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 11:00 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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November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 11am Worship	2	3 7pm Proctor AA	4	5 10am Quilting	6	7
8 10am Sunday School 11am Worship	9	10 9am Apple Pie Making 1pm Visit & Chat 7pm Proctor AA	11	12 10am Quilting	13	14
15 11am Worship	16	17 7pm Proctor AA	18	19 10am Quilting	20	21
22 10am Sunday School 11am Worship	23	24 7pm Proctor AA	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 11am Worship	30					Save the Date Dec 5th 12pm Christmas Luncheon.

Welcome, Pastor Nancy Hong!

Pastor Nancy Hong will begin her ministry as Interim Pastor for ULCP on November 1st.

A bit about Pr. Nancy Hong….
Pr. Nancy was born and raised in Sioux Falls, SD and spent summers at her Grandparents' cabin in Knife River, MN. After graduation from Luther Seminary in 1999. Pr. Nancy served congregations in South Dakota and Southwest and Northeastern MN. Pr Nancy will bring her Education and Experience as a Pastor, Therapist, Yoga and Ballet Teacher to her work as our Interim Pastor.

In Our Prayers

Alice,
Claudia,
Wayne Fechner
Joyce Rosen
Peg Sweeney
Peggy Jugasek
Julie Saatoff- (Betty & Jim's daughter)
Char Reno (Audrey's sister)
Shanna (Dan's daughter in law)
Jeff { Betty & Jim Merling's son.}
Bill (Marty Jonland's brother}

We keep all our friends at United & all in need in prayer. This prayer list includes those with emergent needs.
Call the church office with any prayer requests.
Unless requested with an update, names will be removed from this immediate need list after 2 months

UNITED LUTHERAN Church of PROCTOR

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am

Pastor Hong will be presiding over communion on November 1, 8 and 29. Office Hours are TBD

Sunday School: 2nd & 4th Sunday

Quilting: Every Thursday at 10 am

Visit & Chat at Lifestone: Tuesday Nov 10th 1pm

Nov 10th: 9am Apple Pie Making Fundraiser
(see page 4 for further information.)

Mark Your Calendar : Women's Christmas Luncheon Dec 5th (see page 3 for further information)

Prayer Chain : Kathy Benson has volunteered to restart and chair the Prayer Chain. Please contact Kathy if you want to join or continue on the Prayer Chain. **jkkraben@charter.net** or 218-310-4004.

Note from the editor: Please send all submissions to Marty, No later than the 20th of the month. martjj36@gmail.com

United Lutheran Church of Proctor

From Council President

Shannon Sweeney

November: A Season of New Beginnings

November brings us a season filled with remembrance, gratitude, and new beginnings. On All Saints' Day, we remember those who have gone before us, giving thanks for the people whose faith, love, and presence have helped shape our lives and our congregation. We carry their legacy with us as we continue to grow and find our way forward together.

We also welcome Interim Pastor Nancy Hong, who begins her ministry with us on November 1! Pastor Hong will be with us three Sundays each month, with office hours to be determined. We look forward to getting to know her and working together during this important time in the life of United Lutheran Church of Proctor. Please join me in giving her a warm welcome as she becomes part of our church community.

Reformation Sunday brought another milestone as our confirmands completed their confirmation journey. What a wonderful reminder that faith is something we continue to learn, question, explore, and live out throughout our lives. Congratulations to our confirmands as they take this next step in their faith journey!

And now, Advent is just around the corner. As we enter a new liturgical season, we also find ourselves entering a new season as a congregation. We are in a time of transition, discernment, and possibility. With Pastor Hong's guidance and in partnership with Our Savior's Lutheran Church (OSELC), we will begin the work of discerning who God may be calling to serve as our next pastor. This process will take time, prayer, honest conversation, and a willingness to listen to one another and to the Spirit. We do not need to have all the answers today. We simply need to keep showing up, supporting one another, and trusting that God is present in the journey.

As we look toward the future, we also need to think about how each of us can help shape it.
Some of our current Council members' terms are coming to an end, creating opportunities for new leaders to step forward. Could that be you? Council service is one important way to contribute, but it is not the only way. There are many gifts, skills, ideas, and talents our congregation needs. Whether you are interested in leadership, helping with a project, supporting worship, welcoming visitors, or finding another way to serve, please consider how you might become more involved. A healthy, vibrant congregation depends on all of us sharing in its life and ministry.

Finally, we need to talk about something less exciting but equally important: our finances. We continue working toward our goal of raising $15,000 for a new boiler, and every contribution brings us closer to that goal. At the same time, our regular expenses continue. We still need to pay the electric bill, heat the building, maintain our space, and cover the many other costs that keep our church operating. Like so many households and organizations, we are experiencing increases in the cost of nearly everything.

If you are able, please take some time to reflect on your current giving and consider whether you might increase your contribution. Every gift matters, and consistent giving helps us plan for the future while meeting our needs today. The boiler fund is important, but so is keeping the lights on and ensuring that we can continue to gather, worship, learn, and serve together.

November invites us to remember the saints who helped build the church we have today, celebrate the people growing in faith among us, welcome new pastoral leadership, and prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. It also reminds us that **the future of United Lutheran Church of Proctor is something we create together**—through our prayers, our generosity, our service, and our willingness to step forward when we are needed.

May we enter this season with open hearts, hopeful spirits, and a renewed commitment to one another. There is much ahead of us, and we do not walk this path alone.

Blessings,
Shannon

Women's Christmas Luncheon

Saturday December 5th 2026

Starting at Noon

Entertainment by Lorna West

Sara Mae's Catering

Tickets will go on sale from Nov 8th until Nov. 27th

and are $20.00

Please invite your family and friends.

Contact Gwen at 218-348-9675 if you have questions.

Worship Leaders for the Month

Council Person of the Month: Janis A.
Altar Guild: Janis A.

Nov. 1st:
Pulpit Supply: Shannon S.
Assisting Minister 1: Audrey B.
Assisting Minister 2: Dan S
Reader: Claudia G.
Ushers: Claudia G. & Candy S.
Acolyte: If no volunteers for acolyte, assisting minister will acolyte.

Nov. 8th:
Assisting Minister: Howard S.
Reader: Kathy B.
Ushers: Steve & Marty J.
Acolyte:

Nov. 15th:
Assisting Minister: Chris P.
Reader: Linda S.
Ushers: Brad & Carolyn J.
Acolyte:

Nov. 22nd:
Assisting Minister: Kathy B.
Reader: Chris P.
Ushers: Kathy J. & Family
Acolyte:

Nov. 29th:
Assisting Minister: Gordy W.
Reader: Candy S.
Ushers: Greg & Chris P.
Acolyte:

If for some reason you can't make your schedule, please find a replacement and change it on the list on the bulletin board. Thank you for willing to serve God's people.

Blessings and peace. Dan S.

Apple Pie Fundraiser on November 10, 2026, starting at 9 a.m.

The church will be making and selling apple pies for the holidays again. Howard and Audrey are chairing the group to make the pies. Proceeds will go to the General Fund to help us with some increased expenses that we are anticipating in 2027. We will be making pie crusts ahead and are hoping to do the actual construction on **Tuesday, November 10th at 9:00 a.m.** In addition to asking all who are available to help on that day, we are looking for **donations of apples, flour, sugar, or money to pay for pie tins and zip lock bags or other items needed**. Two sign up sheets are in the narthex, one for workers on November 10th and one for donations of items. If you want to donate money to help with materials, please make a check to ULC and put Apple Pies in the memo spot.

Come and join a fun fellowship time while we work. If you have never done this before, come and we will find you a job. Feel free to bring your favorite paring knife or apple peeler. Depending on how many people can help, it should take about 3 to 4 hours. But please come even if you only have an hour or 2 to contribute.

Thank You to the Meatball Sub Kitchen Crew .

United Lutheran Church of Proctor
Northeastern Minnesota Synod – ELCA
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, September 13, 2026, 9:30 am

Attendance: S. Sweeney, A. Berglund, J. Anderson, H. Simula, M. Kimball, G. Westendorf, M. Linne, D. Saarala, Cheryl Fleckenstein
Absent: none
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Shannon at 9:32 am
Devotions: by G. Westendorf

Approval of Minutes: J. Anderson moved, H. Simula second approval of corrected August 2026 minutes. Carried.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee: written. Still $6,000 in black. Concern about higher amount of copying done (1000 pages per month, or 2 whole reams of paper) resulting in overage costs, but no idea why. Discussed ways to monitor usage. J. Anderson moved to accept Treasurer's report, M. Kimball second. Carried.
Pastoral Acts: none

President's Report: Both OSELC and United councils are interested in moving forward with interim candidate. J. Anderson moved that we move forward with working with the synod and OSELC to contract with the interim candidate , M. Linne second. Carried.

Committee Reports

A. Worship & Music: C. Fleckenstein held training session for lay visitors to take communion to shut ins. Visitors will be J. Anderson, Susie Johnson, Candy Schuh, Howard Simula, and Dan Saarala. Dan will put an article in the newsletter about this service to shut-in members.

B. Christian Education: Today is Sunday school kick-off. Confirmation Sunday will be October 25. Marcy will set up meeting with confirmation parents for early October, to be led by either interim pastor or C. Fleckenstein, depending on interim's start date.

C. Fellowship: Discussed updating rental agreement with committee. Planning for women's Christmas dinner to be held December 5.

D. Evangelism and Service to Others: October 18 sub sale committee will meet after worship today.

E. Property: 1. JR Kimball cleaned/waxed the basement floors.
2. Elevator inspection was done by Arrow Lift. It was one of the inspections included in our annual maintenance fee. 3. Brad Johnson caught a mouse in a trap he set in the sanctuary. 4. Annual inspection of the church fire extinguishers was done by Northland Fire and Safety. 5. It's time to arrange for snow removal this coming season. Continued discussion of dog problems.

Staff Reports: none

Unfinished Business:

1. Nominations: Cheryl's, Mark's and Gordy's terms are complete. Start to advertise for these upcoming vacancies. Gordy will be staying on council- position.
2. Rental Requirements: We need people to start looking at the rental contracts and revise to work for our congregation.

3. Girl Scouts use of building on Sunday evenings: There will be a short "clean-up" contract for them to sign. Shannon will revise and get it back to council for approval.

4. RIC Partnership Commitment: Item previously tabled by Shannon

5. Mission Support Celebration Dinners - Synod Event: Thank you dinners on Sunday, Sept 27th in Cross Lake MN also on Sept 29th in Cloquet. Shannon needs to know if anyone is interested in attending. None.

6. Job Descriptions: Descriptions for Dennis and Tammy. Shannon will finish up the paperwork and send them out to the committee.

7. Annual Review: Shannon would like to finish up the reviews with Tammy and Dennis before the interim pastor begins. They can sign off on their job descriptions.

New Business: none
Ideas/Requests from Congregation: none
Announcements and Correspondence: none
Calendar

Next meeting: October 11, 2026, 12 noon. Devotions by: J. Anderson

Adjournment: J. Anderson moved to adjourn, A. Berglund second, carried.
End of Meeting: 10:43 am

Treasurer's Report Narrative for 9/30/2026

Receipts for September were $8,587.24 for the General Fund and $2061 in the Boiler Special Fund from donations and $4.43 in dividends deposited directly to the Memorials Special Fund.

Expenses paid in September were $4,877.82 from the General Fund and $100 from the Irving Youth Special Fund for VLM.

That puts us over YTD budget for revenues by $693 and under YTD budget for expenses by $9,641, for a net gain of $10,334.

The balance in special funds is $29,434.44. Our CD at Mission Investment Fund is valued at $221,179.82, with interest of $2,703.29 added on August 29, 2026, our next accrued interest will be posted at the end of November, 2026. Our smaller CD at Mission Investment Fund was transferred to the Savings Account in June to be used to help pay for the new boiler, as needed. This CD was originally designated for future repairs to the driveway and parking lot and originated from funds received from Hillside Gardens for that purpose due to their use of the driveways and parking lot while under construction. This amount will be paid back as soon as the funds have been accrued and the funds will be redesignated for those future repairs. Please note that neither the principal nor interest in the CD is available for spending at this time.

Audrey L. Berglund

General Fund	Sep 2026 Budget	Sep 2026 Actual	YTD 2026 Budget	YTD 2026 Actual
Income	$8,415	$ 8,587.24	$75,735	$ 76,428
Expenses	$8,415	$ 4,877.82	$75,735	$ 66,094
Net Income (Loss)		$ 3,709.42		$ 10,334