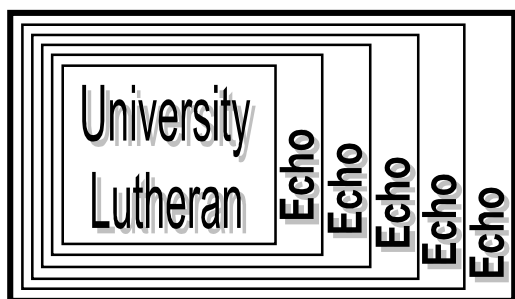


JUNE 2015



# The Echo

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You have likely heard this chant at football games. Fans on one side of the field shout, "We have the spirit, yes, we, do. We have the spirit, how about you?" Then fans on the other side, not to be outdone, shout the same, "We have the spirit, yes, we, do. We have the spirit, how about you?" These same words are shouted back and forth, one side to the other, louder and louder, until both sides break into the words, "We have more. We have more." The idea here is the side who is the loudest actually has the most school spirit.

Is this true in the church with the Holy Spirit? Are only the loudest denominations filled with the Holy Spirit? Can a shy and quiet person who doesn't say much have the Holy Spirit? If we talk a lot about the Holy Spirit, does it mean the Spirit is in us? Lutherans are often accused of not talking enough about the Holy Spirit. Some in the church say the Holy Spirit is not given in Lutheran infant baptisms because the child isn't speaking for itself. Still others say you don't have the Holy Spirit in you unless you really emotionally feel it.

I think arguing about who has the Holy Spirit is silly. Jesus says this about the Spirit to all who believe in him in John, chapter 16, verse 7, "I will send him to you." Did he mean only the disciples? Did he mean only adults? Did he mean only certain individuals and denominations who claim to emotionally feel the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues? Of course Jesus was not being exclusive as such with that statement. Jesus was saying, if you believe in me, if you follow me, and if you love me, you have my Holy Spirit in you, even Lutherans.

During the month of June on Wednesday evenings, I will be preaching on the Holy Spirit. This is a four part sermon series entitled, "The Holy Spirit Calls Me". The goal of the series is to familiarize you with certain passages about the Holy Spirit, to help you trust the Spirit has come to you and lives within you, and to open your eyes to the many ways the Spirit is impacting your life and calling you to use your gifts. I hope in the end, you will conclude that the Holy Spirit is with you, and has given you gifts to serve both the Gospel and people.

Here are the four weeks of the series:

**Week 1 (June 3): Here Comes the Dove: Holy Spirit and Holy Baptism**

**Week 2 (June 10): Paraclete, Not Parakeet: Holy Spirit Comes Alongside Us**

**Week 3 (June 17): Tongues of Fire: How Every Christian Speaks the Gospel!**

**Week 4 (June 24): Fruits and Gifts Galore: Serving the Common Good**



The gift of the Holy Spirit is truly amazing. The Lord gives us this gift so we are not alone in life, and so we understand the Holy Spirit lives within us. The Lord gives us this gift so we can receive forgiveness and love, grace and guidance, confidence and strength for our lives. The Lord gives us this gift, so we may share the good news of the Gospel with other people, and so we may serve our neighbors in ways they need us. So indeed, you have the Holy Spirit, yes, you, do, and this same Spirit is now and forevermore calling you!

You are in my prayers,

*Peter Dorn*



## June Worship Notes

Here are a few highlights for summer worship at ULC in June.  
Worship times are 6:00 pm on Wednesdays and 10:00 am on Sundays.

### Summer Wednesday Worship

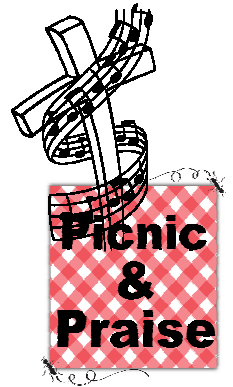
#### Picnic and Praise

Summer midweek worship will begin on Wednesday, June 3. Please note that each Wednesday evening throughout the summer will begin with a picnic style supper for \$1 at 5:00 p.m. and that worship will then be at 6:00 p.m.

Three other important details:

- On June 3, supper will be pulled pork, Cole slaw, and ice cream
- Liturgy for the month of June will be an old favorite – Holden Evening Prayer
- We will begin a sermon series entitled – “The Holy Spirit Calls Me!”

Worship with us on Wednesdays and invite coworkers, neighbors and friends!



### Senior Class Recognition - Sunday, June 7

At this time, high school seniors from our local schools are preparing for graduation and life beyond K-12 education. As part of that process, we will bless and honor our seniors at the Sunday service on June 7. We will present them with a gift at the service, and then afterward, we will have a cake and punch reception, also in honor of them.

### Service of the Word for Healing - June 10 and 14

Please join us for the Service of the Word for Healing on Wednesday, June 10 and Sunday, June 14, at 10:00 a.m. During worship we will take the time to offer prayers for healing and invite worshipers to come forward for the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. This is opportunity for us to bring our illnesses and grief, struggles and sin, before the Lord who heals us and makes us whole. We do this because of the promise written in James 5:13-18.



### Father's Day - Sunday, June 21

We hope you will join us for worship on Father's Day! The day will include a “Father's Day Litany of Thanks”, some special music, and a gift for all our dads. So wake up your dad early, pick him up for the church service, and get his day off to the right start on this special day! Happy Father's Day to all our dads!



## **Women's Summer Bible Study**

### ***No Catchy Slogans***

Does the subject of giving—especially financial giving to the church—make you a little uncomfortable? Do you feel awkward when conversations or sermons about money come up?

This summer's Bible study, "No Catchy Slogans," looks at Scripture passages about giving. The author, former Women of the ELCA staff member Emma Crossen, writes in her introduction: "Giving money is an important topic for Christians to consider. All congregations need money to pay pastors, care for buildings, and support ministries. All people need encouragement and guidance about their relationship to money. Few things affect our daily life more. It seems appropriate that the Bible gives so much attention to money and giving. Yet, it's too common to see Bible passages taken out of context, turned into catchy slogans, and enforced as rules that Christians should follow."

#### Session 1: Give in Secret (June 12)

Giving money is an important topic for Christians to consider, but taking Scripture out of context confuses the message.

#### Session 2: Be Like the Widow (July 10)

What if Jesus is pointing to an injustice in the story of the widow's mite?

#### Session 3: God Loves a Cheerful Giver (August 14)

In Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth, we get a short and upbeat slogan about giving.

Please join us at 10:00 am in the lounge for all three of these summer Bible studies. All ULC women and friends are welcome!

## **Calling All Men**

### ***How to Pray: The Importance of Prayer***

We invite all ULC men and friends to a conversation about prayer. Jesus' disciples asked him to them to pray. We will talk this summer about prayer and its importance in the Christian life.

#### Session 1: How to Pray (June 20)

We explore several details on prayer basics and stumbling blocks.

#### Session 2: Prayer and the Holy Spirit (July 18)

We will connect prayer to the Holy Spirit, God's presence and power.

#### Session 3: Who and What Else Do We Pray For? (August 15)

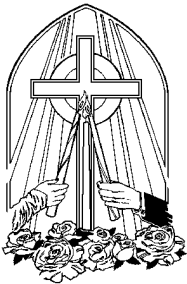
We will talk about what it is exactly that God wants us to pray for.

# BLIZZARD Bingo

Sunday, June 28



One of our popular summertime activities is our fun, family, fundraiser – Blizzard Bingo. The evening is simple. We eat hot dogs, chips and ice cream at 5:00 pm, and from 6:00-7:00 we play numerous games of BINGO with the prizes being gift certificates donated by the North End Dairy Queen. Please also note that Blizzard Bingo is a fundraiser for the ULC general fund, so if you are able, bring a free will contribution. No gift is too small! Last but not least, stop by and say thank you to our friends at the North End Dairy Queen for their generosity!



## June Wedding

June is normally busy with weddings, but this summer we have only one at ULC! Please pray for Brandon Metzen and Shadoe Blair as they prepare for their June 27 wedding and their upcoming marriage. Brandon grew up at ULC and was confirmed here as a ninth grader in 2004. We pray God will bless their marriage with love, strength and his presence.

## Education Update for June



Special thanks to all of our adult and youth teachers. We had a great year of Sunday school and WWJ, and that is all because of you and your dedication.

### Vacation Bible School

will be August 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.

Our theme is  
WANTED 2:  
Now more than ever!



Please join us for a week  
of praise, fellowship, and fun.  
Registrations will be available online soon.  
[www.universitylutherangf.org](http://www.universitylutherangf.org)  
They will also be in your July newsletter.  
Invite your friends!

### Flat Jesus is back!

If you don't have one, they are available at the church. Then take Him on your journeys this summer, and take pictures!

Post your pictures on:  
[www.facebook.com/universitylutheranchurch](http://www.facebook.com/universitylutheranchurch)

Or on twitter: #ulcflatjesus

You can also text pictures to Jen at 701-330-3093.



# YOUTH NEWS



ULC Youth are fundraising for the ELCA National Youth Gathering this summer to Detroit. Please help us raise funds by participating in the **100 Envelope Challenge**. There is a board in the narthex with 100 envelopes on it. Simply take an envelope off the board in the amount of money you would like to donate to the youth. In the envelope please include your donation and your address information so we can send you a postcard from Detroit. You will also find a picture of a youth going to the gathering and information about them. Please keep this card and remember to pray for us while we are away. Thank you for your continued support of the youth program.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the youth garage sale. Also a big thank you to everyone who donated items for the sale. We raised just over \$4,000. This money will benefit the ELCA National Youth Gathering trip to Detroit this summer from July 12th through July 20th. Please pray for us while we are away. Thank you for your support of the youth.

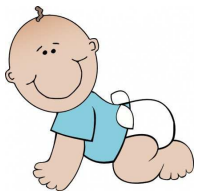
## HELP US BEAUTIFY DETROIT THIS SUMMER!

Take a few minutes and help ULC Youth beautify Detroit this summer by helping us paint murals. The murals will be used on board-up projects this summer with the help of gathering participants. There are currently 65,000 abandoned properties in the city of Detroit. This summer gathering participants will help board up many of these abandoned homes which will create safer walking routes for school children in underserved neighborhoods. Beautifying the boards used for board up's reduces the chance of vandalism and creates public art for area residents.



Please help the youth at University Lutheran Church by painting these boards. Our goal is to paint 10 boards and bring them with us to Detroit for service day. Boards will be set up for painting before and after worship on Sundays and Wednesdays beginning Wednesday, June 10. With your help we can make a difference and bring ULC to Detroit. Thank you for your support. Funds were provided by Thrivent Financial for this project.

## DIAPERS FOR DETROIT



Imagine sending your baby or toddler to preschool or daycare wearing a plastic grocery bag instead of diapers. This is happening in Detroit. In fact, diapers are such a hot commodity, pharmacies and stores sometimes keep them behind glass because of theft. On average, a newborn goes through 8 to 10 diapers a day, a cost that can add up to \$100 a month for one baby. For people who are poor that cost is out of reach, and they too often have to choose between diapers and food. People who are on federal assistance programs like WIC, Food Stamps or Medicare, can't get diapers.

Please help youth at University Lutheran Church collect "Diapers for Detroit". We are hoping to bring hundreds of diapers with us to the gathering. There will be a collection spot and display in the narthex. We can't do this without your help. The greatest need is for children's sizes 3 and 4, but all sizes are welcomed, including baby wipes and supplies for adults. **THANK YOU!**

**OUR FAMILY LABELS:** ULC Youth are collecting labels from Our Family products. The labels are redeemed for a donation to the youth program. Each label is worth 5 cents, and periodically they have a special promotion where their value doubles to 10 cents. The part of the label that is sent in is the barcode, so from larger items such as cereal boxes or egg cartons, you may just cut out the barcode (to cut down on bulk). The youth cut the barcodes from the items to get them ready for processing. If you have some to bring in, please put them in the box by Heather's office. Thanks for your participation.



**CAR WASH TICKETS:** Valley Dairy car washes are available from the ULC youth. Tickets are \$10 each and may be used at any Valley Dairy. Tickets may be purchased in the office or from Heather. Think about purchasing one to tuck in Dad's card for Father's Day! All proceeds benefit the ULC youth program.

**Heather Kallestad: ULC Youth Minister**  
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**Contact me  
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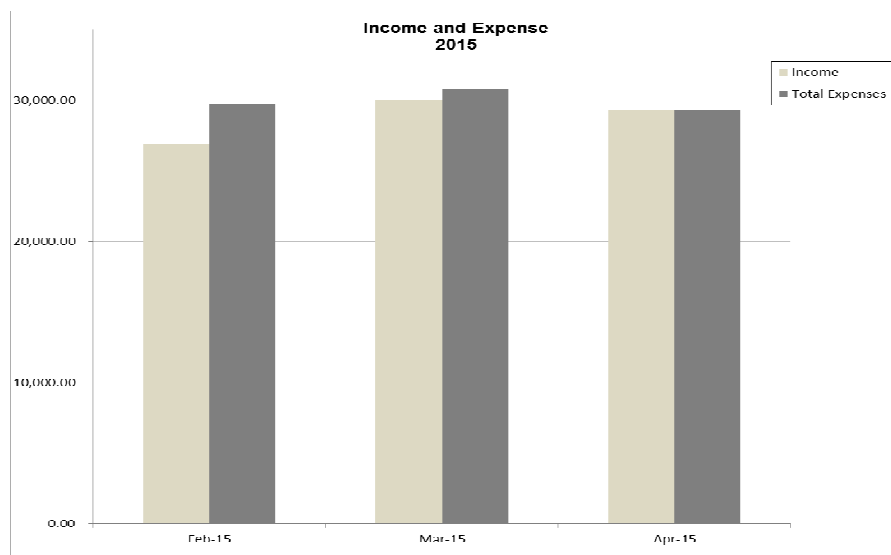
## ULC Church Council Summary

1. We are purchasing a security camera system in response to the recent break in and theft. It will be installed this summer.
2. Look for the summer fundraisers coming up in June, July and August. Blizzard Bingo is the first, and this will be on June 28.
3. For the safety of people who are present in our building, we are looking at purchasing an AED machine (Automated External Defibrillator).

## Financial Report

As we begin Pentecost and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, I want to remind you that the Spirit is alive and it's in you. Please pray for ULC and participate in our shared ministry over the summer months.

1. Our expenses are very comparable to last year, and our income has been pretty good this year. However, we are still hovering around a shortfall of \$24,000 going into the summer months where we typically see further shortfall. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.
2. As we continue to show you the income and expense graph, you will see the comparison of income and expenses. We need to focus on the general fund for the next few months. We are struggling to catch up from 2014. Please support the **catch up** efforts.



The Holy Spirit is with you and it is present at ULC. It is present in more ways than can be stated in this newsletter. As I said a few weeks back, the Spirit lives in you to make a difference. You can help ULC make a difference as we do God's work in the world. With your support and the Holy Spirit, anything is possible.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin Meyer, President

ULC Church Council:

Kevin Meyer, Bonnie Solberg, Carol Grochowski, Dan Melberg, Gwen Skjold, Tom Peterson, Paul Slusar  
Julie Simon, Greg Vandeberg, Brian Strom, Amanda Denman, Dave Masterson, and Pastor Tom Colenso



## **ULC Women of the ELCA JUNE 2015 News and Events**

*"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."*

*1 Corinthians 13: 4-7*

### **RHUBARB FESTIVAL**

We are in full swing! Frozen pies are being assembled and we will meet on June 5 at 1 p.m. to complete that part of our preparations for our big event. We hope you are planning to do baking of rhubarb goodies to sell at our bake sale. Everything we will have on sale must be made with rhubarb! We will be setting up for our event on Friday, June 12 at 1 p.m. and the event begins at 10 am on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We will need lots of help both days. Thanks in advance for all of the help you can give us! There will be Rhubarb Festival t-shirts for ULC workers to purchase (\$10) who are new or do not have one. We want all workers to wear the t-shirt so guests readily know who to ask if they have questions. Let's have a super event!

### **WALKING WITH GOD**

Have you ever wanted to climb up the highest point in North Dakota? Don't even know where it is? Well, join ULC's Women Walking with God Exercise Challenge this summer and you can climb it and the rest of the states' high points! White Butte (3,506 feet) is our first "peak" to check off our list on our Stepping Up America Challenge: Stepping up the Highest Peaks in Each State. Everyone is welcome to participate in our healthy living challenge that will run from June 1 to September 30, 2015. Just pick up a packet of information available on the WELCA Bulletin Board, and start recording your exercise activities. If you have any questions, contact Lara Dando at 772-1916. If you would like to participate in a walking group this summer and fall, please contact Lara. Let's get healthy, folks!

### **REFRESH!**

Join us on Thursday, June 25th at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of refreshment for your body and soul! This general aid meeting will include a Bible study on how God refreshes us for daily living, a demonstration on refreshing, low-calorie salads for summer, and hints on making vegetable or fruit infused water. We will also have a brief business meeting to do some fall planning. We will share in a light supper of salad, roll and dessert. Please come and be refreshed! Invite a friend or neighbor to join you!

### **CLEANING**

Cleaning will be done after the Rhubarb festival – watch the bulletin for the date. We clean for an hour or so and then have coffee and treats so come and join in the fun and fellowship.

Enjoy your summer and be safe and healthy,  
Evelyn, Clark, President

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA Purpose Statement**



As a community of women  
created in the image of God,  
called to discipleship in Jesus Christ,  
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
We commit ourselves to  
grow in faith, affirm our gifts,  
support one another in our callings,  
engage in ministry and action,  
and promote healing and wholeness  
in the Church, the society, and the world.

### **WELCA Bible Study**

"No Catchy Slogans"  
Friday, June 12  
10:00 a.m.  
in the lounge.

**Ruth Circle**  
Tuesday, June 16  
6:30 p.m.  
at the church



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## Rhubarb Festival

**Saturday, June 13, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

University Lutheran Church  
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### Lunch \$7.00

Includes turkey salad, roll, rhubarb salad,  
rhubarb dessert/pie and beverage

### Rhubarb Dessert & Coffee \$3.00

**All Rhubarb Bake Sale**  
**Craft & Quilt Sale**



### 2015 Rhubarb Contest

- \* Contestants must make a dessert that contains rhubarb (no other fruit).
- \* Please bring your contest entry (4 pieces of dessert) and the recipe to University Lutheran by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 13.

Cash prizes for the top three entries:

\$25, \$15, and \$10

Entries must be submitted by 9:00 a.m.

Let your creativity run wild!!

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