

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 18

10:30 am	Worship- LAF Celebration
11:30 am	Coffee Hi
11:40 am	Confirmation Class

Wednesday, October 21

NO	LAF
7:00 pm	UCC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 24

9:00 am	Bible Study
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	Coffee Hi
11:40 am	Confirmation Class

Worship Leaders and Church Staff

Rev. Jack Mahoney - Senior Minister	Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation
Tommy Gress - Organist	Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director
Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director	Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator
Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/ Piano	Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer
Paul Ebsen - Media Director	Kathy Hasenbank, Linda Moe - Custodians

2026-2027 Interns

Charlee Huska, LAF
Lucas Thomas, Media
Larissa Camargo, Organ
Madi Maschmann, Alto
Maleah Wright, Soprano
Sam Van Gerpen, Tenor



LAF Sunday- October 18, 2026

PRELUDE “Come, Christians, We Have Met to Worship, Join to Sing”
arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

Friendship Pads

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Please also complete a "Prayer Card" and put it in the collection plate.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

INTROIT:

“God of the Prophets”

God of the prophets, bless the prophet's heirs, Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast. Each age for its own solemn tasks prepares: make each one nobler, stronger than the last.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Psalm 27*)

The Lord is our light and our salvation

Whom shall we fear?

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When storms brew and winds blow

When wars rage and nations tremble

We seek you in your temple, O God

That we may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our life.

Amen.

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Almighty and merciful God,

But in your limitless presence our limits are revealed.

We have not loved you with all we have.

Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.

We pray all this in your heavenly name. Amen.

arr. Mayo/Zarlenga

Sung by the UCC Tenor/Bass Choir

arr. Dan Musselman

below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Pastoral + Lord's Prayer (Debts/ Debtors)

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Richard Blake

Fall 2026 LAF CELEBRATION

“All God's Critters”
“I Am a Child of God”
“My Lighthouse”

Skits

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1: 1-4, Psalm 119: 105
Isaiah 9: 2, John 8: 12, Revelation 21: 23

Homily

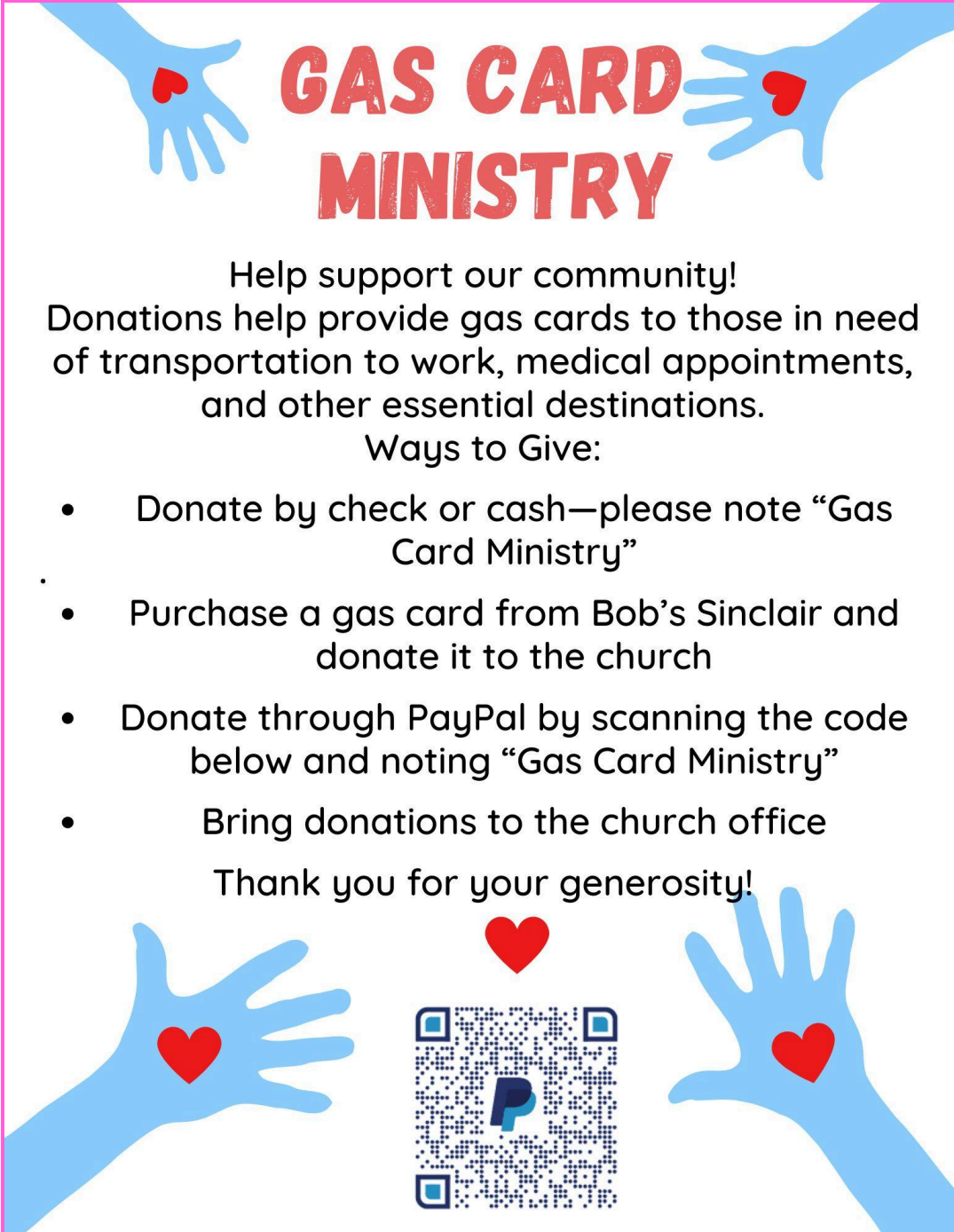
Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”

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A Heartfelt Thank You!

A big thank-you to Kari Jensen, Gretchen Burbach, our LAF helpers, and everyone who helps prepare and serve Wednesday evening meals! Your time, hard work, and generosity help make Wednesday nights special for our children, youth, and families. We are so grateful for the love and care you share with our church community each week!



GAS CARD MINISTRY

Help support our community!
Donations help provide gas cards to those in need of transportation to work, medical appointments, and other essential destinations.

Ways to Give:

- Donate by check or cash—please note “Gas Card Ministry”
- Purchase a gas card from Bob’s Sinclair and donate it to the church
- Donate through PayPal by scanning the code below and noting “Gas Card Ministry”
- Bring donations to the church office

Thank you for your generosity!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME SING WITH THE UCC CAROL SERVICE CHOIR!

All singers in high school and beyond are welcome! Join us Wednesday evenings from 7–8 p.m. as we prepare for our **83rd Annual Carol Service on December 6, 2026**. Come be part of this cherished UCC tradition! We'll have a music folder ready for you. Questions? Contact Gretchen at Coffee-Hi after worship today or email song.birdies@yahoo.com.

Prayer in the Manner of Taizé

Join us for our next Prayer in the Manner of Taizé at Danforth Chapel on campus on **Thursday, October 29, beginning at 8:30 p.m.** More dates to follow! All are welcome!

USD: FALL CHOIR SHOWCASE

The University of South Dakota Music Department presents its **Fall Choral Showcase on Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 pm in Aalfs Auditorium at Slagle Hall**. The concert features the Collegium Musicum, the Symphonic Choir, Legacy Swing Vocal Jazz, and the Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. David Holdhusen and Dr. Timothy Campbell. The choirs will perform music by master composers like Randall Thompson, as well as modern repertoire, spirituals, and folk songs. **The concert is free and open to the public.** If you would like additional information, please contact David Holdhusen, david.holdhusen@usd.edu or (605) 658-3467. The performance can also be viewed on usd.edu/livemusic.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of September 30, we have received \$197,297.60 in pledges, with a budget of \$256,019.19. We have \$58,721.59 to meet our budget needs

If you would like to donate to the Vermillion United Church of Christ, Congregational using PayPal, please scan this QR code with your phone.

