

# university lutheran church



## lutheran campus ministry

*May 2013*



Dates for your calendar:

Wednesday, May 1	12-4pm	LCM Pool party at Gerrish home
Wednesday, May 1		Committee Reports due to the office for the annual report
Thursday, May 2	7 pm	Women's Bible Study, at the home of Carmen Bieber.
Sunday, May 5		Offering of Letters
Wednesday, May 8	6:30 pm	Graduation Banquet
Tuesday, May 14	7:15 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 15		Articles for June/July newsletter due
Sunday, May 19	9:00 am	Worship & Congregational Meeting

**SUNDAY, MAY 19: WORSHIP TIME CHANGES TO 9AM!  
ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWS**

*June/July 2013*

This summer the June and July newsletters will be combined into one. Information for the June/July newsletter is due May 15th. Please submit articles to [news@ulctempe.org](mailto:news@ulctempe.org)

## PASTOR'S NOTES

Gary N. McCluskey, pastor

In April we did a very ordinary and typical thing on two consecutive Wednesdays. We worshiped, heard the words of a sermon, and gathered around Christ's table to receive Christ's body and blood. Of course, in many ways this is *never* something ordinary. The Good News of Christ, the reception of the sacrament is always *extraordinary*. In many ways it continues to be one of the most counter-cultural activities in which the church engages. And we do it twice weekly here at ULC/LCM.

These two weeks in April were different. The first Wednesday we assembled, not at our location, but at First Methodist with Valley Wesley Campus Ministry. The second Wednesday the Methodists traveled here to be with us. On the surface, no big deal. Methodists and Lutherans have always been friendly with one another. Digging a bit more deeply, we just might see more than mere friendship involved.

First, we (ELCA) share an official recognition of ministry with the United Methodist Church. Our gathering together around Christ's table is precisely that....a recognition that above all this *is* Christ's table. It is Christ who is the host. And our unity is found in Christ and all that he has done and all that he is.

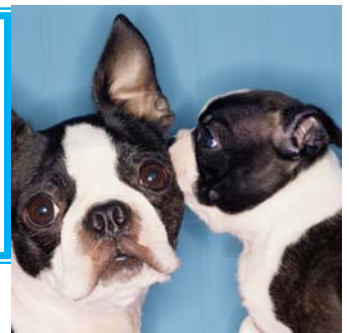
Second, this recognition of unity becomes even more important with the changing culture of Christianity in our nation, our world, and right here at home, in Tempe and the ASU community. Currently I would say the United Methodists, the Episcopalians, and we ELCA Lutherans remain as the only main-line Christian ministry at ASU. We are also one of the few ministries denominationally related. Most now are para-church groups with a different system of accountability.

On a campus well in excess of 50,000 students, what are we against so many? We are a different voice than that heard most often. We provide a different welcome and refuge. We provide a different challenge and definition of following. Togetherness and partnership in this ministry is more than welcome.....it is *necessary*. The one who fed over 5,000 with a few loaves and fishes is able to do great things with so few. Remember, it was Jesus who provided the food, but the followers who did the feeding. ....

Gather 'round the table this summer. Jesus continues to feed.

## PSST!

Have you looked at the picture bulletin board in the Campus Center and thought you should update your photo? You can bring your own, or contact Beth Wootten for a snapshot.



## SENIOR BANQUET

**This is a great time to come and celebrate the years that these students have shared with this community . We are proud of their contributions and achievements. All are welcome!**

**Reservations are needed for the Senior Banquet on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm in the ULC sanctuary. The banquet is a fund-raiser with a free-will offering received to cover costs and contribute to campus ministry. RSVP at [info@ulctempe.org](mailto:info@ulctempe.org) or call the office 480.967.3543 by May 3. Thanks!**

The Annual Senior Banquet is Wednesday, May 8, 6:30pm. Honored this year will be the following graduates;

**Bryn Heemsoth:** BS in political Science.

**Tristan Fehr:** Barrett Honors College, dual majors: Animal Physiology & Behavior and Psychology, minor in Spanish. He received a Fulbright Scholarship to Spain, a merit based scholarship to Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, NYC; a Phoenix Pride Scholarship, and a National Merit Scholarship

**Catherine Willis:** BS Biology, Animal Physiology & Behavior, Summa Cum Laude

**Craig Talmage:** PhD Community Resources and Development (Fall 2013)

**Eric Lehnhardt :** MS Biomedical Engineering

**Katy Lichtsinn:** Summa Cum Laude from Barrett Honors College with a BS in Kinesiology, a BA in Spanish and a minor in Biological Sciences. Katy is a Moeur Award Recipient.

**Abby Henderson:** BA in Psychology and a BS in Family and Human Development. Barrett Honors College, Summa Cum Laude

**Karen Shepherd:** BA in Elementary Education

**Christina Collier:** BA in English Literature, minor in East Asian Languages, (Chinese), minor in East Asian Languages (Japanese), Magna Cum Laude



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Six new members joined ULC/LCM Sunday April 28th during the 10:30 worship service.

**Janet Anderson** is a former member. She is involved in social ministry and has taught abroad in Libya and other countries throughout her career.

**Noah Fritze** had been a member here prior to leaving in 1999. He is employed with Tempe Police Department as a Crime Analyst. Noah was also a student during his time here, receiving his PhD in Criminology from ASU. He comes to us from San Diego, California.

**Eric and Loni Lehnhardt** are recent ASU graduates and have been involved in ULC/LCM Sunday school, social ministry and choir for the past five years. They were married by Pastor Gary last fall in Flagstaff.

**Catherine Willis** is a recent graduate from ASU and has been involved on the LCM leadership team. She begins an assignment with *Teach For America* this fall in Phoenix.

**Colton Grimmer** is a recent graduate from ASU, and is currently enrolled in the American Brewer's Academy. He is an assistant brewer at Gordon Biersch on Mill Avenue. For the past year Colton has sung with the ULC Choir.

### Hosts Needed for Summer Connections

We are looking for families to host a gathering at their home on a Wednesday or Saturday over the summer when the ULC/LCM community gathers 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. If you are willing to host please speak to Beth Wooten .

These are the Wednesday dates:

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.

## Free to Live Like We Believe It

King Herod had Peter well guarded in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. An angel of the Lord appeared in Peter's cell and Peter followed the angel out of the prison, thinking he was seeing a vision. When he realized that he had actually been freed, he went to the house where many people had gathered and were praying for him. He knocked, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door, but when she recognized Peter's voice she was so excited to tell the others that she neglected to unlock the door. Everyone told her that it could not possibly be Peter at the door; she must be out of her mind. But Peter kept knocking, and when they finally opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.

(from Acts 12)

Do we really believe that Prayer Changes Things?

Peter thought he was seeing a vision when the angel led him out of prison. The community was praying fervently for his release, yet could not believe Peter was right there, knocking at the door. They were amazed when they saw him.

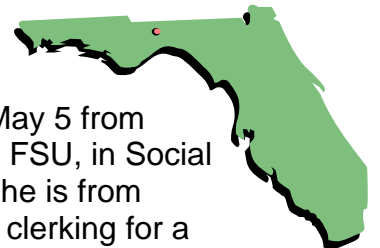
Our God answers the prayers of His people, even when we lack the faith to believe He will. As we practice our faith through prayer, may it grow stronger so that we are not astonished when God hears and answers.

Each Wednesday evening at around 5:30 the prayer group meets in the sanctuary. We do see and hear answers to prayer. You are welcome to join us.

Kim Savage

## Alumni Update - Haley Van Erem

Former LCM student, **Haley Van Erem** writes to tell us she will graduate May 5 from Florida State College of Law. This follows her Master's degree, also from FSU, in Social Work. Haley graduated 5 years ago with a BS in Social Work from ASU. She is from Brookings, SD and will be moving to Orlando, FL, studying for the bar and clerking for a federal judge. She wants us all to know she misses LCM.



## Condolences

Our sympathy to the family of PAUL AURELIUS, who died March 17 in Minnesota at the age of 89. Paul and Marge had been winter visitors at ULC for many years, but returned to the upper midwest as their needs changed. We remember Marge and the family in our prayers.

## Thank You...

to **Charles, Becky and Daniel** Wong for re-filling the children's bags for worship.

to **Robin Morgan** for preaching Maundy Thursday

to **Joe Connolly, Jeff Martinez, Terry Pochert, and Brian Shaner** for arriving early (4:30am!) to set up for the Easter Sunrise service.

to **Noah Fritze** for leading the Open Forum, April 14/28

to **Loni Lehnhardt** for leading the Open Forum April 21

to **Julie Gerrish and Maddie Shaner** for teaching Sunday School this past semester.

to **Terry Pochert and Joe Connolly** for picking up new fluorescent bulbs for our buildings,

to **Colton Grimmer and Christian Normand** for installing the new fluorescent bulbs in our buildings.

## Congratulations...

to LCM Senior **Abby Henderson**. She was selected to participate in the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program in Southern Africa.



**Happy *May* Birthday**

01	Aaron Crane
03	Will Salz
05	Shirley Coffelt
12	Molly Mardany
15	Daniel Wong is 2 today!
16	Steve Morgan
17	Gabriel Johnson is 12
21	Grace Bieber is 6 today!
26	Earl Kunstman
28	Alexander Soto is 8
28	Charles Wong

***May* Anniversary Congratulations**

12	Steve and Kim Savage	34 years
17	Will and MaryAnn Salz	44 years
20	Bruce and Donna Lumpkin	30 years
23	Art and Lynn Becker	50 years!



# May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1 Annual Pool Party 12p-4p</i>	<i>2 Women's Bible Study at the home of Carmen Beiber 7pm</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5 9am Writing of Offering of Letters</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8 6pm Graduation Banquet</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10 AZ Diamondbacks Faith &amp; Family Night</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14 Counsel meeting 7:15</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19 NEW WORSHIP TIME 9am Annual meeting</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	