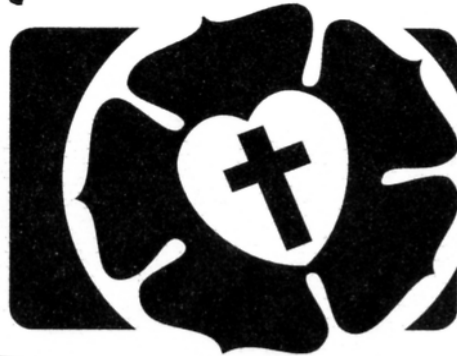


# university lutheran church



## lutheran campus ministry

November 2013



### Dates for your Calendar

Sun. Nov. 3		All Saints Sunday
Thurs. Nov. 7	12:00 pm	Page Turners Bookclub
Sun. Nov. 10		Crop Walk
Tues. Nov. 12	7:15 pm	Council Meeting
Thurs. Nov. 14	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
Tues. Nov. 26	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wed. Nov. 27	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service

**Sunday, November 17 to Sunday, December 8**

**SERRV Fair Trade Fair in the Campus Center**

### All Saints

Sunday, November 3. We will remember in our prayers those who have died since All Saints Day, 2012. You may still submit names for the prayers, but the deadline for inclusion in the bulletin may have passed.



## Pastor's Notes

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

Sunday, November 10 is the 530th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther. Lutherans like to quote him because many quotes are colorful, insightful, and even entertaining. Many quotes affirm something we as Lutherans say we believe. Yet, one thing rarely discussed among Lutherans is our relationship as Lutherans to this Martinus Lueder. Those outside Lutheranism often assume Lutherans "follow" Martin Luther and criticize us for simply following a flawed human instead of following Christ. Many young people today do not know who Martin Luther was, confusing him with Martin Luther King, Jr. What is our relationship with this man whose name our expression of the Christian faith has adopted?

First, Luther did not like anyone being called Lutheran. It was, in fact, initially a term of derision. Much like a school child may call another "Chicken, chicken", those connected with Luther's reform movement were called "Lutheran, Lutheran". Luther actually preferred that those who were part of the reform movement be called simply, "Christian".

Second, we do not follow Martin Luther. The doctrines upon which Lutherans agree are in a book titled, "Book of Concord" (Concord=unity). Luther did not assemble this book and only some of the important writings contained within were authored by him. Most notable among his works in this book are "The Small Catechism, The Large Catechism, and The Smalcald Articles". One of Lutheranism's chief statements of faith, "The Augsburg Confession" was written by Luther's university colleague and layperson, Phillip Melancthon. We do not follow Luther. Instead we would say we are part of the flow of the reform movement begun by Luther *and* others. This movement actually has not ended. It continues as we use our ancient faith to engage our present. While we do not know if Luther and other reformers would approve of how the church engages the world today, we know they would approve of the attempt to do so.

Third, we do use Luther and his many writings. I have heard it said he may have been the most prolific writer in history. Over 50 volumes of his main writings have been translated into English. He is known to have preached something like 10,000 sermons, many (most?) of which lasted an hour or so. Much of what Luther has said and written sheds light on those doctrines in the Book of Concord. Much of what Luther has written can inspire us, even five centuries later. His lectures seem to be sermons. His sermons often sound like lectures. Truly he was professor and pastor!

Fourth, there are many things of Luther that rightly embarrass us. Toward the end of his life he wrote and said many horrible things about Jews. As you exit the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. there is a written apology for these from our own ELCA. Many of Luther's later statements regarding Roman Catholics and other Protestants, especially the left-wing of the Reformation, are less than complimentary.

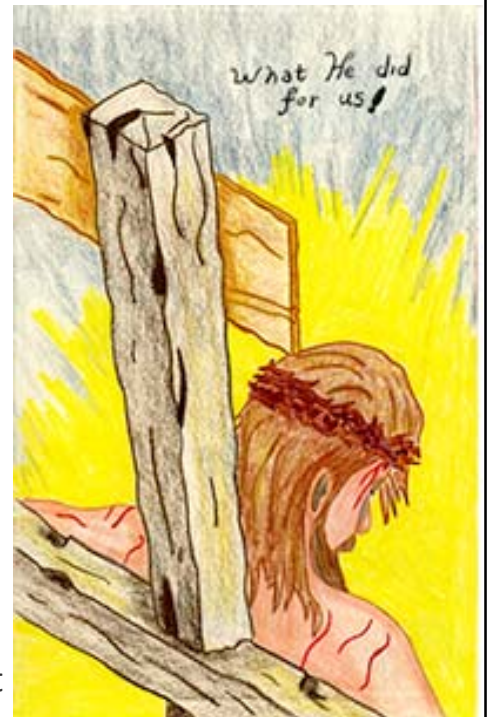
So, what was Luther? A bit like us and much like his own theology: Simultaneously saint and sinner. This is not to excuse him for the sin nor to glorify him for the saintly moments. It is to place him within all of human history as a flawed person who, on occasion, could rise above his flaws with deeds and words that shed light and helped the faith of others. Even sinners can help to make the church and the world a better place. That can give us all some hope. Happy birthday, Martin!

## The Execution of Ed Schad

*The following message was received from Pastor Ron Koplitz, on the morning after Ed Schad's execution at the State Prison in Florence on Oct. 9th. Ron is a retired pastor and he and his wife Mary Ellen are members of University Lutheran Church. Ron was a prison chaplain in Florence for many years.*

I appreciate all the prayers I have received from you for ministering to Ed Schad in a very difficult setting in the "death house" at the State Prison in Florence on Wednesday morning. As I met with him for an hour of conversation, prayer, communion, and last rites in the hour before his execution, I related to him that the prayer group at University Lutheran Church was also praying for him; and he asked me to please thank all of you for those prayers. He was very ready to meet his Lord, and in fact, his very last words before given lethal injection, were: "Well, after 34 years (meaning the years he has now been on Death Row), I'm free to fly away

home. Thank you, Warden. Those are my last words." What he was referring to was the old Gospel hymn "I'll Fly Away" which I had provided him a couple of weeks ago. These words fit his situation perfectly, and he remembered them in the very last minutes of his life. He was truly looking forward to being with Jesus, and his soul "flying" to heaven. His body he has donated to Research for Life, to be used for medical purposes in helping others. Regardless of what occurred in his earlier life, through extensive Bible study and prayer, he became a wonderful Christian witness during these past 34 years; and he will be greatly missed by both me and many others in his prison setting who were greatly influenced by his love and gentle spirit. Thanks again for keeping us in your prayers. Pastor Ron Koplitz



**An Easter Card  
created by Ed Schad**

## November Hunger Emphasis

Fighting hunger at ULC/LCM is never a one month a year opportunity. It is year-long. Yearly we receive coins and change for our Hunger jar in the Campus Center during Coffee Hour on Sundays. We always receive canned goods and non-perishable food items in the box at the church entrance. Sometimes that box needs to be emptied weekly. We share the food with both the Escalante Center in Tempe and the Shepherd's Warehouse in Tempe. We always welcome gifts of money for Lutheran World Hunger, one of the world's top-rated hunger programs.

In November, the month of Thanksgiving, and a month in which we tend to eat well, we put a special emphasis on hunger. Extra encouragement is given to bring canned goods and non-perishables. We put hunger envelopes in this newsletter and in the chair racks for special designated contributions. Thank you for being such a giving people of God!

**Faithful Prayer: Love in Action**

*"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.*

*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. . . .*

*Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."*

Romans 12:10-12, 15

There are so many people on our prayer list. Most of the names we hear each Sunday belong to individuals who are unknown to us. Some names seem to have been in our petitions forever. When they do finally disappear from the list, we often do not know why.

Why do we bother speaking the names of these strangers, week after week? Because we care. We care not only about our own community, but we extend our concern to include individuals our community members care about. Our prayers reach way beyond our "immediate family" at University Lutheran to include our "extended family" of all God's children.

Faithful prayer requires patient souls.

The prayer group meets in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us as we build our patience and faithfulness in prayer.

Kim Savage

## NEW CHAIRS ORDERED

If you've sat in one of the chairs that usually line up against the south wall of the Campus Center, you know they sag badly and need reupholstering. But estimates of the renovation cost sent us looking at replacements, resulting in Council approval for the purchase of ten new ones.

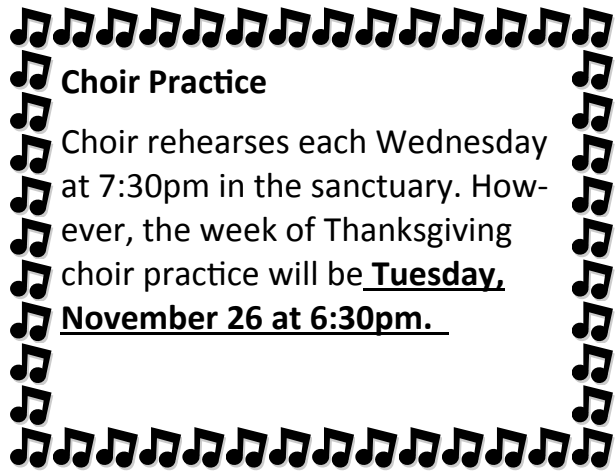
Mahogany with grey upholstery, the new chairs will cost about \$200 each (\$179.99 plus shipping). You are welcome to "adopt" any of the old ones when the new ones have arrived; Lutheran Thrift Store is willing to inherit any or all of the original ones.



You're also encouraged to donate toward the cost of one or more chairs. You won't have a plaque to tell of your donation, but you'll enjoy the new chairs as you sit to chat at coffee hour after church!

## Advent

Advent in 2013 begins in December. Sunday, December 1 is the First Sunday of Advent. We will have Midweek Advent services on Wednesday, December 4, 11, and 18 at 6:30pm. Holden Evening Prayer will be the order of service.



### Choir Practice

Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. However, the week of Thanksgiving choir practice will be Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30pm.

## Men's Bake-off Fundraiser

will be held Sunday, December 8, starting at 6PM. The evening will begin with a potluck supper, followed by a Christmas Carol Sing-Along and an Auction for the baked goods. If you are a man who is interested in making and donating baked goods, contact [info@ulctempe.org](mailto:info@ulctempe.org), or 480-967-3543.

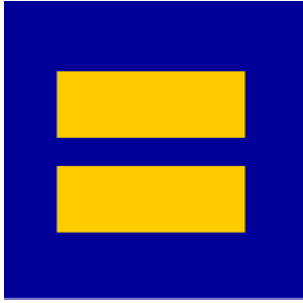


## Christmas Decorations



Beginning Sunday, November 10 we will receive offerings for Christmas flowers and decorations, including four trees. Envelopes marked "flowers" will be in the racks in the chairs. Please mark your check "Flowers". If you are purchasing a tree, mark "tree" on the memo. There will also be forms in the bulletins where you can designate decorations/trees in honor or memory of a loved one. We will list those designations in our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins.

Thank you!!



## Human Rights Campaign and LCM

Many of you might have seen a new symbol hanging around the church and being used in our marketing materials: a yellow equal sign on a blue background. If you haven't noticed this, look in the campus center on the west wall and you will see a nice, new flag with the symbol. This is the Human Rights Campaign logo, and is "one of the most recognizable symbols of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. It has become synonymous with the fight for equal rights for LGBT Americans...and sends a message that the Human Rights Campaign and its more than 1.5 million members and supporters will remain vigilant in the fight for LGBT equality" (Human Rights Campaign, <http://www.hrc.org/>). The logo was first unveiled in 1995 but didn't become prevalent in the media until this last March, 2013, when the Human Rights Campaign released a pink and red version of their symbol (pink equal sign on a red background) to show support for the marriage equality cases then being heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. After this pink and red version was released, the public became more aware of the original yellow and blue symbol. Lutheran Campus Ministry, as a *Reconciling in Christ* community, offers a safe and welcoming environment to *all* God's people, regardless of sex, gender, or preference. We at LCM use this symbol to show our support not only for the Human Rights Campaign but also for the fight for LGBT equality.

### Happy Trails!...Student Hiking Group

Our student hiking group travels near and far for various hiking trails. They meet every second Saturday. They gather first in the church parking lot, then travel to the trail for the month. Watch bulletins and e-mails for times and trails.



### Caroling

Students will be caroling Saturday, December 7 with a party at the home of Mary Beth and Pastor Gary following. Details regarding time, etc. are forthcoming.



### Winter Retreat

Our annual Winter Retreat will be in Sedona, January 24-26. The campus ministries from the University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University will be with us.



## Student of the Month: Ashley Plinksa

Interviewed and Written by: Melanie Lehnhardt

### Where are you from?

I'm from Waukesha, Wisconsin (said in her cute, Midwest accent).

### Then how did you end up at ASU?

I'm a Music Therapy graduate student, and ASU has a three-year graduate degree program. Arizona is really different than Wisconsin.

### What's the biggest difference?

The heat. The stupid heat (she says laughing). It's a lot busier here, too!

### So how did you find LCM, and what do you think about it so far?

I'm pretty sure I found LCM online. It's great- the San Diego trip we went on at the beginning of the year has definitely been a highlight for me. I especially liked the service we had on the La Jolla Cliffs.

### And you must know by now that Pastor Gary is a little crazy?

He's very... outgoing. And excited. About everything. Once he found out I could sing he told me I was going to have to be worship assistant, and I said okay!

### Anything else you want the entire church to know?

Wait, they all read this?!



### Arizona Cardinal Game Fundraiser

There are still a few tickets left for the Arizona Cardinal vs. Houston Texans NFL game, Sunday, November 10. Cost for the tickets is \$36 (regularly \$56). The Cardinals will donate \$10 to Lutheran Campus Ministry for each ticket sold. As with all tickets, there is a \$4 processing charge per order (NOT per ticket). Parking is free. Friends, neighbors, co-workers are welcome! We do have a few who would like to go but need a ride. If you can provide one, let Pr. Gary or Alicia know. Ticket forms are at the desk at the church entrance or can be obtained from Alicia or Pr. Gary or the church office. You may pay by check or credit card.



## Open Forum

The Open Forum meets Sundays, 9:15am-10:15am in the Campus Center Library

Sunday, November 3: Forum on Rwanda, by Todd Ellingsen

"People of Faith: Christianity in America" will be the theme in the Forum throughout the rest of November and the first few weeks of December. It is a video series, with discussion led by Pastor Gary or Alicia Danielson on America as a Christian nation, the meaning of separation of church and state, and how the church can be a faithful witness in a pluralistic culture. The video series has expert commentary by Martin Mary, Mark Noll, Jean Bethke, Kathryn Long and many others.

Sunday, November 10: From Monarchs to the Marketplace

Sunday, November 17: Many Mansions

Sunday, November 24: Rebels with a Cause



## Do your Christmas shopping now while you help other people build better lives!

Sunday, November 17 through Sunday, December 8, ULC/LCM will be hosting our annual SERRV Fair Trader Fair in the Campus Center. All the crafts are made by artisans in developing countries and the money goes directly back to them and their community. We will have available those items pre-ordered as well as new items to purchase.

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 and their crafts.





**ULC's Page Turner's Book Club** meets on the first Thursday of every month at Noon. We meet in the library and discuss the monthly book. We each bring our own lunch and discuss the current book.

Anyone who likes to read is invited to join this interesting and varied group.

**November 7<sup>th</sup> we will discuss "In the Shadow of the Banyan" by Vaddey Ratner**

For seven-year-old Ramie, the shattering end of childhood begins with the footsteps of her father returning home in the early dawn hours bringing details of the civil war that overwhelmed the streets of Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital. Soon the family's world of carefully guarded royal privilege is swept up in the chaos of revolution and forced exodus.

Displaying the author's extraordinary gift for language, this book is testament to the transcendent power of narrative and a brilliantly wrought tale of human resilience.

**December 5<sup>th</sup> we will discuss "Caleb's Crossing" by Geraldine Brooks**

In 1665, a young man from Martha's Vineyard became the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College. Upon this slender factual scaffold, Brooks has created a luminous tale of love and faith, magic and adventure.

The narrator of "Caleb's Crossing" is Bethia Mayfield, growing up in the tiny settlement of Great Harbor amid a small band of pioneers and Puritans. Bethia proves an emotionally irresistible guide to the wilds of Martha's Vineyard and the intimate spaces of the human heart. Evocative and utterly absorbing.



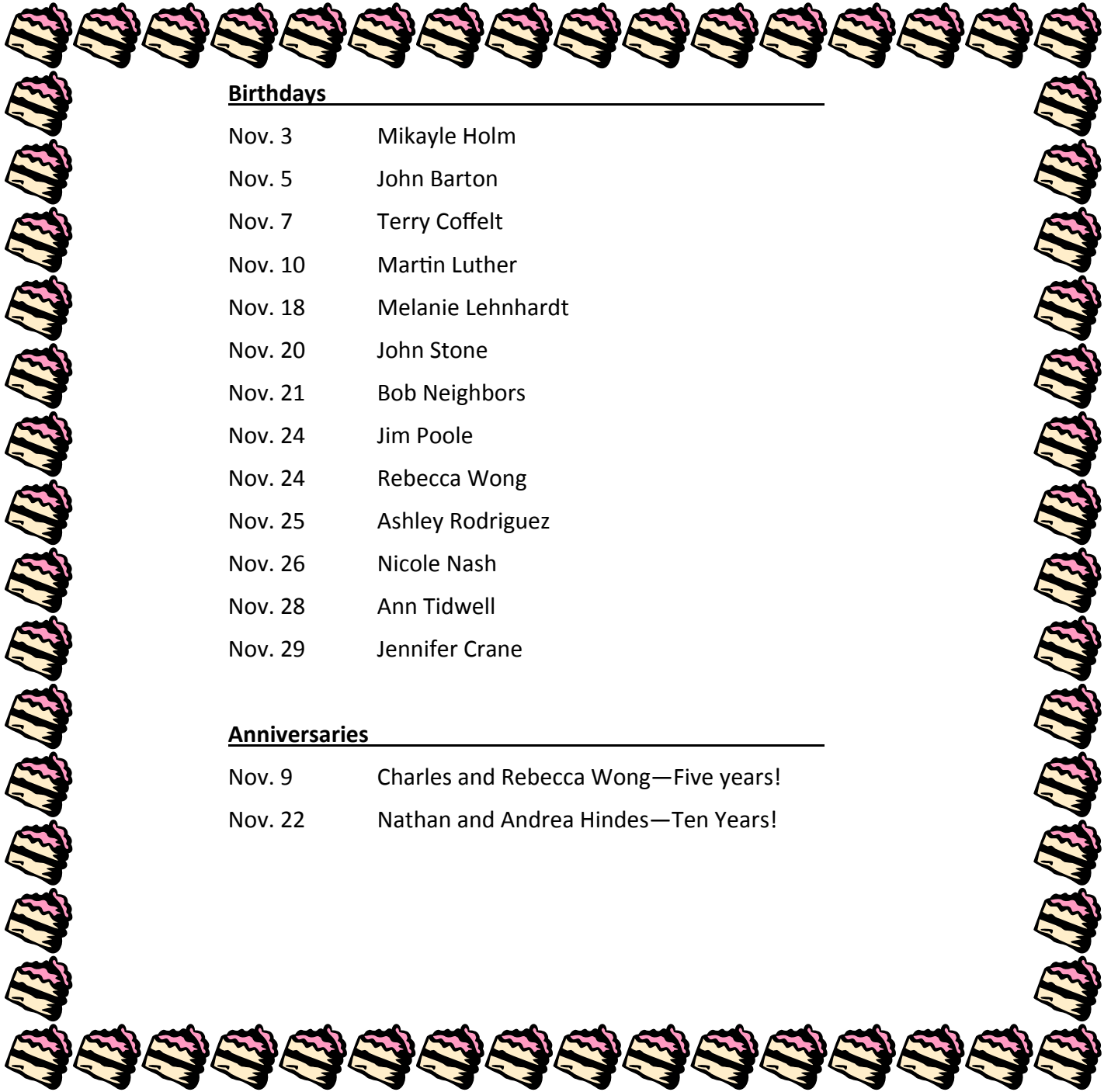
### **Support Abby!**

Have you clicked on [www.LivingLutheran.com/YAGM-QA](http://www.LivingLutheran.com/YAGM-QA) to catch up with our own Abby Henderson as she shares her life as a participant in the ELCA's Global Mission in South Africa? Do it NOW! You'll walk with her as she gets



further into her service, miles from Tempe!

You can provide additional support to her and all other young adults in mission by contributing through the ELCA's Good Gifts program. Just \$30 would mean a day's support for her (or another) in service globally. And you'll be reading about other opportunities for giving gifts, such as a goat (or even a barnyard!), as we display many opportunities after Thanksgiving. For now, check up on Abby, and keep her and other global missionaries in your prayers!



### Birthdays

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- Nov. 3 Mikayle Holm
- Nov. 5 John Barton
- Nov. 7 Terry Coffelt
- Nov. 10 Martin Luther
- Nov. 18 Melanie Lehnhardt
- Nov. 20 John Stone
- Nov. 21 Bob Neighbors
- Nov. 24 Jim Poole
- Nov. 24 Rebecca Wong
- Nov. 25 Ashley Rodriguez
- Nov. 26 Nicole Nash
- Nov. 28 Ann Tidwell
- Nov. 29 Jennifer Crane

### Anniversaries

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- Nov. 9 Charles and Rebecca Wong—Five years!
- Nov. 22 Nathan and Andrea Hinds—Ten Years!

*Thanks!*

To **Blake Petersen** for cleaning the oven in the Campus Center kitchen.  
To **Terry Pochert** for researching and installing our new office computer.

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### Academic Year Schedule

Sunday School:	9:15 am
Sunday Open Forum:	9:15 am
Sunday Worship Service:	10:30 am
Wednesday Worship:	6:30 pm