

WE WELCOME EVERYONE!
United Lutheran Church of Proctor
701 Third Avenue
Proctor, MN 55810

Northeastern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's Work: Our Hands.

Welcome to United Lutheran

Sunday worship 9:00 am

Serving our community and the world
as we connect with one another and God.

COVID SAFETY:

Masks will be optional in all church spaces.

If you feel sick, Please Stay Home
or wear a mask.

Within this newsletter are various events hosted
by United during the month. You are invited to
all. We look forward to seeing you.

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2 10am Worship & Potluck At Our Savior's / No Worship at United	3	4 5:30 Girl Scouts 7pm Proctor AA	5	6	7	8
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**United Lutheran Church of Proctor
Thoughts from Pastor Liz**



Poem 133: The Summer Day
By Mary Oliver

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean—
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down—
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?

My husband, Jeff, was granted a clergy renewal leave/ sabbatical from his church, funded through the Lilly Endowment. He's spending four months in renewal as he pursues a topic of his passion: human and bird migration. The afternoon of his sending service at church he was already on a plane, out to Arizona to search for migrating birds and connect with those who serve people on the border. For the rest of May, he was often out on our local trails, guiding, with a group, or searching alone for migrating warblers and other birds.

I stopped in briefly to one of the guided walks, joining 20-some other folks with binocular, scopes, and cameras, periodically shouting out names of birds- "Redstart!" "Chestnut-sided Warbler" "Blackburnian Warbler!" - locations "on that second red pine!" "Flying overhead, coming into the clearing!" - and commentary "oh, that's a beautiful bird!" "wow, just wow." It's quite an experience, to have a whole group of people so focused in on these quick-moving creatures that can be so easily overlooked as part of the background noise in our days.

Mary Oliver's poem reminds me that the deep act of noticing, the wonder and awe the arise from discovering what is always there but mostly ignored, is a work of faith. Noticing and wondering direct our thoughts away from ourselves towards that which is beyond us. In that sense of awe, we find God.

The summer provides different opportunities to be outside. It's a bit easier when you don't have to find matching mittens or put on layers of clothes in order to be comfortable. The daylight hours are longer. Some of you will travel or spend time at a family cabin or camping spot. You might miss being in person at church, but God will be everywhere you go. Spend some time intentionally noticing what is around you and foster a sense of awe. I encourage you to share with others or even post on our Facebook page images that show us what inspired your awe. Let's share how we are experiencing the wonder of our Creator this summer. We will be gathering for "Walks of Wonder" again this summer to be together as we notice the beauty of creation. Join in whenever you are able!

We are creatures of this earth, enlivened by God's Spirit. Jesus reminds us, "consider the birds of the air" (Matthew 6:25) to discover how we are meant to live. They praise God simply by being who they were created to be. God provides for them- and for you. Be present in your creatureliness, appreciate the gifts God has given you, and live this human life with joy.

God is with you!
Pr. Liz

Pastor Liz office hours:

Thursday 9-11am

June 13 & 20

Appointments for other times
welcome!

You can reach her via Email:

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or on her cell (Sun-Thurs 9-5 or

leave a voicemail or text anytime in

an emergency : 218-461-0933

Please contact Pastor Liz with any
needs. ULCP Office 218-624-4255

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Please Note:

Pastor Liz will be out a fair bit this month
for vacation time. An on-call pastor will
be available with phone numbers in the
bulletins and on the answering machine.

Visitation List:

Would you like to receive regular visits in
your home or care center? Or do you
know someone else who might? Email or
call Pastor Liz to be included on the list.

June Birthdays

6 Mark Linne, Karen Nolin

11 Deb Vanneste, Lolly Murray

13 Jordan Schwarz

21 Brad Johnson

23 Betty Rowe

26 Blake Sletten

28 Avie Murray

30 Mary Ann Tast



In Our Prayers

Ashley Carlson

Barb Hussey Susie's sister

Jean Olson Sue's friend

Candy Shuh

Shanna Saarela Dan's daughter in law

Ardythe Graves

Military serving our country



Funeral for Jan Lockwood was at
United 5/14/24. May light perpetual
shine upon Jan. We keep her family
and friends in our prayers

We keep all our friends at United & all
in need in prayer. This prayer list
includes those with emergent needs.
Call or email Paster Liz with any prayer
requests.

Unless requested to Pr. Liz with an
update, names will be removed from
this immediate need list after 2 months



Worship 9:00am Sunday Mornings

Sunday June 2 10am Shared Worship & Potluck with Our Savior's
Together we worship our Creator as we gather outside overlooking the pollinator
garden! Bring your own chair. Bring a jar of clean water from your home for a
blessing. Drop off items for lunch in the basement fellowship hall before worship.
Hot items should be brought hot and precooked and kept warm in a crockpot or
may be kept warm in the oven. Lunch will be indoors. In case of rain or storms,
worship will be indoors. See Deacon Jennifer or Dennis for music for a
combined choir. Worship will be only at Our Savior's 4831 Grand Ave, Duluth,
and not at United on this day.

Welcome in baptism Charles
Joseph Burnside, baptized 4/28/24



Congratulations to Deb Gergorich
and Bob Shevchuk, married at
United 5/18/24!



Congratulations to Aibhilin (Avie)
Murray who is graduating from
Proctor High School. The
quilters presented her with a
lovely quilt as we blessed her
and her family into the future.





Thank you to all who helped with the Garden Clean Up May 19th after church. Many hands make light work! We are seeking folks to Sponsor a Flower Bed for the summer. You would be responsible for weeding and watering. Please contact Mark 218-464-8171 for further details:



“River of Life” Day Camp at United Lutheran Church: August 12-15

“River of Life” focuses on a central part of our well-being: access to safe, clean water for all. We'll be invited to think deeply about God's gift of water and the justice the church is called to seek if we are to ensure that everyone can enjoy this life-giving resource. We'll be splashing through Bible stories, games, snacks, and experiences to learn about water around the world and the work the ELCA and other partners are doing to ensure access to clean water. We'll also engage with our local waterways, learning about our local watershed and water-based economy! Located at: United Lutheran Church 701 3rd Ave, Proctor, MN 9-3pm Monday-Thursday, with a special invitation to participate in Aug 18th Sunday morning worship at 9am at Our Savior's, Duluth or 11am at United, Proctor. There will be a program for families and friends at 2:15pm on Thursday. Register at: <https://forms.gle/TZ1HL4ZRCN7iekb77>
Adults and youth willing to help- contact Pastor Liz.



Thursday, June 20, 10:30am Bulletin Blast!

Join a small group of volunteers to fold bulletins for the next few weeks. We'll have fun and get prepared for worship. RSVP to Pr. Liz or just show up! Thank you for volunteering!



Youth Canoe Trip: August 25-30

Join Pastor Liz on the Flambeau River under the leadership of Camp Amnicon! This is an amazing adventure of wilderness camping, supported by a generous grant from the Irving Community Club. Open to youth grades 6+ and their supportive adults. Last chance to register!

Candy Bar Sale Results:

The Evangelism/Outreach committee raised \$505 from the April candy bar sale. The entire amount was sent to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response for humanitarian aid in our country and around the world. Thank You to all who supported this project.



Walks of Wonder: June 13, 1pm at Enger Park

Join together to be in awe of God's creation while you grow in relationship with others and get some exercise. Meet off the main parking lot towards the park area with the pavilion. This will be a gentle walk with great views!

Some Truths about Our Members



During coffee on May 2nd, we sat at tables according to our birth months; each person shared “two truths and one lie” about themselves. We had a good time laughing and getting acquainted with one another. See if you can match these members with a truth about them:



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|----------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Candy Schuh | A Has 2 daughters & a son | 15 Peggy Jugasek | O Enjoys making & eating blood soup |
| 2 Janis Anderson | B Going to Las Vegas For Christmas | 16 Jim Merling | P Has brothers & nieces who are twins |
| 3 Sue Schwarz | C Has visited all 48 continental states | 17 Karren Robinson | Q Taught piano & voice |
| 4 Reg Southerton | D Had a purple car | 18 Kathy Jazdzewski | R Came to Proctor at age 9 |
| 5 Marilyn Lee | E Was a candy striper | 19 Mark Linné | S Caught a dogfish |
| 6 Alice Halvorson-Rohweder | F Spent summers in Cloquet on Big Lk | 20 Declan Kimball | T Loves cats |
| 7 Deb Vanneste | G Loves to dance | 21 Gwen Nelson | U At age 8, smoked a Kool cigarette |
| 8 Jerry Grote | H Passenger on plane, hijacking attempted | 22 Nancy Grote | V Loves the Minnesota Vikings |
| 9 Claudia Gannucci | I Graduated from same HS as father | 23 Marge Lind | W Going to BWCA since 2 months old |
| 10 Betty Merling | J Pilot & flight instructor for 18 years | 24 Linda Southerton | X Has a brother in Thailand |
| 11 Dick Jazdzewsk | K As child had 3-legged dog named Tarzan | 25 Susie Johnson | Y Has 21 great grandchildren |
| 12 Karen Linné | L Loves dogs | 26 Dan Saarela | Z Played clarinet in PHS band |
| 13 Kathy Benson | M Has been retired for 8 years | 27 Lisa Olson | AA Has eaten chicken feet |
| 14 Darius Kimball | N Attended 5 different elementary schools | | |

Also four of these people are twins. Answers on page 6



Thank you for an awesome year of Sunday School! God bless all our youth, parents, and Sunday School leaders

Youth learned about Holy Communion with two sessions of instruction



United Lutheran Church of Proctor
Northeastern Minnesota Synod – ELCA
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, April 14, 2024

Present: Dan Saarela; Janis Anderson; Deb Vanneste; Mark Linné; Dennis Palm, Audrey Berglund; Gordy Westendorf; Lisa Larson; Pastor Liz Davis

Excused: Marcy Kimball

Devotions: Pr. Liz- Ps 133 - Joy of being beloved community

Approval of Minutes: M. Janis S. Audrey to approve. Passed.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee

- Special Fund: Outreach (from fundraiser) got used for the Proctor Foodshelf
- Property insurance: We've received notification from Grinnell that they are dropping us from insurance. When adjuster came, they didn't name things that immediately needed to be changed, so this was a surprise. Further conversation with local Young & Associates regarding issues; they are working to advocate for us with Grinnell so there's still a possibility we'll continue with the same company
 - o Alternative options for insurance have been explored by finance committee. This information will be shared with Mark. Motion to authorize Mark to seek alternative bids for insurance to present at May's council meeting. M. Lisa S. Janis. Passed.
- Motion to authorize Audrey Bergland, treasurer, to use Mission Investment Fund online services. M. Mark S. Janis. Passed.
- Audrey gone a couple weeks in May; Chris Pasek will take care of any financial needs.
- Accept Treasurer's Report. M. Janis. S. Lisa. Passed.

Pastor's Report

- Full report emailed.
- Thank you for participating in Holy Week and Easter
- Question of what might work for Lent in the future- do we want an earlier evening with more table-conversation focus? Do a midday service? People like Holden here at United. Night is traditional. Topic for next congregational meeting?

President's Report

- Council Person of Month: Gwen and Deb will take December; If you have to leave/ can't be at church first or last, just let someone else on council know to switch.

Committee Reports

- A. Worship and Music
 - Enjoyed the shared choir. Will connect with Deacon Jennifer regarding potential to do more often.
 - Pr. Liz brought up exploring recruiting choir youth members and developing a program with stipends for youth.
- B. Christian Education
 - Final classes in May- 1 & 3 Sundays
 - Kick-off Sunday School in fall with Bible presentations
 - Been a great year! Lisa and Kalie both doing great as leaders!
- C. Fellowship
 - o Funeral policy regarding kitchen use presented.
 - o Birthday celebration 5-5-24; Karen Linné is heading this up.
 - o Sampo Beach joint service with OSELC 8-4-24, 10am worship, 11am lunch.
 - o Coffee fund v. Kitchen fund? Motion to create a special fund: Kitchen Fund for 2024. M. Audrey S. Mark.
- D. Evangelism and Service to Others
 - \$2305 donated for Proctor Food Shelf + items for the March Food Campaign. Awesome! Includes \$ from the fall fundraiser.
 - Candy sales to good start
- E. Property
 - Summary document presented by Mark: went through church with rep. from Grinnell; things of concern: circuit breaker box in basement, wifi water sensor; group liability from groups; financial best practices; safe church policy; key holders- have list now; snow plowing insurance; new elevator inspection form needed to be posted; emergency lights at entrances did get fixed.
 - Flower beds- Audrey will follow up with Mark
 - Community Garden- Audrey will follow up with Mark
 - Lawn Maintenance- Audrey will follow up with Mark with our current contract; every 2 weeks, and Audrey fills in as needed
 - Handicapped parking signs will be replaced.

Staff Reports

- Job description for secretary is ready and going out for applications.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Ideas/Requests from Congregation

Announcements and Correspondence

- Thank you letter from PHS Chem Free Grad Party

Calendar

Next meeting: Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 7:30am

Adjournment

Minutes by Pr. Liz Davis

Treasurer’s Report Narrative for 4/30/2024

Receipts for April were \$7,238.85 for the General Fund and \$975 for Special Funds, \$450 for Food Shelf, \$505 from Candy Sales for ELCA Disaster Response and \$20 for the Memorial Fund in memory of Shirley Amundson.

Expenses paid in April were \$7,356.22 for the General Fund and \$4,738.74 to Special Funds, \$2305 to the Food Shelf and \$2,433.74 from the Irving Youth Fund, which is \$100 for Voyageur Lutheran Ministry, \$333.74 for various baptism, youth communion and other youth supplies, and \$2000 to Camp Amnicon for the deposit for the upcoming youth canoe trip.

That puts us under YTD budget for revenues by \$2,324 and under YTD budget for expenses by \$3,568, for a net gain of \$1,244.

The balance in special funds is \$36,470.10 and our CD at Mission Investment Fund is valued at \$195,716.26, with accrued interest posted quarterly at the end of May, August, November and February.

There are no new areas over budget at this time.

Audrey L. Berglund

General Fund	Apr 2024 Budget	Apr 2024 Actual	YTD 2024 Budget	YTD 2024 Actual
Income	\$8,233	\$7,239	\$32,932	\$30,608
Expenses	\$8,233	\$7,356	\$32,932	\$29,364
Net Income (Loss)		(\$ 117)		\$ 1,244

Answers to “Some Truths”

1E, 2F, 3G, 4H, 5R, 6Q, 7P, 8D, 9C, 10Y, 11-O, 12N, 13M, 14V, 15Z,
16B, 17A, 18X, 19W, 20L, 21K, 22AA, 23-I, 24S, 25T, 26U, 27J

Twins:

Darius & Declan Kimball, Sue Schwarz, Alice Halvorson-Rohweder

Note from the editor: Please send all submissions to Marty, no later than the 20th of the month martjj36@gmail.com or Cell 218-213-1060



Christ in our Home Daily Devotional
Pick up the latest copy at church.