

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 11:00 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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October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			4:30pm Confirmation	10am Quilting 11am Pastor's drop in		
		7pm Proctor AA				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10am Sunday School 11am Pet Blessing 12pm Council			4:30pm Confirmation	10am Quilting 11am Pastor's drop in 1pm Bible Study		8 am Nisswa MN Walking Together: Lutheran Church Of the Cross
		7pm Proctor AA				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
11am Worship 12pm Meatball Sub Lunch \$10.00				10am Quilting		
		7pm Proctor AA				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10am Sunday School 11am Worship			4:30pm confirmation 4:30pm Remembrance Candle Craft	10am Quilting 11am Pastor's drop in 1pm Bible Study		Our Savior's Craft Sale
		7pm Proctor AA				
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
11am Worship Mom's group		5:30pm Apple Pie Making 7pm Proctor AA	4:30pm Confirmation	10am Quilting 11am Pastor's drop in 1pm Bible Study		



United Lutheran Church of Proctor
Thoughts from Pastor Liz

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

No, you didn't pick up the wrong month's newsletter. It's not springtime, and yet, this is the Easter message: Jesus is risen! Christ is risen indeed! This good news is vital in every season.

As I write in the middle of September, I've just finished my time at our synod's annual Fall Theological Conference. It's so important to spend time in community with other pastors, deacons, and SAMs as we are challenged and renewed with new ideas. This year, Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen (<https://omgcenter.com> and The Spent Dandelion Retreat Center in Two Harbors) was our featured speaker.

In the midst of turmoil, she called us back to the baptismal waters where we are united in Jesus Christ and set on our way to live out our baptismal calling. At the end of this month, we have the joy of welcoming Ava, Eli, and Susie into an affirmation of their baptism, so it was especially poignant to consider the relevance of baptism/confirmation in our lives.

Rev. Dr. Madsen spoke of the gospel, in Greek (transliterated) the "euangelion," the "good news." The good news is that Jesus is risen! For those who may have become too used to it, she reminded us that someone is news because it tells of an event that matters for our lives, it has an impact. The news that Jesus is alive, that death has been defeated, is something that should drastically alter our lives today.

Death is all around us. Not just in the inevitable, when our time on this earth is ended. Death is all that is destroying life. It's addiction, greed, hatred, rumor, suspicion. It's the breakdown of community and the selfishness that steals life from others. As people impacted by the good news, we see death, we name its causes and its presence, and we also have hope. We know that death does not win. That hope sets us on a life path that is dedicated to bringing life. We trust that Jesus is risen, and so all the pain around us is something Jesus - God - cares about and is working to end. As the baptized, we are invited to join Jesus in this work, trusting that it is not done in vain.

When those who are baptized affirm - say yes- to their baptism on Confirmation Sunday, they commit themselves to lives shaped by this good news: Jesus is risen! Christ is risen indeed! This hope makes it possible for them to name the forces of evil and say, "I renounce them!" It makes it possible for them to claim responsibility to "proclaim the good news... to serve all people, following the example of Jesus and strive for justice and peace in all the earth." It makes it possible to believe that no matter what happens in our lives, no matter what we do or don't do, God's faithfulness endures. Nothing will separate us from the love of God poured out on us through Jesus Christ, experienced right in our own church's water and font.

God is with you!

-Pastor Liz

Pastor Liz's Drop In Hours

Thursdays at United 11-1pm
due to a community clergy meeting in the
mornings.

No hours on October 17.

You can reach her via Email:

pastorliz@proctorlutheran.org or on her
cell (Sun-Thurs 9-5) or leave a voicemail or
text anytime to schedule or in an
emergency: 218-461-0933

October Birthdays

2 Ian Larson
3 Charmain Huberty
5 Tyler Jorgenson
7 Shari Lutzka
9 Amie Lockwood
10 Cheryl Fleckenstein
16 Stephanie Hagen
20 Cheryl DeWall
22 Trevor Leach
28 Tim Jorgenson
30 Pam Lonne



In Our Prayers

Ashley Carlson
Lisa Olson
Lydia Frank
Shannon Jorgenson
Betty Rowe
Kathy Benson's niece Sabrina dealing
with health concerns &
family Brian & Selena
Military serving our country



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

Welcome to Tammy Segel-Crilly
as she joins our staff as secretary.
She will be very part time, typically
coming in on Mondays to help keep
our office running well.

We are so excited to have you join
the team!



Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday School 10am 1st & 3rd Sundays

Confirmation Class for junior/ senior high begins this month:

Wednesdays at 4:30pm and will meet October 2, 9, 23, and 30 at
United. Please contact Pastor Liz to enroll. Some months will meet less
frequently, but this month will help us solidify into a group. We will not
meet on October 16.

October 6: Pet Blessing:

Bring your pets to this outdoor (weather dependent) worship service!
This celebration coincides with St. Francis Day. We give thanks for all
creation, especially the pets who bring us so much joy and remind us of
God's care for all. Bring photos or mementos of pets both for a display
of those who would prefer to stay at home as well as for a
remembrance of those who have died.

October 6: Presentation of Bibles:

Sunday School and Confirmation students will receive Bibles during
worship.

Bible Study: The Grief Lectionary Thursdays at 1-2:15pm

This study will ground us in significant Biblical stories aligned with
aspects of grief. This study is for everyone, not only those who have
recently experienced a loss. We will meet Oct 10, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14,
and Dec 5 at United. Folks from both churches and the community are
welcome. In January, we will begin "Journeys Through Revelation:
Apocalyptic Hope for Today."

Remembrance Candles: Cross-Generational Craft Oct 23,
4:30pm at United

As we prepare for All Saints' Day, you are invited to create a
remembrance candle to light in memory of those who have died in your
community/ family. On All Saints' we remember those who have died,
give thanks for the impact they have had on our lives, and celebrate that
Jesus gives them new life. We will be decoupage onto glass votives, so
please bring paper copies of photos, etc., to paste. There will be some all-ages
teaching on a Lutheran understanding of death and resurrection, and our
funeral practices. Please RSVP to Pastor Liz by Oct 13 to ensure supplies. This
is for folks from both churches.



MEATBALL SUB LUNCH

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PROCTOR 701 3RD AVE.

OCTOBER 13TH— 12:00 TO 1:30

MENU

MEATBALL SUBS, COLESLAW, CHIPS, COOKIES, WATER COST \$10

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT AVAILABLE. TAKE OUTS SHOULD BE PICKED UP IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL DOWNSTAIRS.

SUPPORTED BY A THRIVENT ACTION PROJECT. PROFITS GO TO SUPPORT DULUTH HARBOR MISSION.

UNITED LUTHERAN SPONSORS DULUTH HARBOR MISSION MONTH

Duluth Harbor Mission focuses on adults experiencing 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 mission also has a house for women called Millie's House. Their goal is to restore hope and see lives go from simply surviving to thriving in the anchor of faith in Christ.

The United Lutheran Church of Proctor council has chosen to support this mission. The Evangelism/Outreach Committee is spearheading a fund raiser beginning October 1. The congregation has a personal connection. Claudia Gannucci's daughter, Veronica Ciurleo, is the director. She will be speaking at the 11:00 Sunday service on October 13.

This endeavor is a Thrivent Action Project. The Evangelism/Outreach committee has received \$250 as seed money. This money will be used to purchase hygiene needs for the mission. Our congregation is being challenged to donate \$500 and at least 100 more hygiene items. Donations of money and items will be taken through the end 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 of the church as you come to worship. Drop your checks in the offering plate or mail them in to United Lutheran Church, 701 3rd Ave., Proctor, 55810. It is United Lutheran's mission to serve the community and the world as we connect with each other and God.

Linda Southerton, Evangelism/Outreach Chair

HYGIENE ITEM NEEDS (* most needed)

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| *Shampoo | Razors |
| Conditioner | Shave cream |
| *Men 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 |
| Small lotions | |



Photo's from
Canoe Trip
August
25-30th



Help us celebrate 50 Years of ELCA World Hunger!



The annual Northeastern Minnesota Synod's Walking Together event will take place Saturday, Oct 12th at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa, MN.

The theme is this year is **Walking Together: 50 Years of ELCA World Hunger.**

We will gather to celebrate 50 years of ministry, learn together, and be inspired to work toward eradicating hunger across the world. The day will include worship, various workshops, a Caribbean lunch, action center, silent auction, hunger simulation, and public art project.

Free childcare will be provided! Cost is \$40 with the potential for a discount with a larger group from the congregation.

Doors open at 8am, event is 9am-3pm. For more information and to register, visit nemnsynod.org/walking-together-2024.

Mom's Group at United Lutheran Church 701
3rd Ave Sunday October 27th

Mom's Group: I'm BOARD!



Gather with other moms as we form a faithful community of support. Bring a board of snacks to share that tell us something about you! Think of it as "get-to-know-you-charcuterie."

United Fall Bazaar Saturday Nov 2nd
has been canceled.



Apple pies will be make on Oct. 29th at
5:30 pm.

We are still in need of apple
donations.



**United Lutheran Church of Proctor Northeastern Minnesota Synod
– ELCA Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 7, 2024**

Present: Pr. Liz Davis, Audrey Berglund, Janis Anderson, Dan Saarela, Gordy Westendorf, Mark Linne, Dennis Palm, Lisa Larson, Deb Vanneste, Marcy Kimball

Absent: Gwen Nelson

Came to Order: 6:00pm

Devotions

Approval of Minutes: M. Janis, S. Audrey – Approved.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee

- Tough month, more expenses than income
- Donations to the Memorial Fund – In the past, if people wrote a check to United and wrote in the memo line that it's in memory of someone, it would go into the general fund unless the person specifically mentioned that they wanted the money to go to a specific fund like the memorial fund. Audrey is seeking approval from the Council that this is the way it should be. Council agreed.

Approval of Treasurers Report: M. Janis, S. Lisa – Approved.

Pastor's Report

- August 4th worship at Sampo with Our Savior's – Thanks for a great day!
- Any interest in taking part in the Generous Together program that our synod is organizing. Need a core group of 2-3 people. It runs from September to May. Begins with a September 14th event.
- Passed out fliers for the Day Camp around the neighborhood and brought them to Our Savior's National Night Out
- ACT Picnic in July was well attended
- September 29th – Paint the YWCA West Duluth childcare center as a service project
- Potential for shared youth group with West Duluth churches
- Exploring a monthly mom's group
- Walks of Wonder continuing into September
- Day Camp at United – August 12-15. 16 kids currently registered.
- Canoe Trip – August 25-30, room for 2 more youth
- Leading young adult group: Discernment Lab with studies, speakers, and retreat
- Presentation of Bibles - Rally Day, September 22??
- Exploring what confirmation might look like next year for a new cohort. (Ava and Eli and Susie will be confirmed this fall.)
- Interest expressed from Our Savior's about shared Sunday School
- Vacation days: August 18-24
- Holiday: September 2
- NEMN Fall Theological Conference: September 15-17
- Retreat for Young Adult Discernment Lab Grant: September 18-21 (depending on flights may take Sunday, September 22 off, but that would interfere with Rally Day, stay tuned...)

President's Report – Dan experimented with using ceramic mugs versus using Styrofoam cups at coffee after church and it went well. People chipped in to wash the mugs and it was nice not to have all of the Styrofoam cup waste.

Committee Report

- **Worship and Music:**
 - Fun getting together with Jennifer and winging it at Sampo Beach service.
 - Dennis is planning to have two songs at the beginning of service. He would like to bring new energy to the services and try somethings that are different.
 - Forming a Worship Committee
 - Looking into selling tone cabinet for some extra cash for the church since it's not being used. Dennis has some contacts in the Twin Cities that he plans to reach out to.
- **Christian Education:**
 - Thinking of having a kickoff for Sunday School on September 22nd, but there may be a conflict with Pr. Liz's schedule.
 - Sunday School will be the first and third Sundays each month starting in October.
 - Lisa will reach out to Our Savior's to see if they would like to join our Sunday School.
- **Fellowship:**
 - November 2nd is the Fall Bazaar
 - Already have 4 tables rented
 - Planning to use the entryway by the fireplace for a couple of tables to give the fellowship hall some more room.
 - Would like to sell apple pies again this year. Need apples.
- **Evangelism and Service to Others:**
 - September 15th is the planning session for the meatball sub lunch
 - Trying to figure out a Sunday in October for it. Stay tuned...
- **Property:**
 - New sump pump was installed and it's working great!

Staff Reports:

- Interviewing for church secretary
- Confirm Dennis Palm’s contract. M. Janis, S. Audrey – Approved.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

- Bulletins – tabling the discussion until next month. Would like to review all the surveys.

Ideas/Requests from Congregation – None

Announcements and Correspondence – None

Calendar

Next meeting: **Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 12:00pm**

End Meeting: 6:55pm

Adjournment: M. Dennis, S. Janis – Approved.

Minutes submitted: Marcy Kimball

Treasurer’s Report Narrative for 8/31/2024.

Receipts for August were \$5,747.26 for the General Fund and \$5300 for Irving Youth Special Fund, \$5000 from charitable gambling and \$300 from canoe trip campers.

Expenses paid in August were \$7,832.74 for the General Fund and \$100 from the Irving Youth Fund for VLM.

That puts us under YTD budget for revenues by \$8,530 and under YTD budget for expenses by \$5,606, for a net loss of (\$2,924). The main reason for this net loss is the increased cost of property insurance, which was a 150 percent increase starting in May. We are now over budget for expenses relating to Worship and Music, Fellowship, and Property Insurance. Worship and Music is only over by \$63.50. Most of the Fellowship expenses have been offset by donations back from congregants and coffee fund donations made during fellowship time after church. Property insurance is explained above. By the end of the year we will be over budget for property insurance by over \$6000.

The balance in special funds is \$35,445.64 and our CD at Mission Investment Fund is valued at \$200,536.27, with interest of \$2,450.99 added on August 29, 2024, our next accrued interest will be posted at the end of November.

General Fund	Aug 2024 Budget	Aug 2024 Actual	YTD 2024 Budget	YTD 2024 Actual
Income	\$8,233	\$5,747	\$65,864	\$57,334
Expenses	\$8,233	\$7,833	\$65,864	\$60,258
Net Income (Loss)		(\$2,086)		(\$ 2,924)

Audrey L. Berglund

Note from the editor: Please send all submissions to Marty, no later than the 20th of the month martij36@gmail.com



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