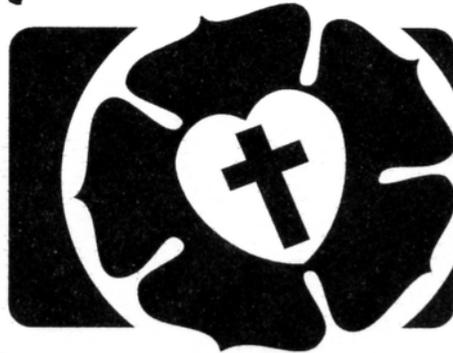


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lutheran campus ministry

February 2014



Dates for your Calendar:

Wednesday, February 5	11:30 am-1:30 pm	CORA hosted by ULC
Tuesday, February 11	7:15 pm	Council meeting
Sunday, February 23	12:00 pm	61st Anniversary Celebration

Coming Up...

Spring Break	March 9-March 15
Citrus Gleaning	TBA

Schedule

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

In confirmation class we are beginning a new series of topics. Last fall we studied many of the Bible's greatest stories. Until May we will be studying what Lutherans believe.

I confess to having small, but hopefully achievable, goals in such instruction. So often college students arrive thinking Abraham was the man with the ark, Ruth was the wife of Adam or some similar confusion. We hope through our confirmation we can at least make students familiar with basic Biblical characters and stories. It always helps when parents at home spend time discussing what was learned. Like any school education, learning is best when the home works with the those teaching.

Now we begin Lutheran belief. Our first chapter concerns grace. Speaking of small goals, I said to Alicia, who will teach this first session, "If you can get them to learn the word grace and give them some very simple understanding of it, you will have accomplished a great deal". Indeed.

With nearly 34 years experience as a pastor andoh nevermind how many....years as a church member, I have discovered few Lutherans really have an understanding of grace. Sometimes we easily understand that God gives *us* grace, but seem to be willing to deny the same to others. Conservatives often think grace for them, not the liberals. Liberals frequently think grace for them, not for conservatives. Often I have had Lutherans ask when someone does or does not do something of which they disapprove, "Pastor, is that Christian"? Or "Are they Christians if they did that (or didn't do that)?" Often the implication is that one action or inaction is able to determine one's identity as a Christian. If that is the case, we are all in trouble!

Grace means there are not terms of condition. Words like "if" , "must", "should", "can't" or "shouldn't" do not jive with grace. Grace is a gift. It is free. There are no strings. None. God's relationship with us is entirely God's own doing. Our only response can be gratitude. Our gratitude can be to share that grace in our relationships. But we don't have to....because, it is, after all, grace.

61ST ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, February 23rd is the 61st Anniversary of University Lutheran Church. We will celebrate with a potluck following worship. We will also have a brief program, currently being planned by our students. Hope to see you there!



Lent

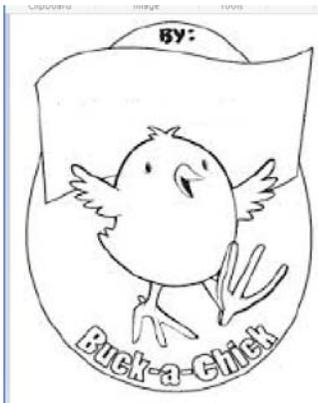
Lent begins Wednesday, March 5 with Ash Wednesday worship and the imposition of ashes at 6:30pm. Mid-week services, "Gathering Around the Cross" will be held each Wednesday at 6:30pm. This year's music will be a contemplative Taize style music and worship.

Palms

Palm Sunday is April 13. As usual we will decorate our sanctuary with palms and hand out palm fronds to those in attendance. If you have long palm branches to donate, please talk to Ruth Wootten or Pastor Gary. We are especially looking for the long, curved branches that are on some date palms and some palms frequently referred to as Egyptian palms. Let us know if you have some on your property or know a neighbor or someone who does and is willing to let us have some.



Chicks Return Home to Roost



Buck-a Chick Returns to University Lutheran/Lutheran Campus Ministry!! Beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 5 we will have available in the Campus Center Chicks to color. Our Campus Center will become once more an Art Gallery devoted to these Chicks! For each chick you color, please give \$1 to World Hunger (a basket will be provided). We have always responded well to this. Thank you!!

“Souper” Bowl



Sunday, February 2 the states of New York and New Jersey will come together to host Super Bowl XLVIII. Also on February 21 thousands of people across 50 states will come together to warm the hearts and bellies of hungry people in their communities with the Souper Bowl of Caring. We will be receiving offerings of any amount for hunger that day. This has been a youth-led ecumenical movement to combat hunger. Root for your favorite team and cheer hard and help support the cause to alleviate hunger. Thank you!

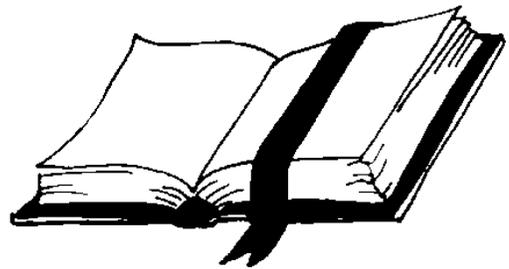
Thank you

Thank you to the ULC/LCM community for your thoughtful and generous Christmas gift to the staff from Alicia Danielson, Ruth Lindsay, Aiko Yamada Mancini and Pastor Gary. We appreciate not only the gift but your year-long support and love.

Women's Bible Study

Thursdays at 7 p.m.

February 6, at the home of Ellie Strang
February 20, location TBA



CONDOLENCES

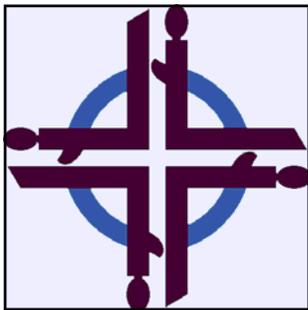
to the family and friends of Adrienne Heskin. Adrienne died December 28 in Phoenix. Adrienne was, most recently pastor of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Phoenix. Prior to that Adrienne served over 20 years as Deployed Director for Lutheran Campus Ministry and was responsible for overseeing the Lutheran campus ministries in most of the Western United States. Adrienne was a frequent presence at ULC/LCM over the years and well-known to many in our community. Adrienne's memorial service was January 11.

THE MORAVIAN STAR

That multi-pointed yellow star which has graced our chancel during Advent and Christmas had a long history before it was brought and given to University Lutheran by members of our sister congregation from Freiberg, Germany, over ten years ago.



History tells us that the star grew out of a geometry lesson in the Moravian mother community in Saxony, where Freiberg is located. The stars may have as many as 110 points, though 26 is more common. When the Moravian settlers came to the U.S. in the 1880's the star came with them and is frequently seen in churches in Pennsylvania---though ours was personally delivered from Freiberg!



World Day of Prayer 2014

Egypt

Friday, March 7

6 pm to 8 pm

Saint Augustine's Episcopal Parish
1735 S. College Ave.

“Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action”

The World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical women's movement dedicated to the principle that prayer and action are inextricably linked. Every year, women from a different country create a prayer service, based on a biblical theme, through which they highlight the situations of their lives - their needs, concerns and joys. On the first Friday of March every year, people around the world gather to celebrate this service and pray the words that women of the writer country have asked them to pray. From the day's first sunrise until its final sunset, women and men lift up the hopes, dreams and fears of their sisters to God. The offerings collected at each prayer service are aggregated and distributed as grants to domestic and international organizations working to address issues of concern identified by the writer country.

Please join us on Friday, March 7 at 6pm to celebrate the World Day of Prayer 2014 to pray with the women of Egypt for God's "Streams in the Desert."

A simple meal of Egyptian food will follow the prayer service.

For more information on the World Day of Prayer and the 2014 Egypt service, please visit



**You Are Cordially Invited to
Dinner and Dancing Night
Hosted by LCM at ASU!**



What: The Students of Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) at ASU are hosting their first Dinner and Dancing nights. Dinner will begin at 5:30 PM followed by Live Music and Dancing. As a special treat, LCM students will provide free dance lessons before dinner begins!

When: Friday, February 28, and Saturday, March 1, 2014
Dinner begins at 5:30 PM
Live Music and Dancing to Follow
*A variety of dietary food options are available

Where: Lutheran Campus Ministry at University Lutheran Church
340 East 15th St. Tempe, AZ 85281

Cost: \$30 per individual ticket; \$50 per couple
Tickets MUST be ordered in advance and will be available via phone and online order.

Ticket sale deadline is Friday, February 21.

To order tickets, choose one of the following options:

Phone: 480-967-3543

Online Order: <http://goo.gl/qLcxrg> (Fill out the Google Doc and click Submit).

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.



Student of the Month – Marquise Demaree

How old are you?

19 years old

What is your major and how did you choose it?

Music performance. I wanted to follow my dreams, and I have always wanted to be a musician.

Why did you start coming to LCM?

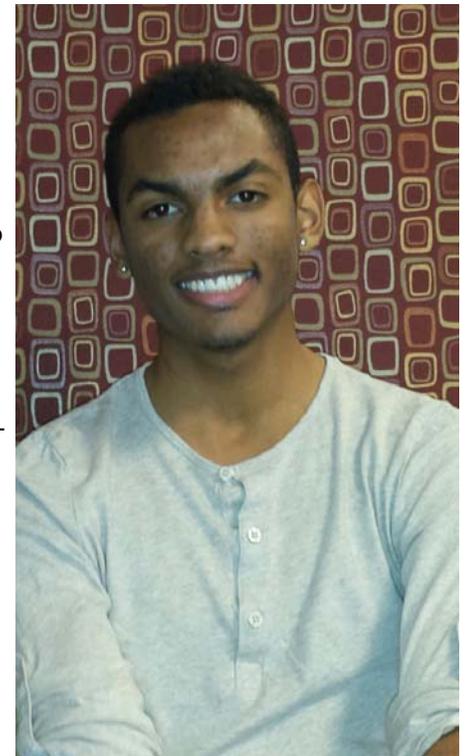
I was raised Jehovah's witness but was having problems. I was looking at different faith communities and LCM was my favorite.

Why do you like LCM?

I like the people. Everyone is really friendly and wants to be there. I had never really experienced that before.

What are your Hobbies?

All my hobbies are music related. I am in the process of getting one of my pieces published right now. I also compose music for marching band pieces.



Marquise Demaree
A.K.A. awesome oboe player!
I work out sometimes here.

What is your favorite color?

Blue

What is your favorite food?

I love Mexican food. Well, I love beans. They are my favorite thing ever.

If you had a magical hat, what power would it have?

It sounds bad, but I would have a hat that makes anyone I want fall in love with me. Like a Cupid hat.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To LCM alumni Barry Lumpkin and Jen Hastings on the wedding January 5 in Gilbert, AZ. Barry is the son of members Bruce and Donna Lumpkin.

THE GREEN OF 2013!

Our average Sunday morning worship in 2013 involved an average of 67 attendees and \$21,736.00 in offerings. This, of course, does not tell the story of UL/LCM. We are much more than numbers and dollar signs. Our numbers vary depending on the season and event and we support many causes to which we devote our offerings.

Our ULC/LCM Fair Trade Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased items from our Fair Trade Fair. All the money from our sale went directly back to the communities to empower artisans and farmers in over 32 countries to build sustainable lives by sending their children to school, building health clinics and increasing opportunity and training for women. This year ULC obtained \$1,156.00 in items from SERRV to display through the month of November. \$1,141.00 was sold to members and friends, a large portion of which was pre-ordered, creating the largest order yet from our community to aid developing communities. Thank you to everyone



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

February Offerings

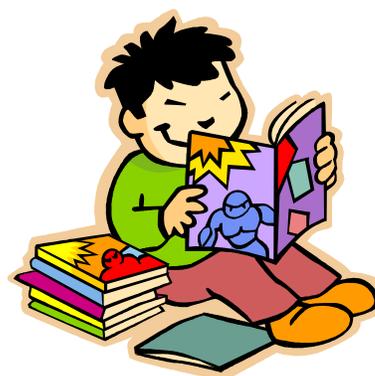
- February 2 Human Trafficking: Our Call to Care and Action, Part I
- February 9 Human Trafficking: Our Call to Care and Action, Part II
- February 16 Human Trafficking: Our Call to Care and Action, Part III
- February 23 Human Trafficking: Our Call to Care and Action, Part IV

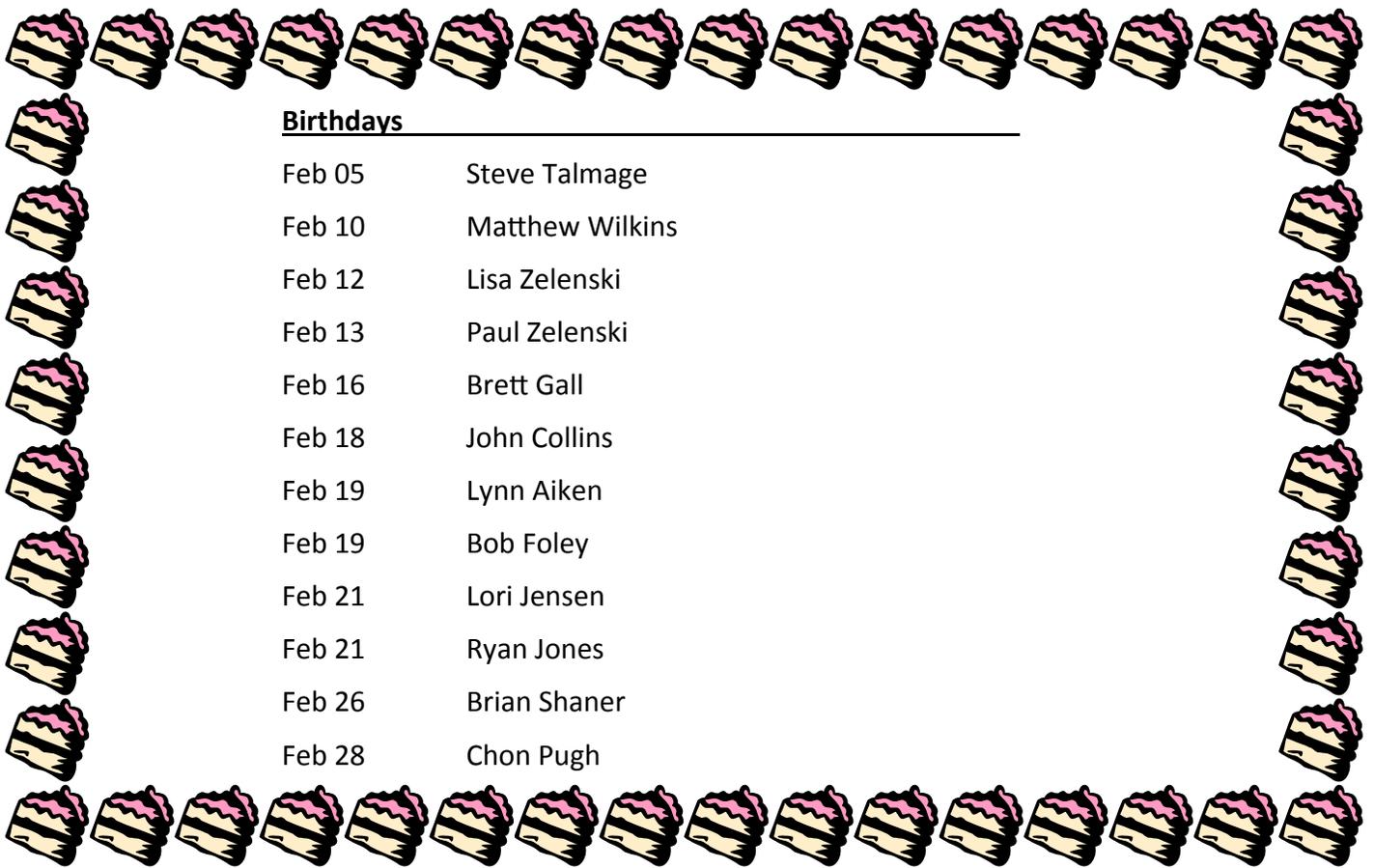
ULC's Page Turner's Book Club meets on the first Thursday of every month at Noon. We meet in the library and discuss the monthly book. We each bring our own lunch and discuss the current book.

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

On **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.

On **March 6**, we will discuss *The List* by Karin Tanab. Adrienne Brown has left a fabulous job as an editor of *Town & Country*, in which she parted with the rich and famous in New York, and collected a designer wardrobe to work in Washington, D.C., for a political newspaper and website that promises long hours and little recognition or pay. But it's the Capitalist – the List – which is rising in power, influence, and the ability to launch careers into the stratosphere if its writers can hang on. Adrienne's buddies in the little-respected style section offer support as they commiserate over their ill treatment. With every long, overworked day, Adrienne wonders about her decision. She's 28, living with her parents in Virginia in an apartment above the barn, and working insane hours with no love life. Then she stumbles onto a sex scandal involving a prominent senator that could elevate her from the trenches into the limelight. But does she have the feral ambition it will take to get the story? This book is funny, intriguing and utterly unputdownable!





Birthdays

Feb 05	Steve Talmage
Feb 10	Matthew Wilkins
Feb 12	Lisa Zelenski
Feb 13	Paul Zelenski
Feb 16	Brett Gall
Feb 18	John Collins
Feb 19	Lynn Aiken
Feb 19	Bob Foley
Feb 21	Lori Jensen
Feb 21	Ryan Jones
Feb 26	Brian Shaner
Feb 28	Chon Pugh

Thanks!

- To Art, Lynn, and Brian Becker for putting up and taking down the exterior Christmas lights and decorations.
- To Ruth Wootten for arranging to have trees trimmed around our property.
- To Kristin Tollefson and Beth Wootten for purchasing and arranging the Christmas poinsettias.
- To all who contributed gifts to decorate the church for Christmas.
- To Beth Wootten for ordering, arranging, and selling all the SERV items.
- To Terry Pochert for his frequent trips from Maricopa, his many phone calls and e-mails, and numerous conversations with electricians and electrical supply companies as we continue to finish the much-needed electrical updates in the Campus Center and sanctuary.

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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