

WE WELCOME EVERYONE!

United Lutheran Church of Proctor

701 Third Avenue

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Northeastern Minnesota Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's Work: Our Hands.

## **Welcome to United Lutheran of Proctor**

Sunday worship 9:00 am

Serving our community

and the world

as we connect with

one another and God.

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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## United Lutheran Church of Proctor

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# MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9am Pastor Drop in hours 10am Quilting 1pm Bible Study	2 Synod Assembly	3 Synod Assembly
4 Synod Assembly 9am Worship 10am Sunday School	5	6 7pm Proctor AA	7 4:30 Confirmation at United	8 9am Pastor Drop in hours 10am Quilting	9	10
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18 9am Worship New Members Celebration 10am Sunday School	19 WRK Moms	20 7pm Proctor AA	21	22 9am Pastor Drop in hours 10am Quilting	23	24
25 9am Worship	26	27 7pm Proctor AA	28 4:30 Confirmation at United	29 9am Pastor Drop in hours 10am Quilting 5pm Confirmation at OSLC	30	31



**United Lutheran Church of Proctor**  
**Thoughts from Pastor Liz**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter greetings to you all.

Have you ever had a really great experience that you just have to tell everyone about? You went out to lunch last Tuesday and you just can't stop telling everyone about the BEST hamburger you've ever had and you find yourself not only recommending it but pulling up the directions on your phone to be sure the other person goes there RIGHT NOW!

Even when we know we're being a bit over the top, we so want other people to share in that BEST experience, we tell them about it and do what we can to make it easy for them to replicate our experience. We know that when they experience it, they'll understand why we were so excited; they will be, too.

After Jesus' death and resurrection, it took the disciples a bit to get warmed up. They didn't immediately go out and tell EVERYBODY about Jesus and his resurrection. They were scared, confused, and hesitant. But when Jesus assured them that he really was alive and resurrected, and after he sent his Holy Spirit to be within and among them, then they got going sharing the good news. They didn't hold back! It was too amazing, too wonderful, to let anyone miss out on hearing that Jesus was the promised messiah, who died and rose, and changes the arc of existence so that we aren't descending into death, we are rising into new life and a transformed world.

Is there something about your faith that is at least as good as a hamburger?  
What is it?

Have you had an experience of welcome, peace, joy, forgiveness, comfort or hope? Because of your congregation, have you been able to be a part of something bigger than yourself, something making a positive difference in the world? Have you gained a new perspective or thought that helped you make sense of something?

I encourage you to not only think about it, but share. You don't have to start with telling EVERYBODY, but maybe there are a few folks who would listen and care to hear something that's important to you. It would be wonderful to share some of your experiences in our next newsletter, so that others can be inspired by your witness.

God is with you!  
-Pastor Liz

## Pastor Liz's Drop In Hours

Pastor Liz has drop in office hours on Thursdays 9-11am and others by appointment. To ensure a meeting, please email her at [pastorliz@proctorlutheran.org](mailto:pastorliz@proctorlutheran.org) or leave a voicemail at 218-461-0933.



Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sunday 10:00 am

## In Our Prayers



Mary Schwarz  
Sabrina, Kathy Benson's niece  
Bob Saarela  
Wendell & family, Mary, friends of Pr. Liz  
Sletten Family, death of Kalie's mother  
Joyce Rix.  
Wayne Fechner prayers for healing

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

### 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.



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

### Note from the editor:

Please send all submissions to Marty,  
No later than the 20th of the month.  
[martij36@gmail.com](mailto:martij36@gmail.com)

**Confirmation Class:** May 7, 14, 28, and June 4: 4:30pm, United. We're studying our ancestors in the faith whose stories are in the Old Testament.

An additional class for youth and their adults on Thursday May 29, 5pm at Our Savior's

**Revelation Bible Study** April 3, 24, and May 1 at 1pm in the United Conference Room.

**Quilting:** Thursdays 10am

**Save the date:** June 8 will be a shared Our Savior's-United worship event with special interactive learning with the Generous Together project! We'll only be worshipping at Our Savior's to build relationship.

**WRK:** Women Raising Kids -> Adults had a blast axe-throwing in March and will be enjoying the outdoors on Monday, May 19.

**New member's celebration** May 18. Please connect with Pr. Liz if you'd like to be welcomed in membership.



Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry staff visited for Camp Sunday and joined us in worship and at Sunday School!



WRK went axe-throwing! Lots of laughs while we support each other in parenting!



Walkin' TacOs with the Bishop. Folks from Duluth area churches gathered to learn more about our shared ministry as the Northeastern Minnesota Synod.

**Day Camp** We are so excited to be welcoming the staff from Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry to lead our Day Camp this year! They bring such amazing energy, music, and ways to connect our youth with the God who loves them so very much! Day Camp is July 14-17, 9-3, for those currently in grades K-5. There will also be a Tuesday evening event for the community, details to come. We are looking for folks who might want to host a supper for the camp staff, bring them out to a local activity, or house them: talk to Pr. Liz for details. Registration is required to ensure we have the correct staff ratio:  
Register kids here: <https://forms.gle/zNzSXiULe2vNYutP9>  
Older youth may volunteer here: <https://forms.gle/PuhWZhVjViLAEUU9A>  
Adults may volunteer here: <https://forms.gle/QH6tzVVhZDaAw4m98> Please note you will be required to have a background check through VLM.



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Check out Broken Lands podcast, a ministry of our NEMN Synod! Broken Lands brings together the voices of Native Americans and white settlers to reflect on the effects of treaty violation, the value of reparations, and to imagine a future of living well together. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/broken-lands-a-podcast-about-reparations-and/id1652160584>

**United Lutheran Church of Proctor  
Northeastern Minnesota Synod - ELCA  
Congregation Council Meeting  
Minutes: Sunday, March 9, 2025**

**Present:** D. Saarela, G. Westendorf, A. Berglund, D. Palm, M. Linne, M. Kimball,  
Pastor Liz, C. Fleckenstein

**Absent:** J. Anderson

**Came to Order:** 2:38 p.m.

**Devotions:** D. Saarela

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by M. Linne, D. Palm, approved.

**Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee:**

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Motion by D. Palm, M. Kimball, approved.

- Discussion about using Christ in Our Home, and whether we should switch to Daily Bread.
- Discussion about two people counting cash.

**Pastor's Report:** February and March 2025 written reports.

**President's Report:** none

**Committee Reports**

- **Worship and Music:** D. Palm seeking congregation suggestions for hymns.
- **Christian Education:** VLM Day Camp will be held the week of July 13. No updates on SS.
- **Fellowship:** Want to organize breakfast potluck on Palm Sunday, April 13. Contact Deb or Gwen.
- **Evangelism and Service to Others:** no report; working on next meeting.
- **Property:**
  - Working on revisions to Hillside Gardens access to parking lot: put sign up about weight limit of vehicles, how much they will pay for maintenance and repaving. Motion to approve M. Linne working out these revisions and having D. Saarela and M. Linne sign by EOM. C. Fleckenstein, D. Palm, approved.
  - Changing electrical circuit boxes will take about two days.

**Staff Reports:** Tammy changing work hours to 3 hours Thursday instead of Monday.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:** J. Anderson can fill in Council Member of the Month if other council members unable to fulfill role on a Sunday.

**Ideas/Requests from Congregation:** Recommended to make just one size bulletin (larger one), and eliminate readings and hymn words to conserve paper.

**Announcements and Correspondence:** Thank you received from ELCA for Good Gifts of \$724.

**Calendar:** Next Council meeting Sunday, April 6, 2025, 7:30 a.m.

**End Meeting:** Motion to adjourn A. Berglund, M. Kimball, approved.

**Adjournment:** 3:20 p.m.

**Minutes Submitted:** C. Fleckenstein

Treasurer’s Report Narrative for 3/31/2025

Receipts for March were \$8,342.31 for the General Fund and \$1276.22, \$1245 for the Food Shelf Special Fund, \$27 from Thrivent to Capital Improvements and \$4.22 in interest to Memorials.

Expenses paid in March were \$9,362.10 from the General Fund and \$100 from the Irving Youth Fund for VLM and \$500 from Day Camp for deposit for VLM Day Camp in July.

That puts us under YTD budget for revenues by \$2,559 and under YTD budget for expenses by \$359, for a net loss of (\$2,200).

The balance in special funds is \$35,839.71. Our CD at Mission Investment Fund is valued at \$205,502.28, with interest of \$2,484.70 added on February 28, 2025, our next accrued interest will be posted at the end of May. Please note that neither the principal nor interest in this CD is available for spending at this time.

General Fund	Mar 2025 Budget	Mar 2025 Actual	YTD 2025 Budget	YTD 2025 Actual
Income	\$8,728	\$ 8,342	\$26,184	\$ 23,625
Expenses	\$8,728	\$ 9,362	\$26,184	\$ 25,825
Net Income (Loss)		(\$ 1,020)		(\$ 2,200)

Audrey L. Berglund

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