knox Wirtz		
	Tanner Urlaub				
14	Linda Carik				
	Neil Fedje				
16	Carmen Foxen				

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# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	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 7pm Confirmation	4  <i>10:15 am Ministerial Meeting</i>	5	6
7  9:00 am Communion Worship Acolyte: James S.	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 7pm Confirmation	11  <i>Grafton Conference Pastor Meeting</i>  3:00pm Wedgewood Communion	12	13
14  9:00 am Worship Acolyte: Xander <i>Noisy Offering</i>	15  <i>Pastor Beth's Day Off</i>	16	17 9:30 am Women's Bible Study <i>Wednesday School</i> 3:45 - 5:15 7pm Confirmation	18	19	20
21  9:00 am Communion Worship Acolyte: Charlotte	22  <i>Pastor Beth's Day Off</i>	23	24 9:30 am Women's Gather Bible Study <i>Wednesday School</i> 3:45 - 5:15 7pm Confirmation	25	26	27
28  9:00 am Worship Acolyte: Zayden B.	29  <i>Pastor Beth's Day Off</i>	30	31 9:30 am Women's Bible Study <i>Wednesday School</i> 3:45 - 5:15 7pm Confirmation			



# JANUARY

*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

- |                             |                          |                                 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1/1 - Penny Scheflo         | 1/17 - Tamara Bucholz    | 1/10 - Ralph & Judy Thomasson   |
| 1/2 - Loki Autsfjord        | Todd Jackson             | 1/28 - Brandon & Amy Briese     |
| Nolan Mertz                 | Jade Nelson              | 1/30 - Darold & Ardella Johnson |
| Judith Thomasson            | 1/19 - Tom Horsley       |                                 |
| 1/3 - Christina Christinson | 1/20 - Logan Ermer       |                                 |
| 1/4 - Alexander Cull        | Callie Samson            |                                 |
| 1/5 - Evelyn Jonasson       | Leslie Thordarson        |                                 |
| Jessica Sundby              | 1/21 - Parker Askew      |                                 |
| 1/6 - Tammy Betts           | 1/23 - Logan Fitzsimonds |                                 |
| 1/7 - Jenna Carpenter       | Alex Jackson             |                                 |
| Rodney McDonald             | DesaRae Ottem            |                                 |
| 1/8 - Sandra Estad          | Brynn Wznick             |                                 |
| Evan Laxdal                 | 1/24 - Jeffrey Cull      |                                 |
| Lisa Walton                 | Janie Pflaum             |                                 |
| 1/9 - Jeremy Burt           | 1/25 - Barry Hanson      |                                 |
| Hannah Nelson               | Christopher O'Hara       |                                 |
| Margaret Bjornson-Holm      | 1/27 - Rita Robinson     |                                 |
| 1/10 - Garnet Furstenau     | 1/28 - Sally Busse       |                                 |
| 1/11 - Justin Bergsgaard    | Ashley Cull              |                                 |
| 1/12 - Haley Briese         | Myah Jensen              |                                 |
| 1/13 - Ella Franks          | Eryn Johnson             |                                 |
| Emma Johnson                | Amber Jonasson           |                                 |
| Michael Lindenberger        | 1/30 - Patty Askew       |                                 |
| 1/14 - Justin Krieg         | Darold Johnson           |                                 |
| 1/16 - Daren Otto           | 1/31 - Sawyer Sagert     |                                 |
|                             | Hope Vaughn              |                                 |

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# Memorials

## **Edwin Heuchert**

Kitchen Fund by The Heuchert Family  
Undesignated by Doug & Lisa Thorlakson

## **Arlene Hauser**

Undesignated by Jean Thorson  
Undesignated by Taylor & Justine Anderson  
Undesignated by Dennis & Pat Morrison  
Music Fund by Paul & Diane Brown  
Music Fund by Eric & Eunice Dietrich  
Wednesday School by Norma Askew  
Wednesday School Fund  
by Lanny & Rhonda Schweitzer  
Undesignated by Elvin & Doreen Thorlakson  
Music Fund by Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Music Fund by Judy Cox

## **Jeff Stark**

Undesignated by John & JoDee Dungan  
Undesignated by Marie Olson  
Music Fund by Judy Cox

## **Ardyce Holte**

Undesignated by Ernest & Jackie Rusten

## **Bob Lee**

Endowment Fund by Larry & Cindy DuBois

## **Marlys Stark**

Quilt Fund by Joe & Norine Hardy  
Kitchen Fund by Mel & Kay Stark  
Undesignated by Ernest & Jackie Rusten  
Undesignated by Gary & Patty Becker

## **Donna Newell**

General Fund by Scott & Lynda Humble  
Kitchen Fund by Rick & Deb Vivatson  
Wednesday School Fund  
by Lanny & Rhonda Schweitzer  
Undesignated by Deb Stark  
Wednesday School Fund by Arnie & Sandy Peterson  
Endowment Fund by Duane & Bonnie Deraas  
Kitchen Fund by Joe & Norine Hardy  
Undesignated by Shirley Gustafson  
Music Fund by Judy Cox  
Undesignated by Garnet & Kaye Furstenau

## **Roger Behm**

Kitchen Fund by Rick & Deb Vivatson  
Undesignated by Deb Stark  
Undesignated by Ernest & Jackie Rusten  
Undesignated by Doug & Lisa Thorlakson  
Undesignated by Chase & Tiffany Furstenau



Please keep Nik Kemnitz, Jean Elke, Mel Stark, Alice Anderson, Bill Nordstrom, and the family of Roger Behm and Donna Newell 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](mailto: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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