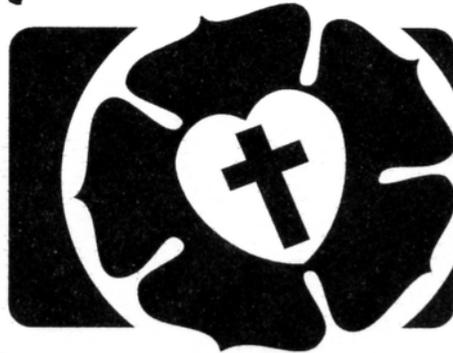


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January 2014



Dates for your Calendar:

January 7	7:15 pm	Church Council Meeting
January 9	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
January 9	12:00 pm	Page Turner's Book Club
January 13		Spring Semester Begins LCM Programs Resume
January 18	5:00 pm	First LCM Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Student dinner
	6:30 pm	Worship
January 23	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study

Full Schedule Resumes on Wednesday, January 15

Sundays

Open Forum @ 9:15 am
Worship @ 10:30 am
Student Meal @ 12:00 pm

Wednesdays

Bible Study @ 5:00 pm
Student Meal @ 5:30
Worship @ 6:00 pm

Pastor's Notes

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

I'm not always sure what exactly we are celebrating when we celebrate the arrival of the New Year. Are we celebrating the possibility that a new year can bring good things to us? Or, are we simply glad the old year is behind us and we are glad to see it go? Perhaps the celebration varies from year to year depending upon how the past year has treated us or what we believe may lie in store for the year to come.

Or maybe our celebration is simply a smoke-screen to help us deny the passage of time.

Dates, years, and time are human forms of measurement. They mean something to us. I'm not sure they mean as much to God. For God, time is simply an opportunity to be God. It is simply an opportunity to act. What we know about the past year, is that God has been present and God has acted. What we know about the coming year is that God will be present and God will act. We know God acts not only in some heaven, but on this earth, in this life. God acts not only in times past and times yet to come, but now, in the present.

The Greek word used for God's time is Kairos. It means opportune time. In the Christian faith when we speak of God and time we say that God's time is Kairos; opportune. It is the right time. It is the appropriate time. In faith we trust that what God will do in time will be something good.

So celebrate the New Year. Forget about the old if you must. Look forward to the new if you would like. Trust that all time is ultimately God's time. God acts. God's actions are opportune; they are good. Reason to celebrate indeed!

Happy New Year! Happy Kairos!

Students Return!

Classes begin January 13 with our first Wednesday worship and schedule January 15. Bible Study 5pm, Dinner 5:30pm, worship 6:30pm. Thanks to all who so generously fed us this past semester! A new sign-up sheet for meals is on the moving bulletin board for this semester. If you would like to help, but are unable to cook, you may see Alicia Danielson or Pastor Gary about giving a donation to provide food that the students will prepare. Thank you to all who support in this way. We invite, also, the prayers of all for another good semester of Campus Ministry.

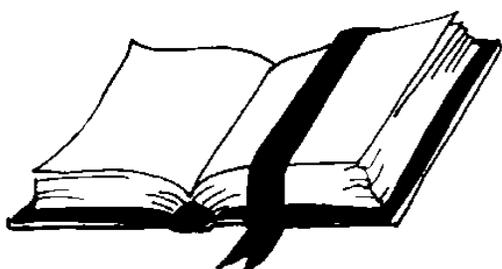
Choir Rehearsal Dates

There is no choir rehearsal on Dec 25 or Jan 1.

Choir rehearsal on Jan 8 at 6:30 pm

Choir rehearsal on Jan 15 at 7:30 pm.

Normal schedule resumes after this.



Women's Bible Study

Thursdays at 7 p.m.

January 9, 2014 at the home of Ruth Wootten

January 23 at the home of Sarah Salinas

Thank you gift

Did you feed the students this past semester? If so, a thank you gift awaits you in the Campus Center. There is a calendar for 2014 signed and decorated by the students who benefited from your generous efforts.

Thank you!



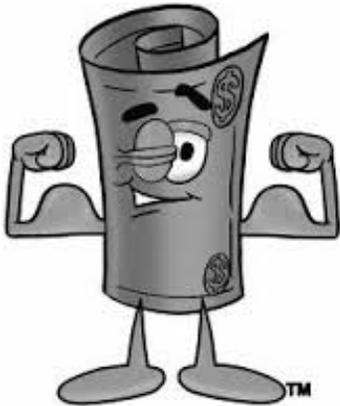
Envelopes for 2014 are on the desk at the sanctuary entrance.

Please save us some postage and pick yours up today. Thanks!

Large Print

Even in St. Paul's day people apparently needed large print (see Galatians 6:11). Don't worry, at ULC/LCM we have **LARGE PRINT** bulletins available for each worship service. They are in the blue binders on the desk at the church entrance. You may take one or ask an usher for one.

Online Gifts



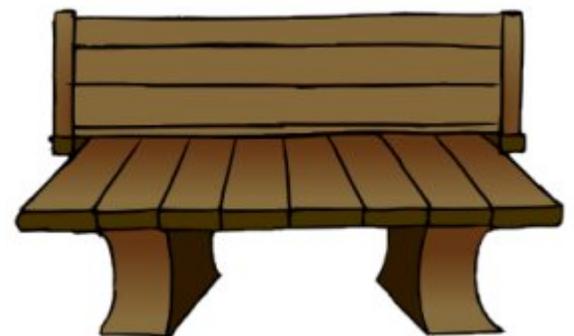
With fewer people using cash or checks, we now accept credit cards for gifts. You can use Thrivent's "Simply Giving" program and have your gift regularly withdrawn from your checking account or go on line: www.ulctempe.org and click on "Donate" for further instructions. (FYI there is a small deduction to ULC/LCM for gifts made by credit card). Alumni, parents, and others interested may use the credit card option on line as well. Thank you to all who partner with us in this ministry!

Christmas Money?

If you plan on spending any of that money you received over Christmas by shopping at Amazon.com, you can order through our church website and the church gets a percentage of your purchase price at no cost to you. Simply go to www.ulctempe.org, click on "Donate". When the Donate page comes up, look for the Amazon icon in the top left part of the page. Click on the icon and it will take you to the Amazon site. Then you shop exactly as you normally do. The first time it may not recognize you, but upon using the site once it will recognize you in the future. There are no special codes or passwords required. Thank you!!

Bench/Table Update

Thanks to a recent memorial gift, we have ordered two park-like picnic tables for the patio on the east side of the Campus Center. They should arrive and be installed in the near future. They are similar to the benches we have and are vandal resistant and bolted into the concrete. We are still hoping to purchase a few more pieces and a barbecue to finish the patio area plan. Speak with Beth Wootten or Pastor Gary if you are interested. Thank you!



RALLY IN THE VALLEY

This has been an annual event for seniors in the Grand Canyon Synod. After a brief hiatus, it is back, better than ever! It will be held February 17-18 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Phoenix (Arcadia area, 15-20 minutes from ULC). Peter Marty and Bishop Mark Hanson, are among 6 leaders of the event. There will be worship, Bible Study, music, fellowship and more.

Check out www.rallinthevalleyaz.org for more specific information. Registration forms are on the desk at the church entrance. Individual registration is \$65 each. If we get 5-9 from our congregation, the cost is \$55 each, 10-+ the cost is \$50. Please give your RSVP to church secretary Ruth Lindsay so we can track the number to see if we qualify for the discount.

This year's event may just be the best one ever!!



Lent

Lent begins Wednesday, March 5 with Ash Wednesday worship and the imposition of ashes at 6:30pm. Mid-week services, "Gathering Around the Cross" will be held each Wednesday at 6:30pm. This year's music will be a contemplative Taize style music and worship.

Lenten Devotionals

Thanks to all who agreed to write a Lenten devotion. We still have openings and it is not too late to sign up for one or more devotionals. The completed devotional goes to all congregations in our synod and is put on Amazon Kindle for sale. Scripture texts are chosen and you sign up for whatever day(s)/text(s) you would like. Devotionals are generally a paragraph in length, followed by a one or two sentence prayer. Devotionals are due at the office January 31. You may send them, put them in the offering plate or e-mail them to info@ulctempe.org Please make sure your name is on them. Thank you!!

Condolences

to the family of Betty Savage who died December 12. Betty was the mother of Steve Savage and mother-in-law of Kim Savage.



Dinner and Dancing

Come and join us for our very first “Dinner and Dancing with LCM!” A group of students have put together a small jazz combo and they are ready and excited to perform! This, combined with LCM’s love for food and dancing, has led us to the creation of a night of dinner and dancing! The evening will begin with dinner, cooked and served by LCM students, followed by dancing to music performed by our jazz combo! No official dates have been set, but keep your February calendars free and stay tuned for more information!

An American in Spain

Tristan Fehr, ASU and LCM alum (May '13) and former resident in our Campus Center apartment, is in Madrid Spain on a Fulbright Scholarship doing neurological research. Upon finishing his work in Madrid, Tristan will pursue a Ph.D in neurology at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York. On a bulletin board in the Campus Center is a copy of some of Tristan's blog and experience in Madrid. It is titled, "An American in Spain". He has included some photos. Enjoy!

LCM Mission Trip

We are planning on taking a mission trip in May! This trip will allow us to continue our tradition of service here at LCM-ASU. Interested? There will be plenty of planning and preparing to be done in the new year!

Student Retreat

Students will be in Sedona, Arizona, staying at Christ Lutheran Church, for a Winter Retreat January 24-26. They will meet with the LCM from the University of Arizona. They will return the morning of the 26th and, if not too tired, will remain with us for dinner.



KNOW THE STUDENTS!

The person who is able to correctly answer the most number of these questions will win a prize (don't get too excited).

1. This native of Ohio has lived all but one year of his/her life in Arizona.
2. This student is one of his/her state's top male/female golfers.
3. This Arizona student is an amateur photographer.
4. As a small child she/he badly wanted a horse for Christmas. She/he received toy horses instead, which are still in her/his possession.
5. This San Diego area student is an avid lover of C. S. Lewis.
6. We have two students from the same congregation in Tucson. Who are they?
7. This student serves on the Grand Canyon Synod Council.
8. This student shares a hometown with Pr. Gary.
9. This student is the best Hamburger chef in the entire Culver's chain.
10. When a small child, this student had as a baby sitter a future LCM student. The future student continues to attend as a grad student. Who are they?
11. This student is a dancer.
12. This student is a youth director for an East Valley Lutheran Church.
13. This student is a part-owner of the Green Bay Packers.
14. This student has two younger brothers, Ben and Luke.

Send your answers to asulcm@gmail.com or print them out and give them to Pr. Gary or Alicia

Congratulations to Eric and Loni

Lehnhardt on the birth of their daughter Anika
Kjerstin Lehnhardt on December 17 in Mesa.
Junior Melanie Lehnhardt is the proud aunt!



“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

Matthew 25: 35

Immigration is not only a hotly contested matter of politics, but a personal, social and humanitarian issue. Join us for open forum on **Sunday, January 5th and again on Sunday, January 12, at 9:15 am** to discuss immigration in current social and political context. We will explore the intersections of immigration with poverty, incarceration, war and environmental degradation and our response as Christians to our immigrant friends and neighbors.

All are welcome!

Ruth Lindsay

The Cost of Doing Nothing

Dollars, Lives, and Opportunities Lost in the Wait for Immigration Reform

#CostOfDoingNothing
#EnforcementOnlyFail

Fiscal Cost



The “Enforcement Only” approach has **failed**, and since 1993, the U.S. Border Patrol budget has increased **tenfold** while the number of unauthorized immigrants in the U.S. has **tripled**.



From 1998 to 2012, **5,570** immigrants died crossing the U.S.-Mexico border



From 1998 to 2007, **108,434** immigrant parents of U.S.-citizen children were removed from the country.



Approximately **5,100** children with a detained or deported parent were in the child welfare system in 2011.

Opportunity Lost



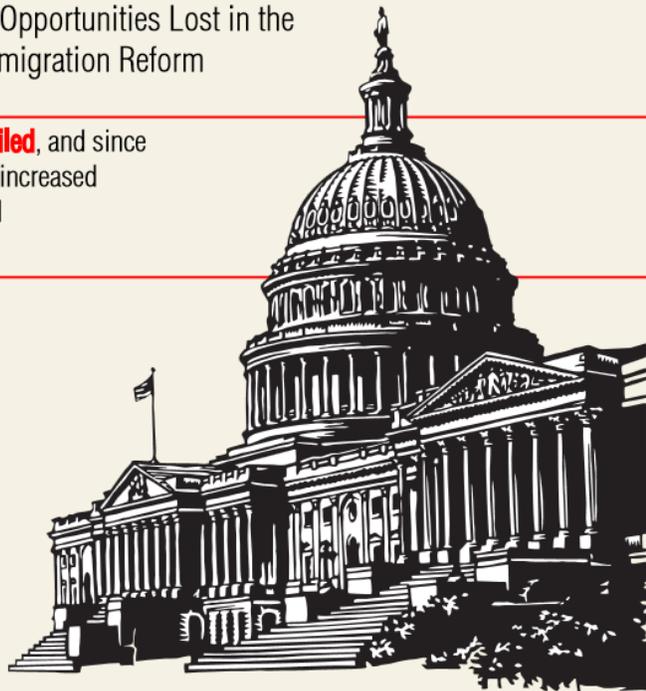
If Congress were to **act**, the newly legalized would generate an increase of up to **\$5.4 billion** in tax revenues.



The **rise** in immigrants' income with a legalization program could create enough spending to support between **750,000 to 900,000** jobs.

Read more at immigrationpolicy.org

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION COUNCIL



Open Forum - Look What's Happening!

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

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

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

Where? Campus Center Library

January Offerings

- January 5 Welcoming the Stranger: A Christian Response to Immigration January 19, Part I
- January 12 Welcoming the Stranger: A Christian Response to Immigration January 19, Part II
- January 19 Reconciling in Christ—How Far Have We Come?
- January 26 TBD

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.

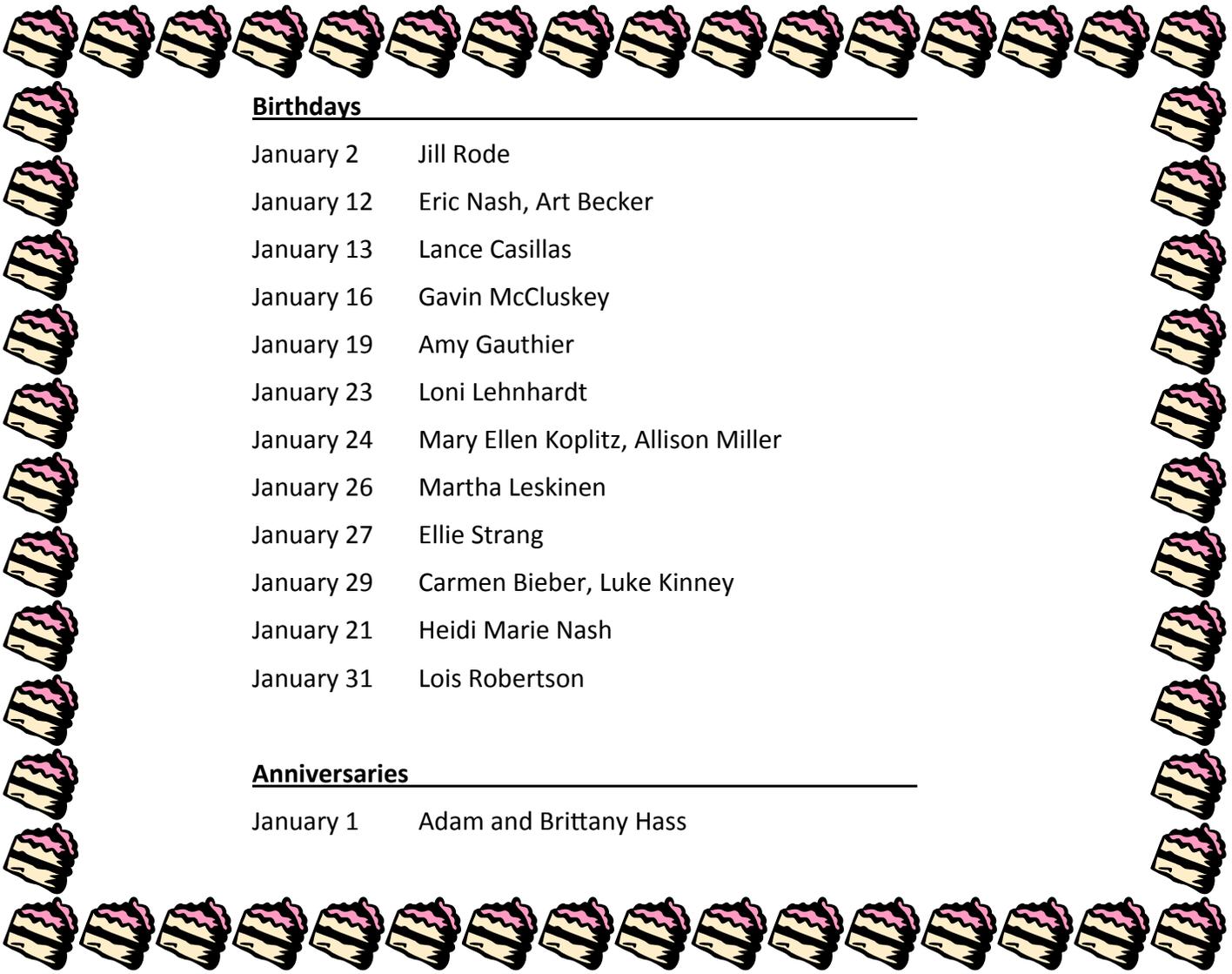
Anyone who likes to read is invited to join this interesting and varied group.

On January 9 we will discuss "The Devil in the White City" by Erik Larsen. This #1 author intertwines the true tale of the 1893 World's Fair and the cunning serial killer who used the fair to lure his victims to their death. Combining meticulous research with nail-biting storytelling, Erik Larsen has crafted a narrative with all the wonder of newly discovered history and the thrills of the best fiction.

On **February 5**, we will discuss "I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban" by Malala Yousafzai. When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. While riding the bus home from school she was shot in the head at point blank range. This book will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.



Won't you join us in the library in the Campus Center? Bring a lunch to each meeting.



Birthdays

January 2 Jill Rode
January 12 Eric Nash, Art Becker
January 13 Lance Casillas
January 16 Gavin McCluskey
January 19 Amy Gauthier
January 23 Loni Lehnhardt
January 24 Mary Ellen Koplitz, Allison Miller
January 26 Martha Leskinen
January 27 Ellie Strang
January 29 Carmen Bieber, Luke Kinney
January 21 Heidi Marie Nash
January 31 Lois Robertson

Anniversaries

January 1 Adam and Brittany Hass

Thanks!

- to Blake Petersen for helping pickup and unload the Christmas trees
- to **Charles Wong** for replacing light bulbs on the Sanctuary exterior wall and entrance.
- to Terry Pochert for all of his work with new electrical and lighting issues.
- to Kristen Tollefson and Beth Wootten for their wreath-making and festive decorations for Advent and Christmas
- to Hal Morgan for his all-round help, especially cleaning gutters and washing windows
- to the Beckers, for lighting up our lives and the property with holiday lights and trimming
- to Ellie Strang for assisting in many tasks on work day.

January 2014

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 New Years Day No Wednesday Service	2	3	4
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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