We welcome EVERYONE!

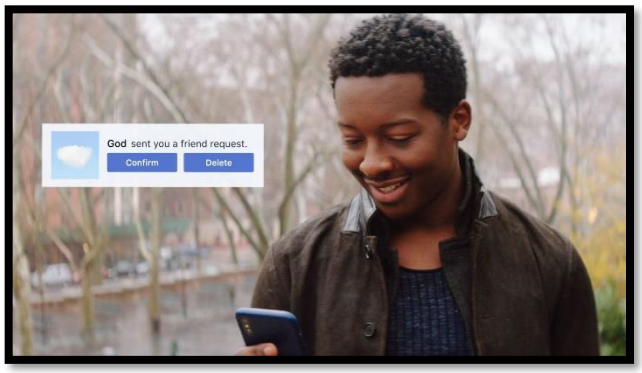
October 2018

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PROCTOR

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Greetings Proctor Lutherans,

I want you to watch TV with me. There is a new show on CBS this fall that I want you to watch and ponder. It is called "God Friended Me." The premise of the show goes like this: Miles is an outspoken atheist whose life is turned upside down when he receives a friend request on social media from God and unwittingly becomes an agent of change in the lives and destinies of others around him. Miles believes someone is fooling with him, intentionally pushing his atheist buttons. But then the God account leads him into a series of life-changing situations that make him question his own beliefs. What follows is a show about a man confronted with his life's choices, and the possibility that there is something beyond himself guiding his life.



Questions of faith, life, God, and relationships are a part of everything we do at United. But these questions are not unique to us alone. People from all walks of life, all ages, all economic and racial backgrounds are asking these questions as well. "God Friended Me" gets to those questions in an entertaining way. One of the lead characters of the show, Cara, says in the first episode that she is learning about the "intersection of faith and science through the prism of social media." In other words, how can we rely on technology, have personal and virtual relationships, and still be faithful people? Those are the types of questions that I want to discuss with you as we watch this show together.

God Friended Me premieres on Sunday, September 30th at 7:30pm on CBS. If you are a CBS All Access subscriber, you can watch the first episode now. After each episode, I will post discussion questions and related Scripture passages on the United Lutheran website and Facebook page. You are invited to leave comments and ask other questions. I hope that

watching this new show together will get us all thinking more about our faith and how we act it out every day in the world around us.

Peace+ Pastor Kowitz

As you tune into the first episode, ponder these questions:

- Why are family relationships so difficult? Miles and Cara both are hurting from past struggles with family. Why is it important to keep trying to repair those relationships?
- What happens when choices are fueled by fear? What happens when choices are fueled by hope?
- How do you explain the unexplainable? Do you need an answer to everything? Or if you "take it on faith" is that naive?
- How much of an effect do we have on others?

Fall Bazaar

November 3rd from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We'll be renting out tables for $10.00 each.

We will have a rummage area for freewill offering along with baked goods for sale.

Your rummage items can be brought to the church any time and put in the room across from the kitchen.
No clothing items or electronics, please!

If you have questions or would like to rent a table, please contact Deb 218-343-0223 or Gwen 218-349-9910 or Nancy at 218-628-2687.

CALLED HOME

A funeral service was held for **PATRICIA ANN WARE** on September 13th at United Lutheran Church.

Born on September 9, 1931, Patricia died on her 87th birthday, September 9, 2018.

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 1-2 p.m.

at United Lutheran Church.

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Answers INSIDE

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER

OCTOBER 7th:

Chapel Service Ushers: Joe & Barb Omundson
Assisting Minister: Dan Saarela
Reader: Karen Nolin
Ushers: John & Karen Nolin
Greeter: Jan Bakke
Acolyte: Zach Johnson
Counters: Claudia Gannucci & Linda Rohweder
Council Person of the Week: Karen Nolin

OCTOBER 14th:

Chapel Service Usher: Harold Mead
Assisting Minister: Bea Kitto
Reader: Chris Pasek
Ushers: Chris & Greg Pasek
Greeters: Audrey Johanson & Marilyn Lee
Acolyte: Dan Saarela
Counters: Peggy Jugasek & Betty Merling
Council Person of the Week: Chris Pasek

OCTOBER 21st:

Chapel Service Usher: Dan Morin
Assisting Minister: Dan Saarela
Reader: Paul Fleckenstein
Ushers: Janis Anderson & Susan Johnson
Greeter: Vina Anderson
Acolyte: Autumn Walters
Counters: Claudia Gannucci & Dan Saarela
Council Person of the Week: Dan Saarela

OCTOBER 28th:

Chapel Service Usher: Gordy Westendorf
Assisting Minister: Jim Kmecik
Reader: Dennis Palm
Ushers: Joan Thompson & JoAnn Schwerm
Greeters: Betty & Jim Merling
Acolyte: Janis Anderson
Counters: Carolyn Johnson & Janice Bakke
Council Person of the Week: Jim Kmecik

VOLUNTEER CHURCH CLEANERS

October 1 – 6
Peter & Sarah Kowitz

October 8 – 13
Andy & Amelie Livingston

October 15 – 20
Dan Saarela

October 22 – 27
Kathy & Dick Jazdzewski

October 29 – November 3
Terri & Jason Malec & Family

We appreciate you!

POWER IN PRAYER

All prayer requests can be called to Jan Bakke 628-1211 or submitted online:

htttp://www.proctorlutheran.org/prayer

All requests are important and we welcome any of your concerns.

Derek Allen Ziegler
and
Sarah Nicole Schwartz

were married on September 15, 2018 at United Lutheran.

May God pour all his warmth and care in your journey ahead.

DULUTH HARBOR MISSION

Duluth Harbor Mission focuses on homelessness and addiction. Located at 2910 W. 3rd Street, its mission presently has programs to meet basic needs of food, clothing and hygiene. Spiritual needs are also met through Bible studies, fellowship and street outreach. The vision of the mission is to eventually include a housing facility for men and women completing treatment or incarceration. The goal is to restore hope and see lives go from simply surviving to thriving in the anchor of faith in Christ. United Lutheran Church of Proctor supports this mission as our Local Mission. The congregation has a personal connection. Claudia Gannucci's daughter, Veronica, is the director.

The Evangelism Committee is spearheading a fund raiser on Sunday, October 7. During the 10:00 church service, Veronica will be speaking. A special offering will be taken for this worthwhile and needed program. After church there will be a taco buffet in the fellowship hall. Veronica will be staying for lunch, so she will be available for questions and conversation. This luncheon is supported by a Thrivent Action Project grant. The Evangelism committee has received $250 as seed money to purchase the food for the lunch and also hygiene items for the mission.

To support this local mission, we set a goal of $1,000 in our annual budget. October is the month to meet this goal. Our congregation is also being challenged to donate at least 50 hygiene items (see list below). Donations of money and hygiene items will be collected through the last Sunday of October. Please make checks payable to United Lutheran Church (Harbor Mission on memo line) and deposit hygiene items in the baskets in the entryway. It is United Lutheran's mission to serve the community and the world as we connect with each other and God.

Linda Southerton, Evangelism Chair

HYGIENE ITEMS	
Shampoo	Razors
Conditioner	Shave cream
Men's and women's deodorant	Absorbent socks
Feminine products	Baby diapers sizes 1-6
Adult body wash	Baby wipes
Children's bubble bath	Baby shampoo
Toothpaste / toothbrushes	Baby wash

UNITED LUTHERAN'S BOOK CLUB

Join us on
Sat., October 13th, 9:30 a.m.
at the Field Station Café
in Proctor to discuss:

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry
by Gabrielle Zevin

A New York Times bestseller! A. J. Fikry's life is not at all what he expected it to be. He lives alone, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. But when a mysterious package appears at the bookstore, its unexpected arrival gives Fikry the chance to make his life over--and see everything anew. Come join us!

HOMEBOUND VISITS

Are you no longer able to attend church? Would you like a visitor from your church family? Please contact the church office at 624-4255 on weekday mornings. Someone from the Fellowship Committee would be happy to visit you periodically.

Even though you are not able to come to church, we want you to know that we care about you.

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

United wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

- Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. *(This is the best way – less fees to the church.)*

- Credit & Debit Card Giving allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

- Online Giving allows you to go to www.proctorlutheran.org/giving at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

DON'T MISS THIRSTY THURSDAY THEOLOGY OCTOBER 11TH

Thirsty Theology Bible study meets on the second Thursday of the month at Black Woods in Proctor at 8:00 p.m. Join the group and Pastor Kowitz for conversation and Bible Study in a relaxed atmosphere with friendly chats.

Alcohol is optional;
Discussion is encouraged;
Fellowship is inevitable!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Chapel Service – 8:15 a.m.

Christian Education – 9 a.m. (1st, 3rd and possible 5th Sundays of the month)

Worship – 10 a.m.

Fellowship – following worship

Support United Lutheran Church of Proctor.

When you shop at **smile.amazon.com**, Amazon donates.

go to smile.amazon.com
and search for:

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Friendly Tip: After you have chosen United Lutheran, shop as you usually do. When you are ready to pay, go to your shopping cart, check the web address at the top and replace the "www" with "smile" if need be. Your web address should start with https://smile.amazon.com

SPECIAL THANKS!

As our lawn care season draws to an end, we sincerely thank Doug & Mary Jackson of D & M Lawn Care Services who freely gave of their time and donated lawn services to United Lutheran. Please keep them in mind for next year!

D & M Lawn Care, 393-6579

WE NEED YOUR HELP

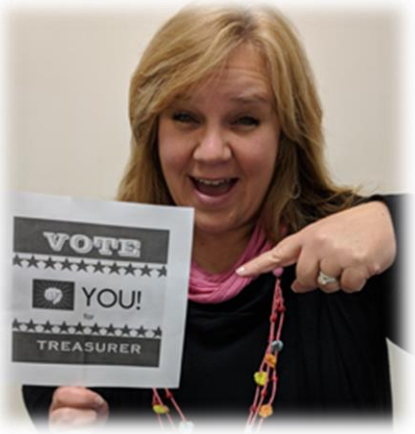
YOU ARE NEEDED to help serve coffee after worship each Sunday. Sign up with a friend. All you have to do is bring a treat to share. Coffee and Kool-Aid are provided in the kitchen. Check the clipboard on the table in the narthex and pick your Sunday(s).

– GETTING TO KNOW YOU –

CHRIS PASEK

TREASURER – COUNCIL

Since all of the current and past council members (of United) have been featured already, I couldn't avoid featuring myself any longer! I am Chris and have been your treasurer since January. It has been a challening year in learning how our finances are spent and managed. I've learned a lot about myself through this process. Financial management does NOT feed my soul nor does it energize my passion! I have much respect for those for which this does (and if you are one of those people, I invite you to join the finance committee or better yet, put your hat in the ring for Treasurer 2019! You'll get my vote!).



What feeds my soul is family and friends. My immediate family consists of a husband of two years, Greg, and 3 grown children. Janelle is 28, lives on the East Coast, and works in the avaiation industry; Taryn, 27, is in Duluth and just got her Master's in Social Work and my son, Matthew (23) is a year out of college working as a mechanical engineer in the Twin Cities. It is rare to have them in town at the same time, when this happens, I am giddy (and Greg enjoys it too)!

I work at St. Scholastica as a systems administrator in the IT department. I am currently working on getting my CISSP certification which is polishing my information security skills. I only mention it because it is consuming my life and I'm sure you'll see me swinging from the rafters once I pass the test!

In my sparetime, I am an avid reader which Greg can attest to when my iPad wakes him up at 2 a.m. and I can't put the book down. I love all kinds of books, especially those on history and have a bucket list dream to be a curator of a museum some day. Unlikely, yes, but what are dreams for, right?! I continue to read passages from the Bible but aspire to read it cover to cover. Sounds daunting to me but I bet many of you have done it. Can we rub elbows?

In sharing my favorite bible passage, I will say that I need constant reminders to hand over my troubles to God so these words of Jesus fall true on my ears:

> Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.
>
> John 14:1

Ribs & Sauerkraut Dinner

October 25th at United

4:30-6:30 p.m.

APPLE PIE BAKING

October 31st at 6:00

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

1 Gordon Gilbert, Grace Kmecik

2 Calandra Bruce

3 Linda Rohweder, Charmain Huberty

5 Jim Parmeter, Tyler Jorgenson

6 Carter Kowitz, Carl Anderson, Addie Dardis, Maria Frey, Rick Olson

7 Shari Lutzka

8 Nicole Leland

9 Hannah Lindberg

10 Paulette Barnard, Cheryl Fleckenstein, Deanna Lindberg, Jason Kilby

13 Ron Peterson

20 Cheryl Dewall

22 Ansel Kowitz, Treavor Leach

23 Katie Bolos

25 Dorie Liskiewicz

27 Gladys Haugen

28 Tim Jorgenson

29 Tyler Johnson

30 Pam Lonne

WARMEST BIRTHDAY WISHES TO YOU!

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CANOE COUNTRY 2019!

The rates have been set for the 2019 Canoe Country season! Customize your trip to fit your group and discover nature's wonders while experiencing all of the benefits of living in a faith community. Experience the unique Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness that offers 1200 miles of canoe routes and over 2000 designated camp sites.

Book your trip by October 1st to receive $500 off the total cost of your trip.

(www.VLMcamps.org/canoe-country/)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 7th - Fall Family Festival 2pm-5pm (Camp Hiawatha)

October 26-28 - Quilting Retreat (Camp Vermilion)

Save the Date! - December 9th Celebration of Light and Music

BOOK YOUR GROUP NOW!

Experience Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion in the fall, winter, and spring! Enjoy the fall colors, ice covered lake, or the first buds on the trees by booking a retreat, meeting or gathering at camp.

Call the VLM office to book your event.

give TO THE MAX
NOV. 15, 2018

This year GiveMN is offering even more opportunities for you to increase your gift to VLM.

- $500 awarded each day from November 1-14 for all scheduled gifts
- $500 Golden Tickets given every 10 minutes!
- $1,000 Hourly Golden Tickets
- $10,000 Super Sized Golden Ticket given out at the end of the day

Watch for more information on matching gifts and how you can support VLM on November 15 - the great Minnesota Give Together!

www.VLMcamps.org | vlm@vlmcamps.org | 800-331-5148 | 218-666-5465
Camp Hiawatha, 36944 Camp Hiawatha Road, Deer River, MN
Camp Vermilion, 2555 Vermilion Camp Road, Cook, MN

A MESSAGE FROM VLM

POSÉ*: A pause or rest stop along the Voyageurs' portage trail. Usually about ½ mile apart. We invite you to take a pause in your day to reflect and pray with us.*

For where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.
Matthew 18:20

If Only!

I often find myself in a discussion at church or camp or with family or friends, where I hear the words "if only". Usually it is followed by something we need before we can truly get a job done or feel successful. If only we had more money in the budget, if only we had more or different people, if only we had that new toy or new tool. If only...

I have noticed over the years that the next thing that happens is, well, nothing. When we are in an "if only" posture, we are in a holding pattern. Like a plane waiting to land, we are stuck. Projects and creativity are put on hold. Our list doesn't change. Things become stagnant. Why? Because we are waiting for something we think we need before we can "do anything". In my personal experience, this is the moment when we pick up our smart phone, or turn on the television, or otherwise "kill time". We are waiting, likely looking at how other people are living their lives.

For years, there has been a signed poster of the T.V. hero, MacGuyver, hanging in the Canoe Country Trail Shack. I loved that show because MacGuyver would always solve big problems with the basic items he had in his and his friend's pockets. An answer was provided through those random items. Matthew 6:25-34 explores how we worry, how we think we need something other than what we have right now. God provides everything we need. "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these...But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Right here, in us and around us, the great "I Am" provides.

Matthew 18:20 reminds us that, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." This is a completely different posture and feeling. Instead of a plane waiting to land, we are like a plane taking off, or MacGuyver ready to save the day. We have everything we need, the energy to do it. We have all the tools, all the people-power, and the time is now. This is our "I am" posture.

Today I pray that you can move from an "if only" person and into an "I am" community. Next time you are having an "if only" moment, take a look at yourself and the people around you. Remember that God gives us what we need, that we are wonderfully made, and that we are not alone. "I am there among you" says Jesus. And maybe check your pockets, you would be amazed at what a paperclip can do.

Joel Abenth, VLM Executive Director

United Lutheran Church of Proctor

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
UNITED LUTHERAN Church of PROCTOR	**1** 7 p.m. Finance Committee meeting	**2** 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7 p.m. Proctor A.A. meeting	**3** 1 p.m. Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7-8 p.m. VLM Meal Packing Party at Duluth Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd	**4** 10 a.m. Quilting 6 p.m. 12-Step Group	**5**	**6**
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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

You will be welcomed at each of the following:

- Chapel Service at 8:15 a.m. (Word of God and Holy Communion, with an abridged liturgy)
- Christian Education at 9 a.m. (1st, 3rd, and possible 5th Sundays of the month)
- Worship Service at 10 a.m. (Full liturgy plus other celebrations like baptisms, new members, choir)
- Fellowship to follow worship service

Within this newsletter are the various events hosted by our church in the coming weeks. You are invited to these activities, as well, and look forward to seeing you.

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