

# university lutheran church



## lutheran campus ministry

*April 2013*



### Dates for your Calendar:

Thursday, April 4	12:00 noon	Page Turners Book Club
Thursday, April 4*	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study at Ann Rispoli's
Tuesday, April 9	7:15 pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday, April 18*	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study at Marilyn Brown's
Sunday, April 21		Committee Reports for Annual Report Due
Saturday, April 20	5:30 pm	Dinner and Concert Night
Sunday, May 5		Offering of Letters
Wednesday, May 8		Graduation Banquet
Sunday, May 19	11:45 am	Congregational Meeting

**Stewardship letters will be mailed in April to members and friends. Please prayerfully consider your giving for fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Return your pledge cards to the church office or place them in the offering plate.**

\*Note the change in Women's Bible Study meetings from the second and fourth to the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Condolences to the family of friends of David Hull. Memorial services were held on Wednesday, March 20 at University Lutheran Church. All our prayers are with the Hull Family. We are so thankful for the blessings and gifts that Dave has given to us.

### **PASTOR'S NOTES**

Gary N. McCluskey, pastor

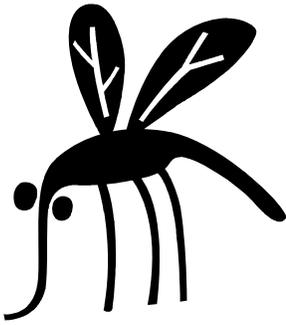
I'm sitting in my office staring at two framed baptismal certificates of long-passed great-grandparents. Neither certificate is in English. Both are in Pennsylvania Dutch. The one, a maternal great-grandmother, died about the time of my birth. The other, her husband and my great-grandfather, lived long enough for me to have memories of him with his strong accent, wooden leg, and dementia.

Though both great-grandparents were born shortly after the Civil War, I sometimes wonder, besides genetic material, what have they passed along to me? Is there anything that possibly has passed along to my son and my grandson? I don't know. I do know that at times when I speak, I hear one of my parents speaking. When I hear Mary Beth speak, I occasionally hear her parents speak. From where....from whom, perhaps....did our parents' speech come? Are more than cells, genes, hair and eye color, stature, etc. passed on? I remember seeing a picture of Martin Luther's descendants in an issue of *National Geographic* magazine on the year of Luther's 500th birthday (1983). I was amazed at how many, after all these generations, looked like Luther!

In this season of Easter I think about new life. Yet I am reminded that so much of what we call new is yet built upon something old. God continues to create new. And it would seem that much of God's creation comes forth from that which has been. So what is it that we do? What is it that we are building? What is it that we are leaving behind? We worry about that sometimes. It is good that we do. Yet be assured God can take what we leave and work with it to create something and even someone new.

Now I have to go out and tie the dog loose and outen the light. And I'll do that right after I throw Mary Beth down the stairs her shoes. ....I wonder where I got that kind of speech?

## World Malaria Day—April 25, 2013!



This day has turned into a special week focusing on the work of the ELCA Malaria Campaign. In recognition of this, our congregation has collected \$585.00 for the purchase of mosquito nets. The Lenten Offering will also go to the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

**DID YOU KNOW:** Since 2009, cases of malaria in Zimbabwe have been cut in half, from 737,000 deaths to just over 300,000 in 2011. Community leaders are trained in malaria prevention and control—educating others through home visits, song, dance and drama.

An estimated 26,000 people will directly benefit from Lutheran malaria programming. Our gifts will continue to make a difference.

### **“A PLACE AT THE TABLE”**

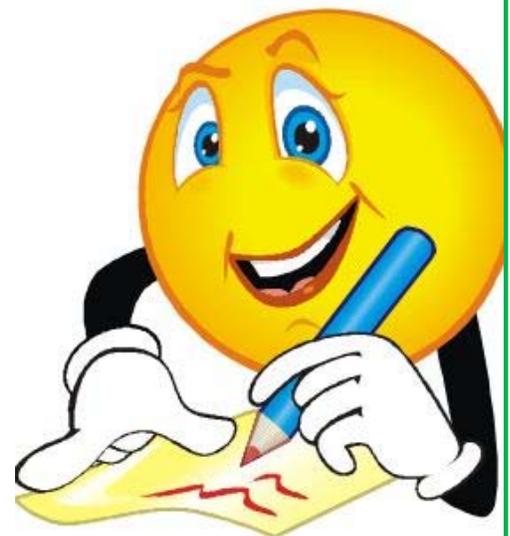
#### **Offering of Letters**

Again this year, University Lutheran will participate in the Offering of Letters on May 5, coordinated by Bread for the World, a Christian advocacy organization urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger. The theme this year is, "A Place at the Table", also the title of a documentary which just opened nationwide focusing on our calling to set a table for our brothers and sisters who hunger and thirst.

Citizens across the nation will focus their letters on petitioning President Obama to set a goal and work with Congress on a plan to end hunger in the US and abroad. We will write letters to our congressional delegation asking them to protect programs that are vital to hungry and poor people, and to work with the President on a plan to end hunger.

David Gist, regional representative of Bread, was at the Campus Center on Saturday, March 16 to meet with persons from around the Valley interested in the Offering.

The forum on April 28 will take a look at the Offering; the letters will be received the following Sunday for mailing to Congress. Questions? Call Ruth 480-966-7039.





**Dinner and Concert Night Tickets.** The tickets for the Dinner and Concert Night are printed and ready for purchase via phone or at the church office. There will be a table at ULC (and other churches) after services in March and April to purchase tickets. Our third annual Dinner and Concert night is at **5:30pm on Saturday, April 20, 2012.** The event is hosted at University Lutheran Church (340 E. 15th St., Tempe, AZ 85281). The Lutheran Campus Ministry 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). Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.



**Silent Auction Items Needed.** Lutheran Campus Ministry students are already out and about in the community asking for donations for this year's silent auction at our third annual Dinner and Concert Night. Do you have any items new or in "new" condition that you would like to donate? Or perhaps, you have a great gift basket idea, you've been eager to try out. Maybe, you paint or are a crafty person; we would love to showcase and sell your work to benefit our students. Please bring your items during our office hours (9am-2pm, Tuesday thru Friday) or after service on Sundays. We can provide tax documentation for your donations.

WE'RE SO PROUD.....

Another honor for Eric and Loni Lenhardt's *FlashFood* innovation: their student-run startup company has been named a finalist for America's Coolest College Startups!

We wrote before of how their team of six went to Sydney, Australia, to compete in the Imagine Cup Worldwide Finals, after having won in the U.S. Microsoft competition. Now, this!

Their application works to reduce food waste by connecting restaurants, caterers and others with perishable foods with community organizations that accept food donations to serve the hungry. And they have time for UniLu and Lutheran Campus Ministry in a variety of ways along with school and work! Just listen to the buttons popping.....

## Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, April 3: **NOTE**— we will meet at the Methodist Campus Ministry, 214 W. University  
(across from Chuckbox); Dinner 7pm, Worship 8pm

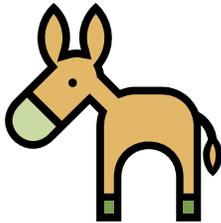
Wednesday, April 10: Methodists will be with LCM at our site and time; Bible Study 5pm,  
Dinner 5:30, Worship 6:30

Wednesday, April 17-Wednesday, May 1 Worship 6:30pm

### Theme for Wednesdays in Easter Season “God’s Microphones”



April 10  
God Speaks Through Balaam’s Donkey  
Numbers 22: 22-35



April 17  
God Speaks Through a Friend  
2 Samuel 12: 1-15

April 24  
God Speaks Through the Burning Bush  
Ex 3: 1-12



May 1  
God Speaks Through Jesus  
Matthew 17: 1-8



## Open Forum

(meets Sundays 9:15am-10:15 in Campus Center Library)

**April 7:** Embracing the Prophets, part IV "The Shrill Rhetoric that Breaks Denial",  
Walter Brueggemann, video convener

**April 14:** History of Gun Control/Gun Culture Part I: "How we Got Here", discussion led  
by Noah Fritze, new ULC member and crime analyst for Tempe PD Both  
of Noah's grad degrees are from ASU and in criminology)

**April 21:** Part II: " What to Do?"

**April 28:** Bread for the World Letter Writing Campaign, Ruth Wootten, leader





## "Viva Peru"

**Congratulations to Christine Wilkins** who was accepted into the "Viva Peru" program to spend a month this summer in Peru working in public health. Christine, a Spanish major, hopes to be a doctor and work with those rarely receiving quality medical care. She asked council if she could make a request to the congregation for support and council approved. Her goal is to raise \$1,700 and any assistance would be appreciated. Christine served as our Student Intern. Below is her e-mail to the church council:

"My trip this summer will be from June 23-July 25 and I will be located in Trujillo, Peru. The program cost (not including airfare and insurance) is \$1700, which includes a donation to the clinic where I will be volunteering. I will be working in a medical clinic or hospital during weekdays where I will be interacting in Spanish with the patients and observing procedures (much like what Katy Lichtsinn and I did in Chile, except it would be the sole focus of this trip). I wanted to know if I could do some modest fundraising at ULC to offset some of the program cost. Vive Peru is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization based in Mesa, Arizona, and any donations for the purpose of this trip can be written off as a charitable contribution. One way to do this is to make a check out to VIVEPERU with my name in the memo line. They have programs in three cities in Peru and their programs are clinical medicine, teaching English, teaching music, engineering, and social work.

Here is their website: <http://www.viveperu.org/index.html>

Here is my specific program description: <http://www.viveperu.org/medicine.html>

Thank you for the help!"  
Christine Wilkins

Contributions may be made as suggested above, placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office. We will have Christine come for one Sunday to personally make the appeal and answer questions, etc. Thank you!

## Summer Connections

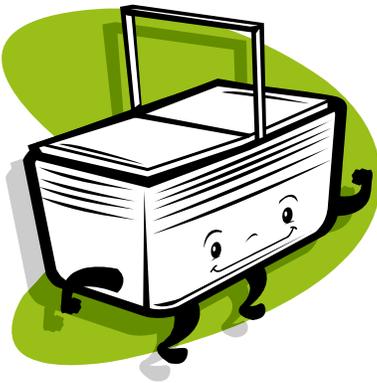
It is getting warmer and that means Summer Connections will be back soon! Every other Wednesday (or Saturday) through out the summer we gather at someone's home for food and conversation. It is an informal potluck, sometimes the host family grills hamburgers or hotdogs and sometimes it is something else. We start at 6pm but latecomers are always welcome, as are family friends and other guests. We are looking for families to host a gathering at their home and if you are willing please speak to Beth Wootten .

### Save these tentative Wednesdays:

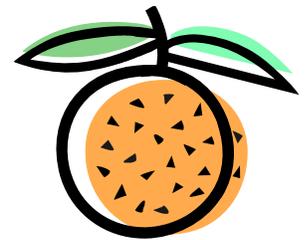
June 5 , 19

July 3, 17, 31

Aug 14, 28



Wednesday, August 28 will be a potluck at the campus center hosted by all of us to welcome new and returning students.



**We've not had a final tally on the pounds/tons of citrus gleaned for the United Food Bank in February and March, but it may fall below last year's because of the damaging freeze this year. But we're so grateful for the gleaners and those who asked for their citrus to be gleaned! Thanks.**

**Our ULC/LCM Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, May 19 following worship:**

- approve the mission plan for fiscal year 2013-2014
- vote for church council members
- approve 2012 annual meeting minutes
- review pastor and committee reports
- invite questions and discussion on life of the congregation.

*Committee reports are due into the office by April 21.*

## Student of the Month: Christian Normand

**Where are you from?** I was born near Seattle. Lived there 'till I was 6. I moved out here to Chandler and that's kind of where I've been ever since.

**What year are you?** Freshman

**What's your major?** I'm studying Mechanical Engineering.

**What does that involve?** A lot of physics, a lot of math, a lot of studying... little social interaction \*laughs\* that's basically it! What do you want to do with that? I want to get into renewable energy, maybe get a minor in sustainability. I'm looking at how I can fit that into the works.

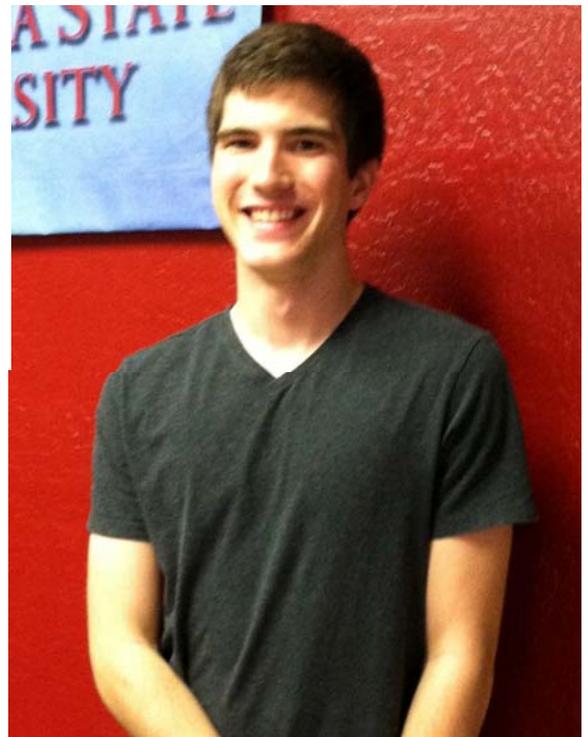
**What are your hobbies?** I'm really into music. I love listening and playing it. I play drums and guitar. Okay, other than music, I like getting out of the city and going hiking, kayaking, and fishing. I like getting in the outdoors, you know? Oak Creek up near Sedona is really nice.

**How did you first hear about LCM?** I was involved in LCM down in Tucson when I went to U of A. So, when I came up here I was like, "you know I should get involved in LCM up here too." I knew it was a great thing to be involved in, and I'm lucky I found it.

**What do you like about LCM?** Oh, there's so much! I like that everyone is just so nice and inviting. The first time I came out here and everyone was just so welcoming. It just felt like my place, you know? I also like Pastor Gary's enthusiasm. It's a different dynamic up here than at U of A, I liked both but it's different. I like it here.

**Where do you see yourself in ten years? Or where do you hope to be?** I don't know. It's hard to say what things will be like in ten years. Maybe I'll own a hovercar. I hope to have a happy life, doing something I love, and maybe be involved in music. You know, wherever life takes me, that's where I'll be in ten years.

**What would you tell freshman who were thinking of joining LCM?** They should come on out to Wednesday night or something because it's fun. We're a great group of people.



## Thanks

to **Jennifer Brandon** for baking bread for Wednesday night worship  
to **Marilyn Brown** and **Lori Jensen** for sorting and filing choir music  
to **Beth Wootten** and **Marilyn Brown** for editing the newsletter.

## Congratulations

to **Glenna Moran** for leading the Thursday morning Broga (Breakfast & Yoga) program

to **Ellen Aiken**. Ellen has joined the law firm of Sacks Tierney here in the Valley. A member of the American Bar Association, Ellen focuses her practice in the area of family law. Ellen is the daughter of Shawn and Lynn Aiken and sister of ASU law student Eric.

### April Birthdays

4/02 Chase Loomis is 3 today!  
4/09 Maddie Johnson is 9 today!  
4/13 Heather Loomis  
4/15 Jessie Hobbs  
4/29 Shayla Hubbard  
4/30 Diane Bowersox

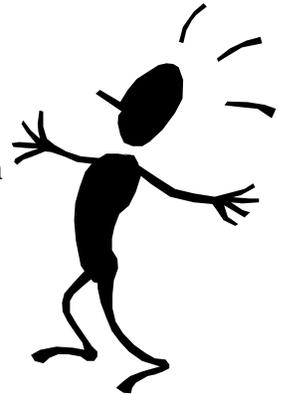


### April Anniversaries

04/01/1978 Dave and Deb Hull  
04/01/2006 Jon and Heather Loomis  
04/21/1972 Paul and Lisa Zelenski  
04/22/???? Brian and Holly Shaner

## New Campus Ministry Associate Begins August 1, 2013

Having been gifted by the enthusiastic efforts of Campus Ministry Associate Craig Talmage for nearly three years, we have entered into a hiring process for a new associate to be in place for the Fall term of 2013. Craig completes his work in May as anticipated when first hired. His dissertation for his PhD will be finished in the fall, so fortunately we will continue to have him with us during that time.



A task force of students and council to screen candidates was formed (Daren Gest, Deb Hull, John Barton, Molly Mardany, Maddie Shaner, and Pastor Gary). We screened 7 well-qualified and excellent candidates. The task force narrowed their selection to one candidate, Alicia Danielson, and brought her here for 3 days of interview and introductions. The students, congregational members, council members, and staff were duly impressed and council voted March 12, 2013 to extend an offer to her to come as Campus Ministry Associate. Alicia quickly accepted and now plans are in place to bring her here by August. (Housing tips always accepted).

ULC/LCM has a long history of excellent leaders in this position and Alicia looks set to continue this tradition. Below is a photo of Alicia and a brief bio. Get ready to extend our usual hospitable welcome to Alicia. And be ready to say thank you to Craig, whom we'll recognize at our annual Senior Banquet, May 8.

## Welcome Alicia Danielson



Alicia Danielson was born and raised in small towns in central Iowa, where she attended the ELCA church. She attended Waldorf College, a private, liberal arts college located in north-central Iowa, from which she graduated in 2011 with a B.A. in History, minors in Humanities and Religion. During college Alicia kept busy by working for Campus Ministries at Waldorf College, as well as spending her summers working at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp as a Senior Counselor and Day Camp Leader.

In the fall of 2011, she began work at Waldorf College as a graduate assistant for the Music Department while working on her M.S. in Organizational Leadership from Columbia Southern University. Alicia also began working at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City, IA, as the High School Youth Director. She is passionate about working with people of all ages and mission trips.

Alicia loves building relationships, having intense theological discussions and debates, the Chicago Cubs, and baking. **She also happens to be a pro at baking lefse!**



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## WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

### Academic Year Schedule

Sunday School: 9:15am  
Sunday Open Forum: 9:15am  
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30am