

Our Mission Statement

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

Pastor Ricardo

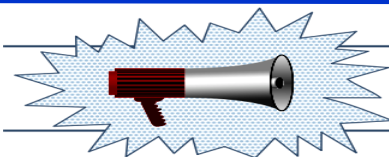
June 2026

As Christians we are celebrating the birthday of the Church with Pentecost. On that day God's Spirit descended on all the disciples. Peter stood up and quoted the prophet Joel "in the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and daughters will prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days, I will pour out my Spirit."

From that day onwards, God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit have descended on all Christians regardless of age, gender, or social status. God does not show preferential treatment, and each person has a part to play in the life of the church. So young people cannot give an excuse that I am too young and unable to contribute to the life of the Church. It is also true that old people cannot use the excuse that I am too old and have already done my part.

The Holy Spirit gives each and every one of us different gifts to use for the benefit of the church and for the common good. Too often we give an excuse for why we are not active in the church. I have heard it all, for the young, it is school, sport, kids, jobs, etc. For the old, I have done 40 years or more and it's time for someone else to do their part.

We, the Church, need both the young and the old to work together, the young to see vision, the old to dream dreams. It is only when we are working together using our gifts can the church grow. We are all part of the body, and no part is irrelevant or useless. I encourage you to do your part. Amen.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

United Lutheran is looking for someone to fill the part time Secretarial position. If interested, or have questions, please contact Joel Coleman at 218-770-2978

United is in need of more people to run the video on Sundays. There is training for this job. If you are interested, please call the church office.

We have a piano, here at United Lutheran, that needs a new home! It is FREE and you must pick it up from the church. First come-first served! Call the church office at 218-685-4179 if you are interested or know someone who would like to have it.

Meetings

- Trustee Meeting
- Men's Group Gatherings
- Women's Bible Study
- Quilting Schedule

Happenings

- Julie's Vacation
- Call Committee Update on page 3
- Messiah Lutheran's
- Firepit Service Every Wed.
- VBS in July @ Messiah
- Community Meal
- June 2026 Calendar
- July Newsletter Deadline
- Hospitality Team Listing

ULC Staff

Interim Pastor: Ricardo Alcoser
 Worship & Music Coordinator:
 Theron Jeppesen
 Secretary: Julie Johnson
 Janitor: Ashley Kerzman

ULC Council

President: Joel Coleman
 Vice President: Andy Clauson
 Secretary: Beth Pikop
 Treasurer: Karen McGee

ULC Members in Care Centers,



✠ Brandon Assisted Living

304 Central Ave. So.
 Brandon, MN. 56315

- Bill Paulson: Room 111
- Karen Paulson: Room 113

✠ Mill Street Residence

802 S. Mill Street
 Fergus Falls, MN. 56537

- Jean Walwick: Apt. 307

✠ Maplewood Manor Senior Living

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

- Carrol-Jean Anderson - Apt. 1
- Dwayne -Jean Haraldson - Apt. 8



Messiah Lutheran will have their Annual Firepit Service again this year!
First Service will be on Wednesday, June 10th at 7p.m.
Please bring a camp chair or blanket to sit on.

The Firepit Service will continue every Wednesday evening throughout the summer. Please come join them for great fellowship and uplifting passages and messages.



DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

We are saddened to announce the death of our faith family members. In May, Doris Samuelson, Micheal Nohre, Judy Gunderson, and Harold Erickson (*brother of Ruth Ann Hubbard*) went home to their Father. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.

Community Meal

Wednesday, June 17th
From 5p.m. - 6:30p.m.

Free Will Offering will be given to TO BE DETERMINED

Menu: Hamburgers, hotdogs, Side Dishes, Desserts, and Beverages

Please sign-up to donate side dishes and desserts
→ Sign-up sheet is by the large bulletin board.

All Are Welcome!

July Newsletter Deadline

June 8th



Julie will be on vacation from June 8th - June 21st Beth Pikop will be in the office during this time.



Women's Bible Study

+ **Morning Bible Study** will meet on Thursday, June 25th at 9:30a.m. in the Fireside Room.



Monthly Hospitality Teams

June 2026: Team 3 Leaders: Mark & Pat Soberg

July 2026: Team 4 Leaders: Scot Byer & Mindy Byer

August 2026: Team 5 Leaders: Susan & Scott Fryman, Lisa & Kurt Pikop



United Quilters will meet on Wednesdays at 9a.m. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Susan Frykman at 320-760-4887.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



1 Gail Schneeberger	12 Steve Bordson	24 Nolan Lee
2 Mark Brekke	Kari Kreft	25 Phillip Clauson
Kari House	Rod Melin	Holly Schumm
4 Loren Hams	13 Judy Fosberg	26 Lennon Lee
Grayson Willard	14 Genavie Haraldson	27 Brenda Nisbet
5 Kevin Walwick	14 Mark Dewey	Scott Soberg
6 Jack Nelson	15 Brandon Gruchow	29 Bonnie Harstad
7 Linda Rupp	Cory Mickelson	30 Gage Larsen
8 Jay Johnson	16 Randy Warde	Please inform Julie of any corrections or changes. 218-685-4179
Kim Juergens	18 Taylor Brekke	
Karen Ladwig	19 Craig Gardner	
9 Michele Frykman	Eric Gardner	
Teresa Shuck	Pat Norby	
Mark Soberg	22 Blake Flint	
10 Hailey Kreft	Brandi Gruchow	
11 Hunter Coleman	Daryl Jensen	
Betty Johnson	23 Brianna Kreft	

Messiah Lutheran will be hosting Vacation Bible School this summer. The dates will be in mid-July.

Please continue to watch for more details coming soon. Watch the newsletter, bulletins and website.

The Men's Group will gather on June 4th & 18th

8a.m. in the Fireside Room.

If you would like to receive reminders, please call the church office at 218-685-4179 to have your name added to the email list.



Board of Trustees

Trustees will meet on Wednesday, June 17th in the Choir Room



Call Committee Update

The Call Committee is currently awaiting names from the Synod to consider for our congregation. We also welcome recommendations from members of the congregation. Please continue to pray for our congregation, our future pastor, and the call committee as we carry out this important responsibility.

Over Easter, I attended my daughter's church near Grand Forks, where they set aside time in the service for prayer—both requests and prayers of praise. One praise shared was that six years ago, 12 men began praying about starting a church; today, six years later, the church is filled to capacity. It's a wonderful reminder of the importance of congregational prayer and the power of your prayers.

Pastor Ricardo will continue to serve as our Interim Pastor as we move forward in this process.

Call Committee

- Lisa Pikop -Chairman
- Haily Loeks
- Tommy Lee
- Darrell Frykman
- Michelle Swenson
- Zach Jeppesen
- Eli Reeve – Board representative



Trustee Minutes from Wednesday, April 15, 2026

MISSION STATEMENT:

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Members present: Joel Coleman, Tammy Nelson, Stacy Deering, Andy Clausen, Jonathan Pikop, Eli Reeve, Beth Pikop, Karen McGee and Pastor Ricardo Alcoser

President Joel called the meeting to order

Julie Johnson gave an overview of her job as Secretary of United. She suggested the job could be split up to include volunteers in the office, and someone to do the office work separately.

Secretary's Report: March Minutes were amended to include the decision to pay Natalie Hanson for the months of March and April and leading the mission trip for the One Youth Group as Messiah plans to do. Eli made the motion via, an email, and the motion was carried.

Eli moved to accept the minutes as amended from the March meeting; Andy seconded the motion-
MCU

Treasurer's Report: Karen stated that the offering had a slow start since January, but April was good. Karen will email Pastor Jean to cancel ZOOM as it is in her name. Review of general bills and what can be cancelled or continued was done. She will be gone at the end of April and has paid all the bills.

Andy moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the Payables: Eli seconded the motion - MCU.

Committee Reports: No reports were given

Pastor Ricardo's Report: He gave an update on upcoming meetings he will attend. He said two Board Members need to be in on the Synod ZOOM Meeting on May 30th (all day) to vote.

Discussion on One Youth and Faith Formation and the three churches meeting going forward.

Old Business:

- They are unsure if the hallway ceiling still leaks.
- The Call Committee is working on the Site Plan and will be meeting next week.
- The Parsonage will have a keypad dead bolt on the front door. There was tour of the parsonage, and we need to clean out the basement, hopefully, with the help of church members.
- The Treasurer's position was discussed with the candidates thus far.
Possible Secretary replacements were also discussed.

New Business:

- One Youth met with the Tri Council and was reported on. A discussion about its future was had. The One Youth Director contract will need to be revised for a new job description
- Joel suggested we get a debit card to replace the credit card that has been cancelled. Andy made motion to get a debit card from Eagle Bank with Joel on the card; seconded by Eli - MCU
- Andy made a motion to see what names are on all accounts concerning United at Eagle Bank; second by Tammy - MCU. Joel will need a copy on our letterhead signed by Beth of the portion of the Minutes pertaining to the motion of accounts at Eagle Bank.
- There have been problems with the video lately. Affordable Solutions will handle any problems remotely going forward and be paid per time used.
- Hospitality teams need to be in charge of locking all doors when they are done on Sunday. They also need to remember to count the loose offering.
- Eli made a motion to hire Red Dot to deal with the mouse problem at the church with bait boxes; seconded by Stacy - MCU.
- The skylights in the hallways need to be added to a church clean-up day.

Eli made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Andy - MCU.

Pastor Ricardo led us in prayer

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Pikop, Board Secretary



JUNE 2026



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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

SCHOOLS OUT??



7 Dr. Ricardo/Jay J.
9a.m.-Worship Service
10a.m.-Fellowship

1 10a.m.-Bible Study
6p.m.-Bible Study on their Facebook

8 July Newsletter Deadline
10a.m.-Bible Study
6p.m.-Bible Study on their Facebook

2 9a.m.-Bible Study
7p.m.-Spiritual Growth Support Group

3 9a.m. - Quilters

4 +8a.m. - Men's Group Gathering

5 Building Closed

6 7:30a.m. Messiah Men's

Pr. Ricardo out of office, for medical purposes, from June 2nd -4th

12 Building Closed

13 7:30a.m. Messiah Men's Bible Study

Julie on vacation from June 8th - June 18th

14 Dr. Ricardo/Theron
9a.m.-Worship Service
*Blessing of the Quilts
10a.m.-Fellowship

15 10a.m.-Bible Study
6p.m.-Bible Study on their Facebook

16 9a.m.-Bible Study
7p.m.-Spiritual Growth Support Group

17 9a.m. - Quilters Meet
5-6:30p.m. - Community Meal
6p.m. - Trustee Meeting
7p.m.-Outdoor Firepit Service @ Messiah

18 +8a.m. - Men's Group Gathering

19 Building Closed

20 7:30a.m. Messiah Men's Bible Study

21 Dr. Ricardo/Deb K.
Happy Father's Day

22 10a.m.-Bible Study
6p.m.-Bible Study on their Facebook

23 9a.m.-Bible Study
+10:30a.m.-Maplewood Manor Service
7p.m.-Spiritual Growth Support Group

24 9a.m. - Quilters Meet
9a.m. - July Newsletter Assembly
7p.m.-Outdoor Firepit Service @ Messiah

25 9:30a.m.-Morning Circle Meets

28 Building Closed
Dates & Times are subject to change

27 7:30a.m. Messiah Men's Bible Study

28 Pr. Ricardo/Jackson
9a.m.-Worship Service
10a.m.-Fellowship

29 10a.m.-Bible Study
6p.m.-Bible Study on their Facebook

30 9a.m.-Bible Study
7p.m.-Spiritual Growth Support Group



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