

# **United Lutheran Church**

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Come ye thankful people come; Raise a song of harvest home, All be safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home. (ELW 693)

A few weeks ago, when I was harvesting the rest of my garden before pulling it out for the season, I started with my jalapenos, then my banana peppers before coming to my one, lone tomato plant. As I began the process of trying to untangle the remaining tomatoes from the tangled and overgrown foliage, I kept finding tomato after tomato, many that were so hidden by the branches that I could not see them when I just casually glanced at the plant. I ended up filling a large bowl with all the red, ripe, beautiful looking tomatoes from just that one plant. I had to dig for them. My next thought was, 'what am I going to do with all of these!' a thought that many of you who have gardens might have especially when it comes not only to tomatoes, but zucchini and cucumbers as well.

And yet, what a gift, what a sign of God's abundance, one that we take so easily for granted, sometimes even complaining about it because there is so much there that we have no idea what to do with it. Like some of those tomatoes, God's generous gifts, not simply of material goods but other things that enrich our lives, get hidden amongst the ordinary and mundane; amid the stress and the trials and the busy, busy schedules we all keep.

Yet they are there if we take the time to look and to reflect. Jesus constantly reminds us of God's love and provision in the Bible. In his Sermon on the Mount, he tells us to look at the birds of the air and the lilies of the field or even our tomato and zucchini plants to remind us of God's good provision for us. It is there, we just don't always see it.

So, what are we going to do with all those wonderful gifts? As we open our eyes to see what God has given us, may we also open our hearts to trust in God's love and care for us. And with hearts full of God's good gifts, may we also open our hands in generosity to share of the abundance that God has given us.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pasko Bell

Our Mission: To worship and learn in Christian Community in order to be equipped to serve and witness.

## **Bounty of Thanks**

We thank thee, Lord, for the glory of the late days and the excellent face of thy sun. We thank thee for good news received. We thank thee for the



pleasures we have enjoyed and for those we have been able to confer.

And now, when the clouds gather and the rain impends over the forest and our house, permit us not to be cast down; let us not lose the savor of past mercies and past pleasures; but, like the voice of a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memory survive in the hour of darkness. If there be in front of us any painful duty, strengthen us with the grace of courage; if any act of mercy, teach us tenderness and patience.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

## **Thanksgiving Humor**

Need to lighten the mood at your holiday dinner table? Share some laughter with these Thanksgiving-themed jokes.

Why did the turkey decline dessert? Because it was stuffed.

Why did the turkey cross the road twice? To prove he wasn't a chicken.

What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner?

Your nose.

Why didn't the chef season the turkey? There wasn't enough thyme.

Why did the turkey leave the band? People were fighting over the drumsticks.

## Take Time to Recharge

"Then Jesus said, 'Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.' He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat" (Mark 6:31, NLT). Can you relate? Especially during the holidays, we're "coming and going" so much that we often run out of steam.

As an introvert, I learned an important lesson while navigating a busy graduation season for my son. I was happy to host a celebration for family and friends, but about 20 minutes into the party, fatigue clouded my spirit. My social battery was empty and desperately needed charging.

I sought out my cousin — who "gets" me — and admitted I needed a break. He kindly replied, "Then go into another room and just be. We've got things covered." I was heard and assured that it was okay to press pause. Even Jesus and his disciples sought privacy and rest.

In what ways do you need a break today? Even if you're an extrovert, how can you care for your whole self during the holiday

## **Grateful For Grace**

In this oneness, Jesus Christ is the Mediator, the Reconciler, between God and man. Thus he comes forward to man on behalf of God, calling for and awakening faith, love and hope, and to God on behalf of man, representing man, making satisfaction and interceding. Thus he attests and guarantees to God's free grace and at the same time attests and guarantees to God man's free gratitude.

—Karl Barth, *The Humanity of God* 

Dear ULC Quilters,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation of 10



quilts to slumberland's Home for the Holidays this year. They are beautiful and will be enjoyed by those who receive them!

Slumberland Home for the Holidays is an annual event that gives beds to children and families who are sleeping on the floor. Homes for the Holidays began in 1991 and has been ongoing since. Homes for the Holidays is under the umbrella of our 40 Winks Foundation. The 40 Winks Foundation is a program that works with nonprofit charities that partner with Slumberland to request beds for children in need. It is important to know that the Larson family pays for all the expenses and costs for managing the 40 Winks Foundation.

This kind of generous support from people and organizations in the community are always appreciated. We look forward to working with you again in the near future.

Thank you once again for your support. Sincerely, Cheryl Riedinger

I would like to thank everyone for their kind, thoughts, words and cards on the death of my mother. You have all been a great comfort to me.

Pastor Beth

# 36th Annual Park River Bible Camp Quilt Auction

This wonderful tradition is back in person at camp this fall. We'll share lunch, hot coffee and a beautiful array of quilts for auction in support of camp's ongoing ministry.

We're so grateful to the dozens of individuals and groups who have donated quilts throughout the decades of this event.

We're taking donations now! Call or email the camp office to arrange a drop off (or pickup) time.

701-284-6795

Email: hello@parkriverbiblecamp.org

November 5, 2023 11:30 Lunch 12:30 Quilt Viewing



## Quilting

Our quilting group is back in full swing and looking for volunteers. Quilters donate their time making quilt tops, putting quilts together, and tying quilts. Quilts are donated throughout our community to our Senior students, children being baptized and more. If you feel called to help with quilting and want to learn. Please join the quilters on Thursdays at 1:00pm at ULC.

## **Greetings from the Joyful Noise Band!**

He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord. – Psalm 40:3

After our summer off, we are back! Everyone seems rejuvenated and ready to take on the year. Over the summer, we have been adding new songs to our band wish list and a



couple have already made the stage for you all! We continue to pull out our favorites from the past but truly enjoy tackling new ones to share. We hope you love them as much as we do.

We are extremely blessed with a talented group of individuals that come together to make music for our God. We have already had a couple of new instruments pulled out!! An electric guitar in church?!? A unique sounding mandolin!?! A pianist that is so insanely talented, she gives us chills!! As vocalists, every year we get a little more comfortable with each other and are enjoying throwing in some neat harmonies!

Last but not least, Brad will be back on the drums in November, so we can really rock out, maybe even raise the roof! We have a couple of requests that have been given to us for new songs, please know they are in our wish list and we will be working on them hopefully in the near future! If you have a favorite that we have done in the past and you want to hear again, please drop a hint to one of our members! See you all November 12<sup>th</sup>!



## **Wednesday School News**

We are in full swing of Wednesday School and are so pleased with how the year is going! There have been a great amount of creative projects and hands on activities which makes learning engaging and fun. Please make sure to thank our volunteer teachers who put the time and effort into teaching our youth about the love of Jesus, and let them know they are appreciated!

Our first special music performance will be by our Pre - K & Kindergarten students who will be singing during 9am worship on November 19. Please put that date on your calendar and join us!

Also, mark your calendars for Sunday, December 17 at 9am for our Wednesday School Christmas Program!





Congratulations & Welcome to our Church Family at ULC, *Hudson Gordon Askew* son of Anthony & Alyssa Askew.

Sponsors are Zachary & Vada Gatheridge and Nicole Askew



Congratulations & Welcome to our Church Family at ULC, *Atlas Laurence LeTexier* son of Peyton LeTexier & Xavier Prudhomme.

Sponsors are McKenzie LeTexier, Laney LeTexier, Michele Prudhomme & Alex Prudhomme.

Stewardship Statistics									
Date	Offering	Building	Youth	Misc.	Endowment				
September 24 Direct Deposi	\$1,300.00 t: \$5,260.00	\$45.00	\$166.29	\$25.00					
October 1 8 15	\$1,625.00 \$2,431.50 \$2,831.00	\$45.00 \$212.50 \$310.00	\$47.00 \$38.00 \$7.01	\$60.00 \$445.00 \$415.00	\$65.00 Noisy Offering \$115.74				



## Faith & Care: November 2023

Co-Chairs: Deb Vivatson & Lynzee Ricard

#### Sunday, November 5 - Communion Worship - 9am

Usher: Niel & Linda Carik

Refreshments: Matt & Lori Bjornson

#### Sunday, November 12 - Worship - 9am

**Usher:** Corey & Brittany Nelson

**Refreshments:** Mark & Mary Jo Ramsay

### Sunday, November 19 - Communion Worship - 9am

Usher: JoDee Dungan & Sandy LeTexier

**Refreshments:** Lisa Thorlakson & Carol Beard

#### Sunday, November 26 - Worship - 9am

Usher: Keith & LeRae Hartz

**Refreshments:** Shauna Stevenson & Carmen Foxen

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

Doug & Vonda Anderson and Jordan Sagert

#### Clean Refrigerator & Microwave:

Lynzee Ricard

## A Volunteer's Prayer

I thank thee, Lord, as a volunteer: For the chance to serve again this year; To give of myself in some small way To those not blessed as I each day.

My thanks for health of mind and soul To aid me ever toward my goal; For eyes to see the good in all, A hand to extend before a fall.

For legs to go where the need is great Learning to love — forgetting to hate; For ears to hear and heart to care When someone's cross is hard to bear.

A smile to show my affection true, With energy plenty the task to do; And all I ask, dear Lord, if I may, Is to serve you better, day by day.



Stuffing Mix
Boxed Potatoes
Canned Cranberries
Jello or Pudding mixes

Paper products: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			9:30 am Women's Bible Study Wednesday School 3:45 - 5:15 7pm Confirmation	10:15 am Ministerial Meeting	3  Quilt Retreat	<b>4</b> Quilt Retreat
9:00 am Communion Worship Acolyte: Jeffrey CA: Ralph	6  Pastor Beth's Day Off	7	9:30 am Women's Bible Study  Wednesday School 3:45 - 5:15 7pm Confirmation	Grafton Conference Pastor Meeting 3:00pm Wedgewood Communion	10	11
9:00 am Worship Acolyte: Clara	Pastor Beth's Day Off	6:00pm Church Council Meeting	9:30 am Women's Bible Study  Wednesday School 3:45 - 5:15 7pm Confirmation	16	17	18
9:00 am Communion Worship Acolyte: Lila CA: Mark	Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Assembly of God 7:00pm  Pastor Beth's Day	21	9:30 am Women's Bible Study  No Wednesday School or Confirmation	Happy Thanksgiving  Church Office Closed	24  Church Office Closed	25
9:00 am Worship Acolyte: Eliot	27  Pastor Beth's Day Off	28	9:30 am Women's Bible Study  Wednesday School 3:45 - 5:15 7pm Confirmation	30		



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4	Wade Jensen		Ardella Johnson	23	Amanda Austfjord
•	Tyler Peterson	12	Patty Becker		Lisa Carik
	Pystal Rose		Vanessa Lawonn		Camden Carpenter
5	Charlee Krieg		Dorothy Stamm		Amber Sagert
	Jerry Scheflo		Elvin Thorlakson	24	John Hillis
6	Doug Johnson	13	Aiden Lawonn		Amber Latozke
	Shirley Johnson	14	Brandon Morton		Camryn Puppe
	Layla Lawonn	15	Liam Stegman	25	Andrew Cull
	Sandy Peterson		Elizabeth Stevenson		Taylor Puppe
	Kyle Shephard	16	Mark Ramsay	26	Alexander Deraas
7	Carrie Anderson		Travis Stegman		Dennis Johnson
	Joe Busse	17	Zackary Anderson	27	Wyatt Grube
	Brittany Schwartz	18	Phyllis Jackson		Myles McMartin
8	Terry Carignan	20	Alan Crowston	28	Brenda Anderson
	Nora Ramsay		Mary Jo Ramsay		Karl Holm
	Samantha Weeks		James Rusten		Jean Thorson
9	Tage Holmquist	21	Jordan Sagert	30	Nathan Kemnitz
	_		Judy Steinke		Brian Schlecht



- 1 Kelly & Jean Johnson
- 3 Nathan & Nicolle Kemnitz
- 5 Anthony & Alyssa Askew
- 14 Herman & Gwen Sott
- 24 Randy & Lisa Ermer Robert & Kelli Vivatson
- 29 Dennis & Shirley Johnson

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



#### Jeff Stark

Undesignated to Gertrude Bjornson Music Fund by Sheldon & Kay Braget Kitchen Fund by Mel & Kay Stark Endowment Fund by Garnet & Kaye Furstenau Undesignated by Gerald Burt Undesignated by Ernest & Jackie Rusten Building Fund by Judy Steinke Endowment Fund by Jean Thorson Undesignated by Phyllis Jackson Undesignated by Deb Stark Undesignated by Ruth Ratchenski Youth & Education by Travis & Holly Stegman Undesignated by June Bjornson Undesignated by Mary Beth Olson Undesignated by Doreen McLeod Wednesday School by Chase & Tiffany Furstenau Kitchen Fund by Warren & Leah Austfjord Undesignated by Doug & Lisa Thorlakson Undesignated by Arnie & Sandy Peterson

#### Pat Thomasson

Kitchen Fund by Warren & Leah Austfjord Undesignated by David & Sandy Estad Undesignated by Robert & Carol Buhs Undesignated by Garnet & Kaye Furstenau

#### **Edwin Heuchert**

Kitchen Fund by Denise Papenfuss

#### Nada Winzer

Undesignated by Mel & Kay Stark

#### **Arlene Hauser**

Undesignated to Gertrude Bjornson Endowment Fund by Duane & Bonnie Deraas Music Fund by Sheldon & Kay Braget Kitchen Fund by Mel & Kay Stark Music Fund by Garnet & Kaye Furstenau Undesignated by Shirley Gustafson Kitchen Fund by Delores Heuchert Undesignated by Phyllis Jackson Undesignated by Shirley Gustafson Music Fund by Ray Helgoe Music Fund by Marie Olson Music Fund by Scott & Lynda Humble Music Fund by Shaun & Sarah Anderson Music Fund by Allen & Cindy Anderson Music Fund by Jeff & Jane Stevenson Music Fund by Kenneth & Carol Nickerson Music Fund by Kayo & Susan Vivatson Music Fund by Les & Barb Puppe Kitchen Fund by Rick & Deb Vivatson Kitchen Fund by Randy & Lisa Ermer Kitchen Fund by Denise Papenfuss Undesignated by Doug & Lisa Thorlakson Wednesday School by Pat Davidson Undesignated by Arnie & Sandy Peterson Building Fund by Judy Steinke Music Fund by Tom & Lorrie Horsley



Please keep Nik Kemnitz, Jean Elke, Mel Stark, Alice Anderson, Bill Nordstrom, and the family of Pat Thomasson 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.

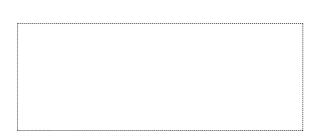
Please keep in prayer the following area people who are currently serving in the armed forces:

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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