



# United Lutheran Church

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***For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matt, 6:21***

This year, Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day. It seems a rather strange day for Ash Wednesday, but the liturgical calendar and society's calendar don't always mesh. To many of us there would also seem to be a conflict, a holiday that celebrates love and relationships and the beginning of Lent where we ponder the passion of our Lord Jesus and contemplate our sin.



And yet, in some ways having Ash Wednesday hit Valentine's Day this year is very fitting. When you think about it, both days are celebrations of the heart, celebrations of love. Valentine's Day, of course, celebrates love in all its forms. But so does Ash Wednesday, as it celebrates God's amazing love for us. At first Valentine's Day would seem to be the more joyful of the two. Ash Wednesday, after all, does focus on our mortality and our sinfulness as the cross of ashes is placed on our foreheads. But if we really think about it, Ash Wednesday is a joyful day as we hear once more God's call to us to turn back to him; to abandon those things that interfere with our relationship with God and ultimately will rob us of our joy. Ash Wednesday is a reminder to us of all the great lengths God will go to bring us back to him. It is a celebration of a greater love, a love that is for all people and a love that never ends.

This Lent our series will be on prayer, prayer as conversation with the one who loves us most. As we reflect on the ways Jesus prayed during his time on earth, we will also be invited to reflect on our own prayer life and be encouraged to learn ways to grow and deepen our own prayer life, strengthening our relationship to God.

This Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day, as you reflect on who holds your heart,  
*Pastor Beth*



### **Ash Wednesday**

*Supper at 5:30pm*

*Worship at 6:30pm*

### **Wednesday Lenten Worship**

*February 21, 28, 6, 13 & 20*

*Supper at 5:30pm*

*Worship at 6:30pm*

*Confirmation with mentors at 7:00pm*

### **Palm Sunday**

*March 24 at 9:00am*

*Wednesday School youth will be singing during worship.*

### **Maundy Thursday**

*March 28 at 7:00pm*

*5th grade students receive First Communion*

### **Good Friday**

*March 29 at 7:00pm*

### **Easter Sunday**

*March 31 at 7:00am & 9:00am*

*Easter Breakfast served at 8:00am*

## **Cross of Ashes**

On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. Reciting Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

## **Open Invitation**

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast,  
Let every soul be Jesus' guest;  
Ye need not be one left behind,  
For God hath bidden all humankind.

Sent by my Lord, on you I call;  
The invitation is to all:  
Come, all the world; come, sinner, thou!  
All things in Christ are ready now.

Come, all ye souls by sin oppressed,  
Ye restless wanderers after rest,  
Ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind,  
In Christ a hearty welcome find.

—Charles Wesley (18<sup>th</sup> century)

## **The Realm of the Impossible**

The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God's realm, where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for his almighty power. Nothing is too small for his love.

—Corrie ten Boom

## ***Faith & Care: February 2024***

*Co-Chairs: Holly Stegman & Barb Ratchenski*

### **Sunday, February 4 - Communion Worship - 9am**

**Usher:** Kayo & Susan Vivatson

**Refreshments:** Jen Puppe

### **Sunday, February 11 - Worship - 9am**

**Usher:** Richard & Jean Elke

**Refreshments:** Arnie & Sandy Peterson

### **Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday - 6:30pm**

**Usher:** Shaun & Sarah Anderson

### **Sunday, February 18 - Communion Worship - 9am**

**Usher:** Garnet Furstenau

**Refreshments:** Naomi Latozke & Collette Nordstrom

### **Wednesday, February 21- Lenten Worship - 6:30pm**

**Usher:** Sara Carter

### **Sunday, February 25 - Worship - 9am**

**Usher:** Tom & Lorrie Horsley

**Refreshments:** Sara Crowston

### **Wednesday, February 28 - Lenten Worship - 6:30pm**

**Usher:** Holly Stegman

#### **Take down & set up for funerals:**

Holly Stegman, Barb Ratchenski & Brittany Vaughn

#### **Clean Refrigerator & Microwave:**

Barb Ratchenski

**We Love  
Our  
VOLUNTEERS**



Brownie Mixes

Cans of Frosting

Microwave Popcorn

Seasoning Packets:

Beef Stew, Chili, Taco, Spaghetti

Dish Soap

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



United Lutheran Church,

Our sincere thanks for your generous donation to the Backpack Program.



### **First Communion Classes for 5th Grade**

*Student/Parent Meeting  
Thursday, February 29  
at 7:00pm*

## Wednesday School News

We had an incredible Christmas program this year! Thank you to everyone who was involved; students, directors, teachers, Pastor Beth, Kim Cull, Kaye Furstenau, John Dungan, THANK YOU!

In January our youth participated weekly in music and Bible lessons. They covered Malachi's Words, An Angel Visits Joseph and John Prepares the Way.

Following Malachi's lesson, students in Pre-K - 4 grade brought home a kraft box for God's Global Barnyard, like a piggy bank box, a place for them to put their offering (tithing). Malachi was a messenger of God, this lesson reminded us that we, too, can prepare the way of Jesus' coming with our words, actions and giving.

With the offering given, our youth as a group will decide what we will purchase from the ELCA Good Gifts. Take a look at the variety of options listed below. Discuss often about the benefits and possibilities each animal could bring.

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.

Boxes will be collected Sunday, April 28 during worship. Together we can do great things - God's Work. Our Hands!



**Congratulations & Welcome** to our Church Family at ULC, *Emmett Eugene Smith* son of Colby & Julia Smith. Sponsors are Clarissa Hartz & Brennen Grubb.



\$500

### Cow

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



\$10

### Chicks

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



\$50

### 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.



\$20

### 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.



\$30

### Pig

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



\$250

### Fish Farm

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



During Lent, on Wednesday evenings beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14 thru March 20, there is a supper served beginning at 5:30pm with worship to follow at 6:30pm.

Our meals are provided by groups or families within our church. Would you, your family or a group of friends be interested in serving a meal?

Sign up below and turn in to the church office by February 18: our first meal on the 14, will be provided by the Church Council, please join us!

February 21 28 March 6 13 20

Name/Group \_\_\_\_\_

### Stewardship Statistics

Date	Offering	Building	Youth	Misc.	Endowment
<b>November</b>					
26	\$1,174.50	\$17.50		\$85.00	\$50.00
<i>Direct Deposit: \$5,185.00</i>					
<b>December</b>					
3	\$3,177.00	\$120.00		\$1,130.00	\$25.00
Wednesday School - \$3.35					
6	\$204.00				Advent Supper - \$137.00
10	\$2,022.00	\$315.00		\$315.00	\$75.00
Wednesday School - \$20.00					
13	\$435.00			\$200.00	Noisy Offering - \$113.62
17	\$4,310.00	\$200.00		\$200.00	Advent Supper - \$333.00
Wednesday School - \$3.00					
24	\$5,118.00			\$270.00	\$120.00
31	\$1,790.00	\$75.00		\$45.00	
<b>January</b>					
7	\$3,942.50	\$182.50		\$560.00	
14	\$623.00	\$10.00			Noisy Offering - \$89.22
21	\$1,525.00	\$100.00			
Wednesday School \$5.00					
28	\$1,863.00			\$60.00	



# FEBRUARY

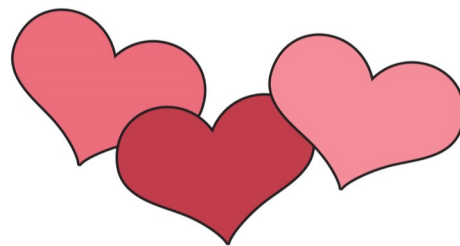
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4  <b>9:00 am Communion Worship</b> Acolyte: Kxya CA:	5  <i>Pastor Beth's Day Off</i>	6	7  9:30 am Women's Bible Study <i>Wednesday School</i> 3:45 - 5:15  7pm Confirmation	8	9	10
11  <b>9:00 am Worship</b> Acolyte: Brystol <i>Noisy Offering</i>	12  <i>Pastor Beth's Day Off</i>	13	14  9:30 am Women's Bible Study <i>No Wednesday School</i>  5:30 pm Lenten Meal 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Acolyte: Cayden	15	16	17
18  <b>9:00 am Communion Worship</b> Acolyte: CA: Emmett	19  <i>Pastor Beth's Day Off</i>	20	21  9:30 am Women's Bible Study <i>Wednesday School</i> 3:45 - 5:15  5:30 pm - Lenten Meal 6:30 pm - Worship Acolyte: Jeffrey 7 pm - Confirmation with mentors	22	23	24
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# FEBRUARY

*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

1	Nikki Schmidt Jennifer Carignan Henley Lawonn	19	Dennis Morrison Justine Peterson Angela Thomasson
2	Angela Jerome		Susan Vivatson
3	Natalie Hunter Lee Menzies Jeffrey Stith	20	Etty Kiemele Parker Widme
7	Mitchell Greenwood Chase Walton	21	Gerald Christinson Harper Grube Kathryn Mahar Colby Smith
8	Richard McKnight Matt Savageau	22	Rick Vivatson
10	Judy Cox Mary Beth Olson Emmett Steele Kylie Stewart	23	Marcus Carpenter Colton Jonasson
11	Le Ann Holmquist	25	Ruth Ratchenski
12	Jean Elke Lisa LeTexier	26	Lijana Abrahamson Naomi Latozke Cole Schmidt Deb Vivatson
15	Julia Hartz Jim Wznick	28	Augustus Crowston Edward Crowston Mechelle Erlendson James Hunter Logan Werner
16	Tonya Furstenau Holden Hager		
17	Richard LeTexier		
18	Clara Cull Kyle Johson Janelle Nupdal		

6	Nikolas & Julie Kemnitz
13	Michael & Lauren Steien
16	John & JoDee Dungan
23	Lee & Dawn Menzies
26	Marcus & Jenna Carpenter Luke & Laura Ermer



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

# United Lutheran Church

## Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 14th, 2023

**Called to Order:** 6:01 pm

**Members Present:** Pastor Beth, Ralph Byron, Mark Ramsey, Holly Stegman, Andrew Hay, Kaitlyn Bjornson, James Zorn, Scott Holmquist. Guests Missy Kennitz, Brittany Vaughn

**Members Absent:** Jenna Carpenter & Shawn Lindsay

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

Discussion with Melanie Steele about the new banking system and how it has affected the amount of time that she is spending working. This was moved to the beginning of the meeting to allow Melanie to leave following the portion that involved her.

The bank used to handle all the EFT transactions and now she is having to set them up and make sure they are monitored and edited as needed.

She had the question of where we would store the direct deposit records and it was brought up that we had discussed that it would be in the safety deposit box.

She is putting in about 2-3 hrs extra each month.

There are currently 35-40 people or families that give electronically.

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

**Approve Financials:** Motion to accept the financials as presented: Motion: Holly S. Second: James Z. All in favor: Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Pastor Beth's Report:

Funerals have taken a lot of time over the last month.

Pastor Beth wanted to let the council know that she if we hear of people feeling like they have not received enough help from her to let her know. She has been very busy and is not missing people on purpose. If people need/would like to see or meet with pastor Beth they may have to let her know. She does not want people to feel like she is not providing them the service they would like.

Planning for Advent and Christmas have started. Christmas Eve service will be at 4:30pm that Sunday and no regular service just the 4:30 service that day.

#### Youth & Education Committee:

No Report

#### Parish Life:

No report.

#### Property and Grounds:

Hay Bales have been taken away.

Leaves still need to be taken care of due to the fact that they got snowed on before they were picked up.

There is a light out in the parking lot. Ralph will get ahold of Mike at NoDak Electric.

#### Music and Worship:

Holiday music dates are being planned.

Sammy's Holiday Carol event is December 12th.

Patty Becker has contacted Pastor Beth about concerns that the altar guild has about getting rid of intinction communion. They were directed to put together a letter to give to the council.

#### Stewardship:

No Report



**Old Business:**

75th Anniversary:

There are 3 volunteers for the committee currently

Starting planning in January

Will be checking with Doug Anderson to see if he would be willing to do an art piece for the 75th.

UND Game:

December 9th for a Men's Basketball game.

Game tickets will cost \$5. Tom Beard can provide the bus for \$20 per person

50 Tickets available

Discussion about how to pay for the trip.

There was a motion that the church cover the remaining cost after each participant pays \$10 each.

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

There was discussion about ages that could go on the trip and who to open it up to. After discussion it was decided that this would be opened as a family outing for all ages. This is first come first serve.

**New Business:**

Council would like the Parish Life committee to meet and continue some of the special activities and services that were going on.

There was a motion to add Katelyn Bjornson to the list of people that are able to access the Safety Deposit Box. Motion: James. Second: Holly Motion Carried.

There was discussion about needing to find replacement Council members for the three whose terms are up: Holly will not seek another term, Ralph can not serve another term due to limits, and James will not seek another term. We will need to find three new members for the council.

Council will have the meal for the Advent service on December 6th. Youth will have December 13th.

Communion Assistants:

December 3rd - Scott H.

December 17th - Holly S.

December 24th Katelyn B., Brittany V., Andrew H.

Next meeting will be held on December 14th at 6 pm.

**Motion to adjourn:** 7:11 pm

Motion: James

Close with the Lord's Prayer

# United Lutheran Church

## Council Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2023

**Called to Order:** 6:01 pm

**Members Present:** Pastor Beth, Ralph Byron, Mark Ramsay, Holly Stegman (phone), Andrew Hay, Kaitlyn Bjornson, James Zorn, Scott Holmquist, Shawn L.

Guests: Missy Kemnitz

**Members Absent:** Jenna Carpenter

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

Representatives from the Altar Guild were in attendance. Norine Hardy and Patty Becker were at the meeting to discuss the council's previous decision to go away from intinction unless larger group services. This item was moved to the start of the meeting so that the guests in attendance didn't have to sit through the entire meeting.

There was discussion and a handout presented from the Altar Guild with Pros and Cons to intinction.

It was decided to try and do more intinction communion with some small adjustments to eliminate some of the concerns.

Motion: Ralph B. Second: Mark R. All in favor:  
Motion Carried.

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

**Approve Financials:** Motion to accept the financials as presented:  
Motion: James Z. Second: Shawn L. All in favor:  
Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Pastor Beth's Report:

Funerals have continued to keep her busy.

She played piano for the caroling at Sammy's

Planning for Advent and Christmas have started.

Christmas Eve service will be at 4:30pm on that Sunday and no regular service just the 4:30 service that day.

Susan is still doing the cards for congregation members in need. She would like to have some help with this and even show someone new how to do it.

She may be taking a short amount of time off after the holidays.

#### Youth & Education Committee:

The Christmas program will be coming up Sunday, December 17.

Need more teachers for the second half of the year of Wednesday School.

No UND due to the weather. It doesn't sound like we are able to get a refund on the tickets that were purchased.

#### Parish Life:

Faith and Care list has been updated and has been given to Brittany.

Jesus and Coffee will be planned for next time the band plays after the holidays.

Shawn talked about some new ideas that he has thought about and will be looking to try in the future.

#### Property and Grounds:

Parking lot light has a short in it somewhere and will need to be taken care of when the ground thaws in the spring.

#### Music and Worship:

Turnout for Sammy's Caroling was slightly smaller than usual.

Band played at the Pembina County Memorial Hospital Foundation Lights of Love at the Legion.

Band will be sing at the Christmas Eve service.

#### Stewardship:

Will be meeting after the first of the year.

#### **Old Business:**

New Board member ideas: Anthony Askew and Katie Bowman.

Bonus for Brittany and Melanie: Motion was made to give them each \$250 bonus in Cavalier Bucks to thank them for taking on the extra work this year. Motion: Shawn Second: James All in Favor: Motion Carried.

Ralph found the keys for the safety deposit box.

Motion was made to add Mark Ramsey to the safety box access list and to remove Ralph Byron and Jordan Sagert. Motion: James Zorn Second: Ralph Byron All in favor: Motion Carried.

#### **New Business:**

The youth were able to use some risers for the program because there are so many youth that are participating.

Joseph in the church's nativity scene has stopped working. We will start looking at getting a new nativity scene. We will also start looking at getting new lights for the walls at the ends of the pews.

Annual Meeting will be held the 28 of January.

Communion Assistants:

December 3rd - Scott H.

December 17th - Holly S.

December 24th Kaitlyn B., Brittany V., Andrew H.

Next meeting will be held on January 16, at 6 pm.

**Motion to adjourn:** 7:08 pm Motion: Mark R.

Close with the Lord's Prayer

Council went into a special Session to go over employee evaluations and finalize the budget.

# IN LOVING Memory

## **Joyce Tongen**

Endowment fund by Duane & Bonnie Deraas  
Kitchen fund by Mel & Kay Stark

## **Ken Rusten**

Undesignated by Ernest & Jackie Rusten

## **Bob Lee**

Undesignated by Ernest & Jackie Rusten  
Music Fund by Scott & Lynda Humble

## **Lawrence & Shirley Stevenson**

Undesignated by Melissa Perttula

## **Dylon Stevenson**

Undesignated by Melissa Perttula

## **Bill Stremick**

Kitchen Fund by Denise Papenfuss

## **William Ginder**

Kitchen Fund by Denise Papenfuss

## **Gerald Burt**

Undesignated by Scott & Lynda Humble  
Wednesday School by Arnie & Sandy Peterson  
Kitchen Fund by Delores Heuchert  
Undesignated by Allen & Cindy Anderson  
Endowment Fund by Larry & Cindy DuBois  
Music Fund by Mike Schluchter & Karen Lindenberger  
Undesignated by Judy Steinke  
Kitchen Fund by Rick & Deb Vivatson

## **Don Matz**

Undesignated by Ernest & Jackie Rusten

## **Robert Keena**

Undesignated by Phyllis Jackson

## **Richard Timian**

Undesignated by Mel & Kay Stark  
Kitchen Fund by Denise Papenfuss

## **Jean Wimpfheimer**

Kitchen Fund by Mel & Kay Stark



Please keep Mel Stark, Alice Anderson, Bill Nordstrom, Madi Letzring and the family of Joyce Tongen and the family of Gerald Burt 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.*

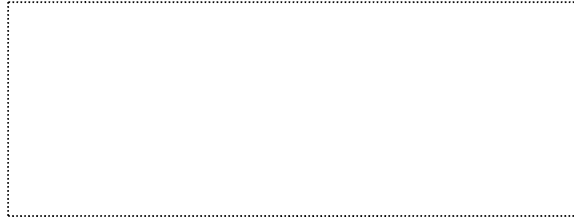
Are you needing a prayer for yourself or a loved one? Please call or message the church office at 265-8907 or [unitedoffice@polarcomm.com](mailto:unitedoffice@polarcomm.com).

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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