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United Lutheran Church Monthly Newsletter

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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

Office Hours

Mon - Fri:
8:30am - 5pm

Sunday:
9:15am - 10:15am

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*Walking
in the Light*

*I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to
give light to the world. The star of my life is
Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine on my hear, Lord Jesus.*

LBW, Hymn #815

~ February Worship at United Lutheran ~

Sundays at 8:30am and 10:15am

♦ February 2

Please plan to stay following the 10:15am service for United's Annual Meeting and Baked Potato Bar served by United Youth

♦ February 9

Dedication of United's new, "Be the Light" star at 10:15

Listen to the story that brought the star into being as we worship together and dedicate this piece of art for our worship space.

♦ February 16

Open House Sunday with the "Woodpicks"

One service only at 10:15am – Pre-service music begins at 10am

Wednesdays at 6:15pm

Join with our community of faith as we worship God in old and new ways including Prayer and Candle lighting service, Communion service, and Campfire style worship.

♦ Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 26 at 7pm in the Sanctuary

♦ Author Visit

Juliet Cutler, author of *Among the Maasai, A Memoir*

Wednesday, February 5, at 7pm

United Fellowship Hall

Flip through your Uniter for more information on the above events.

Walking



in the Light

One of the highlights of January for me was reading the stars United members filled out in our Opening worship services of the year. Together we reflected on all that we are able to see in the light of Christ shining on us and in the world. The stars are now hanging on the garland in our sanctuary, reminding us that together we are “Walking in the Light” Jesus brings to our lives and world.

I see the light of Christ shining in and through this congregation in so many ways:

People gathering for worship, knowing we need the light of Christ shining on us in the Word, in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and in the good gift of one another in this community. You never know just how someone else might need your light on any given week!

Sunday school and Faith friend leaders sharing time, energy, faith, and creativity to share the Good News with our youngest members.

Confirmation guides and mentors, meeting with our students and sharing time, energy, love, and faith questions and conversation as our children grow.

Quilters weekly crafting beautiful items that give warmth to people in times of struggle and

transition, sharing a sign of God’s love and presence.

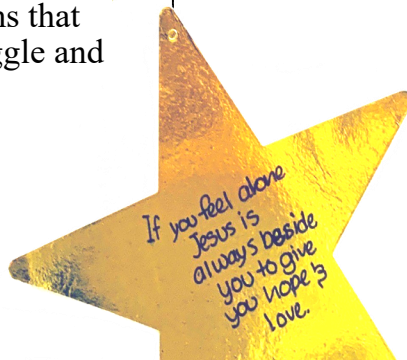
United folks gathering to study books, scripture, and faith practices striving to grow in faith and knowledge, knowing that growing in faith is a life long adventure.

Generous people, who support the work of the worldwide church, our neighbors across the street, and all this congregation does to live, learn, and share the love of Jesus Christ.

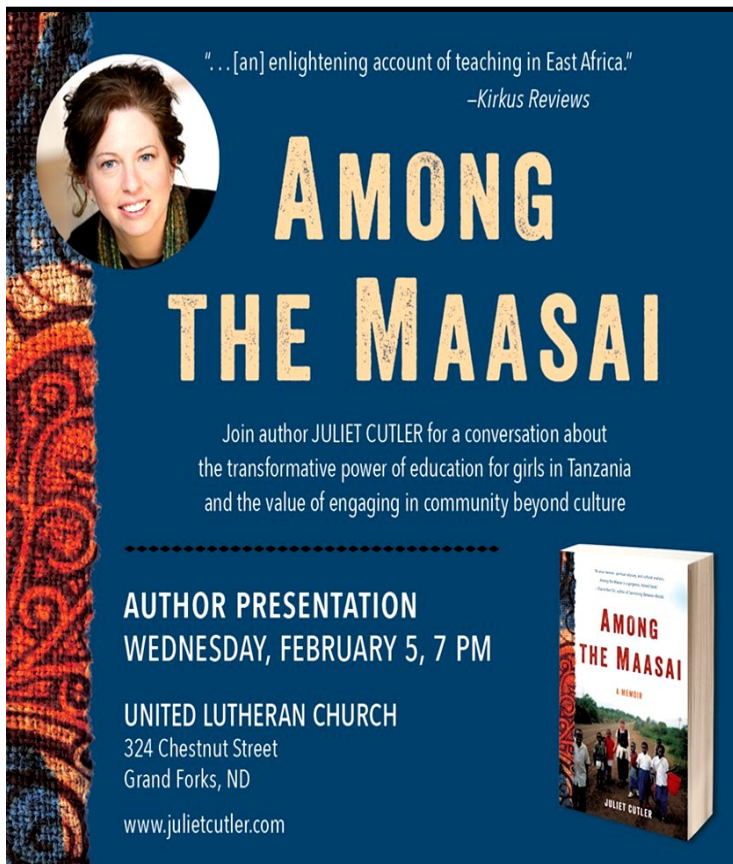
Jesus the light of the world is shining on, in, and through us. These winter months can be cold, dark, and stormy. They are certainly filled with hurt, loss, and struggle in our lives and the lives of those around us. But we are not left alone in the dark. Jesus comes to be with us, shines for us with love and grace, and calls us to live lives of love, hope, faith, and service.

Let your light shine!

Pastor Karla Coen-Tuff



Author Visit



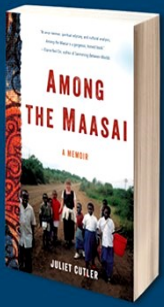
"...[an] enlightening account of teaching in East Africa."
—Kirkus Reviews

AMONG THE MAASAI

Join author JULIET CUTLER for a conversation about
the transformative power of education for girls in Tanzania
and the value of engaging in community beyond culture

AUTHOR PRESENTATION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 7 PM

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
324 Chestnut Street
Grand Forks, ND
www.julietcutler.com



Author Visit!

Juliet Cutler will be at United Lutheran
Wednesday, February 5, at 7pm in the
fellowship hall to talk about her book.

Among the Maasai, A Memoir

Book are available for sale in the church office
for \$15.00. Proceeds from the sale of the book
support the education of Maasai girls.

About the book: In 1999, Juliet Cutler leaves
the United States to teach at the first school for
Maasai girls in East Africa, making the beginning
of a twenty-year journey to empower young
Maasai women through education. Working
alongside local teachers, Cutler is transformed by
the community she finds in Tanzania and by
witnessing the life-changing impacts of education
on her students - many of whom face staggering
poverty, forced marriages, genital cutting, and
other forms of gender based violence.

United in Serving

“United in Serving” is a new approach for United members to serve on Sunday mornings. United in Serving opens doors for everyone to participate through on-line sign up and greater flexibility.

This current Spring Quarter includes the months of February, March and April and the leadership team is Eric & Laurie Bakke, Jim Jr. & Janiel Bollman, Steve & Joan Hawthorne, Steve & Kim Keller, and Jerry & Merrie Rolland. If you received a letter and postcard saying this is your quarter, please sign up to serve in one of the following ways:

1. **On line** – <https://signup.com/go/UyFBiVi>. Once there, you can choose the date(s) and job(s) you wish to sign-up for and follow the prompts. You will need to enter an email address. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 775-4279 and we will assist you in signing up. Once signed up you will receive email reminders of your selected date(s) and job(s). You will also have the option to receive text reminders as well.
2. **By using the sign up book at the church (located on Sunday morning at the usher's table at the north entrance).**
3. **By calling the church office.**

Many thanks to the winter quarter's leadership team:

Nick & Lanae Brown, Doug & Arlene Herzog, Rick & Linda Westby,
Ken & Loretta Svedjen, Joel Walz & Haley Svedjan Walz

United **IN SERVING**
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Outreach and Wellness Ministry News

We have so much gratitude for the generous people of United who made it possible to send \$22,238 to various worthy destinations through the Good Gifts Christmas Fair. **THANK YOU, ALL!!** God's Spirit is evident in our midst as we reach out to serve our neighbors, across the street and around the world. *God's Work, our hands.*



Plans are stirring for our annual opportunity to serve **The Love Feast at Zion Methodist Church, on Tuesday, February 25.** The meal will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. There is need for many hands to help, with set-up, serving, and cleaning up. Consider joining us to enjoy the scalloped potatoes and ham dinner with our neighbors from the across the community. Free blood pressure checks and music are part of the event. You should definitely plan to eat with the guests who attend, extending our hospitality during dinner conversations. Watch for sign-up information to be posted on United's website, or contact the church office. *God's Work, our hands.*

United has begun involvement to serve **suppers at LaGrave on First**, our nearby "housing first" facility. LaGrave on First was supported in 2018 by our contributions to provide supplies for the 42 apartments for those who were chronically homeless. Without a place to call *Home*, it is so hard for a person to have a job or become stable. The facility opened to residents in the fall of 2018. We are looking for those willing to lend a hand, bring a salad or dessert, or plan menus for a meal for 30 people. Other churches are taking turns to provide healthy meals on specific days of the week. We are working on Friday meals, served from 6-6:30 PM. Contact Julie Abrahamson or other ministry members (Nancy Hughes, Suzy Belyea, or Shelly Amundson) if you would like to join in this service to our neighbors. *God's Work, our hands.*



Our annual **Lent Bread Auction** is coming on March 15, after the 10:15 AM worship. Think about what you might bring to stimulate competitive bidding for delicious treats! All proceeds from the Bread Auction go to support ELCA World Hunger, and its many worthy projects. *God's Work, our hands.*

Thanks to everyone for all the energies and heartfelt outpourings of life-changing love! We are sharing God's love and **LIGHT** in so many ways.

God's Work, our hands. AMEN!

Julie Abrahamson
Outreach & Wellness Ministry Chair

United Lutheran Church Women

ULCW Schedule for February

- **Tuesday, February 11th:** ULCW Executive Board Meeting at 1:15pm in the lounge
- **Thursday, February 13th:** ULCW Spring Workshop at 9am in the fellowship hall (Hosts: A-L)
- **Thursday, February 20th:** ULCW Bible Study and Circle at 9:30am in the lounge

Be the Light



United's "Be the Light" star honoring the Life and Memory of Rachel Anari Coen-Tuff will be formally **dedicated on Sunday February 9th at the 10:15 worship service.** We want to express our deep gratitude for the generosity and outpouring of love and support from all of ULC members. Following is a list of those who have contributed to make this dream become a reality. With the work of many hands anything is possible.

Be The Light!

Richard McGurran - Jim Bollman - Joel Walz

Thank you to our "Be the Light" Donors!

Lorna Aamold
Harmon & Julie Abrahamson
Mark & Julie Amundson
Philip, Shelly, Greta & Anna Amundson
Andy & Pat Anderson
Eric & Laurie Bakke
Charles & Suellen Bateman
Joel & Bonnie Berg
Ginny Bollman
Peter & Karla Coen-Tuff
Alice Davis
Kelly & Barbra Dokken
James & Joan Evenson
Tom & Margy Gabrielsen
Tootsie Gasparini
Bob Graham & Sue Thompson
Richard & Patricia Grinde
Ross & Lexy Hammer
Hank & Sandy Heffern
Richard McGurran & Rebecca Heigaard McGurran
Herb & Diane Helgeson
Janice E. Jelliff
Rodney & Marlys Kjellberg

Brian & Kristen Larsen-Schmidt
Donna Larson and family
Clara Laughlin
Bill & Marcia Lund
Bonnie MacDonald
Gary & Sally Masilko
David & Julie Molstad
Dawnn Morken
Sandra Morken
Emmanuel Olson
David & Karin Pierce
Else Rike
Donna Rio
Mary Sand
Ken & Loretta Svedjan
Joel Walz & Hayley Svedjan –Walz
Kari Torkelson
Rebecca Vakoc
Donnabelle Weston
Cathy Williams
Marilyn Ydstie

Space of Grace - "Paint Your Heart Out"

You are invited to United's 2nd Annual "Paint Your Heart Out" Event on Feb 13th!

Hey ladies! Grab your friends and come out for a fun and relaxing night of guided painting with a reflective twist led by artist Sister Michelle Walka. No experience needed!

We will be painting a heart reflecting on expressions of love areas of our life, including God's love for us and God's call to love one another.

Join us on Thursday, February 13th 2020

ULC Fellowship Hall from 6:30 - 9:00pm



Cost is \$20 which you can pay at the door and will include all supplies. Snacks & refreshments will be provided. Women ages 14 and above are welcome here!



Please RSVP by contacting the church office or on the church website by Monday, Feb 10th

Space of
grace

High School Youth - Around the Table



**Sunday, February 9th
from 6:00 – 8:00pm
ULC Lounge**

**Come & enjoy food and fellowship around the table.
All high school youth welcome! *RSVP by texting Molly***

Youth and Family News and Events

Annual Meeting and Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser

Sunday, February 2nd, 2020 at 11:30am

Church Fellowship Hall



- meets -



Join us for the ULC Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 2, 2020 in the fellowship hall following the 10:15am worship that morning. The youth attending the 2020 Summer Mission Trip to Idaho will be hosting a Baked Potato Bar (with all the fixen's) Fundraiser in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. A free-will offering will be taken.

United Family Fun Trivia



Join us for a night of fun, friendly competition at United Lutheran! We are inviting you to *Trivia Night* on Sunday, Feb. 23rd. We will begin at 4:00pm in the Lounge & snacks will be included!

All are welcome!

Youth Fundraiser



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online: DEEKSPIZZA.COM

Fundraiser

DEEK'S WILL DONATE **20%**
OF ALL NIGHTLY SALES ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH
FROM 11AM-9PM TO UNITED
LUTHERAN CHURCH'S YOUTH.



Confirmation News



Confirmation in February

- February 5th: Confirmation will meet in the lounge for all 6th - 9th grade
- February 12th: Regular class for 6th - 8th grade in the fellowship hall
- February 12th: 9th Grade Confirmation Mentor Night in the lounge
- February 19th: Regular class for 6th - 8th grade
- February 26th: Ash Wednesday - No Confirmation

Memorials and Gifts

BE THE LIGHT STAR

In Memory of ...

Mark Cairns by Hank & Sandy Heffern

CHOIR/MUSIC FUND

In Memory of ...

Kent Anderson by Tom & Claudette Zimney,
Beverly Clayburgh, Marilyn Lundberg, Donnabelle
Weston, Dennis & Joan Johnson, Harmon & Julie
Abrahamson, Patrick Maddock, Phyllis Trelfa

Karen Bakken by Phyllis Trelfa

RADIO FUND

In Honor of ...

Sandra Morken by Lynn Middleton-Koller & Joan
Middleton

In Memory of ...

Don & Donna Simenson by their family

Kent Anderson by Duane & Arlene Loven, Lorraine
Amundson, Dagney Tweten, Sandra Morken, Clara
Laughlin, Else Rike, Janice Jelliff, Devera Warcup,
James & Sonja McDonald, Rolf & Linda Paulson,
Clarence Peterson, Calvin & Susan Marjamaa, John
Clayburgh

Carol Middleton by Lynn Middleton-Koller & Joan
Middleton

Karen Bakken by Jean Wixo, Duane & Lila Jane
Nelson

Morall Harper by Alona Harper

Orvil & Bertha Varns by Alona Harper

Jeanette Nikle by Alona Harper

Jerry Monsebroten by Alona Harper

Abner A. Lee by Sandra Morken

Meredith Dubuque for Feb. 2nd Radio Broadcast
by Debbie Dubuque

YOUTH FUND

In Memory of ...

Kent Anderson by Everett & Karen Knudsvig

UNDESIGNATED

In Memory of ...

Judy Yoney by Nancy Ellertson, Lorraine Amundson

Kent Anderson by ULC Cathedral Choir, Dr. Judith
Haynes

Karen Bakken by Rolf & Linda Paulson, Ken &
Loretta Svedjan, Dennis & Helen Tangen, Lorraine
Amundson

Helen Hughes by Joline Hughes

Harvey Normes by Alice Davis

Mark Cairns by Alice Davis

Pastoral Acts

*With
Sympathy*

Irvin Olson - 12/28/2019

Boyd Knudson - 1/14/2020

Richard Bratvold - 1/22/2020

Financial Summary

Income/Expense Statement

	Dec 2019 Actuals	Dec 2019 Budget	Dec 2018 Actuals	2019 YTD Actuals	% OF BUDGET YTD	2019 Annual Budget
Income:						
Regular Offering	39,242.50	32,363.50	55,228.50	328,836.69	85%	388,362.00
Other Offering	7,959.82	3,014.00	9,149.86	25,563.63	71%	36,168.00
Other Receipts	5,874.39	7,645.25	5,464.06	74,124.08	81%	91,743.00
Restricted Contributions	41,102.06	17,122.83	20,219.71	265,090.26	129%	205,474.00
TOTAL	94,178.77	60,145.58	90,062.13	693,614.66	96%	721,747.00
Expenses:						
Fellowship Ministry	1,117.14	350.00	0.00	9,191.85	219%	4,200.00
Administrative Ministry	3,938.98	3,145.83	3,059.26	52,692.26	140%	37,750.00
Invitation Ministry	1,759.18	2,000.42	1,531.44	20,589.69	86%	24,005.00
Outreach Ministry	3,968.67	3,894.17	2,647.18	43,766.30	94%	46,730.00
Physical Property Ministry	26,614.63	12,208.33	11,647.00	155,659.43	106%	146,500.00
Spiritual Formation Ministry	612.82	1,312.50	446.37	11,786.39	75%	15,750.00
Staff Support Ministry	34,424.44	36,309.33	34,405.64	430,910.83	99%	435,712.00
Youth & Family Ministry	265.70	925.00	291.98	9,715.53	88%	11,100.00
TOTAL	72,701.56	60,145.58	54,028.87	734,312.28	102%	721,747.00
Surplus / Short fall	21,477.21	0.00	36,033.26	-40,697.62		0.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2020</h1>						
2 8:30 AM - Worship/Communion (SA) 9:00 AM - Sunday School (Upper Level) 9:00 AM - Coffee & Conversation (YR) 10:15 AM - Worship/Communion (SA) 11:15 AM - Annual Meeting/Baked Potato Bar (FH)	3	4 9:00 AM - Quilters (FH) 11:00 AM - Staff Mtg	5 10:30 AM - Prayer and Share (Rm 106) 5:30 PM - Meal (FH) 5:30 PM - Sing & Ring (CR) 6:15 PM - Worship (FH) 7:00 PM - Author Visit: Juliet Cutler (FH) 7:00 PM - Confirmation (LG) 7:00 PM - Faith Friends (Upper Level) 7:00 PM - Cathedral Choir (CR) 8:00 PM - Jubilee Bells (BA) 8:00 PM - Youth Group (YR)	6	7 2:30 PM - Friday Fellowship (LG)	8
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16 Open House Bluegrass & BBQ 9:00 AM - Sunday School (Upper Level) 9:00 AM - Coffee & Conversation (YR) 10:00 AM - Pre-worship Music (SA) 10:15 AM - Bluegrass Worship/Walters Baptism (SA) 11:15 AM - BBQ Meal (FH)	17 1:00 PM - PEO (LG) Deek's Pizza Fundraiser <i>see page 7 for more information</i>	18 9:00 AM - Quilting (FH) 11:00 AM - Staff Mtg 7:00 PM - Ministry (FH) 8:00 PM - Council (LG)	19 10:30 AM - Prayer and Share (Rm 106) 5:30 PM - Meal (FH) 5:30 PM - Sing & Ring (CR) 6:15 PM - Worship (FH) 7:00 PM - Confirmation (FH/LG) 7:00 PM - Faith Friends (Upper Level) 7:00 PM - Cathedral Choir (CR) 8:00 PM - Jubilee Bells (BA) 8:00 PM - Youth Group (YR)	20 9:00 AM - ULCW Bible Study and Circle (LG)	21 2:30 PM - Friday Fellowship (LG)	22
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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

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Council President: Cathy Williams
Youth Education Director: Karen Syrstad
Custodian: Darren Lee, Bryce Irvine
Cathedral Choir Director: Michael Marcotte
Sing & Ring Director: Ruth Ann Tuseth
Jubilee Bells Director: Caitlin Becks



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ULC'S ANNUAL BLUEGRASS AND BBQ OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020 FEATURING MUSICAL GUESTS



Schedule for the Open House on February 16, 2020:

10:00am - Pre-worship music | 10:15am - Bluegrass Worship | 11:15am - Free BBQ Meal

The 8:30am worship will not be held on Open House Sunday.

Invite your friends and neighbors to this FREE event!

Volunteers needed! We are looking for help with set-up on 2/15/2020 at 9am as well as with serving and clean up at the event. We are also in need of donations of bars! Sign-up in the church office, call (775-4279) or email (reception@unitedgf.org) the church office, or sign-up online at (www.unitedgf.org)!