

The Echo

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 2122 University Avenue Grand Forks, North Dakota 58203

WORD

MADE

Some things you just have to do yourself. Take Solitaire for example. It's a one player card game. Would you want someone standing over your shoulder when you are playing a hand of Solitaire groaning every time you move a card? I'd rather lose the game than be told what moves to make, but that's my problem. Also, I remember breaking a slice of banana bread into pieces for our oldest grandchild, Addison, when she was 2 years old. She was upset because she wanted to break the bread into pieces herself. So, I gave her a new slice and watched her do for herself exactly what I had just done.

The salvation of humankind was something God had to do himself. No one else could do it, nor could anyone do it for him. The only question was how God would do it, and the answer was incarnation. That is, God decided to become flesh, to take on human nature in the person of Jesus, and be born into the world. Who else could do this but God alone? The entire Christmas story, no matter how we present it, no matter how cute we portray it in Christmas programs, is just this – God was born into the world in human flesh for the express purpose of saving people from sin, evil, and death.

The Gospel of John records this event by saying, "the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." Of course, this is the same as saying God became flesh and lived among us. This Advent we are thinking weekly at worship about what it means for God to be physically present in the world in the person of Jesus. It is a beautiful story how God through the human nature of Jesus revealed his divine nature through physical life in this world. In other words, when you we see Jesus in the Bible, he is showing us the divine – God

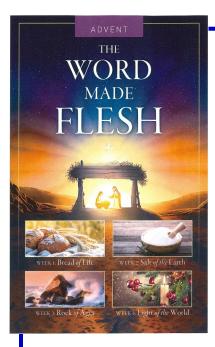
Recently, our confirmation classes considered what it was like for God to be in the world through Jesus. In the flesh of a human person, God experienced life in a new way. God experienced what it was like to be hungry and to taste delicious food. God experienced what it was like to get tired at the end of a long day of demanding work and to fall asleep. God experienced bleeding, catching a cold, having a birthday, needing to go to the bathroom, and lastly death. I even like to imagine a silly thing like God experiencing the 6-year-old Jesus sneaking a cookie before dinner after his mom told him to wait.

At any rate, this is what God had to do himself — come into the world in human flesh, fully experiencing human life, ultimately saving us from our sinful, mortal existence. At the same time, we learn something very important about God when he did this. God loves us so much that he desires to be near us. He desired that so much he became one of us. Of course, this is just the beginning of the story, because that babe of Bethlehem, that 6-year-old boy who bled when he scraped his knee, who got sick and missed school, who cried when he got his feelings hurt, was also the Savior of the World.

That means Jesus is your Savior too. Here is something to ponder this December. As you are preparing to celebrate Christmas, take some time each day to marvel that God came into the world as a human person to save you. To this end, God was tempted by sin, saw your struggle with sin, and now forgives you. God faced the powers of evil, saw your struggle with hardship and evil, and now comes alongside you to help you with whatever you face in life. God experienced death and was raised from the grave, saw your struggle with mortality, and now promises you gifts of heaven and eternal life.

Some things God just had to do himself, and God did all of that for you. It all began when a young girl named Mary was told by an angel that she would give birth to the Son of God, and name him Jesus. On the day he was born, she would lay God's Son, this Word became flesh, in a manger. Of course, this was Jesus, who would grow up and step into his God given role to save to you from sin, evil, and death. This same Jesus is with you still today to help you and love you every day of your life, and truth be told, to continue entering into human flesh, living in you, saving you in every possible way.

You are in my prayers, Author



Advent Worship

"The Word Made Flesh"

Our theme for Advent this year is, "The Word Made Flesh." In this worship series for Advent, we are reminded that Jesus came to us in the flesh and revealed his divine nature to us in physical substances we experience on earth. The basic Bible text for the four weeks is from John 1:14, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth." Here are the weekly themes:

Week 1: Bread of Life (December 1 and 4)
Week 2: Salt of the Earth (December 8 and 11)
Week 3: Rock of Ages (December 15 and 18)
Week 4: Light of the World (December 22)

There will be devotion books for adults, Bible bookmarks, family sticker activity book, and even a Bible study for those who might be interested.

Advent Candles

Sundays and Wednesdays will include the lighting of Advent candles as part of worship. The names of the candles and their meanings are as follows:

Prophecy candle: We wait for Jesus with hope

Bethlehem candle: We prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming.
 Shepherd's candle: We experience joy at the coming of Jesus.

Angel's candle: We discover Jesus comes to love us.

Then on Christmas Eve we light the Christ candle to announce that indeed the Lord has come into the world through the birth of Jesus.



ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TRE

ULC Christmas Brunch

Come to our annual Christmas Brunch at 9:30am on Saturday, December 7. Our theme is "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." There will be a program, Christmas music, and of course our delicious brunch – french toast bake, sausage, scrambled eggs, and fruit. The Christmas Brunch is a special holiday tradition at ULC, and a wonderful way to start every holiday season!

Candy Canes

Candy cane Sunday and Wednesday is a staple at ULC. We will enjoy the legend of the candy cane, as well as enjoy the sweet, sugary taste of this tasty and colorful holiday treat at worship on Sunday, December 8, and Wednesday, December 11.





New Member Events December 8 and 11

We hope to receive members into our ULC family on Sunday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 11. If you would like to become a member of ULC or you know someone who would, please contact Pastor Tom or the church office. We know there are a few of you out there waiting for this, so if you would be so kind, let us know if one of these dates works for you. New Member Orientation will be Thursday, December 5 at 6:30pm.



Christmas Worship

Please join us for worship at Christmastime. On four separate days, we will celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is permissible to come to all five!

Blue Christmas – Wednesday, December 18, 6:00pm, for those for whom Christmas is a sad, hard, even "blue" time due to grief, hardship in life, or the rapid pace of the season.

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24, 5:00 & 10:00pm, for those who prefer our traditional Christmas Eve carol service with Holy Communion with our Candlelight conclusion.

Christmas 1 – Sunday, December 29, 10:00am, for those who wish to reflect on the birth of Christ after all the busyness of the season. Come to relax and enjoy the gift!

Epiphany Worship – Sunday, January 5, 10:00am, for those who wish to observe the coming of wise men by the light of the Bethlehem star to worship the Christ child.

Poinsettia Garden

Once again, we will enjoy the beautiful Poinsettia Garden for Christmas this year. Would you like to contribute toward it? Please either fill out the form in this newsletter or call the church and let us know by Friday, December 20. We recommend a \$10 donation. If you want to dedicate the flower in honor or memory of someone, we will publish a list of all the dedications.





Visitation Team

The ULC Visitation Team will meet Friday, December 13, 1:00 pm, to assemble gift bags and write Christmas cards for our homebound and nursing home people. We will also make plans to get out and visit these fine folks in the month of December to give them their gift. This is an open group, and we always welcome new people to join us.

Wednesday Meals:

December 4 - Hot dogs

December 11 - Chicken nuggets

December 18 - Pulled pork sandwich





Food Pantry Donations

Please help us fill the shelves of the Salvation Army Food Pantry this month. This year is like any other, people are short food during the holiday season:

December 1 and 4: Canned fruits and vegetables December 8 and 11: Canned or boxed meals,

noodles and sauce

December 15 and 18: Canned soups and stews

December 22: Boxed cereals for kids and adults

December 29: Boxed cakes, brownies and other desserts

Ring the Bells for the Salvation Army

Once again, we are ringing bells for the Salvation Army to help them raise money for their disaster relief funds through their Red Kettle Campaign. The sign-up sheets are available in the church narthex, or you may also call the church office. This year we are ringing 2 full days (10am-7pm) inside the main entrance to Scheel's. It's nice and warm there! Here are our dates:



- Friday, December 13, 10:00-7:00, inside Scheel's main door
- Friday, December 20, 10:00-7:00, inside Scheel's main door



Adopt-A-Family for Christmas

We are adopting families again this year and helping them to have a Merry Christmas. Please visit the Giving Tree in our church narthex and choose a gift or two to help a family who is in need this holiday season. We are purchasing gifts for both adults and children. It's a little different this year due to changes at the Salvation Army:

- Go to the Giving Tree and pick out a gift or gifts to purchase, or you may also give cash, and someone will purchase a gift for you. Purchase the gift that is highlighted.
- DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT! Volunteers from the Salvation Army will do this.
- Bring the gift and the tag back to church by December 11, and place it under the Giving Tree, or if you prefer, you may also bring it to the church office.

Of course, it is also our custom to provide a \$50 gift card from Hugo's for the families, so we will also be purchasing 6 gift cards for our 6 families.

Mission of the Month Home on the Range

Noisy offerings in December are for Home on the Range. Home on the Range, Sentinel Butte, North Dakota, serves youth ages 12-18, offering addiction and mental health therapeutic services. Youth come to treatment from all over the state with the intention of returning to their community and families. Through your financial support you may assist in this important ministry. Our own Heather Miller serves at Home on the Range.





ULC Adult Education in December



Sunday Morning Adult Class "Jesus As a Child and Youth"

We spend a lot of time thinking about the birth of Jesus, but what was life like for Jesus when he was a child? We will read stories from Matthew and Luke which seek to give us a quick peek at this time in Jesus' life. This study will include the stories of Simeon and Anna, the coming of the wise men, the flight to Egypt, Jesus in temple as a 12-year-old, and his work as a carpenter. **See you on Sunday mornings, 8:45am, in the lounge, December 8, 15, and 22.**

Women of the ELCA Bible Study "In God's Garden: What Fig Trees Teach Us About Advent"

This Advent, we'll learn from fig trees. Astonishingly vibrant, fig trees have a zest for life. Their roots have even been known to bust through plumbing and climb walls like ivy! Yet fig trees also have a dormant period—a time when they do not grow or bear fruit. But this period of waiting and rest isn't a time of waiting around. It's a time of pruning and fertilizing and watering; a time to prepare for the fruitful season ahead. As we prepare the way of the Lord in this season, we are in our own dormant period of waiting and anticipation. Still, Jesus calls us to "keep awake" and to prepare ourselves for God's coming. Join us **Friday, December 13, 10:00am** to explore what fig trees can teach us about waiting and preparing for God's coming!



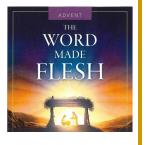
Calling All Men "The Letter of James"



Calling All Men is studying the Letter of James. This letter reminds us that life with God is not simply about having faith but also about doing faith in the world. We sometimes call these works. While we are never saved by our good works (only Jesus and his saving work on the cross save us), we are nevertheless called to love and serve the neighbor. Such works of love and service are critical to the world. **Our topic for December: Faith and Works.** Please join us on **Saturday, December 21, at 8:30am** for breakfast pizza and our study.

Thursday Morning Bible Study "The Word Made Flesh Bible Study for Advent"

In this Bible study for Advent, we focus on the concept of Jesus as the Word Made Flesh. Study questions, prayers and reflections highlight the earthly substances of bread, salt, rock and light in relation to the qualities of Christ. Please join us **Thursday mornings at 9:30am in the fellowship hall beginning December 5,** for study, conversion, coffee, and treats.





THEN I SAW A NEW HEAVEN

A NEW EARTH, FOR THE
FIRST HEAVEN & THE FIRST
EARTH HAD PASSED AWAY...
REVELATION 21:1

"Revelation & the End of All Things"

After Christmas, we will be studying the last book of the New Testament – Revelation. This book is often studied as a roadmap to understand the timing of the end of the world. Many Christians today ask the question, "Do you know what time it is", to say they believe the events of the world are lining up with Revelation and that the return of Christ is immanent. We will study the book understanding that no one know how close we are to the return of Christ to the world. However, we do believe in the return of Christ, and so we will look carefully to see what this Scripture written by John of Patmos has to say about the end of all things. We will meet on Thursdays, but the start of the class has not been determined yet. Stay tuned!



Christmas Program"The Christmas Story in Carols"

Sometimes words are not enough, and you need words set to music. This year our Church School Christmas program will use beloved Christmas carols to tell the story of the birth of Christ. What is more beloved than Christmas carols? Come to hear some of your favorite carols as our children tell the real story of Christmas while they sing to you. Please join us on Sunday, December 15, 6:30pm, for "The Christmas Story in Carols."

Parents, yes, we are behind on preparing for this, so will be contacting you to help us catch up. For sure we will rehearse Saturday, December 14. Stay tuned for all the details.

Youth News

Sundaes on Wednesdays

We are so excited for all the youth coming on Wednesday evenings this year. Please continue to come and bring friends. This month we will meet on December 4, 11, and 18 in December. Here are some details about each individual week:



December 4 at 8:15pm Sundaes, Christmas cards, Flashlight devotions December 11 at 8:15pm Sundaes, Busy bags, Flashlight devotions Sundaes, Christmas carols, Flashlight devotions

2025 God's Creations Calendars

We have a box of the beautiful God's Creation calendars which have become popular with many people. The cost is \$10 per calendar or \$25 for three calendars. We can order more if necessary. The calendars are in the office and all money will go to fund ULC Youth ministry.

Youth Christmas Party (Grades 7-12)

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join Pastor Tom on Sunday, December 8, at 4:00-6:00pm, at Pizza Ranch for a ULC Christmas party. The meal is free to you! All you have to do is bring money for the arcade, and a gift to exchange with another person (\$10 or less!).

Youth Send Gifts to Dacotah O'vate Kids

Our Sundaes on Wednesday youth sent 10 gifts to the kids at Dacotah O'yate Lutheran Church. The kids were both boys and girls ranging from 5 to 16 years old. We also sent 15 pairs of mittens for kids of various ages. Our youth had a lot of fun shopping for other kids.

Confirmation in December

Regular classes this month are on Wednesday, December 4 and 11 and Sunday, December 8 and 15. Please be working on your worship notes. Some of you are almost done and others have not even started yet. You need 10 for the year – no exceptions!



Financial Update

We have some work to do in December!

Our shortfall in the general fund was \$20,686 at the end of October. We appreciate your generosity as a congregation and ask you to help us catch up as much as possible this month. After we see how November went, we will reach out to you and ask for an extra contribution in December so we can approach our goal of ending 2024 with a positive balance. As many other organizations ask you for support in December, remember ULC!

ULC Mission Endowment Moment

The ULC Mission Endowment Board met Tuesday, November 19. As of September, the main fund is \$217,448 and the Paul and Bonnie Fund Education Fund is \$45,791. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 6. Grant requests are due to the church office by Tuesday, April 22.

The following grant requests were awarded:

\$2,000 for Feed My Starving Children April MobilePack.

\$2,000 for Grand Forks Senior Center Kitchen Equipment

Please consider end of year contributions to our Mission Endowment. Might we grow the main fund to \$300,000 in 2025? If you would like information or have questions about either the ULC Mission Endowment Fund or the Paul and Bonnie Cox Education Fund, please contact anyone on the Board. The board members are Mike Juntunen (Chair), Colette Iseminger (Secretary), Kevin Meyer (Treasurer), Curt Hanson, Cindy Strom, and Pastor Tom.

Sundays

WORSHAP ASSISTANTS

Wednesdays

December 1 - Advent 1

Greeter/Ushers: Darrel Iverson, Martha Haug

Lector: Patty Olsen

Communion Preparers: Jay and Theresa Farmer Communion Servers: Doug and Patty Olsen Fellowship: Gary and Genny Olson

December 8 - Advent 2

Greeter/Ushers: Trevor Grainger, Curt Hanson

Lector: Kelsey Peterson

Communion Preparers: Darrell Iverson, Wayne Larson Communion Servers: Kevin and Samantha Carlson Fellowship: Randy & Brenda Hanson,

Elaine Bye

December 15 - Advent 3

Greeter/Ushers: Bonnie and Dave Solberg

Lector: Sandy Norby

Communion Preparers: Judy and Lee Larson Communion Servers: Judy Larson, Martha Haug

Fellowship: Patty and Ernie Patry

December 22 - Advent 4

Greeter/Ushers: Debbie Watts, Erica White

Lector: Curt Hanson

Communion Preparers: Joyce Austin, Davian Scott Communion Servers: Curt Hanson, Davian Scott Fellowship: Gina Neal, Shelly Meyer

December 29

Greeter/Ushers: Wayne and Peggy Burlog

Lector: Lará Dando

Communion Preparers: Becky and Jamie Boe

Communion Servers: Lara Dando & Greg Vandeberg

Fellowship: Doug & Patty Olsen

December 4

Greeter/Ushers: Cindy Strom, Isaac Strom

Lector: Carol Grochowski

Communion Preparers: Dan Melberg, John Neal Communion Servers: Garth & Christine Rydland

December 11

Greeter/Ushers: Jim and Julie Van Eps

Lector: Gary Graff

Communion Preparers: Lauri & Tracy Shimpa Communion Servers: Gary and Linda Graff

December 18 (Blue Christmas)

Greeter/Ushers: Mike and Katie Hess Lector: Carl Iseminger

Cari Iseminger
Communion Preparers: Jessi Saylor

Jennifer Frederikson

Communion Server: Jessi Saylor

Jennifer Frederikson

ULC Volunteers!

Thank you for your willingness to assist at worship at ULC! Please check the schedule for your name and write the dates you are serving on your calendar. If what we have scheduled does not work for you,

then please try to switch dates with someone else on the list.

If you do switch dates or are unable to find a replacement, call us at the church office (775-4745).

We appreciate you and your service!



December WELCA News

A huge thank you to all who made the Fall Festival a success!!! We were able to raise over \$4,000 because of your generosity and hard work. This money will be added to the money made from the Rhubarb Fest and given to at least 17 charities in December. What a wonderful way to give back to the community!

The winners of the raffle are as follows:
Christmas Quilt - Sharon Wolf
Angel Blanket - Marc Messner
Youth Throw - Avery Traub
Embroidered Dish Towel - Christine Rydland
Texas Roadhouse Basket - Genny Olson
Wine Basket - Adrian Reeves
Sweetwater Tea Basket - Cheri Erickson
Wild Life Theme Basket - Linda Giedd
Spa Theme Basket - Wayne Larson
Crisp&Green Gift Card - Seanne Voracek
Crisp&Green Gift Card - Christine Rydland
Northern Lights Candle - Margo Colenso

We will finish the year with a Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 7th at 9:30 am. The theme this year will be "Rocking' Around the Christmas Tree"

so we encourage you to come dressed in any Christmas sweater you might have, old, new, ugly, charming. Be prepared to have a good time. The menu will be French toast bake, scrambled eggs, sausage, and fruit. There is no cost for this event and all family and friends are invited. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex so we will have an idea how many are coming.

The next WELCA meeting will be on December 2, at 6 pm.

Pauline Lileng WELCA Co-President



Quilting Opportunities

Tuesday Night Quilters 5:30-8:30pm

This group focuses on quilts for fundraising, donations to benefits or local charities, and baptismal quilts.

Thursday Quilting Group 1:00-3:00pm

This group focuses on quilts, health kits, school kits, and layettes for Lutheran World Relief.

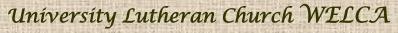
These items are shared with our sisters & brothers around the world.

All women are invited to attend. All skill levels are welcome. We are happy to teach you!

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.



Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 7 9:30 a.m.



ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Menu: French Toast Bake - Scrambled Eggs Sausage - Fruit - Beverage

Invite your spouse, neighbors or guests to join you for this festive morning of fellowship, food, laughter, music, and joy!

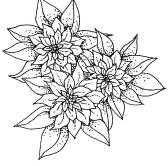
Wear your favorite Christmas sweater or attire ugly, pretty, or silly! This is a great way to start off
the holiday season! Please join us!

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or call the church
office and let us know you are attending.









like to contribute toward this Christmas

garden, please fill out the following

information:

your convenience we are making them available to you for \$10. If you would

This Christmas we are again decorating

our sanctuary with poinsettias. For

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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(number of) poinsettia(s) I will bring of my own.

"in honor of" This contribution is

"in memory of"

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Please place this form in the offering tray, Forms due by Friday, December 20th or bring it to the church office.

Your name



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WORSHIP & EVENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP & EDUCATION

8:45am Adult Class 9:00am Church School 9:00am Confirmation 10:00am WORSHIP 11:00am Fellowship

WEDNESDAY WITH JESUS

5:00pm Supper 6:00pm WORSHIP & WWJ 7:00pm Chapel Choir 7:15pm Confirmation 8:15pm Sundaes on Wednesdays

ADVENT WORSHIP

Sundays 10:00am December 1, 8, 15, 22 Wednesdays 6:00pm December 4, 11

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP Blue Christmas

Wednesday, December 18 6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Tuesday, December 24 5:00pm and 10:00pm



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Beginning December 5, 9:30am

Calling All Men

Saturday, December 21 8:30am

WELCA Bible Study

Friday, December 13 10:00am

WELCA Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 7 9:30 a.m.

Sundaes on Wednesdays

December 4, 11 8:15pm December 18 7:30pm

St. Nicholas Festival at Christus Rex

Friday, December 6 11:30-1:00

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

At Scheel's 10:00am-7:00pm Fridays, December 13 and 20

See inside for much more!

— OLC STAFF

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