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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Mornings

Worship with Communion
10:15am | Sanctuary
Facebook Live
1310AM KNOX

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8am - 4pm

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We are a
Reconciling in Christ
Congregation

PARTY on the BLACKTOP!

FREE Neighborhood Party at United Lutheran Church!
Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026 | 5pm - 7pm | ULC Parking Lot

THIS FREE EVENT FEATURES:

Live music by *Mudbucket and Friends*, Picnic Box Meal, Games, Inflatables, Youth Raffles to include YOUTH BIKES, and so much more!



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE PARTY! **SIGN-UP ONLINE OR AT THE QR CODE!**

- **Doorhanger distribution** - Doorhangers are a major way we advertise to our neighbors. Enjoy a nice walk in the neighborhood while delivering doorhangers. Maps and doorhangers are available *now* in the church office. 6 routes are available. *Please deliver by Monday, Sept. 7th.*
- **Set-up tables and chairs:** 2-3 people needed to help set up tables and chairs beginning at 12pm on Sept. 9th - the day of the party.
- **Prepare the Picnic Box Meal:** 8 people needed from 4pm - 7pm on Sept. 9th - during the party. Prepare box meals in the fellowship hall.
- **Help During the Party:** 5 people needed from 4:30pm - 7pm on Sept. 9th - during the party. Assist and supervise games and tables.



KICK-OFF SUNDAY

9am - Breakfast Club Resumes (pg. 4)

10:15am - Worship with Communion, Blessing for Students and Teachers, and music by the Cathedral Choir

11:15am - Coffee, Treats and Phoenix Food Pack Packing Event



September 13, 2026

United Lutheran Church

Pastors Page

Grace and peace to all of you,

Firstly, “Thank You!” to all who helped serve, organize, clean up, and “all the things,” as you served the Grand Forks community during Summer Lunches 2026. You served 3501 souls with tasty and filling meals. Dear friends, that is gospel, good news(!), put to work by your generous and loving lives. Well done!

It will soon be Fall, Autumn.

I like crisp air, falling leaves, “warm-ish” days and cool nights.

Structurally, I do welcome the scheduled time that a school year brings. One need not live speeds from zero to 100 by the end of September. Still, various activities, new places, and consistent events, reflect the passage of time built into creation itself. What is your favorite season of the year? What makes it so for you?

This fall we resume Wednesday and Sunday education for children, young people and their families; choir; and other weekly or twice-monthly events. We are looking to have a few Sunday morning adult Bible and discussion times. In a broad view, as we anticipate United’s future, we look forward to launching a capital campaign this fall to address property and ministry purposes.



Moving closer toward calling a settled pastor, as your Interim Pastor, it is my hope that you all at United will reflect on what you all would like to see in that position. Will United want two pastors? One pastor? At what level will your household be willing to support financially, with your time, your daily and weekly prayers, etc. the future of your

congregation? If you serve on a committee, will you commit to serving in that capacity? How will you be involved in your church if you are not presently serving on a committee? What would United like the next set-

tled pastor’s focus area(s) to be? Prayerfully consider your responses to these questions. The future of your congregation will depend, in large part, on your responses (in both words and actions) to these kinds of questions.

You all at United have a good base for impacting the world for good in Jesus’ name. For you all I am grateful.

See you in church!

Peace,

Pr. Rich

Coffee and Devos for September



**Coffee and Devos will meet
Wednesdays, Sept. 2, 16, 30
at 10:30am in the lounge!**

God's Work. Our Hands at Town Square: September 23rd

Greater Grand Forks Area
ELCA Churches Present

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

Community Service & Learning Event

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

September 23 • Grand Forks Town Square

5:30–7:00 PM

5:30–6:15 PM | Eat + Serve

6:15–7:00 PM | Music + Community

**FILL THE
TRUCK** 

Bring nonperishable
food items to donate to
St. Joe's Food Shelf



EAT 
everyone's welcome

PACK 
food kits for neighbors

ACT 
learn about food justice
in our area

CONNECT 
music & community

 Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America



Mark your calendars and join United and Greater Grand Forks ELCA Churches in coming together at Town Square for an evening of service, learning, and community, bringing our churches together to put faith into action and love our neighbors.

*****Please note that this collaborative event will take place in leu of regular Wednesday activities on Sept. 23rd so ALL can attend! (Cathedral Choir, check with Michael about rehearsal.)***

Mission BBQ at Northlands Rescue Mission: September 10th

United Lutheran is hosting a BBQ at



**Northlands
Rescue Mission**
WHERE HOPE BEGINS

Thursday, September 10 | 5-6pm

NRM is located at 420 Division Ave

On the menu: Hamburgers,
chips, coleslaw, cookies,
and lemonade!
All are welcome!



Volunteers needed: Scan
the QR code, sign-up
online, or in the binders
on the ushers tables.



Kick-off Sunday! September 13th

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**Kick-off Sunday and Student and
Teacher Blessing at United Lutheran
Sunday, September 13, 2026**

9am - Breakfast Club Resumes

10:15am - Worship with
Communion, Blessing for
Students and Teachers, and
music by the Cathedral Choir

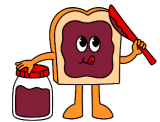
11:15am - Coffee, treats, and
Phoenix Back Pack Packing Event



Not Your
Average
Sunday
School!

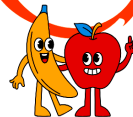
BREAKFAST Club

FAMILY-STYLE BREAKFAST *for everyone!*
PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR PREK-5TH GRADE
YOUTH-LED WORSHIP TIME
LESSON-THEMED ACTIVITY



EVERY OTHER SUNDAY FROM 9AM - 10AM
United Lutheran Church Lounge

Mark your
calendar
so you
don't miss
out!



SEPT 13
SEPT 27
OCT 11
OCT 25
NOV 8
NOV 22
DEC 6

REGISTER HERE



Youth Education in September

Breakfast Club – Family-style breakfast for everyone!

Meeting every other Sunday from 9am – 10am in the lounge

- ♦ Sept 13 - Kickoff Sunday! Breakfast Club resumes!
- ♦ Sept. 20 - No Breakfast Club
- ♦ Sept. 27 - Breakfast Club meets



Faith Friends and Pizza will meet Wednesdays at 6pm in the fellowship hall

- ♦ Sept 16 – Kickoff Wednesday! Faith Friends and Pizza begins in the fellowship hall
- ♦ Sept 23 – God’s Work Our Hands event in Town Square from 5:30pm – 7pm, no class

Confirmation will meet Wednesdays at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall

- ♦ Sept 16 - Kickoff Wednesday! Confirmation Class begins at 7pm! Join us for pizza at 6pm!
- ♦ Sept 23 – God’s Work Our Hands event in Town Square from 5:30pm – 7pm, no class

*Sing & Ring Choir resumes on Kickoff Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 5:15pm in the choir room!
See pg. 8 for more info. Sing & Ring members are welcome to stay for pizza at 6pm!*



Kickoff Wednesday! September 16th



*Register
Now*

FAITH FRIENDS
AND PIZZA



CONFIRMATION



5:15PM - 6:00PM: SING & RING CHOIR IN THE CHOIR ROOM

Children's choir open to all 1st - 5th grade students, directed by Ruth Ann Tuseth! Stay for pizza!

6:00PM - 7:00PM: FAITH FRIENDS + PIZZA IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for an evening of faith, fun, and friendship! Students will begin with a pizza supper, followed by music, a Bible lesson, and activities to grow together in God's love and community. Faith Friends is designed for students PreK - 5th Grade. BIG THANK YOU to our sponsors: Deek's Pizza!

7:00PM - 8:00PM: CONFIRMATION CLASS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Confirmation is for 6th - 9th graders! Confirmation students are welcome to come early for pizza!

New for Fall: Faith Friends and Pizza beginning September 16th

FAITH FRIENDS + PIZZA

Join United **every Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM** for an evening of faith, fun, and friendship! Students will begin with a pizza supper, followed by music, a Bible lesson, and activities to grow together in God's love and community. Faith Friends is designed for students PreK through 5th grade. **Confirmation students are invited to eat with us!** Bring your homework or a game to play until Confirmation class at 7pm! **Sing and Ring will meet at 5:15pm - 6pm.**

REGISTER NOW

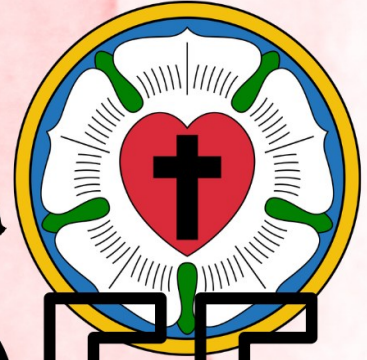


Wednesdays | 6 - 7 PM
Fellowship Hall
Free Pizza Included

sponsored by Deek's Pizza,
beginning Sept. 16

Confirmation begins Wednesday, September 16th

Confirmation KICKOFF



REGISTER HERE



September 16

6pm - 7pm: pizza, fellowship, & homework

7pm - 8pm: Confirmation class

Confirmation is for 6th - 9th graders

Confirmation is held every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall from 7pm to 8pm. Confirmation is an opportunity for students to affirm for themselves the promises that their parents, sponsors and congregation made for them at their baptism. At baptism, parents make this promise:

- to live with them among God's faithful people,
- bring them to the word of God and the holy supper
- teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy Scriptures
- proclaim Christ through word and deed
- care for others and the world God made, working for justice and peace.

Through education classes taken from 6th to 10th grade, our youth have the opportunity to learn what it means to be Lutheran, dive deeper into scripture, give opportunities to serve our neighbors and the church, and engage in intentional faith conversation. Our goal is to nurture and equip the faith of our young people to go into the world and boldly live in God's grace.

Calling All Singers of All Ages!

🎵 Choirs at United Lutheran Church! 🎵

Calling all singers! Come as you are. Come when you can! All are welcome!



CATHEDRAL CHOIR, with director **Michael Marcotte**, rehearses Wednesdays at 7pm in the choir room **beginning September 9, following the Party on the Blacktop!** The choir will sing during Sunday worship 2 to 3 times a month. If you are interested in joining the choir, or would like more information, please reach out to Michael!

SING & RING CHOIR, with director **Ruth Ann Tuseth**, rehearses Wednesdays from 5:15pm - 6pm in the choir room **beginning September 16.** Sing & Ring is a children's music group at United for **students who are in 1st through 5th grade**, and is a FUN way to meet new friends, learn musical skills, and share in worship! We sing and play hand chimes, percussion instruments and more.



Global Friends Picnic and Pride in the Park Opportunities

20TH ANNUAL
**COMMUNITY
PICNIC**
Sunday, September 13th
5:00 - 7:00 PM
University Park

EVERYONE IS INVITED!
FREE CULTURAL FOODS FROM AREA VENDORS,
CONVERSATION, GAMES, COMMUNITY
RESOURCES, MUSIC AND MORE.

FOR MORE INFO: www.GFCoalition.org
WELCOMING WEEK
FOR MORE INFO: [f/GlobalFriendsCoalition](https://www.facebook.com/GlobalFriendsCoalition)
WELCOMING AMERICA

You are invited to attend the 20th Annual Global Friends Community Picnic being held on Sunday, September 13th from 5 to 7 p.m. at University Park, and come together in a joyful space to support one another. The event is free and open to all!

**United will be at
Pride in the Park!**

Saturday, September 19th
10am - 3pm Kittson Avenue in front of
Urban Stampede & Rhombus Pizza

we need your help!

Represent United with your
friendly face and be a witness of
God's love for all!

United will have a booth at Pride in the Park (front of Urban Stampede & Rhombus Pizza) on Saturday, Sept. 19th from 10am to 3pm! We invite you to sign up to sit at the table and represent ULC! We'll have things to give away and information about United.

Quilting Resumes September 15th - All Are Welcome

The Quilters are Back!

**Tuesdays at 9am in the fellowship hall
beginning September 15, 2026**



United's Quilters will be back at work this Fall! The quilters meet each week, stitching quilts that bring warmth and comfort to people in our congregation, community, and around the world. The love they sew into the quilts is shared with newly baptized babies, graduating high school seniors, families in our community experiencing difficult times, and refugees around the world who have lost everything.

Interested? New quilters always welcome!

From the Welcome Committee: Your Input is Needed

The task force leading the ELCA in reconsideration of a subsection of the social statement, Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust is excited to share an opportunity for you to participate in this important work this summer.

The task force has released a new study to foster conversation across this church and to generate feedback that will guide its work. The study, **"Conscience and Conversation: A Study During the Reconsideration of the Social Statement Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust,"** invites reflection on agreement and disagreement in a church called to pursue justice and peace together through "the unity of the Spirit" (Ephesians 4:3).



There are two sessions for study. There is also a survey link for to share feedback with the task force. **Session One** looks at what unites us as ELCA Lutherans and explores ways Christians have disagreed faithfully while seeking unity in the Spirit.

- **Activity 1:** What Unites Lutherans?
- **Activity 2:** Three Stories on Conscience
- **Activity 3:** Lessons from the Stories

Session Two invites deeper reflection on disagreements and agreements regarding sexuality.

- **Activity 4:** Points of Agreement about Sexuality
- **Activity 5:** Reconciliation and Transformation

The study also includes FAQs about the process.

Please prayerfully consider offering your feedback as the task force prepares a first draft of the social statement for the church to consider. The survey is open until Sept. 30, though additional questions and feedback can be sent to the task force at **Reconsiderations@elca.org**.

Download the study and learn more about the reconsideration process online at ELCA.org/reconsiderations or by scanning the QR code. →



Summer Lunches 2026 Recap

Summer Lunch Program

The Outreach team is pleased to report another successful year for United's summer lunch program. **We served 3501 meals in 12 days**, just under last year's total and consistent with 2024. As the need for food assistance continues in our neighborhood, volunteers continue to show up to make the difference.

Each day the tables in the fellowship hall were filled, with a line often wrapping around the room. Families, neighbors, friends and strangers gathered to talk, laugh and share a hot meal. The mood was festive, hearts were light!

Thank you to the incredible team of volunteers who prepared food, served meals:

Shelly Amundson, Janiel Bollman, Jim Bollman, Suzy Belyea, Priscilla Campbell, Bonnie Gustafson, Judy Hams, Dawn Santangelo, Kathy Fick, John Fick, Paulette Weisz, Dwayne Moritz, Wanda Wold, Kris Miller and Ellen Jacobi from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Nannette Hoeger and Robert from Valley Senior Living, Nancy Hughes, Marlys Kjellberg, Rodney Kjellberg, Neil Thompson, Lisa Martinez, Jan Marto, Heidi Marto, Dawnn Morken, Duane Nelson, Mary Peterson, Allen Quie, Jim Taylor, Danielle Bollman, Anders Bollman, Vandella Bollman, Ginny Bollman, Suzy Wedin, Cathy Williams, Larry Heggart, Amily Soukup, Katie & Travis Pull & family, Linda Paulson, Lois Moore, Kirsten Carolin from Calvary Lutheran, Shari Elgin from Augustana Lutheran, Pam Heyd, Barb Larson, Logan Feist, Lev James, and Pastor Rich.

Particular thanks to Nancy Hughes, who manages the program, Suzy Belyea, who supervised the kitchen, and Priscilla Campbell, who supervised the serving line, and to Sandra Korsmoe, who donated 1,500 baked goods. We continue to be incredibly grateful for all the extra work from Darren Lee and Christine Barta, United's amazing staff. They go above and beyond to make the lunches a great success.

Special thanks to:

Deek's Pizza – for proving pizza for Wednesday lunches

Valley Senior Living – for kitchen services

All those who donated treats and baked goods for the meals!

And to Greg and Julie Nelson, whose generous financial donation made this year's summer lunch program possible!

Cathy Williams, chair

Community Outreach and Wellness Ministry





3,501 is how many meals we served this summer at our Summer Lunches 2026! We couldn't have done it without all of you! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

United in Serving

What is United in Serving?

United in Serving gives each member of United Lutheran Church the opportunity to step forward and be a part of assisting in the worship life of the congregation. Every Sunday morning, people are needed to serve the following roles: **Lector, Ushers, Communion Servers, and Coffee Hour hosts.**

What if its not my assigned quarter? Can I still serve? Absolutely! If you like to read, enjoy ushering, find serving communion to be a meaningful experience, or find baking to share with others brings you joy – great! Even if it is not your assigned quarter, please check the sign up for the upcoming Sunday. If we're in need of worship assistants, your involvement and service is welcome at any time!

How do I volunteer?

For more information on where help is needed and to sign up, go to <https://signup.com/go/UyFBjVj> which can be found at the QR code provided or by checking out the binder located at the **United in Serving sign up station** located down the hall toward the office. Here you can see what is needed the for the following weeks and sign-up. You are encouraged to check it out weekly and if you see a need, please sign-up to help where you can! Please contact the church office with any questions. Thank you!



From the ULC Treasurer

Dear Members of United Lutheran Church,

As reported at the Annual Meeting, we have relied on the Shalom Endowment heavily as offering and estate giving has declined over the years. At this time, there is approximately \$70,000 left in the account, which will be needed over the next few months to continue operations. While it is sad to see those funds dwindle, we pause to give thanks for all the blessings those funds have provided over the past 18 years!

At the outset, it was stated that "allocations from the (Shalom) Endowment shall be used to enhance the mission of ULC with specific preference given to the support of Music, Youth, Worship, Outdoor, Education, and Outreach ministries of ULC." This endowment has done all of those things! It provided for youth mission trips, confirmation classes, Sunday school, and other activities. It supported our outreach to our neighbors and our community through annual events such as summer lunches, the Woodpicks BBQ, and Party on the Blacktop. It helped with choir needs, organ and piano tunings.

This endowment has allowed us to continue the rich tradition and ministry of United Lutheran Church, and for that, we are truly grateful! We are exploring avenues to fill the gap that the Shalom Endowment will leave.

Respectfully,
Becky Vakoc,
ULC Treasurer

Financial Summary as of July 2026 (no meeting in July)

Income/Expense Statement

	July 2026 Actuals	July 2026 Budget	July 2025 Actuals	2026 YTD Actuals	% OF BUDGET YTD	2026 Annual Budget
Income:						
Regular Offering	23,443.32	30,416.67	26,949.50	161,395.51	44%	365,000.00
Other Receipts	116.85	10,375.00	20,697.64	17,011.33	14%	124,500.00
Restricted Contributions***	28,205.17	17,060.25	10,457.49	178,373.97	87%	204,723.00
TOTAL	51,765.34	57,851.92	58,104.63	356,780.81	51%	694,223.00
Expenses:						
Administrative Ministry	2,783.66	2,916.67	2,598.66	31,899.17	91%	35,000.00
Generosity Ministry	0.00	116.67	0.00	0.00	0%	1,400.00
Evangelism & Congregational Care	872.08	2,547.92	951.69	14,259.14	47%	30,575.00
Community Outreach Ministry	1,000.00	1,718.75	1,000.00	11,614.66	56%	20,625.00
Physical Property Ministry	14,185.30	16,091.67	13,558.27	128,164.40	66%	193,100.00
Staff Support Ministry	40,679.60	32,739.42	17,570.52	234,849.05	60%	392,873.00
Youth, Family & Education Ministry	934.61	1,720.83	-442.29	11,715.41	57%	20,650.00
TOTAL	60,455.25	57,851.92	35,236.85	432,501.83	62%	694,223.00
Surplus / Short fall	-8,689.91	0.00	22,867.78	-75,721.02		0.00
*** Shalom transfers	25,847.17		8,049.49	145,332.84		

Balance Sheet - General Fund Cash Assets

Assets:	
Checking Account	30,048.58
Thrivent Investment Acct - Restricted	<u>29,276.00</u>
TOTAL	59,324.58
Liabilities:	
Payroll Taxes	4,699.68
Accounts Payable	11,679.88
Dedicated/Restricted Funds	<u>177,078.61</u>
TOTAL	193,458.17
Fund Balance Operating	-134,133.59

SBA Loan

Beginning Loan Amount	480,000.00
Principal balance as of July 2026	26,218.40
Total Principal and Interest paid since origination	787,028.00
Monthly Principal and Interest payment	2,308.00

- Property budget includes asphalt repair under parking lot maintenance, and flood insurance
- Staff Support budget includes 3 pay periods in July
- Administration budget includes Kairos Consulting payments under professional services

Becky Vakoc,
ULC Treasurer

Memorials and Gifts

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

In Memory of Bob Quamme by G. Paul & Barb Larson, Family of Bob Quamme

PROPERTY

In Memory of Elsie Anderson by her family

ULCW

In Memory of Elsie Anderson by Sharon Steffen

ULC QUILTERS

In Memory of Bob Quamme by Lois Moore, Family of Bob Quamme

In Memory of Elsie Anderson by her family

UNDESIGNATED

In Memory of Elsie Anderson by Shawn & Darla Dobberstein, Jean Wixo, Sandra Burda, Aldon & Janice Filipi, Randy & Peggy Ganyo, Scott & Sharon Roche

In Memory of Bob Quamme by Duane Nelson, Family of Bob Quamme

Pastoral Acts

*With
Sympathy*

Chuck Akerlind
July 2, 2026

Bob Quamme
August 3, 2026

Connie Wehe
August 8, 2026

Todd Philbrick
August 16, 2026

YOUTH FUND

In Memory of Jack Deziel by Rick & Rhonda Hogan

RADIO SPONSORSHIPS

The radio broadcast for Sunday, August 2nd was given in loving memory of Delores & Orien Bratvold and Gary Bratvold by Sandra Ruud and family.

The radio broadcast for Sunday, August 9th was given in loving memory of Dorothy Thompson by Roy and Paul Thompson.

RADIO BROADCAST:

If you would like to sponsor a weekly broadcast the cost is \$178 per Sunday. It can be sponsored in honor or in memory of a loved one or in celebration and thanksgiving of an important event in your life or someone you know (Anniversaries, Birthdays, Graduations). To secure the date(s) you would like to sponsor contact the church office.

thrivent

THRIVENT ACTION GRANTS

Are you a member of Thrivent? If so, did you know you can apply for Thrivent Action Grants (\$250) twice each calendar year? These grants can be used towards events like our upcoming season of Phoenix Packing Events (begins Sept. 13) where we pack food packs that provide two weekends of food per month for students at Phoenix Elementary. For more info on how to apply, contact your Thrivent representative or call 800-847-4836.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

As a member of Thrivent, you can add a gift to United. It is as easy as designating your quarterly Thrivent Choice Dollars to United Lutheran Church.

You can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by calling Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 or go to their website: thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Please reach out to your Thrivent rep if you have any questions.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:30am - Coffee & Devos (LG) 1:00pm - Staff Meeting (106)	3	4 Office Closed	5
6 10:15am-Worship with Holy Communion (SA, Facebook LIVE or 1310AM KNOX Radio) 11:15am - Coffee Fellowship (FH)	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 11:00am - Staff Meeting (106)	9 5:00pm - Party on the Blacktop (PL) 7:00pm - Cathedral Choir (CR)	10 5:00pm - Mission BBQ (Northlands Rescue Mission 420 Division Ave)	11 Office Closed	12
13 Kick-Off Sunday Phoenix Packing Event 9:00am - Breakfast Club (LG) 10:15am-Worship with Holy Communion and Blessing for Students and Teachers (SA) 11:15am - Coffee Fellowship and Packing Event (FH)	14	15 9:00am - Quilting Resumes (FH) 11:00am - Staff Meeting (106)	16 Kick-off Wednesday 10:30am - Coffee & Devos (LG) 5:15pm - Sing & Ring (CR) 6:00pm - Faith Friends and Pizza (FH/Upper Level) 7:00pm - Confirmation Orientation (FH) 7:00pm - Cathedral Choir	17	18 Office Closed	19 10:00am - Pride in the Park (between Urban and Rhombus)
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27 9:00am - Breakfast Club (LG) 10:15am-Worship with Holy Communion (SA, Facebook LIVE or 1310AM KNOX Radio) 11:15am - Coffee Fellowship (FH) <i>Castaway Retreat</i>	28	29 9:00am - Quilting (FH) 11:00am - Staff Meeting (106)	30 10:30am - Coffee & Devos (LG) 5:15pm - Sing & Ring (CR) 6:00pm - Faith Friends and Pizza (FH/Upper Level) 7:00pm - Confirmation (FH) 7:00pm - Cathedral Choir		<i>Castaway Retreat</i>	



September 2026



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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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Website: www.unitedgf.org
Email: reception@unitedgf.org

Interim Pastor: Pr. Rich Kramer
Church Secretary: Christine Barta
Bookkeeper: Becky Knutson
Council President: Ross Hammer
Custodian: Darren Lee
Music Ministries Coordinator: Gretchen Kindseth
Cathedral Choir Director: Michael Marcotte
Sing & Ring Director: Ruth Ann Tuset

**DONATE
ONLINE!**



To make an online donation to
United Lutheran Church now,
please scan the QR code above.



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Loved by God. United in Christ. Living Love Out Loud.

United Lutheran Church Missional Narrative

OUR CALLING

Because Jesus calls us into love that restores, shows up, and is lived out loud.

We are grounded in the truth that we are already loved by God. From that love flows hope - hope for restoration, healing, and new life in a world longing for wholeness. We believe the Gospel is not meant to be quiet or contained, but embodied through lives shaped by grace, courage, and compassion.

Because God's love shapes and moves us, we have something to offer: hope where there is despair, love where there is division, and presence where voices have gone unheard. Following Jesus calls us into God's ongoing work of restoration by loving our neighbors, standing with the vulnerable, and choosing unity over separation.

OUR POSTURE

We embody this calling through love that restores, draws us together, and is lived out loud.

Shaped by Christ, we seek to be a genuinely welcoming community where each person is received as they are and where belonging is practiced. We remain attentive to the realities of our world and to the lived experiences of our neighbors—creating space where those who have felt overlooked are recognized and drawn into community, and where all are invited into authentic connection and shared growth.

Rooted in God's love, we intentionally cultivate relationships within our walls and beyond them, trusting that faith, healing, and restoration grow when people are present for one another. We do not seek to erase difference, but to honor it, engaging one another with grace and honesty and believing unity deepens when people are seen, valued, and loved in their fullness.

Living love out loud requires courage. We are willing to take faithful risks, remain flexible, and adapt as needs emerge—trusting that the Spirit continues to guide us toward wholeness, reconciliation, and hope.

OUR WELCOME

United Lutheran Church embraces the gift of God's love for all creation. We rejoice in the way diversity informs, nurtures, and enriches the life and ministry we share. In a world that is often unloving, we are called by the Gospel to be workers for justice, peace, and healing. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, physical and mental abilities, educational levels, family configurations, and economic realities. We commit to the ongoing work of Jesus' welcome for all.