



THE UNITER

United Lutheran Church Newsletter | Vol. 46 Issue No. 10 | October 2021

CREATED FOR CONNECTION

Over the past year, we've realized more than ever the importance of connection. God has created us to live our lives in life-giving connection to God, one another, and the world. United Lutheran Church is a community that nurtures connection through worship, learning, service, and fellowship.

Worship on Sunday Mornings 10:15am - Church Sanctuary

- **October 3: Campus Ministry Sunday**
Participants from Christus Rex Campus Ministry Center will be here to tell the story of campus ministry. A special offering will be received to support campus ministry.



- **October 31: Reformation Sunday and Confirmation Sunday**
You're invited to wear RED this Sunday as we give thanks for the faith that has been shared, the grace of God that sustains us, and rejoice with Confirmation students who will affirm their baptisms.

Worship on Wednesday Nights 6:15pm - Church Lounge

5:30pm - 6pm - A simple and tasty meal is served

6:15pm - Wednesday midweek worship

MIDWEEK
Worship

- **October 6:** Blessing of the Animals - United's Courtyard
- **October 13:** Worship with Communion
- **October 20:** No Wednesday worship or activities - school break
- **October 27:** Dinner Church at 6pm* in the Church Lounge



***A new way to worship: Dinner Church**

Wednesday, October 27th at 6pm - Church Lounge

It isn't dinner and then worship or worship and then dinner. It is a new way to worship with people gathered around the table sharing a meal, a simple liturgy, the bread and wine of holy communion, scripture, music, conversation, and prayer. It all happens simultaneously around the table. Simply bring yourself.

The Table is ready! Come and be fed!

 **Fall Festival** - Sunday, October 17th | 4:30pm - 6:30pm | See Uniter pg. 10 for more info... 

Pastors Page



At the end of October the church celebrates Reformation Sunday. On this day we remember with thanksgiving, the gifts and reforms God gave to the church through God's servant,

Martin Luther and the other reformers. As a church rooted in Jesus and the reformation movement, it is important for us to keep in mind how God is at work to continually reform the church. The Reformation was not a once and done event. Rather, rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace! In Jesus Christ we are set free every day to live in grace centered relationships with God, one another, and the world.

This month we're trying some new things:



A Fall Festival (pg. 10), an outdoor Wednesday evening **blessing of the animals**, and **Dinner Church**. We've created a new format for Confirmation

with more hands-on experiences. And there's some "old things" that feel new again this year, especially in music ministry as our choirs resume.

Our church council is prayerfully discussing strategies for the future. We're talking about how we fully and authentically welcome all people: children, youth, young adults, families, people of color, and LGBTQ persons.

God's grace and welcome for all in Jesus Christ is a timeless and life transforming truth. God's Spirit continues to move among us, opening our hearts, minds, and community to new things God is doing. There is no doubt that the world around us is changing. It is faithful to our calling and our reformation heritage to ask: How do we continue to both live and share the Good News of Jesus Christ today?

It continues to be a gift to share this holy work with you all, the saints of United Lutheran Church!

Blessings,

Pastor Karla Coen-Tuff

New Member Class

New Member Sunday - November 14, 2021 at 10:15am

New Member Class - Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7pm

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

A new member class will take place on Monday, October 18 at 7pm in the church lounge. New Member Sunday will be Sunday, November 14. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of United or if you would simply like more information, please contact Pastor Karla Coen-Tuff at pastorkarla@unitedgf.org or 701-775-4279.

Adult Education in October

Adult Study on the Old Testament Book of Amos

Sundays | 9am | Church Lounge

The prophet Amos wrote to God's people at a time of great economic prosperity for some and difficult struggles for others. Amos called God's people to live with justice and compassion for all. His words are just as relevant today as they were over 2000 years ago.

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9am for this study. Bring only your Bible and a desire to engage in the word of God.



Blessing of the Animals



Join us for the **Blessing of the Animals**

WHERE: United Lutheran Church's Courtyard

WHEN: Wednesday, October 6th at 6:15pm



We gather in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, a patron saint of animals and ecology. In honor, we give thanks for our pets and all animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters.

You're invited to bring your pets (leashed or caged, please!) and we'll have a special treat from our local pet store Treat, Play, Love.

Don't worry if you don't have a pet of your own - you're still invited. Come celebrate & give thanks with us!

Outreach & Wellness Ministry

CARING FOR OUR GARDENS OF EATIN'

Our gardens are flourishing – neighbors are picking! We have heard many comments from our neighbors on how grateful they are to United Lutheran Church for fresh vegetables.

Thanks to the following volunteers for watering the month of September!

Claudette & Tom Zimney, Marlys & Rodney Kjellberg, Jim Bollman, Linda and Rick Westby, Lexy Hammer.



God's Work, Our Hands.

God's work.
Our hands.

Outreach and Wellness wants to thank all of the volunteers that came down to Fellowship Hall for our Phoenix backpack packing event that took place Sunday September 12th, 2021. With your help we were able to pack 200 weekend food bags for October and November totaling 400 meals.

(See pg. 5 for pictures from our packing event!)

It's a big job but many hands make light work. It cost \$250/month to provide a weekend food pack to 100 children. Our goal is to raise \$2250.00, so far we have raised \$843.51 of our goal. United provides food bags one weekend a month through the school year. Your generosity feeds hungry kids. Thank you!

Many of you have donated Orthopedic Equipment – Items that have been donated range from wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, boots, knee braces, canes, etc.... These items will be shared with Global Health Ministries who will use them to help people heal around the world. Thank you for your thoughtfulness by sharing with others.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

United Lutheran along with Christus Rex Campus Ministry will be hosting a BBQ for Northland Rescue Mission. This event will be held on **October 7th, 2021 from 5pm - 7pm at Northland Rescue Mission.** We are in need of six volunteers to help serve and cleanup. If you are interested please contact the church office at 775-4279 or sign up on-line by going to our website or by following this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0945A9A629A7FB6-northlands>



Peace,

Janiel Bollman

Chairperson

Outreach and Wellness Ministry

Pictures from God's Work, Our Hands Sunday



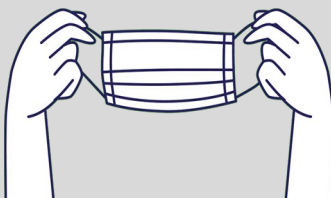
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Our hands.**



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



****Important COVID-19 update!****



United Lutheran Church Council, in accordance with CDC guidelines and Grand Forks Public Schools, decided to require the use of masks indoors for all students and leaders in youth programming at United. This has been put in place in order to protect children and youth who are not able to be vaccinated, as well as the greater community as COVID-19 numbers have begun to rise. As always, if you are not feeling well, the best choice is to worship from your home. ULC Council will review this policy monthly.

Music at United Lutheran Church



The Choirs at United are back!

New members to our choirs are always welcome.

Come as you are—the Cathedral Choir and Jubilee Bells do not require any prior experience!
Come as you can—even if you can't attend rehearsal every week, participate when you can!



Michael Marcotte

Cathedral Choir with director Michael Marcotte

rehearses on Wednesdays at 7pm.
The choir will sing during church 2 to 3 times a month.

Jubilee Bells with director Caitlin Becks

rehearses on Sundays at 6pm.
The bells will play during church 1 to 2 times a month.



Caitlin Becks

Sing and Ring - Wednesdays from 5:30pm - 6:10pm

Sing and Ring is for students in grades 1 - 5 and is a fun way to meet new friends, learn new music and skills, and share with others by singing or playing in worship. Sing and Ring rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm - 6:10pm, and sings and plays in worship one Sunday and one Wednesday each month.

Sing and Ring is under the capable direction of Ruth Ann Tuseth. She has served as an elementary music teacher, and director for Grand Cities Children's Choir. Children participating in Sing and Ring will have both an enjoyable experience and the benefit of being directed by a gifted and experienced professional musician.



Ruth Ann Tuseth

ULCW Circle

ULCW Circle in October!

The ULCW Circle will meet on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 1:30pm in the lounge.
All women are welcome to attend!

Women ^{of the} ELCA 

Gather Magazine for ULCW Circle



Gather Magazine. If you would like to have a new subscription to Gather Magazine (magazine of the Women of the ELCA), please contact Marilyn Berg at 701-739-0520 (text or call).

She will sign you up and you will receive the magazine and the invoice.
The cost for a new subscription is currently \$9.99. The price for new subscriptions may be good for only a limited time.

Youth-Led Meal – October 13th – join us!

United youth are looking forward to another ELCA Youth Gathering scheduled in Minneapolis, MN for July 2022! And so the fundraising begins! Each month, we'll be hosting a Wednesday night meal, held in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30pm to 6pm.



Join us on October 13th for our first youth-led meal! Free will offering. All proceeds will go towards our summer trip! Thanks for supporting our ULC youth!

10TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT!



United's 10th Graders will meet at Christus Rex Lutheran Center (3012 University Ave) on Sunday, October 3rd from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Supper will be provided. Contact Molly with any questions!

Confirmation Day will be held Sunday, October 31st at our 10:15am worship!
Join us in celebrating our Confirmation class of 2021!

Opportunity for Young Adults

God Talk on Tap

Join us on Thursday, October 7th at 7:30pm at Half Brothers Brewing Company, located downtown. This month we'll discuss Mindfulness & Mental Health.

God Talk is hosted by the "Somethings, a group of 20 and 30 somethings", an outreach ministry of the ELCA in the greater Grand Forks area dedicated to building relationships and spiritual growth among twenty- and thirty-year-olds. This group is LGBTQ+ welcoming and affirming. Join us!

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GOD TALK ON TAP



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Memorials and Gifts

GOOD GIFTS: PLASTER HOUSE

In Memory of ...

Margaret Peterson by her family

MUSIC FUND

In Memory of ...

Clarence Peterson by Neva & John Stoeber

RADIO FUND

In Memory of ...

Don & Donna Simenson by their family

Gary Nelson by M.M. & D.J. Hansen, Gregory & Rebecca Horner, and Alice Davis

UNDESIGNATED

In Memory of ...

Jack & Sigrid Lien by Dave & Patricia Miedema

C.O. & M.L. Peterson by Nancy Peterson

SPONSORED SUNDAY RADIO BROADCASTS

Sunday, September 19th, given in loving memory of Jacob Clemetson by Paul & Sue Clemetson and Grandma Phyllis.

Sunday, September 26th, given in appreciation of the Pastors, staff, and members of United Lutheran by Allen Quie and Jim Taylor.

Pastoral Acts

With Sympathy

Donna Schaffer - 9/5/2021

Randy Johnson - 9/21/2021



David Tunseth & Chelcie Coons
9/11/2021

Ways to Give

- At the offering plates located at the entrances to the sanctuary when at worship
- Mail in your donation to United at 324 Chestnut Street in Grand Forks
- Secure Online Donations. You can give to United securely online by going to our website at www.unitedgf.org and click on the DONATE link at the top of the homepage.

RADIO BROADCAST

If you would like to be a sponsor of our weekly broadcast the cost is \$178 per Sunday.

To secure the date(s) you would like to sponsor and continue to support this wonderful ministry outreach to our community call (701.775.4279) or email (reception@unitedgf.org) the church office.

Financial Summary

Income/Expense Statement

| | Aug 2021 Actuals | Aug 2021 Budget | Aug 2020 Actuals | 2021 YTD Actuals | % OF BUDGET YTD | 2021 Annual Budget |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Income: | | | | | | |
| Regular Offering | 23,542.12 | 29,345.67 | 21,094.00 | 243,405.44 | 69% | 352,148.00 |
| Other Offering | 435.25 | 2,691.25 | 581.00 | 11,660.93 | 36% | 32,295.00 |
| Other Receipts | 5,766.47 | 9,628.83 | 4,345.06 | 50,079.43 | 43% | 115,546.00 |
| Restricted Contributions | 14,738.35 | 16,414.67 | 10,928.00 | 117,369.58 | 60% | 196,976.00 |
| TOTAL | 44,482.19 | 58,080.42 | 36,948.06 | 422,515.38 | 61% | 696,965.00 |
| Expenses: | | | | | | |
| Fellowship Ministry | 0.00 | 816.67 | 0.00 | 322.80 | 3% | 9,800.00 |
| Administrative Ministry | 4,226.37 | 3,229.17 | 4,118.41 | 23,192.47 | 60% | 38,750.00 |
| Invitation Ministry | 2,610.68 | 2,000.00 | 1,067.64 | 13,239.67 | 55% | 24,000.00 |
| Outreach Ministry | 4,020.00 | 2,529.17 | 2,992.63 | 19,892.07 | 66% | 30,350.00 |
| Physical Property Ministry | 13,463.27 | 12,266.67 | 7,207.31 | 92,001.82 | 63% | 147,200.00 |
| Spiritual Formation Ministry | 1,816.80 | 1,354.17 | 502.13 | 6,256.13 | 38% | 16,250.00 |
| Staff Support Ministry | 32,699.05 | 34,959.58 | 31,000.68 | 266,604.76 | 64% | 419,515.00 |
| Youth & Family Ministry | 159.17 | 925.00 | 0.00 | 786.40 | 7% | 11,100.00 |
| TOTAL | 58,995.34 | 58,080.42 | 46,888.80 | 422,296.12 | 61% | 696,965.00 |
| Surplus / Short fall | -14,513.15 | 0.00 | -9,940.74 | 219.26 | | 0.00 |

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|---|---------------------|----------|
| | | | | | 1 Office closed | 2 |
| 3 Campus Ministry Sunday 9:00am - Sunday School (gym) 9:00am - Adult Ed: Book of Amos (LG) 10:15am - Worship with Communion- SA/Facebook LIVE or 1310AM KNOX Radio. 11:15 am - Coffee Fellowship (FH) 6:00pm-Confirmation Retreat (Christus Rex) 6:00pm - Jubilee Bells (BA) | 4 11:00am - Staff Meeting (LG) | 5 9:00am - Staff Meeting (LG) | 6 5:30pm - Meal (FH) 5:30pm - Sing & Ring (CR) 6:15pm - Worship/Blessing of the Ani- mals (CY) 7:00pm - Cathedral Choir (CR) 7:00pm - Confirmation (FH/LG) 7:00pm - Faith Friends (Gym) 8:00pm - High School Youth Group (YR) | 7 5:00pm - North- lands Rescue Mis- sion Meal (NRM) 7:30pm - God Talk on Tap (Half Bros.) | 8 Office closed | 9 |
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| 31 Reformation/Confirmation Sunday Please wear red 9:00am - Sunday School (gym) 9:00am - Adult Ed: Book of Amos (LG) 10:15am - Worship with Communion and Rite of Confirmation- SA/Facebook LIVE or 1310AM KNOX Radio. 11:15 am - Coffee Fellowship (FH) 6:00pm - Jubilee Bells (BA) | | Office Hours Mon - Thurs: 8am - 4pm Fri: By appointment | October 2021 | | | |

SA: Sanctuary; LG: Lounge located on the lower level; FH: Fellowship Hall located on the lower level; RM 106: Room 106 located down the hall from the office; LB: Library located at the end of the hall opposite the office; CR: Choir Room located on the upper level; YR: Youth Room located on the upper level; PL: Parking lot *All events subject to change.*


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 Cathedral Choir Director: Michael Marcotte
 Sing & Ring Director: Ruth Ann Tuset
 Jubilee Bells Director: Caitlin Becks



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**We are United,
 welcoming ALL
 to live, learn, and
 share the love of
 Jesus Christ!**

Sunday Mornings

Worship at
 8:30am & 10:15am

Wednesdays

Worship at 6:15pm

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United Lutheran
 Church invites you!

**FALL
 FESTIVAL**
 October 17 | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

- Hay rides
- Pumpkin painting
- Hot cocoa & fall treats
- Campfire, games, & hotdogs
 and more!

**FREE
 ADMISSION!**

United Lutheran
 Church courtyard
 324 Chestnut St.

