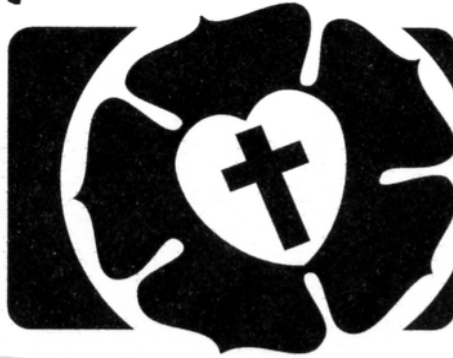
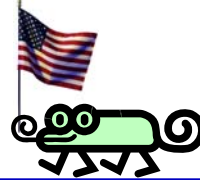


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lutheran campus ministry *June/July 2013*



Dates for your calendar:

Wednesday, June 5	6:00 pm	Summer Connections hosted by Shawn and Lynn Aiken.
Tuesday, June 11	7:15 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday, June 13	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study hosted by Ruth Wootten
Friday, June 14		Grand Canyon Synod Assembly
Saturday, June 22	6:00 pm	Summer Connections hosted by Jennifer and Luke Johnson.
Tuesday, July 9	7:15 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday, July 11	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study hosted by Jennifer Johnson

Summer worship

Sunday Worship 9am every Sunday in June/July
No Sunday School/Open Forum until September 8



PASTOR'S NOTES

Gary N. McCluskey, pastor

A first! A newsletter to cover two months! Does this mean my "Notes" must be twice as good? Twice as long? Twice as memorable? What to do!?!

Silly worries, aren't they? Yet these are the types of things that, at times, can press upon us. We so busy ourselves worrying about things that, in the end, matter little. We so worry about things over which we have little or no control. And we so worry ourselves because we all too frequently take ourselves and our work a bit too seriously at times.



One thing we too often forget is that prioritizing is a part of discipleship. We tend to focus on the "doing". We tend to focus on the right and wrong of those things we attempt. Sometimes we need to put energy and focus on first deciding what things we ought to attempt in our following of Christ and which things we ought to forget or at least postpone. Is one work of discipleship done well better than several done weakly? A second important part of discipleship is realizing we are not in the work of following Christ alone. However important or good are our efforts, acts in partnership often accomplish more than do solo acts. Of course, above all it is Christ whom we are to take most seriously. It is the one who has already done all things for us.

Many things in our personal life, church life, and life in the world confront us. How do we deal with them as disciples? First we begin by weighing them and deciding where our discipleship might make a difference. It is okay for disciples to let some things pass. Remember, our work as disciples is not about saving ourselves. It is about serving others. It is about taking Christ and the needs of others seriously.

So, I get a month off from writing "Pastor's Notes". Grace allows such things.

Craig Talmage, Campus Ministry Associate '10-'13

This is my last newsletter article as Campus Ministry Associate for University Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry. I am excited to report that our student ministry has seen a surge in vibrancy this past year with a great deal of thanks to our new students. I have been blessed these past three years to have worked with supportive congregation members, enthusiastic students, and mission-minded staff.

This year, we held our second annual water fight on our front lawn with squirt guns, water balloons, and lots of water. Our trip to La Jolla went well. It is wonderful to see this tradition to connect continue with our fellow brothers and sisters from other ministries in Arizona. Our winter retreat was held with Lutheran Campus Ministry students from the University of Arizona in Sedona, Arizona, and it was a great success. The worship band, the bible studies, the dinners, the special Advent and Lenten services, the pool party, the senior banquet, and other gatherings were successful and well-attended. In fact, our numbers rose overall a bit this year from last year, specifically on Wednesday nights.

We continued our internship program this year. Thanks to Christine Wilkins (Fall) and Glenna Moran (Fall and Spring) for their service this year. I must note that it appears that after our two and half years of this program that the program is only as successful as the student in its position; we have been lucky to have had some great students. I encourage our community to reevaluate this program and consider either continuing this program or hiring an outside part-time person.

Our fundraisers showed success this year. Thanks to all our friends and members who bought lefse, attended the Christmas play, attended our dinner and concert night, attended the senior banquet, and gave other gifts throughout the year. I believe Alicia Danielson, your next campus ministry associate, will bring a fresh approach to fundraising for this ministry.



A fresh approach is what I believe is needed most by this congregation and campus ministry. As Alicia begins and the new students arrive, let us ask questions like, “How can we bring more into our ministry?” or “What more engaging programs can we take part in this year?” Let us look more to the positive, than focus on the negative. Let’s reserve our previous expectations, and work together for a positive and bright future for this ministry.

When you hired me, you hired a veteran of campus ministry. I am proud to continue my involvement and support of this ministry in the future wherever God takes me. I ask you to allow Alicia to be your new champion of campus ministry. I, in turn, promise to be her greatest cheerleader. I love this ministry and have been blessed by my relationships with each and every one of you. Thank you all for the gifts you bring to this ministry.

Cordially,
Craig Talmage
Campus Ministry Associate, '10-'13

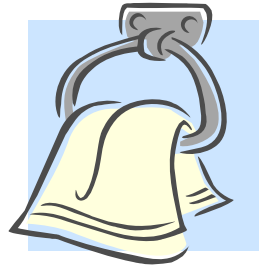
Banquet

We bid farewell and godspeed to 9 seniors and student Alex Gay, transferring to Minnesota State University. Sixty-seven church members, students, parents and family enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Brad Myers, students Maddie Shaner and Alex Gay. Church members made dessert. In honor of ULC's 60th anniversary, Scandinavian foods were served and table decorations were Scandinavian, provided by Lori Jensen, Mary and Gloria Peterson. A freshman Jazz trio of Julie Gerrish, Christian Normand, and Jon Yocky provided music. Carolyn Johannsen coordinated the planning and set up of the banquet. In addition to those named above, we are grateful for all the hard work put into the banquet by: Carmen Bieber, Bob Foley, Ellie Strang, Ruth Wootten, Holly Shaner, Jen Brandon, Kristin Tollefson, Marilyn Brown, Becky Wong, Terry Pochert, Joe Connolly, Will and Mary Ann Salz, Glenna Moran, Aiko Yamada Mancini, Mikalye Holm, Molly Mardany, Chelsea DeMoor, John Barton, Ashley Doering, Loni Lehnhardt, and all who remained late to help clean up and re-set the sanctuary for worship.

Students Say Thanks

A thank you gift to all who provided meals to students last semester awaits you on the pool table in the Campus Center. Thank you so much for the wonderful meals! We will be posting a new sign up for meals in the fall in coming weeks.

Calling all Campus Center kitchen dish towels and dish cloths. We need you back! You are missed, please come home.



Craig Talmage

Craig finished his 3 year term as Campus Ministry Associate May 15. Thanks, Craig!! The good news is he will still be around as a church member! Craig is scheduled to finish his dissertation this fall and graduate in December. He was honored at the Senior Banquet May 8.



Students Return/Passport

Students return to class August 22. Passport to ASU is Wednesday, August 21, 6:30pm. We do not yet know if we will be in the MU or SRC for Passport. Reservations for San Diego over Labor Day weekend have already been made. New Campus Ministry Associate Alicia Danielson begins work August 1.

Thanks

to Noah Fritz for leading two Open Forums on "Gun Control"
to Loni and Eric Lehnhardt for leading an Open Forum on their Flash Food program
to Terry Pochert for leading the Open Forum May 12
to Pastor Ron Koplitz for preaching May 12

ULC St. Jerome Library



Library Catalog now available online

Donna Lumpkin and Lynn Kauppi have been hard at work organizing and cataloging the many resources we have at University Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry. There are literally hundreds of books available.

You can visit the Library Page by visiting the ULC Website and click on Resources: ULC St. Jerome Library.

Not all titles are on yet, but you can have fun watching it grow. There isn't a formal check out procedure, however, all books are free to be borrowed. Please return them when you are finished reading.

Condolences....

...to our Music Director, Aiko Yamada Mancini, on the death of her grandmother, Carolyn Pounds on May 11 in California.

...to former ULC member Don Polentz and family on the death of wife Edna, April 26 in Sierra Vista, AZ

MICAH CALLING...

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Ch. 6:8.

Those are action words, not a one-time thing, like an immunization. As citizens we work in a variety of ways, including regular communications with our elected officials to tell them that as people of faith, we believe the common good requires a place at the table for *all* God's children.

To keep up with events needing your action this summer, check out www.bread.org regularly to see what updates may not have made the headlines--but need your attention. The Farm Bill, for example, is up for reauthorization with efforts to cut programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP) and international aid, which are so essential to hungry people here and abroad.

And if you hesitate to call because you wrote once or twice already, ask yourself if those supporting subsidies for corporate farmers and fossil fuels have talked with your representative only once. Not likely. Just tell yourself, Micah says, "Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God." And do it.

Summer Reading

If you order books or any products from Amazon.com, our ministry gets a percentage of your order if you order through our web site. Go to www.ulctempe.org Click on "donate". Then click on the Amazon icon on the left-hand side of the page. Order as you normally do. No special code or password required. After you order this way a few times Amazon will again recognize you. This one extra step can help us. Thanks!

Ink Jet Cartridges

We continue to receive ink jet cartridges for recycling. We return them for money and for re-use. You may place them in the box in the Campus Center near the pop machine. The box on top of the pop machine is for cell phones. Sorry, no Epson products for recycling. Thanks for your help!

Summer Worship Help

With students gone and many members heading off to cooler climes and vacations we especially need folks to sign up to be communion assistants, ushers, altar guild, etc. Sign up sheets are on the moving bulletin board



Happy Birthday and Anniversary!

June Birthdays

03 Barry Lumpkin
03 Kristin Tollefson
10 Ana Reynolds
11 Leo Brito
15 Marion Schmerhorn is 3 today!
18 Terry Pochert
19 Eric Lehnhardt
25 Jennifer Johnson
25 Ann Rispoli
25 Bob Tripp
28 Christian Normand
30 Maddox Poole is 6 today!

June Anniversaries

07 Karen and John Stone 41 years
08 Jennifer and Aaron Crane 11 years
19 Martha and Arno Leskinen 20 years

July Birthdays

01 Elise Wendte
05 Ruth Wootten
07 Joe Connelly
07 Kevin Hull
07 Hayden Shaner
08 Bowen Shaner
08 Anne Skivington
17 Sarah Salinas
19 MaryAnn Salz
21 Karen Stone
23 Katie Gorin
23 Chandler Johnson
31 Deb Hull



July Anniversaries

04 Joe Connelly and Terry Pochert 5 years
31 Luke and Jennifer Johnson 20 years

Join Us For Summer Connections!

The ULC/LCM community gathers for food and conversation at members' homes as a fun way to remain connected during the busy summer months. It is an informal potluck: the host family will grill hamburgers and/or hotdogs, and guests bring salads, side dishes or dessert as well as our own drinks. We start at 6pm but latecomers are always welcome, as are family, friends and other guests.



Wednesday, June 5—Hosted by Shawn and Lynn Aiken. 1012 E. El Freda, Tempe 85284

Saturday, June 22—Hosted by Jennifer and Luke Johnson. 24711 S. 210th Pl, Queen Creek 85142

July—There will be two summer connections in July. Look for your weekly email update for the dates and locations.

Wednesday, Aug. 14—Hosted by Brian and Holly Shaner, 2524 E. Adobe St., Mesa 85213

Wednesday, Aug. 28 will be a potluck at the Campus Center hosted by all of us to welcome new and returning students.

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 * **The Spring Church** *
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 * *We have rented our sanctuary and Campus Center to the Spring Fellowship* *
 * *Church for the past 3 years. Having grown beyond the size of our facilities,* *
 * *The Spring is moving June 1 to St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, College and* *
 * *Broadway in Tempe. A very nice letter of thanks has been posted on our bulle-* *
 * *tin board informing us of the move and thanking us for our hospitality. A gen-* *
 * *erous check toward a new water fountain was also given to us. We have been* *
 * *receiving \$800 per month in rent from The Spring. About half went to our* *
 * *budget, the remainder into our Building Repair Fund which helped to provide* *
 * *the air conditioning and outdoor solar lighting.* *
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May You Hear the Voice of the Lord This Summer

"The voice of the Lord is powerful;
 the voice of the Lord is full of majesty."

Psalm 29:4

We are embarking on another summer. If we are fortunate, we will seek out a little rest and relaxation. Will that include any silence? Any time for reflection? Any chance to listen for what the Lord may have to say to us?

Quoting from 'The Word in Season' (May 13), "Throughout the seasons of our lives, I believe that the voice of God speaks in many and varied ways: through the words of a friend whose counsel may prove challenging yet truthful; through the words of covenant that bind loved ones together; through sermons and prayers that are thoughtfully crafted and rooted in the sacred stories of our tradition. . . . God is always speaking; we are called to be as persistent in our listening."

Wherever you go, whatever you do, may you be listening for the voice of the Lord.

The prayer group meets in the sanctuary most Wednesday evenings at around 5:30 p.m. through the summer, as our schedules allow. Let's listen for the voice of the Lord together.

Kim Savage