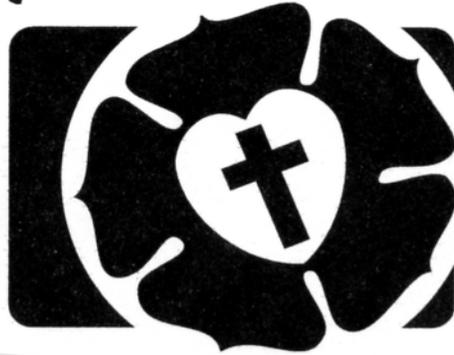
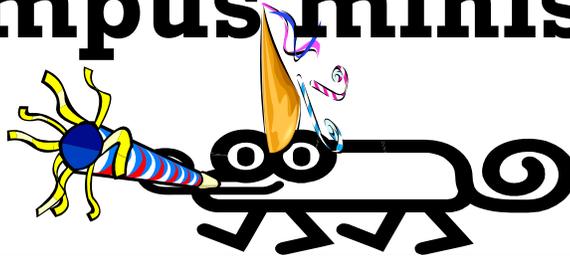


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lutheran campus ministry

January 2013



Dates for your Calendar

Monday	January 7	Semester Begins
Wednesday,	January 9	Choir Practice Resumes
Sunday,	January 20	2012 Tax Statements can be picked up
	January 25-27	Student retreat in Sedona

Open Forum

January 6: No Forum

January 13: "Death Penalty in Arizona" Pastor Ron Koplitz

January 20: "Death Penalty in Arizona" Pastor Ron Koplitz

Ron and wife Mary Ellen are ULC Members. Ron served for many years as a prison chaplain and was part of the team writing the current ELCA statement on the death penalty. He is currently involved in an Arizona case receiving recent attention and scrutiny. He will talk about the ELCA statement, its composition, and its current state in Arizona particularly regarding this most recent case.

Women's Bible Study

All women are welcome to Bible Study. We meet in the homes of women and enjoy lively conversation and study. We meet at 7:00 pm.

January 10 at Lois Robertson's, Lori Zurcher leading the Bible study from the December *Gather*

January 24 at Lori Jensen's, the Bible study led by Ellie Strang from the January *Gather*

Looking Ahead:

**February 24, Anniversary Potluck.
Celebrating 60 years of Ministry !**

Pastor's Notes

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

Happy New Year! New Year's Eve and New Year's Day we use this greeting to many whom we encounter: The woman working the check-out at Fry's, our neighbor out sweeping his walk, family and friends and most anyone with whom we talk on the phone. We may even end a text or two with the phrase. Then comes the challenge: How many days into the New Year do we still use this greeting? January second seems like no problem. Even, perhaps, say January 5th or 6th. But the 10th? After that? What to do!

Funny how we sometimes struggle with things that really don't matter. Yet in all our good wishes for the New Year we seem to emphasize the "Happy" and sometimes miss the "New". For Christians it is most often about the "New". An old joke used to be that the purpose of Lent was for us to give up all those resolutions we made for the New Year. Not quite. The Christian faith and life is about new. That is, we are not stuck with our past. And important as our past may be, it also does not define us. As followers of Christ we are always open to something new that God has for us. God is always making us new. That is not only good news for the New Year, it is good news throughout the year and throughout all our years. The real challenge for us as Christians, then, is to strive to live as those who believe they are continually being made new.

So, greet each other with a hearty and heart-felt "Happy New Year". Do it as long and often as you would like or for as brief a time as you choose. Yet remember always God is hard at work making you and your life new. Happy New Year, indeed!



Happy New Year from Lutheran Campus Ministry!

Greetings and blessings to you in this New Year. Now that the Christmas season has passed, we prepare for another spring semester. But first, we must reflect on the successes of the past month.

The Christmas play production by the campus ministry students was wonderfully done. Many thanks to Esperanza Lutheran Church for letting us hold our production in their outdoor courtyard. And thank you to all attendees, actors, set producers, and all who donated cardboard. We could not have done this without you.

Almost all of our Lefse has been sold; the students reached out to the Sun City and East Valley congregations this year with this amazing Norwegian delicacy. There may still be some scraps for any New Year's cravings you may have. Thank you to all who have bought from us this year; this year has been one of our best in recent years.

In addition to Lefse and the Christmas play, worship services, Bible studies, and meals have continued with a greater number of students than the past two years. The students have decorated thank you calendars for all of those who donated meals last fall; pick yours up in the campus center today. Additionally, the students raised money for, delivered all the holiday fixings for a Christmas meal, and also bought, wrapped, and delivered presents to a local family in need this year. The students hosted a successful and fun men's bake off with many tasty treats sampled, auctioned, and subsequently consumed.

The next semester we look forward to our annual Winter Retreat held January 25th to 27th. We will head to Sedona, Arizona to share in worship and fellowship with our brothers and sisters from the University of Arizona Lutheran Campus Ministry.

This spring we will glean bins upon bins full of citrus from our local community to be donated to the United Food Bank. Need some trees gleaned? Let us know! We also look forward to hosting events with local youth groups across the valley and coming to more local churches to talk about LCM. Interested in hosting us? Let us know!

Happy New Year! May your 2013 be splendid!

Craig

Mark your calendars now for our third annual Dinner and Concert night at 5:30pm on April 20, 2012. The event will be hosted at University Lutheran Church. The students will prepare a gourmet meal, fine entertainment, and fun silent auction from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. At 7:00pm, guests will be escorted over to a free concert at one of ASU's music halls to hear their amazing piano ensemble. Please join in this event today! Tickets are \$30 for singles, \$50 for pairs (Pairs need not be related). Contact the church office (info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543) for more information or to make your reservation today.





Celebrate our years of Ministry with 60 NETS FOR 60 YEARS—



What better way to celebrate the 60 years of worship at this place than to reach out to help end deaths from malaria in Africa by sending a net for every year of University Lutheran's life! Giving life to end the leading cause of death in Africa is a natural way to show our own thankfulness.



Malaria claims the death of a child every **45 seconds**. We know what it takes to stop malaria. We virtually eradicated the disease from the U.S. in the 1950's—just when we began life as Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! Lutheran churches in Africa aren't just places of worship—they are at the center of community life. So our churches are uniquely positioned to do the work of malaria education, prevention and care.



Just \$10 provides an insecticide-treated mosquito net and education to protect an African family from malaria, while \$50 provides enough medicine to treat 25 people affected by malaria.



As we ready for our 60th anniversary on February 23, and in thankfulness for the witness of our church in this place for 60 years, we will join the ELCA in their Malaria Campaign and donate one mosquito net for every year of ministry.

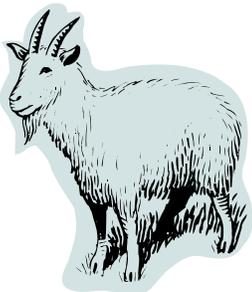


Our anniversary Celebration will be Sunday, February 24 following worship. Mark your calendars and continue to pray for the health and well-being of all the world, and for our work to stop deaths from malaria.



GOOD GIFTS FROM THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

At their Christmas meeting, the Women joyously contributed a total of \$215 to the ELCA Good Gifts program--plus \$100 to Lutheran Social Ministry of the Southwest for gift cards for the people they are helping!



The women chose to provide money for a goat (\$50), a gift which will provide fresh milk and dairy products to a family living in a hot, dry climate where it's tough to raise other animals. Then they underwrote a microloan (\$125) so that a woman might start her own business (such as sewing, weaving or running a storefront) with a small loan from a woman's cooperative. Finally, they chose to pay school fees (\$40) for one girl in a poor family unable to keep her in school.



Condolences

to the family of **Renata Wolff**, mother of Deila Mangold who died December 11 in Scottsdale. Renata's service were December 27 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Scottsdale.

to the family of former LCM Campus Minister Evan Moilan and family on the death of Evan's mother, **Bettye**. Bettye died after a 2 1/2 year battle with cancer. Bettye lived in the Fort Worth area of Texas. Evan, wife Heather (an LCM alum) and children Sydney and Austin live in Bastrop, Texas.

to the family of **Mark Wilkins**, father of student Matt Wilkins, who died December 17 in Oklahoma City, OK. Matt is a graduate student recently graduated and has been hired by a firm in New Orleans. Matt leaves January 3 for New Orleans.

To the family of **David Strang**, who died December 16 in Mesa. His memorial service was held at ULC on December 18th. David is survived by wife, Ellie, Tempe, son David, Columbus OH and daughter Chris, Birmingham AL.

Council Notes

After the progressive Potluck in October, council had several areas to discuss. An area for improvement was in communication. We are working on and will continue to work on increasing communication between council and congregation, LCM and ULC, committees and congregation.



Council members are taking on the task of monthly sign up help for Sunday Worship and will post council meeting highlights and treasurer reports on the Council Corner board in the Campus Center.

Council 2012-2013

Front Row: Deb Hull, Treasurer Beth Wootten, Pastor Gary McCluskey, Terry Anderson.

Back Row: secretary Layna Taylor, Eric Lehnhardt, President Darren Gest and Vice-President Nathan Hindes

 You may have noticed that your envelope number for 2013 has changed. We have in the past ordered 100 envelopes for members and friends. Envelopes make tracking contributions much easier as everyone has a number whether they use their envelopes or not. Many people have switched to online contributions through Thrivent's Simply Giving Program and we did not need as many envelopes. We ordered only 75 this year as a way to save money. That means all the numbers had to change. Your giving is tracked by your number so even if you give online you will be given a number.

End of year financial giving will be available Sunday, January 20. Any questions or corrections please call Beth Wootten at 480 459 0410. Thank you for all your gifts!



Congratulations...

...to **Kevin Hull** on his graduation from Mesa Community College. Kevin received his Associate degree in Applied Science/Audio Production Technician. Kevin graduated with a BS in Business Management from ASU in 2010.

Student Meals

Thanks to all who fed students so well last semester! As always it is tough to know what is greater: the care you show in providing food or the delicious offerings you create each week. It is nice we don't have to choose.....both are great and both are appreciated. Thanks!!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the coming semester. Thanks for your food, your love, and your great spirit!!



Students Return

Our Spring semester begins January 7. Students will return for that date and our Wednesday schedule begins January 9 with Bible Study at 5pm, dinner at 5:30pm and worship at 6:30pm.

We have a winter retreat in Sedona this year with the University of Arizona LCM January 25-27. Spring Break dates are March 10-17.



Church Directory

Updated church directories are available at the church entrance. They are booklets with bright pink covers.

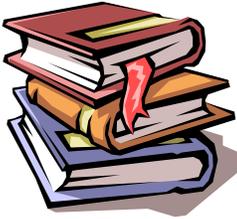
Lenten Devotions

Did you sign up to write a Lenten devotion or two? They are due and you can e-mail them to info@ulctempe.org or bring them to the church office. Thank you!!



Spirit in the Desert

Spirit in the Desert is Lutheran Retreat Center of our very own Grand Canyon Synod. Located in a beautiful, serene setting in Carefree it offers a variety of programs. Some last a weekend, others only a day, while some programs go throughout the week. You can even plan your own retreat for a church group, an individual or a family. The retreat center has wonderful food service. There is also a pool and hot tub. You can check out the various offerings at www.spiritinthedesert.org and read the newsletter on the moving bulletin board.



Book Lovers Unite! (and Amazon users)

We continue to receive a percentage of all Amazon.com purchases made through our web site. Just last week we received a check for over \$100.00. Thank you! It is very simple to use on all Amazon.com purchases. Go to our website,

www.ulctempe.org Click on the "donate" bar. When that page comes up, click on the Amazon.com bar. Then order as you normally would. No passwords or codes are needed. After you do this, they will recognize you each time you order through our web site and we will receive a percentage of your order at no cost to you. Tell your friends about us! Thank you!!

Cartridge Recycle

Thanks to all who deposit used ink jet cartridges in the box by the pop machine (the box on the floor...the one on the machine is for cell phones only).

We just received a check for \$97.00 for the last batch (two boxes) of recycled cartridges! No Epson products and no laser printer cartridges. Ink Jet only.

Yes, you can bring them from work, the neighbors, etc. Thanks!!



RECYCLE!

The City of Tempe has notified business customers (IE: our church) that they will begin periodic inspections of blue recycle bins. They will be looking for contaminants that belong in the trash or elsewhere. Should they discover contaminants they will notify us and check again. Repeated violations will result in possible suspension of our recycling service forcing us to spend more for another trash collection.

Please check the Recycle list on the Campus Center wall or refrigerator. They tell what is and what is NOT recyclable. Our recycle containers are the **blue ones** in the Campus Center, offices, and church. **All others are for trash.** Recycling is an important part of our stewardship as we care for God's earth. Thanks for your help to do it well!!



THANKS!

Didn't the church look just so festive and anticipatory for the Christmas season? From the outside lights past the multi-dimensional star at the entrance (a gift from our sister congregation in Freiberg, Germany) to the altar, the results were so effective. Thanks to all: **Pastor Gary, Bob Tripp, Dave Hull, Jeff Martinez, Terry Anderson and Lori Zurcher, Kristen Tollefson, Jeanne Sims, Katie Gorin, Mitchell Tay, Ellie Strang, Maddie Shaner, Lynn and Art Becker, Marilyn Brown, and Beth and Ruth Wootten.**

to **David Hull** for repairing door hinges on our storage area.

to **Colton Grimmer, Beth Wootten, Terry Pochert, Joe Connolly, Ann Rispoli, Craig Tal-mage, Jo Johnson, Deb Hull, Will and Mary Ann Salz, Ruth Wootten, Muriel Cronin, Gloria Peterson, Rona Johnson, Kim Savage** and all who helped in any way for David Strang's Memorial service and reception. And thanks to **Lori Jensen** for coordinating the reception.



to the **choir**, to **Aiko**, and to all who read, ushered, and took part in the Service of Lessons and Carols. We had our largest attendance ever! It is great to see so many make this a part of their Advent preparation!



January Birthdays

- Jan. 02 Jill Rode
- Jan. 07 Jackson Loomis is 6
- Jan. 11 Bronx Bergman is 3 years old today
- Jan. 11 Charlie Bergman is 3 years old today too
- Jan. 12 Art Becker
- Jan. 12 Eric Nash
- Jan. 16 Kate Berg
- Jan. 19 Amy Gauthier
- Jan. 21 Heidi Nash is 3 today
- Jan. 23 Loni Lehnhardt
- Jan. 24 Allison Miller
- Jan. 26 Martha Leskinen
- Jan. 27 Ellie Strang
- Jan. 29 Carmen Bieber
- Jan. 29 Luke Kinney
- Jan. 30 Dave Hull
- Jan. 31 Lois Robertson

January Wedding Anniversary anyone?

