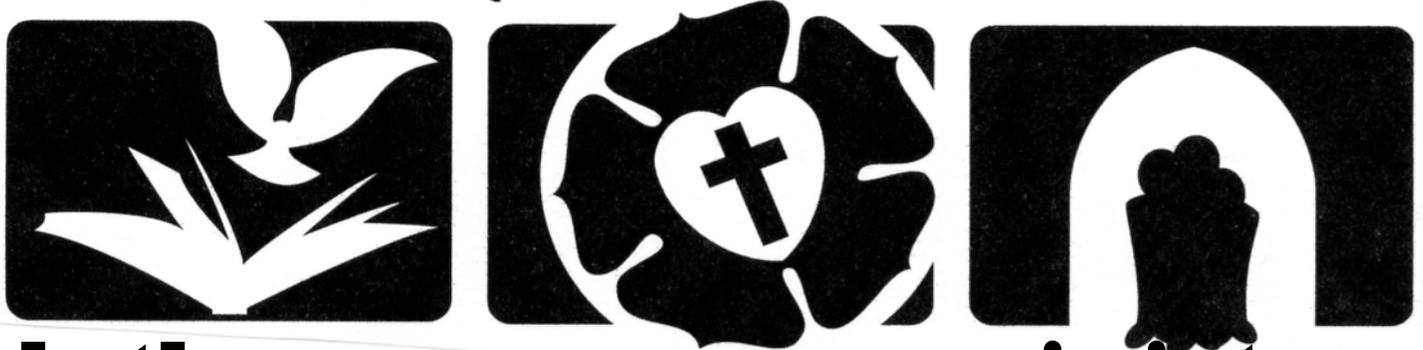
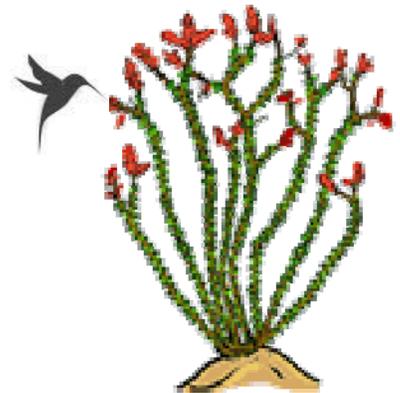


# university lutheran church



## lutheran campus ministry

# May 2014



### Dates for your Calendar:

Sunday, May 4	12:00 pm	LCM-ULC BBQ
Tuesday, May 6	7:15 pm	Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 9	4:00 pm-9:00 pm	Pool party at the Gerrish's
Tuesday, May 13	6:30 pm	Senior Banquet
Sunday, May 18	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15	Annual Meeting

## 9:00 am worship begins on May 18

## **Pastor's Notes**

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

Have you noticed how much arguing among Christians concerns making Jesus into our God and then making sure everyone believes Jesus is God so that we too often miss what Jesus was about?

Indeed, much of this debate also takes place involving Christians and those outside the church.

While certainly a major understanding of the Christian faith is that God is at work in a very unique and special way in Jesus, we do miss what this God is up to in this revelation. We easily skip by the teachings and simply focus on the teacher. We need to ask, "Of what value is a teacher, if there is no teaching?"

This one who reveals God, this one whom we claim God raised from the dead has many repeated teachings. This Jesus has a lot to say about money and material goods. It is so easy to argue about the teacher so that we don't have to pay attention to this teaching. This Jesus has a lot to say about loving our neighbor. It is simpler to discuss the nature of Jesus than to worry ourselves about what form such love of neighbor might take. More than once Jesus tells us to love our enemies. Instead of this difficult struggle, let us debate whether or not Jesus really walked on water was born to a virgin.

My point is this: important as doctrine and beliefs may be; important as a proper understanding of Jesus might be, what good does such correctness serve if it becomes simply knowledge or understanding and not part of our life and life-style?

We are never called to hide behind this Jesus. We are called, always, to follow this Jesus. Such following requires paying attention again and again to the teachings and to how those teachings might apply in our current individual and public lives. Discipleship is not only knowing "Who"; it is also taking that understanding and making it part of our life and life-style.

## **Annual Meeting**

Sunday, May 18 following the 9am worship service we will meet to go over Annual reports, approve a budget for July 1-2014-June 30, 2015. It is important to have as many members involved as possible. Hope you can make it!

## 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

### May Offerings

May 4 Mental Illness in the School Environment, led by Blake Petersen

May 11



## Offering of Letters

Sunday, May 4 we will be sending letters to our congressional leaders. We received info at the Open Forum, April 27 and bulletin inserts will be provided with more specifics. Get ready to write!

### From Jill Rode

Jill was our Campus Ministry Associate 2008-2010 and entered Luther Seminary to study in pursuit of ordination. Jill's graduation from Luther Seminary, St. Paul MN is May 17. She is assigned to the Southeastern Minnesota Synod for her first call. Below is a note Jill wrote in the commencement invitation.

Dear Ulcers & LCMers:

Well, it looks like after 4 years, Luther Seminary is going to let me graduate! I am thankful to all of you have journeyed with me these past years and made it possible to be where I am today. Thank you for all the ways you have shown support over the years. I am excited to see what God has in store for me and Gretchen in the coming weeks and months as I await news on first call opportunities. Love to you all!

Love,

Jill Rode

## Combined June-July Newsletter

Next month (June) we will be sending out a newsletter to cover both June and July. So, please get your articles in by May 15. Thank you!! You may send them to [news@ulctempe.org](mailto:news@ulctempe.org).



## Lenten Coin Folders

You may still return them to the church via the Sunday offering plate. This year's offering will go to Flash Food, a food delivery service to the hungry designed by our own Loni and Eric Lehnardt. Thank you!!

Terrific People, Awesome Food and Triple Digits,  
must be time for...

## ...*Summer Connections!*



It is getting warmer and that means Summer Connections are back! Different members will be hosting our gatherings on the second and fourth Wednesdays (or a Saturday or two) during the summer months. Even though this is Arizona, that still means *only* June, July and August! Our summer connections are open to everyone as we gather at someone's home for food and conversation.

Our Summer Connections are informal potlucks. The host family provides the main dish, usually grilling hamburgers or hotdogs, although there are often fabulous-tasting surprises! Everyone else brings a side dish, salad, or dessert and their own beverage. We start at 6 pm but latecomers are always welcome, as are family, friends and other guests.

We will start off this summer at the home of Bruce and Donna Lumpkin on Saturday, June 7. We celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of the academic year with the final connections at the Campus Center, August 27. We are looking for families to host the other gatherings at their home. If you are interested please speak to Beth Wooten, 480 459 0410.

### Our tentative dates for summer connections 2014 are:



#### **Saturday, June 7**

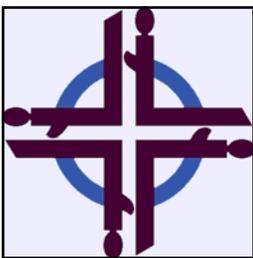
- Bruce and Donna Lumpkin, 6927 E. Lobo Ave. Mesa

#### **Wednesday, June 25**

**Wednesday, July 9 and 23**

**Wednesday, Aug 13**

**Wednesday, Aug 27 – ULC/LCM Campus Center**



## **World Day of Prayer**

Thanks to all who joined in prayer with families around the world on March 7, this year's World Day of Prayer.

A small group from University Lutheran Church and Saint Augustine's Episcopal Church gathered to pray with the women of Egypt for God's "Streams in the Desert." We shared our experiences with and need for God's living streams in our own lives. What a blessing to celebrate with people and families all over the world in prayer to Christ!

Our small service generated an offering of \$75 for the World Day of Prayer and the women and children it supports.

The World Day of Prayer-USA committee always accepts offerings. To donate or to learn about the World Day of prayer visit: [www.wdp-usa.org](http://www.wdp-usa.org)

Thank you!

*"Informed Prayer,  
Prayerful Action"*

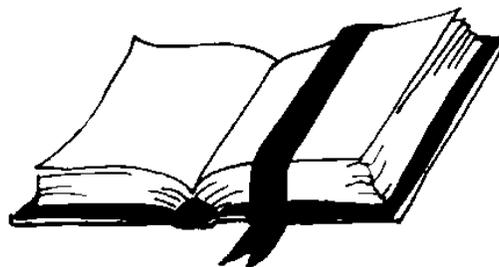
Ruth Lindsay

## Women's Bible Study

Thursdays at 7 p.m.

May 8 at the home of Carmen Bieber

May 22 at the home of Lori Jensen



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

## Library Update

I recently went to the Campus Center and all but cleared off the book exchange shelves. Took everything to Changing Hands and had them donate what they couldn't use. We got \$25 credit that I used to buy three books for the library:

- Anne LaMott's *Tender Mercies*. Writings about faith from an often humorous and sometimes expletive-laced autobiographical perspective. If you haven't heard of her, she teaches creative writing and has published five books and numerous articles, and is a far-left, often vulgar, non-evangelical, born again Christian. Her conversion experience, which is very serious and sad, also manages to be somewhat funny and include an expletive. Included in the book are her adventures as a single mother.
- Bart Ehrman, *How Jesus Became God*. Ehrman is a brilliant and controversial New Testament scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was once a devout evangelical and is now an agnostic. This book is intended for both popular and academic audiences and describes how Christians came to attribute divinity to Jesus. A purely historical account.
- Amy-Jill Levine, *The Misunderstood Jew*. Levine is a practicing conservative Jew and a New Testament scholar at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Here she approaches and explains Jesus strictly in Jewish terms.

As soon as I can, I'll take the boxes of weeded books, which are against the walls or under tables in the library, and take them to Changing Hands as well.

We'll catalog these books and add them to the library as soon as we get additional bookcases.

In the meantime, please bring or take books from the book exchange shelves.

Lynn Kauppi  
Library Committee Chair



## Graduation Banquet

Our graduation banquet will be Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30pm. You may RSVP by calling the church office or e-mailing the number attending to [info@ulctempe.org](mailto:info@ulctempe.org).



Graduating are John Barton, Diane Bowersox, John Collins, Chelsea DeMoor, Ashley Doering, Loni Lehnhardt, Molly Mardany, John Nussbaum, Ashley Plinska, Bethany Ristau, and Christine Wilkins. The banquet is an excellent way to say good-bye to these students, hear of their future plans, and wish them well.

ULC community members are invited to attend a barbeque to be held directly after church on Sunday, May 4, outside the Campus Center. Lutheran Campus Ministry is hosting and providing the barbeque as a thank you to ULC for their amazing support throughout this school year. All are welcome!



## LCM Mission Trip

This May, 2014, a group of ASU LCM students will be travelling to the Navajo Episcopal Mission at Fort Defiance, AZ, to meet up with LCM students from the University of New Mexico Albuquerque. We will spend 3-4 nights working at and cleaning up the Mission site as well as spending time with local Navajo residents. We are looking forward to working with the Navajo people in Northeastern Arizona as well as getting to know our fellow LCM students at UNM Albuquerque!



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

### Ashley Doering

**What is your major?** Religious Studies and Marketing

**Why did you decide on that major?** I originally visited ASU for engineering, but majored in painting instead. My parents didn't like this choice so I switched my major to marketing. For a humanities requisite I took a religious studies class and found a passion for religious studies, so I picked up that major as well.

**When did you start coming to LCM?** I began coming to LCM in October of 2012 when John Barton (a fellow LCM senior) invited me. I had met Pastor Gary at a religious studies convocation on campus and began attending church soon after.

**What is your favorite thing about LCM?** The sense of community; I enjoy the church members and LCM students, their interactions with each other, and the support from the church members. It's a home away from home.

**What are some of your hobbies?** I like to hang out with Charlie (her dog), paint, dance, and watch Netflix.

**What is an interesting fact about yourself?** I have been accident prone all of my life. I have been bitten by a shark twice and have flown in the air while holding an umbrella for about 20 seconds at a height of 2 ½ stories.



#### Accompany Abby



LCM alumnus Abby Henderson ('13) continues her mission work in South Africa. Her latest newsletter is on the bulletin board in the Campus Center. You can also follow Abby's blog at:

[www.accompanyabby.wordpress.com](http://www.accompanyabby.wordpress.com) or e-mail her at [abigail@gmail.com](mailto:abigail@gmail.com).

## Summer Reading



Hoping to spend time reading this summer? If you order books or anything at all from Amazon.com and you use our web site, we receive a 1% rebate from Amazon at no extra cost or work for you. Simply go to [www.ulctempe.org](http://www.ulctempe.org), click on donate. You will see the Amazon icon on the top left of the Donate web page. Click on the icon, then order as you normally do. The first time you do this Amazon will not recognize you through this process. After completing it once, it will recognize you in the future. Thank you! This is a big help to us. Tell your friends, neighbors and fellow bibliophiles!

## Synod Assembly

The Grand Canyon Synod Assembly will be held June 13-14 at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Oro Valley, Arizona (Tucson area). This year the three campus ministries of synod will host the assembly. Our students will provide worship, testimony, and entertainment at the banquet. We will also present a workshop to those attending. Alicia Danielson, Pastor Gary, Pastor Ron (U of A), Pastor Fritz (NAU), and Bishop Talmage have met in person and via Skype to plan the assembly. We are grateful for the opportunity to hold up this ministry to our entire synod. We know of no other ELCA synod that provides such opportunity. In 2007 we had a similar experience when the assembly was held in Litchfield Park.

## Church Directories

Directories with names, addresses, e-mails and phone numbers are available. They are on the desk at the church entrance. Pick up your directory this Sunday!

## Cartridge Recycling

We continue to receive printer cartridges for recycling (sorry, no Epson products). You may put them in the bin near the pop machine. We can recycle cell phones too. Put those in the container on the pop machine. Thank you!!

## Food Collection

Thanks to all who bring food to place in our food bin at the church entrance. We share that food with area food pantries regularly. We also distribute some of it to people who drop by looking for a meal. As we approach the warmer months, remember those are the months when demand is highest and supply the lowest. Thank you!

# Thanks!

to Blake Petersen for cleaning the oven in the campus center kitchen

to Nathan Hinds and Julie Gerrish for serving on church council.

to Cindy and Paul Gerrish and family for providing our pool party May 9.

to Lynn Becker for all her hours with the flower beds around the church.

to Lynn and Art Becker for decorating at Easter.

to Pastor Ron Koplitz for preaching Maundy Thursday.

to our Wednesday night praise band for the 2013-14 academic year: Alicia Danielson,

Julie Gerrish, Mikayle Holm, Eric Lehnhardt, Christian Normand, Bethany

Ristau, Maddie Shaner, Alex Willoughby, Aiko Yamada, Jon Yocky,

to all who fed students this past year! Thank you gifts will be on the Campus Center pool table beginning May 11. A new sign-up for fall will be posted during summer.

to Hal Morgan, Terry Coffelt, Kristin Tollefson, Ellie Strang, Charles and Becky Wong and Ruth Wootten for their great help in readying the church property and grounds for Holy Week and arranging the palm fronds

to Kristin Tollefson, Ellie Strang and Beth Wootten for preparing and arranging the floral display for Easter.

## Congratulations

To **Deb Hull**. Deb's presentation proposal, *Transforming Advisor Development in the Community College*, has been accepted as a Concurrent session for the October 8-11, 2014 NACADA Annual Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Deb will be traveling there in October to make the presentation. Deb is the chair of Advising at Mesa Community College

To **Loni and Eric Lehnhardt** on the article in the April edition of *The Lutheran* magazine. Eric and Loni were featured in an article concerning the program "Flash Food" they developed to transport left-over food from restaurants, etc. to those who are hungry. We have several copies of the magazine for anyone who is interested in reading the article. Copies are available on the desk at the church entrance.

To **Christine Wilkins** upon being awarded ASU's Moeur Award as an outstanding ASU graduate. Christine keeps up a fine tradition of LCM students winning that award. To be considered for the award a minimum of 4.0 G.P.A is required and one needs to be the top of their class.

## God Speed

Sunday, April 13 we said good-bye to Earl and Mary Kunstman. For ten years Earl and Mary split their year between Bangor, ME and Mesa, Arizona. Now they will be living full-time in Bangor where son Mark resides. Thank you, Kunstmans for your ten year partnership with ULC/LCM!



## Birthdays

May 1 Aaron Crane  
May 3 Will Salz  
May 5 Shirley Coffelt  
May 12 Molly Mardany  
May 15 Kalie Virden  
Daniel Wong is 3!  
May 16 Stephen Morgan  
May 17 Gabriel Johnson is 12!  
May 21 Grace Bieber is 6!  
May 26 Earl Kunstman  
May 28 Alexander Soto is 8!  
Charles Wong  
May 30 Jennifer Brandon

## *Happy Anniversary!*

May 12	Steve and Kim Savage	35 years!
May 17	Will and Mary Ann Salz	45 years!
May 20	Bruce and Donna Lumpkin	31 years!
May 23	Art and Lynn Becker	51 years!

# May 2014

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 9:15 Open Forum 10:30 Worship Offering of Letters	5	6 7:15 pm Council Meeting	7 5:00 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Student Meal 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10
11 9:15 Open Forum 10:30 Worship	12	13 6:30 pm Senior Banquet	<b>Graduations</b>			17
18 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Annual Meeting	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:00 am Worship	26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>Synod Assembly</b>



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## WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

### 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