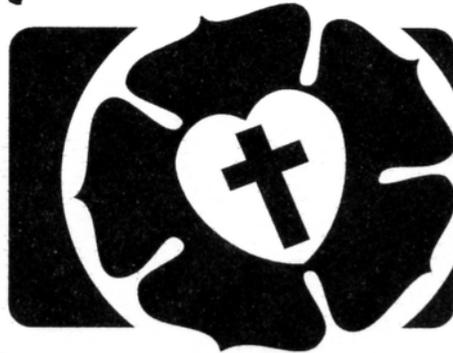


# university lutheran church



## lutheran campus ministry

March 2014



### Dates for your Calendar:

Wednesday, March 5	6:30 pm	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
Tuesday, March 11	7:15 pm	Council Meeting

Spring Break

March 9-March 15

### Mid-Week Lenten Services

Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Each Wednesday we will gather in a circle around a large cross covered with candles. Music and worship style will be contemplative. Our theme this Lent is "God's Plan for God's People"

March 12: God's Plan

April 2: God's Plan for Justice

March 19: God's Plan Finds us

April 9: God's Plan for Gender

March 26: God's Economic Plan

April 16: God's Plan for War and Peace

## Pastor's Notes

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

At a recent conference I was made aware of a quote by writer Michael Cunningham. The quote is, " I think writing by definition, an optimistic act." To this quote, our worship leader added, " I think campus ministry is, by definition, an optimistic act".

Personally, I think all ministry is, by definition, an optimistic act. Prayer before surgery, seeking counsel for difficulties, the reception of Holy Communion, baptizing infants, confessing one's sins...these and many more are acts of optimism. Of course such ministry, and hence such optimism, is not limited to what happens in church or is performed by a pastor. The listening ear you give to someone at work, the willingness to work things out with a roommate, volunteer work, activism for justice...these and so much more are daily acts of ministry and optimism done by all the baptized.

Our optimism as Christian disciples, however, is not that all will turn out as we wish nor even that all will turn out well. Our optimism as Christian disciples is a hope based on faith in the Crucified One upon whom we especially focus this Lent. Our hope is that whatever comes our way or the world's way, God has the final say. It is God's last word that matters most. Our hope is that God's word and God's actions are words and deeds of love. Just as one can turn to a parent known to be loving, we can turn to God whose love we have known. In Lent we turn especially to this God for healing, for hope, and for renewed faith. We take what we discover into our life and into our world sharing that hope with others in need of such hope.

Lent is a time of penance, a time of focus, a time of reflection and renewal. Lent is a time also of hope...hope that what we do these forty days just might matter to us and to our neighbor.

## Lenten Devotionals

Lenten devotionals are available on the desk at the church entrance. Devotions were written by students and church members of our community. If you are an alumnus or friend and would like a copy sent to you, please e-mail [info@ulctempe.org](mailto:info@ulctempe.org) and request your copy. It should also be for sale on Amazon.com available for use on Kindle. Thanks to all who participated!

## Easter Decorations

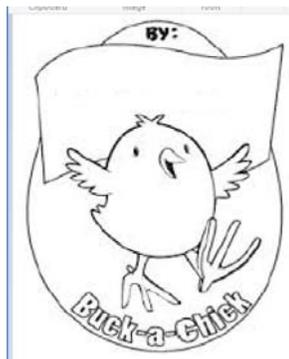
We will begin in late March receiving gifts to decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Please be clear to designate if you would like have the gifts in honor or memory of a loved one or loved ones. Thank you!

### 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!!

## LENTEN COIN FOLDERS

We will be handing out Lenten coin folders at the beginning of Lent. This year's recipient will be "Flash Food", an organization begun by our own Loni & Eric Lehnhardt. Basically it takes left-over food from receptions, restaurants, and other catered affairs and distributes it to those who are hungry or those places that distribute food to the hungry. (Campus Ministry Associate Alicia Danielson also works for Flash Food). This has been a new venture that has received national and international recognition. Thank you for contributing to this effort!

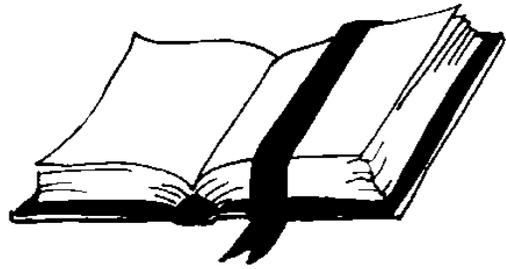
## Women's Bible Study

Thursdays at 7 p.m.

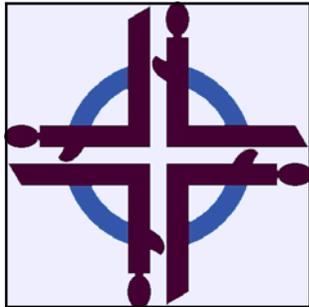
March 6 at the home of Ann Rispoli

March 20 at the home of Ruth Wootten

April 3 Location TBA



Please contact Ruth Wootten for more information: [ruthwootten@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthwootten@hotmail.com)



## 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"*

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 information on the March 7th service, please contact Ruth Lindsay at (480) 415-3415 or [ruthallisonlindsay@gmail.com](mailto:ruthallisonlindsay@gmail.com)

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

## Women's Wellness Day

"Living a Balanced Life"

Saturday, March 8, 2014

7:30 am to 5:00 pm

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

739 W. Erie St. Chandler, AZ 85225

Join other women for a day of learning and relaxing! Learn tips on how to strike a happy balance between a

## 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

### March Offerings

Sunday, March 2                      Human Trafficking, Part IV

Sunday, March 9                      “A Christian Response to Social Disorganization Theory,” led by member Noah Fritz. This is a continuation of Noah’s previous forum on the relationship between crime and poverty.

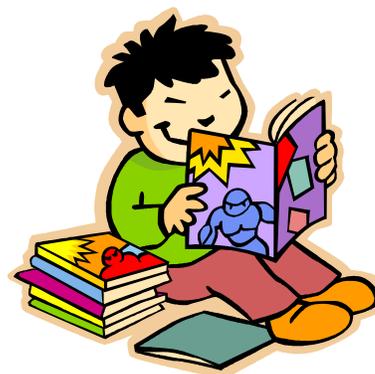
Sunday, March 16

Sunday, March 23                      “Crime Prevention versus Crime Suppression,” led by member Noah Fritz. Noah works for the Tempe Police Department.

**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 **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!





### **Graduation Banquet**

Mark your calendars now....our graduation banquet to honor undergrads/graduates will be Tuesday, May 13.

### **Spring Break**

March 10-14. Mid Week worship on Wednesdays continues, There will be no student dinner March 12 nor Bible Study. There will be no student dinners Sunday, March 9 and Sunday, March 16. Worship will be at its usual 10:30am time on Sundays with Open Forum meeting each Sunday at 9:15am.

**Come out to cheer on our student softball team, the LCM Swingers, at one—or more! - of their upcoming games!**



Sunday, March 9	8:00 pm
Sunday, March 16	8:00 pm
Sunday, March 23	6:00 pm
Sunday, March 30	Tournament—TBA

### **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

Maddie Shaner

**Year in School:** Junior

**Major:** Spanish

**Why are you majoring in Spanish?** I like Spanish and wanted to learn a new language. Being able to speak different languages is very helpful and I can help more people by speaking English and Spanish.

**Why did you start coming to LCM?** My family moved to AZ and became members of ULC. When I moved to AZ later I came to church with my family and Pastor Gary attacked me after worship.

**What are your hobbies/what do you like to do for fun?** I love reading—I started with Harry Potter and now read just about everything, except sci-fi. I also hike, swim, and eat. My mom cooks the food and I eat it 😊

**Since you like the Harry Potter books, who is your favorite Harry Potter character and why?** I like Ron Weasley. He's loyal, he messes up but always fixes it, he's funny. He has red hair—I like red hair.



## 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.

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	75	65	47
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	97	111	92
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	41	33	
<b>Good Friday</b>	70	57	
<b>Easter Sunrise</b>	56	63	34
<b>Easter</b>	105	113	112
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	39	41	28
<b>Lessons and Carols</b>	72	73	65
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	110	126	104
<b>Christmas Day</b>	48	18	20

Our fiscal year runs from July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014. December 31 was our halfway point. All figures below are for the first 6 months of our fiscal year. The fourth column represents the first 6 months of last fiscal year.

Our property requires continuing maintenance but this year we also purchased benches, indoor chairs, added lights and spruced up our trees. As a community we exceeded our expectations for benevolent giving. We supported national and international disaster relief as well as hunger, malaria, fair trade and campus ministry. Electronic giving through Thrivent's Simply Giving program continues to help keep monthly income



A more complete picture of our finances can be found on the council board in the Campus Center. Tax statements for 2013 charitable giving will be available Sunday, January 26. If you did not receive one, please notify the church office.

Beth Wootten, Treasurer

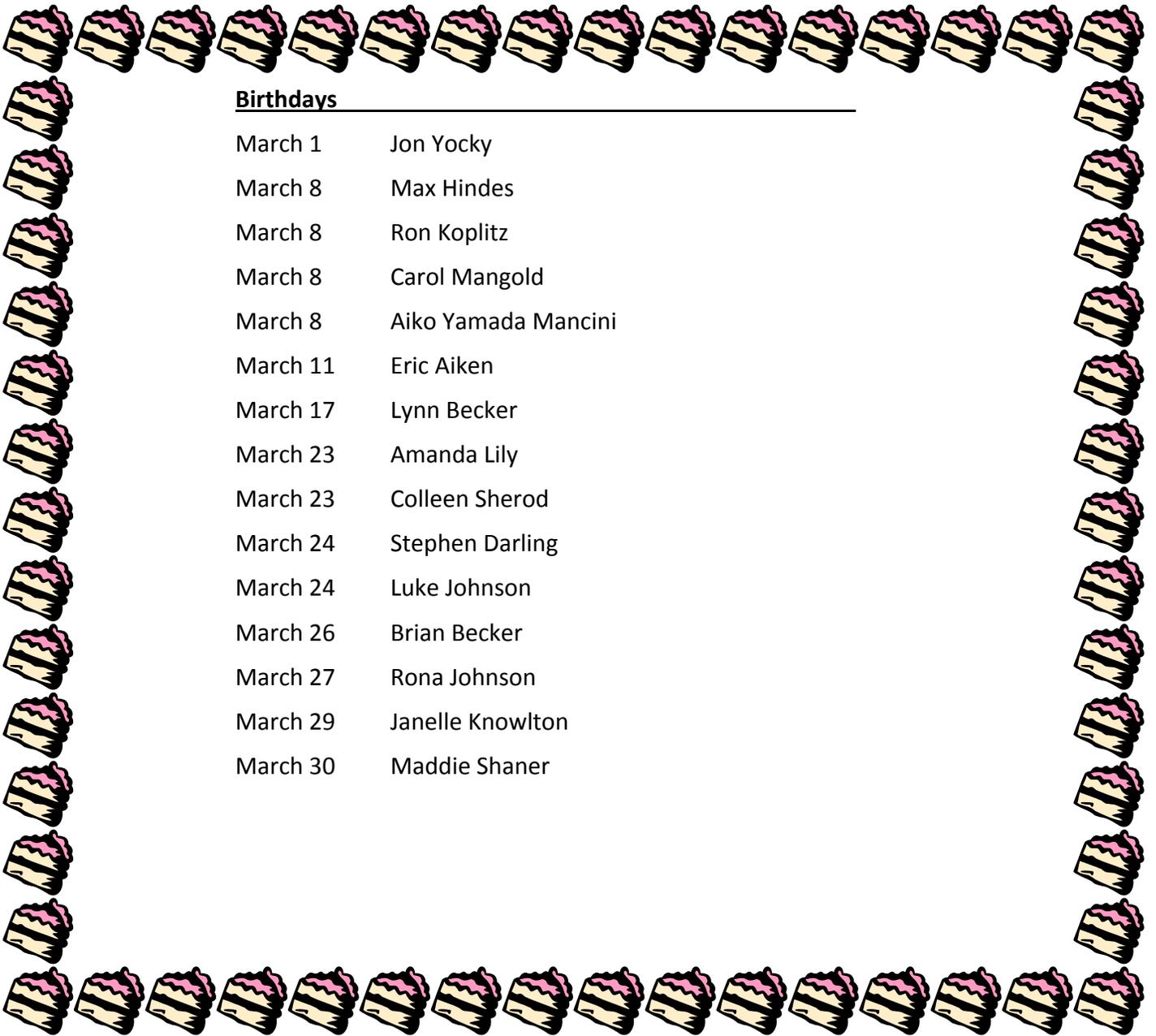
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**Church Directory**

For a few Sundays we have had available a rough draft of a church directory for members of our community to proof read. Printed copies should be available in mid-March. They will be on the desk at the church entrance.

**PICNIC TABLES**

Have you seen the new picnic tables on the East side of the Campus Center in the new patio area? They are a gift from Mary and Earl Kunstman, given in memory of son Earl Jr. Students have already eaten meals outside on them. Try them out for yourself! We are hoping to be able to get at least two more such tables and a built-in Bar B Que. If you are interested in providing a table or contributing to this, please speak to Beth Wootten or Pastor Gary. Tables are large and sturdy, vandal resistant and should last for many years to come. And, of course, they are in ASU maroon! Thank you, Earl and Mary!



**Birthdays**

- March 1      Jon Yocky
- March 8      Max Hindes
- March 8      Ron Koplitz
- March 8      Carol Mangold
- March 8      Aiko Yamada Mancini
- March 11     Eric Aiken
- March 17     Lynn Becker
- March 23     Amanda Lily
- March 23     Colleen Sherod
- March 24     Stephen Darling
- March 24     Luke Johnson
- March 26     Brian Becker
- March 27     Rona Johnson
- March 29     Janelle Knowlton
- March 30     Maddie Shaner

*Happy Anniversary!*

- March 7      Carolyn Johannsen and Bob Foley - celebrating 10 years!
- March 17     Nicole and Eric Nash—celebrating 7 years!
- March 19     Aiko and Brian Mancini celebrating 3 years!

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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