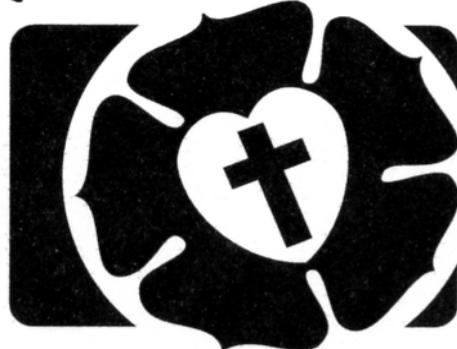


# university lutheran church



## lutheran campus ministry

*August 2013*



Dates for your calendar:

Thursday, Aug 1

Alicia Danielson begins as our new Campus Ministry Associate

Thursday, Aug 8

7:00 pm Women's Bible Study hosted by Jennifer Johnson

Tuesday, Aug 13

7:15 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, Aug 14

6:00 pm Summer Connections hosted by Brian and Holly Shaner

Wednesday, Aug 21

Passport to ASU

Thursday, Aug 22

ASU Classes Begin

Sunday, August 25

10:30 am Installation of Alicia Danielson

Wednesday, Aug 28

6:00 pm Summer Connections hosted by ULC/LCM at the Campus center to welcome new and returning students.



### Worship Time Change

Sunday, August 18 worship returns to  
10:30am

## PASTOR'S NOTES

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

As I write this, Arizona is struggling with the loss of 19 forest fire fighters. Television and newspaper interviews reveal those close to the fire fighters as well as others involved in the fire repeating a similar refrain: "Words cannot express the loss." Indeed.

Human language as a tool of communication is in itself, ironically, such a wondrous gift that words may not be able to express. We humans use other tools for communication: facial expression, body language, presence or absence. These and more often express much. These in conjunction with words can express even more. Yet at times human communication fails in its ability to express that which is deep inside. It seems inadequate to express the depth of pain and sorrow over loss. It fails to express the depth and even ecstasy of joy. Think of all the poems, books, movies, songs, and plays written about love. They may help to evoke feelings of love, they may touch on our experience of love buried deep inside. Yet even so, they too often don't seem completely up to the task.

Maybe that is why we sing hymns in worship. Music, added to language, is able to give more depth and power to our words. Music evokes from us feelings otherwise kept inside. Music helps us express that which is deep inside and longs to come out of us. Perhaps that may even be what is behind the Pentecostal movement of "speaking in tongues." The Greek word in scripture for this is "glossolalia." It seems to me in reading scripture and speaking with those claiming such a gift, "tongues" are simply just another way to express that which seems inadequate for mere human speech to express.

"Words cannot express". No indeed, many times our experiences or feelings are far too strong or overwhelming for simple human language to convey. We sense there is something there inside us wanting and needing to be expressed, but we just can't find a vehicle to transport it out.

Christians, like many other faiths, gather regularly for worship. It is our duty. It is a response to God's greatness and grace. It brings ritual which can help us to center ourselves and our life. It is an opportunity to, at least once a week, put God in focus and offer our meager gratitude. Worship, after all is not what the pastor, the musicians, or the choir do for us. It is what we express and what we give to God. Worship can, at times be that time, that place, and that means to help us express that which is deep inside. It is a place where our deep longing, our deep sorrow or deep joy can be expressed and placed before God and God's people.

God too has deep feelings for us. God too, it would seem, struggles to get out what God wants us to know. So God chooses ordinary human words in a book, the often poor grammar and ordinary words of pastors, the earthly elements of water, bread, and wine. God uses the body language of those surrounding us in worship and in life. Perhaps God does know, after all, what it might be like to be us. Worship: we struggle to express that which is in us. God struggles to express that which is God's very being. In worship the two can meet, and every now and then we see a glimpse of God.

## Lift High the Cross (and other special gifts)



Sometimes we assume everyone knows our congregation's story and all the smaller stories that weave together to form our community's story. Do you know the story of the dark wooden cross usually kept in front of the church in a stand? It is hand-carved from Ethiopia. We had a member family from Ethiopia and, through them established a relationship as a "sister congregation" with their Mekane Jesu Church in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. We did many things for this church and, in response, they have given us gifts of thanks. This cross is one of those gifts. On occasion one of the white stoles worn by Pastor Gary is another of those gifts.

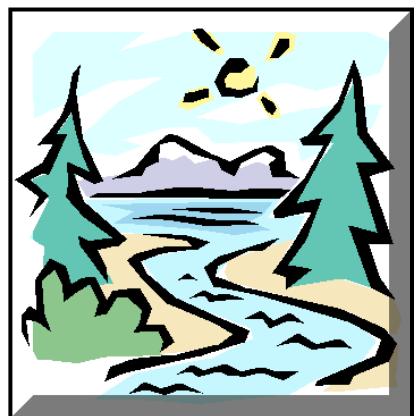
You may have also noticed the ebony crucifix over the guest book at the church entrance or the ebony nativity usually kept on the display case in the Campus Center. These and the straw lion mat hanging in the Campus Center were gifts from another sister congregation in Tanzania. Again we had a member family from that congregation in Tanzania. We helped to build a house for a widow in that congregation, bought a cow through the Heifer Project for them, and helped in other ways. Their pastor also visited us and addressed our synod assembly some years ago. These gifts came as a thank you for our partnership.



We also have a sister church relationship with a church in Freiberg, Germany. Some gifts also have been exchanged. We took a Hopi pot and other gifts to them. In turn they gave us a hand-made wooden candelabra, a large yellow Moravian star, and a very old German Bible. Three times we have had groups visit Frieberg. Three times members of their community have visited us. This relationship was begun through the efforts of former member Gerry Kleinfeld while he taught German history at ASU.

Our last sister congregation was a Lutheran Church in Indonesia. We had a member on staff at ASU from that congregation. We helped to put a floor in their church, install a sound system and purchase an organ. Esther has now returned to her native Indonesia.

So, when you look at that cross, think of how vast and different is the Church of Christ throughout the world. Remember how this small community here touched and touches all areas of the globe. Like the small headwaters of a mighty river, the ministry of ULC/LCM flows on, connecting with other tributaries of faith as God uses us all to do God's work.



## Condolences...

...to the family of **Jo Johnson**. Jo died June 16 and her memorial service was held in our sanctuary July 3. Jo was a long time member of ULC and served many times as the church organist. Jo is survived by her six children and five grandchildren.

...to **Deb, Kevin, and Heather Hull** on the death of Deb's mother and Kevin & Heather's grandmother, **Ethel Renner**. Ethel died in Iowa on July 9.

...to **Terry Coffelt** and family on the death of Terry's Mom, **Eileen Coffelt**. Eileen died in Indiana.

...to **Ruth Wootten** and family on the death of her sister-in-law **Isabelle Wittig** in Illinois. Isabelle and her husband Bill are both former members of ULC.

...to **Eric Nash** on the death of his mother, **Kelly Nash** . She died at home in Mesa, July 2.



## Paper Collection

Janet Anderson, on behalf of daughter Lorraine, is collecting a specific type of newsprint for elementary school children in Rwanda to use for drawing, coloring, and "scribbling" by little ones. Such paper is very expensive in Rwanda and unable to be available for such creative purposes. Lorraine just came back from spending some time in Rwanda ( (<http://www.cityofjoyonline.org/>) . You may see the kind of paper requested at :<http://www.dollartree.com/office-school/paper-notebooks/Art-Pads/610c567c567p93469/index.pro>). Because shipping is costly, we are also asking each person making a donation include \$1 toward shipping. Thank you. We will be receiving these items until Sunday, August 18. Newsprint may be placed at the desk



## 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 pot-luck: 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.

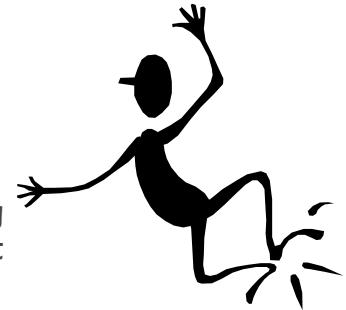


**Wednesday, Aug. 14**—Hosted by Brian and Holly Shaner, 2524 E. Adobe St., Mesa 85213

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

## Welcome, Alicia Danielson!

Our new Campus Ministry Associate, Alicia Danielson begins her new position August 1. Students are already planning on taking her out to lunch following worship August 11. Alicia comes from Waldorf College, in Forest City, Iowa. She was a teaching assistant at Waldorf in the music department and worked with youth and young adults in a local congregation. Alicia will be installed Sunday, August 25 at the 10:30am worship service. Introduce yourself to Alicia, and welcome her to our community.



## Abby Henderson off to South Africa



Abby Henderson, a member of the May 2013 graduating class, has been selected by the ELCA to be part of their Young Adults in Global Mission program. Abby was selected to work in the mission field in South Africa and leaves later in August. We will have a send-off for Abby Sunday, August 4 at our 9am worship service. Please keep Abby in your prayers.

## Book on Former Student

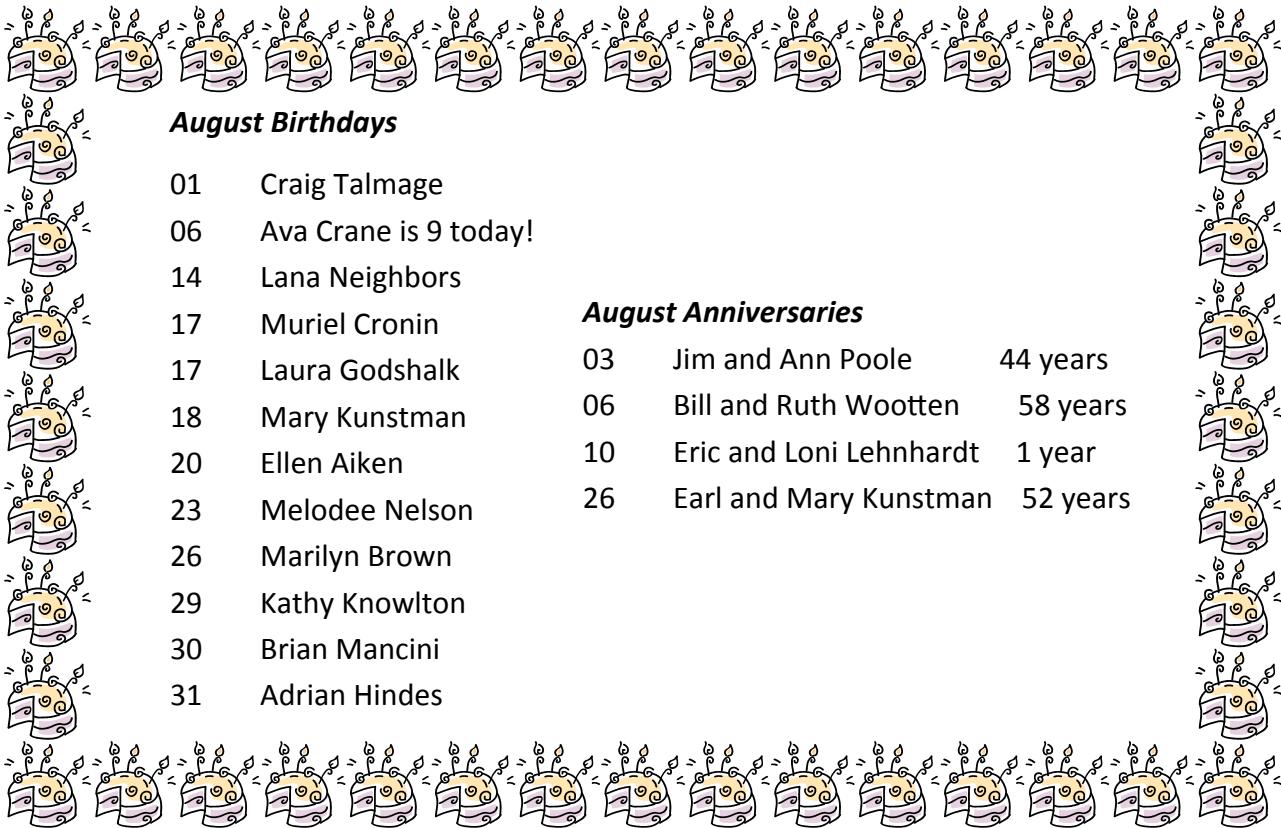
Some in our community remember student Heather Gross. Heather graduated in 2003 and moved to her home area in Salt Lake City, Utah. About five years after graduation Heather was killed by an avalanche while skiing in bounds. Her mother, Alyce, wrote a book about Heather and her own grief journey following Heather's death. Pastor Gary and the church library each has a copy and it is available for sale on Amazon.com. The title is, "The Devil's Fingernail and Heather Aron Gross".



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### **August Birthdays**

- 01 Craig Talmage
- 06 Ava Crane is 9 today!
- 14 Lana Neighbors
- 17 Muriel Cronin
- 17 Laura Godshalk
- 18 Mary Kunstman
- 20 Ellen Aiken
- 23 Melodee Nelson
- 26 Marilyn Brown
- 29 Kathy Knowlton
- 30 Brian Mancini
- 31 Adrian Hindes

### **August Anniversaries**

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| 03 | Jim and Ann Poole       | 44 years |
| 06 | Bill and Ruth Wootten   | 58 years |
| 10 | Eric and Loni Lehnhardt | 1 year   |
| 26 | Earl and Mary Kunstman  | 52 years |

## **Thanks...**

...to **Terry Pochert** for serving as usher for Jo Johnson's memorial service, July 3rd;

...to **Will Salz** for repairing our processional cross. The cross was a gift from our sister congregation in Ethiopia. It was beginning to split apart from the hot, dry weather. It now looks good as new;

...to **Nathan Hindes** and **Layna Taylor** for serving as our voting members for the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly in Mesa;

...to **all** who brought school supplies for Senior **Christine Wilkins** to take to her students in Peru as part of the Vive Peru program...

**... Thanks!**

## **Congratulations...**

...to 2013 graduate **Katy Lichtsinn** who is one of four students in the US to receive the ELCA's Torrison Scholarship for graduates attending medical school. Katy will be attending the University of Arizona Medical School;

...to **Catherine Willis** on completing training for Teach for America. Catherine is currently applying to various schools.

## **Jesus Jams**

Several students expressed a desire to continue meeting Wednesday nights during summer and they have been doing just that! They meet in the Campus Center Wednesdays at 8 pm for Bible Study, discussion, some devotions and songs, and then order in pizza or head out to get something to eat. Students take turns leading the sessions. All are invited to be a part! Our usual fall



## **Student Meals**

Wow! We have had the sign up sheet for student meals on the moving bulletin board a few weeks and already many dates are filled. Thank you!! There are more to go, so please continue to sign up. If you want to provide a meal, but are unable to cook, you may donate money for the meal and we can have students or others do the cooking. Talk to Pastor Gary or Alicia Danielson about that if you want to underwrite the cost of a meal or part of a meal. You may also partner with someone or with a small group to provide the meal.



Thank you!

## **LCM Student Elected to Synod Council**

John Collins, member of First Lutheran Church in Mesa and ASU LCM student, was elected to serve on the Council of the Grand Canyon Synod. John is a sophomore and began attending LCM regularly this past semester. We thought it very nice he wore our LCM T-Shirt the entire assembly! John follows a tradition of our students serving on synod council. Coincidentally the last of our students on synod council was also named Collins (no relation): Matt Collins. Congratulations, John!



## **San Diego Labor Day Retreat**

Off we go on our annual San Diego Labor Day retreat! We leave the Campus Center around 5 pm Friday, August 30 and return to same about 3 pm Monday, September 2. We stay in a local church about 3 blocks from the beach! Cost is about \$55 per student and includes food, lodging (ok, sleeping on a church floor) and transportation. Freshman will enjoy a "first time" discount. We have beach time, fun time, study and discussion time, and worship on the cliffs of La Jolla as the sun sets over the Pacific. There is also worship on the beach at Mission Bay and free time for any of the activities available in the San Diego area. Don't miss out!



## **OVER 100 DEGREES AND TIME FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!**



Yes, you can get a head start on the holidays by checking out the Fair Trade catalog which will be available in the Campus Center in September. You can order from a wide array of gifts—and then you can buy some more when the Fair is on display in November. And don't think only of seasonal items: how about those birthdays? Items you order from the catalog will be sent along with the shipment for the Fair itself so you'll have plenty of time to relax!

As we have for years, we order from SERRV, a non-profit that has worked for more than 60 years to create sustainable development choices in cooperation with artisans and farmers from around the world. All high quality gifts are hand made by artisans in 75 community groups from 36 countries around the world. Working directly with the artisans and their cooperatives, SERRV eliminates the middle man and ensures a fair price. Farmers and artisans involved with Fair Trade are participating in a more just economic system, being assured of fair wages, the right to organize, and the protection of the environment.



More than one billion people live on less than a dollar a day, while another 2.7 billion struggle on less than two dollars. Globally, nearly 200 million are unemployed, while millions more are underemployed. In spite of working long hours in fields and factories, families find that children suffer the most from poor nutrition and limited educational opportunities. SERRV's mission is to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide.

In addition to Fair Trade coffee (which we enjoy during the fellowship hour after Sunday services) you can also order jellies and candies to be sure you have some and don't have to wait for the November Fair.



**Fair Trade and Human Rights—the perfect combination!**

### **Refugee Support Needed**

We were contacted by Lutheran Social Service of the Southwest, asking for gift cards to Fry's Grocery stores for their refugee families. Fry's is selected because of the number of stores and closeness to refugee apartments. You can send them to the church office, put them in the offering plate, or give them to Pastor Gary. If a receipt is needed, contact the church office or Pastor Gary. Any amount on the gift card is welcomed. **Thank you!**