

Our Mission Statement

Called by God's love to serve our neighbors and glorify God.

Blessing of the Bikes

Sunday - June 8, 2025

Bring your friends and your summer transportation, with 1,2, or 3 wheels (engine, pedal or foot powered) for:

A blessing and prayer for safe travels

Messiah Lutheran Church

502 Kentucky Ave., Hoffman, MN

*9:00 Church service

*10:00 Bike Blessing in the church parking lot

*Picnic style lunch

*Bike races, games, bounce houses,
and fellowship

All are welcome



CHAIN OF PRAYER

ULC Prayer Chain Update:

I have been sending out prayer chain requests from my cell phone, but I would like to start sending them out by email.

Please send an email to Julie if you would like to be added to our prayer chain, or to stay on the Pray Chain.

ulc@unitedlutheranelowlake.com.

As soon as I set this new email up, I will send out a "test" email to make sure you are receiving pray chains. Thank you for being a part of this very important program we offer to our members and their families.

Meetings

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- All Committee Meeting
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- Circle of Hope
- Morning Circle Meeting

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- ♦ Valleyfair Trip Update - page 3
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ULC Staff

Pastor: Jean Ohman
SAM: Natalie Hanson
(Synod Assigned Minister)
Worship & Music Coordinator:
Theron Jeppesen
Office Manager/Secretary:
Julie Johnson
Janitor: Ashley Kerzman

Church Council

President: Witney Willard
Vice President: Joel Coleman
Secretary: Beth Pikop
Treasurer: Karen McGee

Community Meal

June 18th

Serving from 5-6:30p.m.

Menu: Hamburgers & Brats

Side Salads, Desserts and Beverages

Free-Will Donation For the

To Be Determined

→ The Men's Group is asking for members to donate

Side Salads and Desserts

→ Sign-up sheet is by the large bulletin board.



The Men's Group will gather on
June 5th & 19th at 8a.m. in the Fireside Room.
If you would like to join this group, please call
the church office at 685-4179 to have
your name added to the email list.



June Birthdays

1 Tina Holleman
Gail Schneeberger
2 Mark Brekke
Kari House
4 Loren Hams
Grayson Willard
5 Kevin Walwick
6 Jack Nelson
7 Linda Rupp
8 Jay Johnson
Kim Juergens
Karen Ladwig
Amy Lohse
9 Michele Frykman
Teresa Shuck
9 Mark Soberg
10 Hailey Kreft
11 Hunter Coleman
Betty Johnson
12 Steve Bordson

12 Kari Kreft
Rod Melin
13 Judy Fosberg
14 Mark Dewey
14 Genavie
Haraldson
15 Brandon
Gruchow
Cory Mickelson
16 Diane Bender
Randy Warde
18 Taylor Brekke
19 Craig Gardner
Eric Gardner
Pat Norby
22 Blake Flint
Brandi Gruchow
Daryl Jensen
23 Brianna Kreft
24 Lee Nolan
25 Holly Schumm

26 Lyle Krusemark
Lee Lennon
27 Brenda Nisbet
Scot Soberg
28 Owen Hubbard
29 Bonnie Harstad
30 Gage Larsen

Please inform Julie of
any changes or
corrections.
218-685-4179



**ULC Members in
Care Centers,
Assisted Living, and
Home Shut-Ins**



Barrett Care Center

800 Spruce Street
Barrett, MN. 56311

- Norlin Westrom
- Lyle Krusemark

Mill Street Residence

802 S. Mill Street
Fergus Falls, MN. 56537

- Jean Walwick - Apt. 307

Maplewood Manor Service

1010 1st Street NE.
Elbow Lake, MN. 56531

- Dwaine & Jean Haraldson - Apt. 8
- Helen Knutson - Apt. 131
- Vicki Bruns - Apt. 16

Board of Trustee & All Committee Meetings

→ All Committee Meetings - Sunday,
June 15th, After Worship will meet
in the Fellowship Hall.

→ Trustee Meeting - Wednesday, June
18th at 6p.m. in the Choir Room

If you are on a committee, please grab
a snack & coffee, then the meeting will
start.



**Quilters will meet
on Wednesdays
at 9a.m.**

Everyone is welcome -beginning
quilters to experienced quilters.
For more information contact Susan
Frykman at 320-760-4887.

**STEPHEN
ministry**

**You will meet on June 16th at 9a.m.
in the Fireside Room.**

**Deadline for
July's
Newsletter is:**

16th

June



Celebration of Life for Lyle Huseth
Friday, June 6th
at 2p.m.
Visitation 1 hour prior to the service.



Celebration of Life for Barbara Berg
Tuesday, June 17th
at 1p.m.
Visitation is 1 hour prior the service.

One Youth - CALENDAR of EVENTS

May 26: Memorial Day Lunch—As a fundraiser, ONE Youth going to Alaska will be serving a lunch after the Memorial Day service at the WCA Secondary School in Barrett beginning at 10 AM. All free will donations go to support their trip!

June 11: Hoffman Community Meal—As a fundraiser, ONE Youth going to Alaska will be serving the dinner meal at the Hoffman City Park Farmer's Market.

June 18: Valleyfair Day Trip—Register today! Form below.

June 19: Men's League Meal—As a fundraiser, ONE Youth going to Alaska will be serving the dinner meal at Tipsinah Mounds Golf Course during Men's Night, but community is welcome. Begin serving at 4 PM.

♦ Valleyfair Day Trip—Wednesday, June 18

Mark your calendars! ONE Youth is going to Valleyfair on Wednesday, June 18, and we'd love for you to join us. Youth and families of all ages are invited to join us on a charter bus road trip to Valleyfair for the day. All 7-12 graders are allowed to attend this day trip without an adult chaperone as we will have a few adult chaperones on the trip. All 6th graders and under will need an adult chaperone at least 18 years or older to accompany them. To make this happen, we will need at least 30 people to register. We currently only have 8 registered, so please scan the QR code below to register TODAY!

Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 4! This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to join you, so please spread the word! The cost per person is \$75 and includes transportation, entrance into the park, and a daily drink package to stay hydrated all day. You can either bring your lunch or buy lunch on your own at the park. Tentative Schedule—Depart Messiah Lutheran Church at 6:30 AM and head for home around 6 PM.



Looking for Volunteers!

Faith Formation on Wednesdays could not be possible without the amazing small group leaders who volunteer their time and give their love each week to nurture our youth. We are currently looking for at least two, possibly three small group leader volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year. We meet most Wednesday afternoons from 3:15-5:15 PM at Peace Lutheran Church in Barrett beginning the middle of September through April. There is a change in schedule during the 6-week Lenten season where we meet for dinner and worship in the evenings with no after-school events.

Our schedule for Faith Formation has typically been the following:

Snack—3:15-3:30 PM
Group Game—3:30-3:45 PM
Worship—3:45-4:00 PM
Large Group—4:00-4:30 PM
Small Group—4:30-5:15 PM

If a volunteer is able to come at 3:15-3:30 PM and participate in all the activities, great. If not, we understand and ask that our small group leaders be at the church by 4:20 PM in time for their small group time at 4:30 PM. Each week, we provide the leaders with a small group guide to help them navigate their time with their small group. However, group leaders have complete flexibility to use their own creativity and wisdom during small group time. The main purpose of small group is to build relationships and be a safe, comforting, encouraging place for our youth. We invite you to prayerfully consider mentoring and nurturing our youth by being a small group leader. If you are interested, please contact Natalie Hanson at 701-730-6760 or via email at nataliedawnhanson@gmail.com.

Members present: Witney Willard, Eli Reeve, Joel Coleman, Scott Johnson, Andy Clausen, Tammy Nelson, Beth Pikop, Karen McGee and Pastor Jean Ohman. President Witney Willard opened the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Eli R. moved to accept the minutes from March 16th 2025; Scott J. seconded the motion. MCU.

Treasurers Report: Karen M. explained all the accounts to New Board Members. Repeated that passing the plate for the offering brings in up to \$100.00 more each Sunday. Andy C. moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Eli R. seconded the motion. MCU. Andy C. moved to pay the payable for the month. Tammy N. seconded the motion. MCU

Committee Reports:

- **Worship:** Pastor Jean reported that we have had a good turnout during Lent with more energy. A narrative lectionary will be used for the "the Littles" (very young children) matching the Spark Story Bible discussed the same day at worship.
- **Altar Guild:** Everything is going good.
- **Building & Grounds:** New paper towel holders is up in the men's bathroom. Church grounds need to be kept up with more by members. Maybe schedule a workday for volunteers to maintain the property. Also, the parsonage landscaping needs to come out and be redone with possible help from members. Church street sign needs replacing. Eli R. will contact Darren Grosz or whoever, would be in charge of the replacement. An exploratory group, called the Solar Panel Committee, members are: Tommy Lee, Michelle Swenson, Zack Jeppesen and Harold Nelson. They will report to the congregation with their findings at a later date.
- **Education/Youth:** Pastor Jean reported that there is some parental interest in working on a plan for Education, from the meeting that was held. Sunday school will be held the first Sunday of each month. On other Sundays, a craft or an activity will be available if there are kids interested. Pastor Jean suggested the Spark Story Bible should be presented to 2-year olds and their parents, so stories can be read to them at that young age. She also suggested giving the Spark Bibles on Rally Sunday in the fall, also to other kids we may have missed in the last few years. Pastor Jean, when addressing next year, said we have the curriculum to use. There would be no cost.
- **Endowment:** The committee approved refrigerator repair. \$10,000 will be given to the youth going on the Alaskan Mission Trip, as well as paying Natalie Hanson's expenses.
- **Stewardship:** The committee is exploring establishing a separate Endowment Fund with suggested starting balance of \$200,00 to \$500,000 that would be used for other expenses in the church.
- **Spiritual Life & Growth:** Committee is busy with their usual month projects. The Church Directory is in the planning stages. Forms are available to all members to fill out with their information, with a request for a submitted photo of them, or pictures can be taken by the committee. They are receiving returned forms already. Beth P. will tell the committee to contact the at Peace Lutheran about the Instant Church Programs that would be used.
- **Personnel Committee:** no report; * **Vision Committee:** no report; * **One Youth:** no report

Pastor Jean's Report: She reported that the High School Senior Sunday will be May 4, 2025. She will be on vacation the next day - May 5th through May 23rd.

Old Business: Custodian is now working 10 hours a week.

New Business: SAM contract with Natalie Hanson was brought up. A timeline was explained for new board members of this contact. Discussion followed with some revisions to the contract.

- ♦ **Motion made, online by Eli R. to accept the proposed contract for the SAM/Youth Position for Natalie Hanson; seconded by Scott J. Motion carried with unanimous online vote. Contract will be present to Natalie.**
- **Tri-Church Council** had a meeting, but Messiah was not represented. Witney said better communication on when the meetings will be held must happen. An idea brought up at this meeting was a suggestion to have one church of the three host the Confirmation Ceremony, Senior Recognition Sunday and other milestones, instead of each separate church. This, and other topics, will be discussed at the Tri-church Council Board meeting on Tuesday, June 10 at 6p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church. All Board members from all three church will attend.
- The request by another church to purchase United's Handbells was unanimously voted down.
- Ruby's Pantry asked if we wanted to take the project on here at United was also voted down.
- Pastor Jean said she has met Julie Carlson, who is a SAM in our area. She is interested in being an part-time pastor.

Next meeting date: Wednesday May 14, 2025

Eli R. moved to adjourn the meeting, Andy C. seconded the motion. MCU

Pastor Jean led us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Pikop, Trustee Secretary

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN – June 2025

The Gather Bible study for this summer is entitled "Where two or more are gathered: Flourishing in relationship" by Rev. Brooke Peterson. We are formed by our relationships, especially family connections. Some of our most beloved Bible stories involve siblings and the trials and tribulations of relationships within families. Some of the people we'll study are Jacob and Esau, as well as Mary and Martha.

We invite all women to come to our Bible studies. You are all welcome, and you can bring a friend, too. The Circle of Hope will meet on Tuesday, June 17, at 7:00 at the parsonage. The Morning Circle will meet on Thursday, June 26, at 9:30 AM in the fireside room. Please come and enjoy coffee, treats and fun conversation before we begin the Bible study.

The ULCW business meeting was on May 8, at 9:30 AM. Mary B. reported that the checking account has \$4,193.80, the project fund has \$10,427.14 and the library fund has \$220.44. Pat S. reported that the Endowment committee paid for installing the new gasket around the frig and also deliming and checking the sanitizer. Thank you very much, Endowment. The sink by the coffee maker was leaking. Jody Kruize was called and it is repaired. School kits were discussed. We will contact the schools to see if they need more school supplies, or if what was given last year is still available when school starts in the fall. The other option is to send the kits to LWR, which we have done for many, many years. Discussion was held about including a bake sale and a craft sale with the Soup and Sandwich luncheon on Sunday, October 5. We will check with the members of the church to see if they would be interested in making crafts or baking goodies, as the luncheon itself includes many women making pots of soup and baking desserts. Let us know if you'd be interested.

The NWMN Women's Synodical Convention is September 19 and 20 at First Lutheran in Alexandria. The registration forms have arrived, and I will have copies on the bulletin board in the narthex for those interested in attending. Registration is due August 15, so there's plenty of time to make plans to go. Also, be thinking about a silent auction basket that we could bring. It would be wonderful to have many women there from United Lutheran, since it is so close.

The coffee donations for June will go to the foster closet. Your giving has been very generous. Thank you so much.

Pam Lyson, president
Home: 218-685-4004
Cell: 701-301-0095



Women's Bible Studies All Are Welcome!

+ Circle of Hope will meet on Tuesday,
June 17th at 7p.m. at the Parsonage.
(814 1st Street SE, Elbow Lake)

+ Morning Bible Study will meet on
Thursday, June 26th at 9:30a.m.
in the Fireside Room. All Are Welcome!

Monthly Hospitality Teams

- **June 2025** **Team 2**
Leaders: John & Kari Kreft
- **July 2025** **Team 3**
Leaders: Mark & Pat Soberg
- **Aug. 2025** **Team 4**
Leaders: Scot Beyer and
Mindy Beyer





Christian Education

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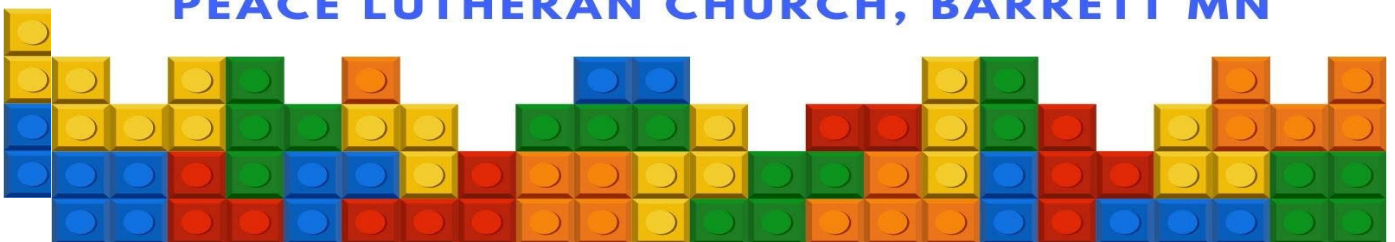
Vacation Bible School is at Peace Lutheran in Barrett, this summer. See details below. You can register 2 different ways.
1. Pick up a form on the table in the narthex. 3. Register on line (link is below.) If you fill out a paper registration form, please return to Julie, so she can email them to Peace Lutheran/

Register online at

<https://forms.gle/6qHkWcMNdJd7i3tb8>



**FOR STUDENTS AGES 4 - COMPLETED 6TH GRADE
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, BARRETT MN**





June 2025



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Color Codes for the Tri-Church's
United Lutheran, Peace Lutheran,
Messiah Lutheran, **Tri-Churches**

Schools Out!!

Dates & Times
are subject to
change

1 9a.m.-Wiggle Worship 10a.m.Fellowship	2 10a.m.-Bible Study 6p.m.-Bible Study on their Facebook	3 9a.m.-Bible Study 7p.m.-Spiritual Growth Support Group	4 9a.m. - Quilters Meet	5 8a.m. - Men's Group Gathering 1:30p.m.-Quilting	6 2p.m. - Celebration of Life for Lyle Huseeth	7 7:30a.m. Messiah Men's Bible Study
8 Happy Father's Day! 9a.m.-Worship 10a.m.Fellowship 9a.m.-Blessing of the Bikes @ Messiah	9 10a.m.-Bible Study 6p.m.-Bible Study on their Facebook	10 9a.m.-Bible Study 10:30a.m. - Maplewood Manor Service 6p.m.-Tri-Church Council Meeting @ Peace 7p.m.-Spiritual Growth Support Group	11 9a.m. - Quilters Meet 2p.m.-Barrett Care Service	12	13 Building Closed	14 7:30a.m. Messiah Men's Bible Study
15 9a.m.-Worship 10a.m. - Fellowship 10a.m.- All Committee Meeting	16 July Newsletter Deadline 10a.m.-Bible Study 6p.m.-Bible Study on their Facebook	17 9a.m.-Bible Study 9a.m. - Stephens Ministry Meeting 1p.m. - Celebration of Life for Barbara Berg 7p.m. - Circle of Hope at 814 1st Street SE. 7p.m.-Spiritual Growth Support Group	18 Valleyfair Trip - 7th-12th grades 9a.m. - Quilters Meet 2p.m.-Mark-Barrett Care Service 5-6:30p.m. - Community Meal 6p.m. - Trustee Meeting	19 8a.m. - Men's Group Gathering	20 Building Closed	21 7:30a.m. Messiah Men's Bible Study
22 9a.m.-Worship 10a.m.Fellowship	23 10a.m.-Bible Study 6p.m.-Bible Study on their Facebook	24 9a.m.-Bible Study 10:30a.m.-Maplewood Manor Service 7p.m.-Spiritual Growth Support Group	25 9a.m. - Quilters Meet 9a.m. - July Newsletter Assembly	26 9:30a.m.-Morning Circle Meets	27 Building Closed	28 7:30a.m. Messiah Men's Bible Study
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