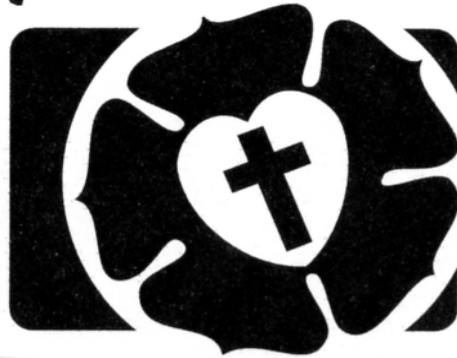


# university lutheran church



## lutheran campus ministry

October 2013



### Dates for your Calendar

Sun. Sept 29 and Oct 6

Fair Trade Catalogs available  
for pre-orders

Tues, Oct 8

7:15 pm

Church Council Meeting

Sun. Oct 20

Bread for The World Sunday

Sun. October 29

Reformation Sunday

### Wednesday Schedule

**Bible Study: 5pm**

**Free meal for students: 5:30pm**

**Worship 6:30pm-7:10pm**

**Choir rehearsal 7:30pm**

### Sunday Schedule

**Open forum, confirmation, Sunday school:  
9:15am**

**Choir: 9:45 am**

**Worship Service: 10:30 am**

**Free Lunch for Students: 11:45 am**

### All Saints

Sunday, November 3 is All Saints Day. We will remember in our prayers that day the names of all who have died since All Saints Day, 2012. You may call the church office (480.967.3543) with the name(s) or write them on the blue sheet placed in Sunday bulletins. Please make sure you mark the names "All Saints".



## Pastor's Notes

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

With our times being so different from those of Luther and with the reforms of the 16th Century in place for nearly 500 years it can be difficult to imagine just how radical the changes made were for church leaders and their parishioners.

Priests *marry*? No private confession required? Everyone receives both bread *and* wine in communion? No special language for worship or for God? *Everyone* who is able to read can read the Bible on their own? No unerring power in control? What chaos will result! The church will become a "lowest common denominator" sort of institution.

Today we don't understand these and other such charges and the insecurity such changes brought to all the church. Yet there is a Reformation insight that yet breeds insecurity among clergy and laity alike. *Ecclesia semper reformanda est!* The church is always to be reformed!

Such a slogan means Luther and the reformers did not fix the church. Nor did they set it upon some self-cleaning trajectory. The church, composed of human, sinful members and leaders, is always in need of reform. That means it is always in need of some change. Not change for the sake of change, but change for the sake of the gospel, God's Very Good News. That also means resistance and insecurity on much of the church's part; that is on our part.

As we struggle to figure out what change might be appropriate and what might be inappropriate, we need to remember the history of the church. We need to remember the *entire* history of the church. At times the church makes excellent, even heroic choices. At times it has made choices that leave the faithful embarrassed. Through it all the church remains. It remains because above all the church belongs to God. The church really is what scripture tells us, namely: "The Body of Christ".

Our call is not to make the church "contemporary" or "relevant". Our call is to work to engage the church in God's world sharing, communicating, and living the Good News of the Gospel. How might we do this best today? What do we need to keep? What needs to be changed or dropped? As we wrestle with these and more, always remember whose church it is. Always remember who it is that works to continue the church. The church, it seems to me, will always be here. The question to us is, "Will we be part of it?"



## New Members

We will receive the following new members in October:

**Craig Olson**, staff member ASU bookstore;

Daughter **Devon Olson**, her son **Grayson**, baptized at ULC;

**Alicia Danielson**, Campus Ministry Associate from Forest City, IA; and

**Hal and Robin Morgan**, St. Louis, MO. Hal has sung in our choir. Robin is Director of the East Valley Lutheran Thrift Store, Mesa. They have been winter visitors the past few years with Hal singing in our choir and Robin, a pastor, preaching and filling in for Pastor Gary.



## Anniversaries

Bob and Lana Neighbors - October 24 , 26 years

## October Birthdays

October 6	Sofia Leskinen
October 6	Walter Johnson
October 8	Julie Gerrish
October 8	Chris Walmsley
October 17	Avery Johnson
October 23	Layna Taylor
October 25	Barbara Talmage
October 29	Donna Lumpkin
October 29	Bill Wootten



## Congratulations...

...to Colton Grimmer. Colton just finished an internship with Stone Brewing Company in San Diego County, CA. He was hired by Stone Brewing as Assistant Brewer following his internship.

## Where are They Now?

While on retreat in San Diego, former members Bob and Trey Wilcher, now living in the San Diego area, dropped by to visit with Pr. Gary and the students. Bob and Trey had breakfast and worshipped with us at Mission Bay. They are doing fine and wanted us to say "Hi!" to the congregation and "Thanks!" for all we have done for them. Trey is now about Dad's height and in 9th grade. Older son Bobby is in the US Army and next oldest son Mark is in New York.

## Thanks...

...to **Paul Gregory** and **Carl Mangold** for preaching and leading worship during Pastor Gary's vacation and retreat in San Diego;  
...to **Christine Wilkins, Jen Brandon, & Mel Lehnhardt** for leading the Open Forums in September;  
...to **Darren Gest** for driving a 15 passenger van to San Diego;  
...to **Chris Anderson, Julie Gerrish, Loni Lehnhardt, Christian Normand, & Maddie Shaner** for picking up a donated copier and delivering it to the church office....in 109 degree temperatures!! and  
...to **Grand Canyon Synod** for the gift of a Risograph printer.



## OPEN FORUM

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

We will have a three part series on worship/liturgy...Why we worship as we do, what significance liturgical order plays in worship, etc. Leaders are Aiko Yamada Mancini, Alicia Danielson, Pastor Gary

**October 6: Part I: Beginning of Worship...God's Icebreakers?**

**October 13: Part II The Word...God addresses us**

**October 20: Bread for the World (Ruth Wootten)**

**October 27: Part III: Sacrament & Sending...Strength for the Journey**



## Arizona Cardinals Game Fundraiser/group activity

November 10, 2:25pm, the Arizona Cardinals play the Houston Texans in Glendale. Tickets are discounted \$20 each. Cost for each ticket is \$36.00. ( LCM receives \$10 per ticket sold). As with all tickets there is a processing fee of \$4.00 per ticket. Parking is free. Friends/neighbors welcome! See Pastor Gary or Alicia for ticket forms...or call the church office.





## Do your Christmas shopping now!

Sunday **September 29** and **October 6** SERRV catalogs will be available to preorder gifts for our Fair Trade Fair. Any gift you want will be ordered and shipped with the ULC order and you can pick it up and pay for it when the fair starts in November.

SERRV is a nonprofit organization with a mission to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide.

At SERRV, every product has a true story behind it. These stories are uplifting. They are about freedom from poverty and achieving basic human rights, such as access to food, shelter, education, and basic health care. And they are stories about equality and dignity for all people.

Go online at [www.serrv.org](http://www.serrv.org) to read about the artisans, the crafts they make and see all the gifts available for purchase. Send an email with any questions or the items you wish to purchase to [bethwootten@hotmail.com](mailto:bethwootten@hotmail.com).



### Saffy Handicrafts

SAFFY Handicrafts is the marketing arm of SAFRUDI, the Social Action Foundation for Rural and Urban Development, a community development organization that began in 1966. Through their social enterprise program, they help empower marginalized producers and artisans throughout the Philippines.



SAFFY began as a workshop that provided alternative livelihoods for youth and women in marginalized areas of Manila through sewing projects, and now assists some 34 small producers groups. They also run their own unit that specializes in making capiz shell items. Artisans who work with SAFFY benefit from product development assistance, access to markets, micro-financing, technical training and special incentives for quality craftsmanship.



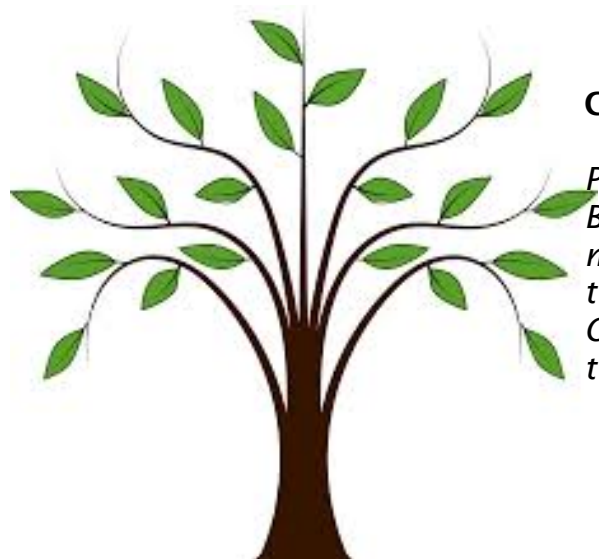
In addition, SAFRUDI's social development programs also include health and nutrition programs, sustainable agriculture projects, and community organizing. SAFFY has a lovely line of capiz shell items, as well as a variety of products made from sustainable wood, natural fibers, and recycled materials.





**Women's Bible Study:** —Women are invited to join in our thoughtful discussions and warm fellowship.

*Thursday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m. at the home of Carmen Bieber*  
*Thursday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m., at the home of Ruth Wootten*  
*Thursday, October 24, 7 p.m., at the home of Sarah Salinas*  
**All women are welcome!**



### Confirmation

*Pastor Gary, Alicia, Eric & Loni Lehnhardt and John Barton continue to lead confirmation classes. They meet every Sunday 9:15am-10:15am in the "pit" in the Campus Center. Currently they are studying the Old Testament. Interested? Talk to Pr. Gary or call the church office*

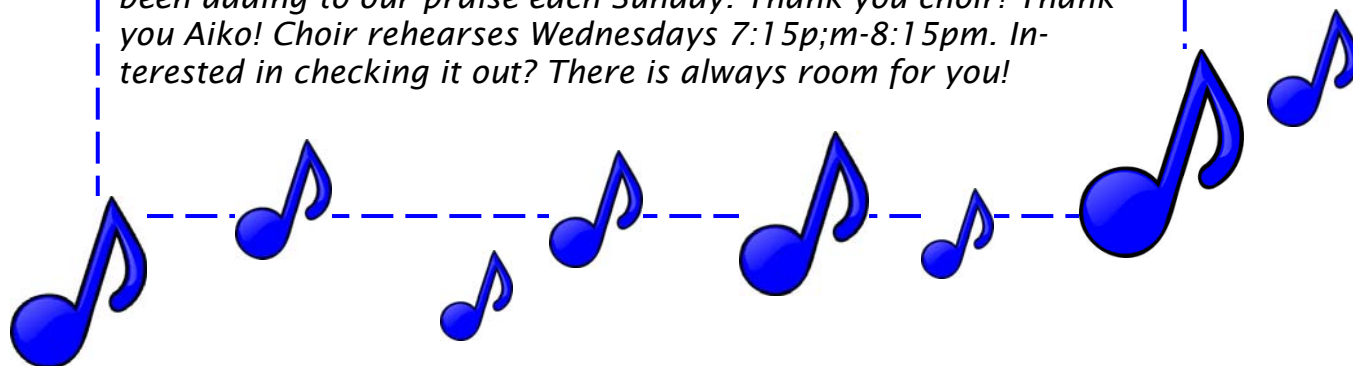
### Sunday School

Melanie Lehnhardt, Julie Gerrish, and Maddie Shaner make up a great team of Sunday School teachers! Sunday School is each Sunday 9:15am-10:15am in the rooms just south of the sanctuary. Your child would be welcome! Parental help is always welcome too!!



### Choir

*What a great beginning we have with our choir this fall. Under the leadership of the ever enthusiastic Aiko Yamada Mancini, they have been adding to our praise each Sunday. Thank you choir! Thank you Aiko! Choir rehearses Wednesdays 7:15p;m-8:15pm. Interested in checking it out? There is always room for you!*



## Jill Rode Update

(Jill was our Campus Ministry Associate three years ago. Below is her update as she enters her senior year at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN.)

Dear Friends and Family,

Ahhhhh, it's good to be back in the Twin Cities! As I sit here thinking about what to write to all of you, it seems as though I never left for internship a little over a year ago in Seattle, WA. And yet, here I sit now in a new phase of life complete with beginnings as well as endings.

First off, thank you to ALL of you for the love, encouragement, and support you showered upon me during my time on internship. For those of you able to follow my blog, you know that I had a wonderful experience learning about the in's/out's of parish ministry, the basics of community organizing, the important role that advocacy can play in the life of a congregation, and the various ways in which Church can serve the needs of the neighbor.

Ever since returning to MN a month ago, I have definitely been living life in the "fast lane." The past six weeks have entailed moving back to MN, moving into an apartment near campus, putting the finishing touches on wedding planning, getting married (!), and beginning senior year classes. Needless to say, this time has been a crazy whirlwind, but in the very best way possible. Gretchen and I thank you ALL for your love and support during this exciting time of transition!

So, here we are. Seniors. For those of you who don't know, Gretchen is also studying to be a pastor in the Lutheran church, and is at the same point in her studies as me. If all goes according to plan, we will both graduate next May, looking for calls, all the while relying on God to guide us along the way.

Now, I all know you're dying to know what classes I'm taking this semester. So, without further adieu, here you go!

- Senior Preaching
- Exercises in Biblical Theology (looking at what function the Bible plays in the life of the congregation)
- Mission II
- Ministry to the Mentally Ill and Their Families
- The Bible and the Environment
- Systematics III- The Holy Spirit

Six classes is a lot, but I am very excited about all of them. I will admit that there was a small part of me that missed taking classes while on internship (though, I did NOT miss all the assignments and papers that go with them)!

This semester will go by quickly, and will require that Gretchen and I start filling out paperwork for the assignment process that takes place next spring. As we go through faculty interviews, candidacy interviews for approval, fill out pages of paperwork, wear our "student" hats, work campus jobs, and navigate newly married life, please keep us in prayer. We will do the same for all of you.

Blessings as summer comes to an end (okay, it might last a little longer for those of you in AZ), and the beauty of fall begins. Keep in touch.

## Devotion

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message. . . ."

Colossians 4:2-3a

Devotion is not a word we use very often. When we do, we generally think about 'having' devotions or reading a daily devotion from a booklet like "The Word in Season." But devotion has much deeper meanings. Webster's Dictionary defines it:

Devotion:

- a) religious fervor; piety
- b) an act of prayer or private worship
- c) a religious exercise or practice other than the regular corporate worship of a congregation

Devotion seems to imply personal, individual action beyond anything we might do together as a community.

In Colossians devotion is paired with watchfulness and thankfulness. All indicate action. We need to pay attention! When we truly devote ourselves to prayer, actively going beyond the absent-minded recitation of too-familiar words, God is present and available, 24/7. May we devote our energies to watching, recognizing, and giving thanks for God's attentiveness to every aspect of our lives.

The prayer group meets in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at around 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us as we watch for answers to our prayers.

Kim Savage

## Like to Read?

If you order books or any products from Amazon.com, you can do so at no extra charge to you and the church can receive a percentage of your purchases. Simply go to [www.ulctempe.org](http://www.ulctempe.org), click on "Donate".

When that page comes up, click on the Amazon icon on the left. Then order as you normally do. Once you order in this way, Amazon should recognize you and your account every time you order through our web site.





## Bread for the World Sunday October 20

We'll join thousands of other Christians on October 20 in education, prayer and worship to recommit ourselves to fight against hunger and poverty at home and around the world. In spite of tremendous progress in recent years against worldwide hunger and poverty, nearly **16,000 children die every day from hunger related causes**. That's one every five seconds. And in our own richly blessed country, **one in five children** still lives in a family that struggles to put food on the table.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision-makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Begun in 1972 by a Lutheran pastor in an economically deprived New York City parish, Arthur Simon began to search for ways for concerned Christians to more effectively influence government policies that often had a negative impact on hungry people. Like Jane Addams, who founded Chicago's Hull House in the late 19th century, he saw that even our generous works of charity "bound up wounds that should never have been inflicted." As founding president of Bread for the World, he has continued to be involved even as David Beckmann (another Lutheran pastor, called at this ordination to be a "missionary economist") assumed the presidency of Bread in 1991.

For years, University Lutheran has participated in Bread's annual Offering of Letters, when specific issues are identified for concerned citizens to write their elected officials to urge action on behalf of "the least of these." This year our letters and calls have repeatedly urged our senators and representatives to replace sequestration with a balanced package that includes both new revenues and responsible spending cuts, and to ensure that scheduled defense cuts do not get shifted to anti-hunger programs.

As we recommit ourselves to efforts to end hunger, an opportunity will also be offered for signing a petition to President Obama, urging that he set a goal and work with Congress on a plan to end hunger in the United States and abroad.

