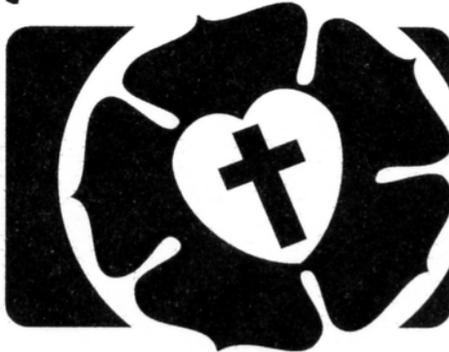
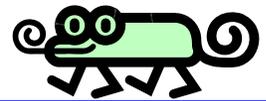


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September 2013



Dates for your Calendar

Aug. 30—Sept. 2

Sunday, Sept. 8

9:15 am

LCM San Diego retreat

Confirmation, Sunday School
and Open Forum begin

Sunday, Sept 8

9:45 am

Choir rehearsal

Tues, Sept 10

7:15 pm

Council

Thursday, Sept. 12,

7 pm

Women's bible Study at
Ann Rispoli's

Thursday, Sept. 26

7 pm

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Schedule

Bible Study: 5pm

Free home-cooked meal for all stu-
dents: 5:30pm

Worship 6:30pm-7:10pm

Choir rehearsal 7:30pm

Sunday Schedule

9:15am open forum, confirmation,
Sunday school

9:45 Choir

10:30 Worship Service

Student Lunch following worship



*Come to one event,
come to them all!*



Thrivent Member?

If you or a member of your family have a Thrivent product, you no doubt have heard about "Choice Dollars". Choice Dollars allows you to send Thrivent dollars to a ministry of your choice. There is no cost to you. Such benevolence is required of fraternal insurance companies. Lutheran Campus Ministry and ULC are places you can direct those funds to go. Call 800-Thrivent (800.847.4836) and say, "Thrivent Choice" or go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Whenever members do it also makes us eligible for a possible grant of \$2,500. Church members, students, parents, alumni, and anyone with a Thrivent product can do this. Thanks!!

Get your Christmas Shopping Done Early!!

Not only can you get your shopping done early but your money can go directly to the craftspeople in developing countries. The Fair Trade catalogs will be available in the Campus Center in late 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. 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.

One example of the groups that are helped by our Fair Trade Fair is **Imvelo Eswatini** in Swaziland. Established in 2007, Imvelo Eswatini has trained 25 women from informal urban settlements to produce jewelry and bags using local materials like clay and lutindzi grass. Each piece is handcrafted from beginning to end by women, who combine their traditional skills with new techniques, fostering creativity and promoting skill sharing. Imvelo Eswatini is dedicated to providing flexible work opportunities, paying a fair and sustainable income, and enabling each woman to provide for her family. Look for stories of artisans in our worship bulletin.



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!

Pastor's Notes

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

September is here. In baseball this is "crunch time". It is the time to drive hard to finish first and make the post-season. Focus. Work hard. Play fundamental baseball. Many would think it the most important part of a seven month season.

We never seem to think about those early games in April, or the mid-season stretch in late June. If there is any chance at all for a team in September, is it not because of games won in those times? Are not all portions of a season equally important?

Life. We have adolescence, young adult, mid-life, and senior years. Are any of these unimportant? Are any less important? Certainly we are living in the midst of some time period of life that time seems most important of all. After all, it is now, it is the present. It is our present. It is where we are now. It is the time we feel and experience now. Whatever time we are living in now, seems to be the most important of all. And it most likely is the most important.

Faith. Faith is not a gift for later. Nor is it a gift for times past. It is a gift for now. It is a gift for all the present times. As I write this we have no idea how many new students will find their way to our ministry. We have no idea how the new staffing "trifecta" of Pastor Gary, Aiko, and Alicia will work together. We are hopeful. We have been here before. In ministry as we work to serve God, there is no "crunch time". Past, present, and future are all "God time". Better said, they are "God's time". *This* is what gives us hope. This is the source from which faith enables us to navigate all our present times.

September. Fall. A new academic year. Here we go! Here we will go with God. We serve. We love. We sin. We follow. There are no "crunch times" in a life of faith. There are no times, past, present, or future without God. Yes, here we go. Hold on!

A Note from Ian Lee, former LCM student:

"I'm doing well. I hope you are too! I was in S. Korea for a month and a half and just returned to Egypt. I've been here since the beginning of the bloody crackdown. I really appreciate you keeping me in your prayers. Could you also keep the other journalists operating in Egypt in your prayers as well? Unfortunately we've lost three since this began. Journalists are targets of snipers. The situation in Egypt has reached an unprecedented level of violence. Thanks!"



From Alicia Danielson...

Our new Campus Ministry Associate

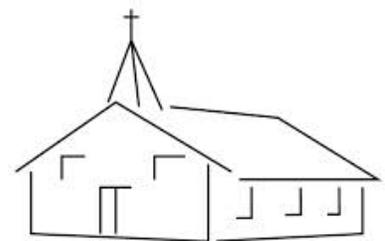
“Vulnerability breeds Compassion”

The summer after my freshman year of college I began working for an ELCA Bible camp in central Iowa. We spent two weeks in staff training, bonding as a staff and learning how to deal with anything a group of children could throw at us. One of our staff members, when we were learning about staff support, told us that “vulnerability breeds compassion,” and that phrase has stuck with me ever since. Being open, honest and vulnerable with the people around you will breed compassion in them for you and in you for them. As a new member of this church community, I feel it necessary to be open, honest and vulnerable to y’all.

For those of you who are not familiar with my story, here is some basic information. I was born and raised in small towns across central Iowa, most recently from a town just north of Ames (home of Iowa State University). I graduated from Waldorf College, a private, Lutheran, liberal arts college located in north-central Iowa, where I acquired a B.A. in History with minors in Humanities and Religion. After graduation, I began working as a Graduate Assistant for the Music Department at Waldorf College. The fall after I graduated I also began working as the High School Youth Director for Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City, IA.

As of right now, I have been living in Arizona for two-and-a-half weeks. The transition has been challenging and interesting, to say the least. I have become adjusted to the city traffic—not so much the heat, but that will come! I am anxious for January. Everyone in the church community has made me feel so welcomed and appreciated, which has helped the transition. Thank you all for your support and encouragement—I greatly appreciate all of it and all of you!

During a phone conversation last week with a friend currently at Luther Seminary in Minnesota, we were discussing how I was adjusting. At that point, I told her that I was struggling and that I didn’t plan on this being a long-term career. However, less than a week later, I have changed my mind. I have attended three Sunday church services here, and I already feel very comfortable worshipping with this church community. I have met some of the LCM students, all of whom are excited and energized about the coming year. I have communicated with Pastor Gary about becoming a member of this congregation. I really like my job—I get to spend my days and nights talking about religion and the Bible, what’s not to like?! All of this, including ULC’s community, has made me realize how much I already like living here and how much I am looking forward to this year. In one week I’ve changed my mind from being unsure about my fit here to knowing and feeling that this is right and that I’m going to love this place.



Open Forum

Who? For those interested in discussing and learning, connecting faith and life.

When? Sundays 9:15am-10:15am

Where? Campus Center Library

September Offerings

With so many students studying abroad and doing special projects there, this month will feature three of our students focusing on their study and work.

Sunday, September 1: Labor Day Weekend, No Forum this day

Sunday, September 8: Christine Wilkins reports on her work in Peru

Sunday, September 15: Jennifer Brandon reports on her stay in Cypress

Sunday, September 22: Melanie Lehnhardt reports on her semester in London

Sunday, September 29: "How Has Your Mind Changed?" As we mature we change our minds on many important issues of faith and life. Pastor Gary will lead this discussion.



Wednesday Bible Studies: 5 PM

Do you have the opportunity to do what you do best every day? Each week we will discover people of the Bible and their qualities and strengths that made them stand out.

Lectionary for Wednesday Services:

How does the Bible define you, *not* as a Christian, but as a human being living in today's world? Join us as we discover how the Bible defines us: as human beings; as lovers and fighters; as relational beings; by gender and sex; as political and healthy creatures; and much more!



CONTINUE YOUR FAITHFUL ADVOCACY!

Even if you've contacted your congressional delegation or attended a Town Hall to express your views, your elected officials continue to need to hear from you. In order to keep federal programs running after the beginning of the Fiscal Year 2014 on October 1, Congress will need to agree on a temporary spending measure (a Continuing Resolution). They need to hear (again) that as people of faith we believe it is harmful and wrong to continue or worsen cuts to Head Start and education, meals for seniors, rental housing vouchers and homelessness prevention, unemployment insurance, health care, and other vital services.

You can write or email your senators and representative, or call them on the toll-free number Bread for the World provides (**1-800-826-3688**), and urge them to:

. replace sequestration with a balanced package that includes both new revenue and responsible spending cuts and

. work to make sure that any scheduled defense cuts do not get shifted to anti-hunger programs.



NEW ELCA BISHOP

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Northeastern Ohio Synod, was elected Aug. 14 presiding bishop of the ELCA at the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. She was elected on the fifth ballot. There were 889 votes cast, and 445 votes were needed for an election. Eaton received 600 votes and the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop, received 287. Eaton is the ELCA's first woman presiding bishop-elect.

The churchwide assembly, the chief legislative authority of the ELCA, met in Pittsburgh, PA, Aug. 12-17 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The theme for the triennial assembly is "Always being made new." This year marks the 25th anniversary of this church.

"We are a church that is overwhelmingly European in a culture that is increasingly pluralistic. We need to welcome the gifts of those who come from different places, that is a conversation we need to have as a church," Eaton told the assembly shortly after the election.

Prior to becoming synod bishop, Eaton served as pastor for ELCA congregations in Ohio. She earned a Master's of divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., and a Bachelor's degree in music education from the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio.

An assembly schedule is available at www.ELCA.org/assembly and up-to-the minute news entries at <http://blogs.ELCA.org/assemblynews>.

Congratulations to Brian Becker and Corrine Christian who were married July 27 in Scottsdale. Brian is the son of Art and Lynn Becker



Congratulations...

...to **Catherine Willis**. Upon completing "Teach for America" training, Catherine began teaching July 22 first grade in Country Place Elementary School, Tolleson;

...to **Colton Grimmer**, who graduated from the American Brewers Guild in Vermont. He is currently doing an internship at Stone Brewery in Escondido, CA; and

...to LCM alumnus **Jessica Beckmann**. Jessica just finished her internship at University of San Francisco Medical School pursuant to becoming a registered dietician. USF immediately hired her to work in their hospital dining program. Jessica graduated from ASU in 2012.



Baptisms

Baptized into the Christian faith was **Greyson Kristian Olson** son of **Devon Olson** and grandson of **Craig Olson**, on July 21. Sponsor was Steve Fourie.

Baptized into the Christian faith was **Glenna Moran**, daughter of **Mark & Kumja Moran**. Sponsors were her uncle Kevin Moran and the community of University Lutheran Church & Lutheran Campus Ministry. Glenna, an LCM alumnus, had everyone present sign her certificate. Glenna will be moving to Seattle for graduate school.



...to **Julie Gerrish, Abby Henderson, Loni Lehnhardt, & Maddie Shaner** for helping to move Alicia into her apartment;

...to **Ruth Wootten** for cleaning the kitchen and sorting through all the dishes and kitchen ware;

...to **Julie Gerrish and Maddie Shaner** for staffing the secretary desk during Glenna's vacation;

...to **Donna Lumpkin & Lynn Kauppi** for working each week to keep our library up to date;

...to **Layna Taylor, Julie Gerrish & Maddie Shaner** for filling in for Glenna while Glenna was on vacation;

...to **Layna Taylor** for working with an exterminator three times to finally have bees and a bee hive removed from a tree on our property;

...to **Lynn & Shawn Aiken, Jennifer and Luke Johnson & family, Ellie Strang, Joe Connolly, Terry Pochert, Noah Fritz, Holly & Brian Shaner and family** for hosting Summer Connections to **Beth Wootten** for coordinating Summer Connections ; and

...to **Eric Lehnhardt, Darren, Bill and Carolyn Gest** for installing our new water fountain.

Happy Birthday to you...

9/02	Heather Hull
9/13	Beth Wootten
9/16	Phil Darling
9/17	Christopher Workman
9/19	Nathan Hides
9/20	Jackson Poole is 3 today!
9/28	Ann Poole
9/28	Ray Salinas



Anniversary Congratulations to...

Shawn and Lynn Aiken celebrating 32 years on 9/05

Ray and Sarah Salinas celebrating 15 years on 9/06

Terry and Shirley Coffelt celebrating 41 years on 9/09

New Church Secretary

If you call the church office the cheerful voice responding may be new to you. We hired a new secretary, **Ruth Lindsay**. Ruth

began work August 12. Office hours remain the same, Tues-Friday, 9am-2pm.

Ruth is a member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Tempe and active in their ministry as well as the campus ministry at St. Augustine's. Ruth is especially involved in the St. Bridget's community of St. Augustine's, an outreach to young adults and young families. Ruth is married to husband Chris. She is a native of Tempe and continues to reside there. Welcome, Ruth!

Thanks to **Glenna Moran** for serving these past months as our Student Intern! Glenna is off to grad school and new adventures in Seattle! Godspeed, Glenna!



WELCOME

ULC/LCM Artifacts



We have been telling the story behind many of the collections we have at ULC/LCM. With our university community we are fortunate to have in our midst people from various countries. In addition our own students and members travel internationally for study, work, and adventure. Many present us with gifts from their country or their travels.

About 2005 we helped to send students to two countries on projects. Partnering with Lutheran congregations in these countries our students worked to do Bible School type events, rebuild a camp, teach, sing, and learn the local cultures. We sent four students to Senegal and two to Lithuania.

One of the students traveling to Senegal was an LCM freshman, **Aaron VanderYacht**. Upon returning to school and Tempe, Aaron brought us two gifts from his experience there. One is framed and hanging in the sanctuary. It is the Batik artwork on the west wall of the sanctuary. The other is a small cloth that is on a bookshelf in Pastor Gary's office. It is white, trimmed in red, with a Senegalese character on it. These are just two more examples of how our ministry

Confirmation

Confirmation returns this fall. We begin Sunday, September 8, 9:15am-10:15am. We meet in the Campus Center 9:15am-10:15am. This year Alicia Danielson will join Pastor Gary and the confirmation teachers in leading the program. If you are interested, contact Pastor Gary (gnmclluskey@gmail.com)

Sunday School

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 8, 9:15am-10:15am. Melanie Lehnhardt is back from her semester in London and will coordinate the teachers, program, etc. again this year. Sunday School meets in the classrooms just off the sanctuary. If you have a child and are interested, contact Pastor Gary or Melanie (melanie.lehnhardt@asu.edu).



Student of the Month

Diane Bowersox

What is your year? Senior(ish)

What are you studying? Accounting and Global Studies

What is your hometown? Escondido, CA

What are your hobbies? Water Polo, Reading, Sleeping, Eating.

What do you like about LCM? All the members of the congregation are so warm and welcoming.

What first brought you to LCM? I used to have sorority meetings here and thought that I should stop by one time for a service.

What is your favorite thing about LCM? The sermons and bible studies are very applicable to my daily life.

Where do you see yourself in ten years? Working as an accountant.

