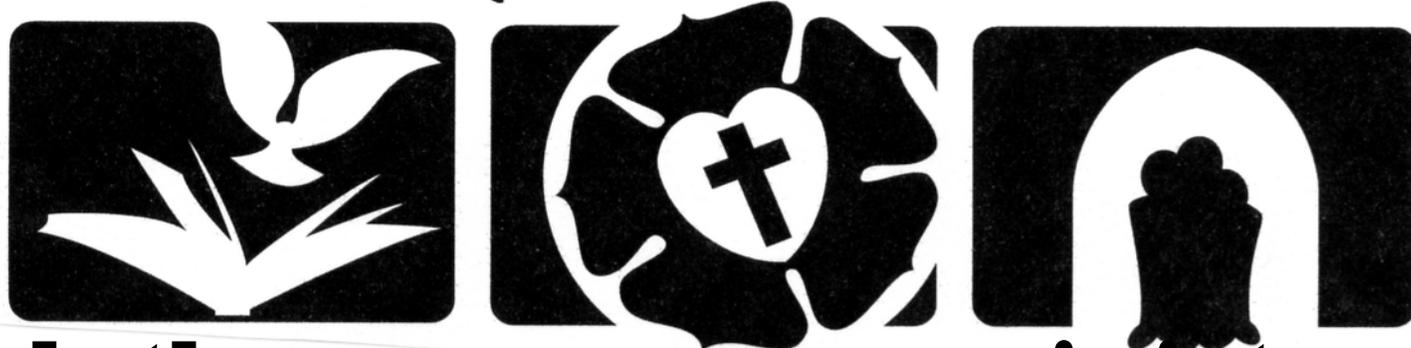
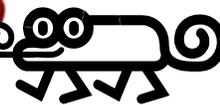


# university lutheran church



## **lutheran campus ministry**

*February 2013*



### Dates for your Calendar

Sat, Feb 2,		LCM Service Event at local park
Thurs, Feb 7	12:00 pm	Page Turners Book Club
Sun, Feb 10		Lutheran Ministry Fair at Ascension Lutheran
Tues, Feb 12	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Wed, Feb 13	9:30 am	Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes only.
Wed, Feb 13	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sun, Feb 24	10:30 am	Prayer Pal Exchange
Sun, Feb 24	11:45 am	60th Anniversary Celebration—PICNIC!
Sat Mar 2		Citrus Gleaning
Looking Ahead—		April 20, 5:30 pm, Dinner and Concert Night
		May 8, 6:00 pm, Graduation Banquet
		May 19, 11:45 am, Congregational Meeting

## Pastor's Notes

Gary N. McCluskey

Pastor

Lent nears! So often we hear of the time of Lent as a "journey" or a pilgrimage". Good images, both! Yet at a recent seminar I was encouraged to look at Lent as being instead an experience of migration. All of us in the US descended from immigrants. And let's face it. Our ancestors who came to this country would most likely not have come were they successful in their native land. We can assume most of us had ancestors who, when they left home were at the bottom of some totem pole: religion, class, economic, cultural, racial, etc. Their experience no doubt was a difficult struggle. Their experience was that of a migrant, not a pilgrim.

Pilgrimages generally are intentional and planned. Many middle class Americans today chose to go on pilgrimages in Spain, South America, or even New Mexico, among other places. Pilgrimages have a beginning and end. They seek transformation. Pilgrimages may be alone or with others. The sacrifice and struggle that may be involved is anticipated. Any dependency to be experienced is planned. Pilgrimages can be voluntarily aborted if it gets too difficult or inconvenient. Pilgrimages are noble. Pilgrims generally walk or even bike.

Migrations on the other hand typically are forced experiences. War, economic conditions, political changes, persecution, famine, among other causes *drive* migrants across deserts or over mountains. For migrants the destination is often unclear. There are no travel brochures or promises of "a better or more spiritual *you*" for migrants. Migrants do not know exactly what awaits them but they seek something, *anything* that might be better. There is loss in migration. The Oregon Trail was littered with furniture and possessions that had to be jettisoned to enable the migration to proceed. Family ties had to be broken, homes lost. Yet migration is not without hope. It is hope that enables the next step. While pilgrims plan their dependency, migrants are anxious and often alienated. Frequently there is little that is seen as noble in migrations. Pilgrims can walk with head high, taking in the sites; migrants see themselves differently and instead trudge with heads downward. The self-perception of a migrant is different than that of a pilgrim.

This Lent I invite you to see yourself as a migrant, trudging off to the cross of Good Friday. Perhaps this little jaunt might just give you a greater appreciation for those throughout the centuries who have migrated. Perhaps it may give you renewed empathy for those who migrate through deserts and over mountains today.

Take the first step. Journey with us. When Easter comes our pace may quicken, our heads can be lifted up as something better breaks through. In Baptism, God gives us water for the journey. In Holy Communion God will feed our hunger. Come.....We begin with dirt on our foreheads, and a promise of being made clean! Come.....



## *Student of the Month -- Chris Walmsley*

**What is your major?** Computer science.

**What all does that involve?** It involves more of a software understanding of computers basically a lot of programming. Lots and lots of programming. We get to learn a bunch of different programming languages. It's fun.

**What is your hometown?** Born and raised in Phoenix, AZ.

**What are some of your hobbies?** What do you do for fun? Well I'm going to number one say watch Anime, playing video games, I do some occasional guitar.

**What first brought you to LCM?** I heard of LCM from someone who was already in it. Once I was at ASU, Bethany was like you should come to LCM cause we went to church together.

**What do you like about LCM? Why do you keep coming back?** I most definitely love all of the people there, it's a lot of fun. I love the community and I enjoy getting to do the activities.

**What is your favorite thing we've done with LCM so far?** I'm a huge fan of the San Diego trip!



### **Upcoming LCM Events**

February 2nd - Service Event - LCM students and others from local religious organizations will be helping clean up a local park and then host a carnival for individuals from the Centers for Habilitation which cares for individuals who are physically and/or mentally challenged.



February 12th - I ❤️ Faith Fair - LCM students and staff along with other local religious organizations will be serving pizza and interacting with ASU students on the Hayden Mall.

February 8—March 11—Citrus Bins will be available at ULC for dropping off fruit.

March 2 - Community citrus gleaning

## Mid Week Lenten Services

(as we gather around the cross)  
"Lent as a Migratory Experience"

### All Wednesday Services 6:30pm February 13—March 27

February 13: Ash Wednesday  
Worship & Imposition of Ashes 6:30pm

February 20: "Migration as Forced Decision"  
Matthew 2:13-23

February 27: "Destination Unclear"  
Exodus 3:1-12

March 6: "Migration as Seeking Something Better"  
Joshua 24:1-15

March 13: "Migration as Alienating"  
Matthew 23:37-38

March 20: "Migration as Anxious Waiting"  
Numbers 14:1-10

March 27: "Migration as Experiencing Loss but Having Hope"  
Genesis 22:1-19

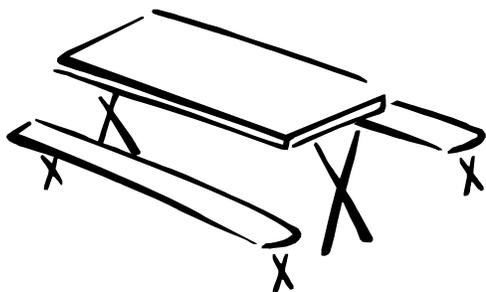
**Students and congregational members are encouraged to come Ash Wednesday at 9:30am for the imposition of ashes only. Ashes are then to be worn throughout the day. We will discuss the experience during Bible Study at 5pm.**

### Dinner and Concert Night!

Mark your calendars now for our third annual Dinner and Concert night at 5:30pm on April 20, 2013. 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 an amazing piano ensemble. Tickets are \$30 for singles, \$50 for pairs (pairs need not be related). Contact the church office ([info@ulctempe.org](mailto:info@ulctempe.org) or 480-967-3543) for more information or to make your reservation today.



# IT'S A PICNIC, IT'S A POTLUCK, IT'S A PARTY !



**CELEBRATE UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN'S  
60TH ANNIVERSARY!  
SUNDAY, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24 ABOUT  
NOON  
PLEASE BRING A FAVORITE PICNIC  
FOOD.  
GOOGLE PICNIC FOOD FROM THE 50'S!**

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, having 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.

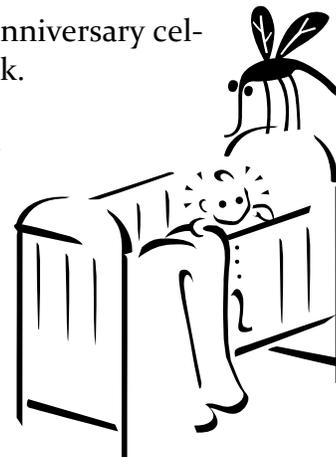
Just \$10 provides an insecticide-treated mosquito net and education to protect an African family from malaria, while \$50 provides enough medicine to treat 25 people affected by malaria.

In thankfulness for the witness of our church in this place for 60 years, will you donate a net or two for our anniversary?

We will begin collecting \$10.00 on February 17 and then continue at our anniversary celebration. Our goal is to purchase at least 60 nets by the end of our potluck.

We are also encouraging additional contributions to 'ELCA Malaria Campaign' that you can place in the offering plate in February.

Continue to pray for the health and well-being of all the world, and for our work to stop deaths from malaria



*Thank you ULC!*

*Thank you for your generous Christmas gifts to staff again this year. We so appreciate the thoughtfulness, love and support expressed in your gifts. We are grateful for the privilege of serving the ULC/LCM community. Thank you!*

*Pastor Gary, Craig, Ailo, Christine and Glenna*

### **Thank you...**

- ...to **Terry Pochert** for changing all the furnace filters and updating the programming on all our thermostats;
- ...to **Art and Lynn Becker** for stringing exterior lights and decorations for Christmas and taking them down afterward;
- ...to all who helped take down and put away Christmas decorations;
- ...to **Ron Koplitz** for twice leading our Open Forum in January. Ron gave a presentation and led a discussion on the Death Penalty;
- ...to **Layna Taylor** for volunteering to staff the office desk in Glenna's absence; and

### **Condolences**

to the family of Joan Moran, grandmother of student-intern Glenna Moran. Joan died January 9 in Mesa, Arizona.

### ***Open Forum***

**Sunday, January 27:** "Covenant With America?: Does God have a special relationship with America?" Led by Pastor Gary

**Sunday, February 3:** "American Exceptionalism": Is Unique the same as special?" Led by Pastor Gary

(Both January 27 and Feb. 3 will explore background of such contemporary issues. Discussed will be various texts seen as "American Scripture".

**Sunday, February 10:** Murray Siegel, Math professor @ ASU Polytechnic campus and active in his synagogue will discuss Jewish perspectives on Lutherans

**February 17:** "ELCA World Hunger Appeal, including the Malaria Campaign " discussion led by Ruth Wooten

**February 24:** "'60...What's in a Number? What's in an Anniversary?" A discussion of what hopes, thoughts and expectations we at ULC/LCM have for the next 60 years. Led by Pr. Gary

## **Prayer Gives Hope**

**The following has been taken from a web site called Caring Bridge. The author is Brittany Hemann, the 22 year old grand-niece of Will and MaryAnn Salz. Our congregation has been praying for Brittany throughout her ordeal.**

This past month has been absolutely incredible for me. To start, I finished my first semester of graduate school with a 4.0 GPA on December 19, 2012 (four A's & one A+). This was such a huge milestone for me.... and I proved my professors and doctors, who all thought I should take a year off of school, wrong! I told them I could do it, and that's exactly what I did :)

I also have new and exciting news.... my one-year MRI is on Tuesday (1/8)! It is technically 3 weeks before one full year, but my neurologist is letting me have the MRI before school starts again on January 14, 2013. I will get the results of the MRI on Thursday (1/10) morning, and will post them right away. I am praying like crazy that the results come back saying that there are NO MORE BLOOD CLOTS! There are no words to describe how happy and excited I am for this MRI... my nightmare of 2012 might almost be over!

Back when this all started, my neurologist told me that because of how sick I would be, 2012 would be the year that I wouldn't want to remember. And he was definitely right! This past year has taught me so much. I have learned that I have an incredibly tough threshold and that I am WAY more resilient than I thought I was, but I was so happy when I saw the clock change and for 2013 to begin. 2013 is my year to take back my body and my health. It is my year to use all the skills I have learned and all the pain I have endured to make others' lives better. It is my year to live again :)

The prayers that you have all given me have made all the difference in the world. I have so many angels watching over me. Thank you to everyone for everything you have done for me. I have the most supportive and incredible support network, and I cannot thank any of you enough. Please send your prayers again this week as I undergo my MRI. My 23rd birthday is coming up (2/21), and I would love nothing more than to be healthy and off these icky meds for it. Please send your prayers! Thank you so very much! :)

**Note: The results of Brittany's MRI were not as positive as hoped for, however, her faith in prayer remains as strong as ever.**

**The Prayer group meets at 5:00 pm Wednesdays. All are invited.**

Ah February, a month of celebrations not the least of which is YOUR birthday!

Happy Birthday

- 02/05 Steve Talmage
- 02/08 Ethan Nash is 5 today!
- 02/10 Matthew Wilkins
- 02/11 Alicia Villarreal
- 02/12 Lisa Zelenski
- 02/13 Paul Zelenski
- 02/16 Brett Gall
- 02/17 Carolyn Johanssen
- 02/17 Meghan Talmage
- 02/18 Arno Leskinen
- 02/19 Lynn Aiken
- 02/19 Bob Foley
- 02/21 Lori Jensen
- 02/21 Ryan Jones
- 02/23 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!
- 02/26 Elaine Stover



**February Wedding Anniversary anyone?**



**Birth**

Congratulations to Calvin and Margaret Schermerhorn...and big sister Marion...on the birth of daughter and sister Eva Louise, born January 2 in Scottsdale .

**Congratulations**

to Mikey Jensen. Mikey was awarded her Master's degree in psychology. Mikey continues at ASU in pursuit of her PhD.

**60 years of ULC/LCM!**

A timeline was created for the 50th anniversary in 2003. It will be displayed at our 60th anniversary celebration with an opportunity to add events in the last 10 years. Suggested events might be when you first came to ULC/LCM, any weddings, baptisms or other milestones that have happened in the last 10 years.

## MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 2012 marked the half way point in our fiscal year. Here are some highlights of our mission plan.

We have many generous members and friends and our total income is a little over \$150,000. This exceeds what was projected in total income, with designated giving being lower than anticipated and giving to LCM from other churches and general giving higher than planned.

Income from renting our facilities to The Spring Church and parking to students has exceeded our plan. The Spring rent was negotiated to \$ 800.00 per month for the next term of the contract. We have continued to put aside \$300 a month to savings for building repairs outside our usual maintenance.

We have met our benevolence pledge to the Grand Canyon Synod of \$ 3,000, plus an additional \$600 to ASU Campus Ministry and over \$3,000 to other ELCA and LWR causes through our designated giving.

Not surprisingly, our property continues to be a major commitment. We anticipated spending \$26,000 at the halfway point and we have exceeded that having spent over \$35,000. Large expenses for Solar lighting and tree trimming were unanticipated expenses.

Other expenses have been lower for the first half of the year keeping actuals in line with projected.

More information can be found on the Church Council bulletin board in the Campus Center.



### **Prayer Pals! At our anniversary celebration, Sunday, February 24, we will recognize our prayer pals of 2012 and choose new names for 2013.**

Before worship, there will be an opportunity to put your name in for this years prayer pal exchange. During worship in 'sharing of the peace', take the opportunity to greet your prayer pal and let them know they have been in your prayers the past year. Before worship, you will have the opportunity to put your name in for this years pal exchange. After worship, you will select a new name from the basket for 2013.

Prayer is an important part of our ministry and you can be involved. The prayer pal exchange is open to all and we invite young or old, new or seasoned, student or non-student..

# February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 LCM service event at Hudson Park 1430 S. Cedar
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