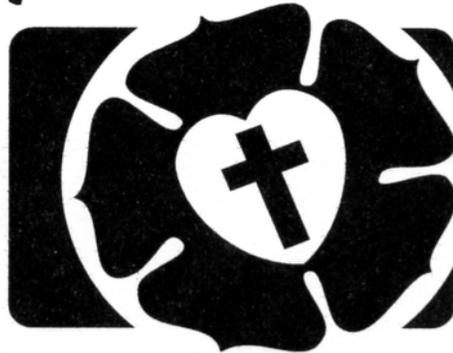


# university lutheran church



## lutheran campus ministry

# November 2014



### Dates for your Calendar:

November 4		Election Day
November 6	12:00 pm	Page Turner's Book Club
November 11		Veteran's Day
November 26	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Service
November 27		Thanksgiving Day

### Wednesday Schedule

5:00 pm Bible Study  
5:30 pm Student Meal  
6:30 pm Worship  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday Schedule

9:15 am Sunday School, Open Forum  
10:30 am Worship  
12:00 pm Student Meal

## Pastor's Notes

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

G. K. Chesterson, English philosopher, lay theologian, and Christian apologist, wrote, " When a person has found something he prefers to life itself, he (*sic*) for the first time has begun to live".

The holiday season draws near. Thanksgiving is seen as its "kickoff" with New Year's Day signaling the end of the season. The time between is a time of great festivity for many. While pressure is often greater, smiles and laughter seem more frequent as well. Such a time is not to be taken lightly nor looked down upon. The holidays can serve as a respite of sorts from the routine of the rest of the year. There is something to be said for such respite.

Life, however, is to be lived all year long. Every day. We wonder why we cannot capture in the other eleven months what we may experience, at least in glimpses, during the time between Thanksgiving and New Years. Perhaps we look or wish too hard. Perhaps we work too hard to create some purpose, some meaning, some joy and happiness that seems only too often to elude us. Perhaps in our looking we are casting aside the very thing that instead seeks us.

In many of the teachings of Jesus we hear Jesus proclaim about the Kingdom of God where Jesus tells us what we could prefer to life itself. It seems we are searching for something, someone, to prefer to life itself which we may too often find difficult, dull or joyless. If we listen to Jesus it seems Jesus is saying God is the only one to whom we can surrender without losing ourselves. The irony is that we may actually find ourselves.

Life has a way of tethering us to so many things from which we yearn to be free. God frees us not only from those things that tie us down in life, but actually from life itself. God does this so that we might truly begin to live. We might live as those who are free....those who may love, serve, cry, rejoice, and begin again as those not held back by anything or anyone including life itself. Do we look at our tethers for life and for meaning or do we look to the one who would free us from them? There is one who comes to us *in* life to lift us up above it so it does not hold us down.



## Thanksgiving Worship

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday, November 26 @ 6:30pm

## Open Forum

Open Forum meets each Sunday, 9:15am-10:15am in the Campus Center Library.

- November 2 Ruth Lindsay, "World Day of Prayer: Streams in the Desert" Ruth serves on the national board for WDP
- November 9 Mary Louise French, "Native American Ministry in the Valley" Pastor French, a Native American, is Assistant to the Bishop for the Grand Canyon Synod and has begun an outreach ministry to Native Americans in the Valley.
- November 16 TBA
- November 23 TBA
- November 30 November 30: Joe Connolly & Terry Pochert: Same Sex Marriage Legal Updates: What do recent court dates mean for this in Arizona?

## PAGE TURNER'S BOOK CLUB

**LIKE TO READ?** Please join us at noon in the church library on the first Thursday of each month.

**November 6, 2014** "The Historian" by Elizabeth Kostova

Exploring her father's library, a young woman finds an ancient book and a cache of yellowing letters. The letters are all addressed to "My dear and unfortunate successor" and they plunge her into a world she never dreamed of.



If you have any questions please e-mail Lori Jensen at [loriinaz@cox.net](mailto:loriinaz@cox.net). Thanks.

## November Food Emphasis



We will have a special emphasis on hunger and food donations. As always we will receive gifts of non-perishable food items. We'll put the gifts in front of the altar during the month and watch the gifts grow each week. Enclosed in this newsletter is an envelope for Lutheran World Hunger, recognized as one of the world's top food relief agencies. Gifts of money for World Hunger are especially encouraged this month. Thank you!

## NEW MEMBERS

Received into membership Sunday, October 12 were: Mike and Kelly Robers, Blake Petersen, and Richard, "Dick" Shirley.

Mike and Kelly were students here. Kelly was baptized at ULC. Pastor Gary presided at their wedding in Chicago where Mike was in medical school and Kelly in graduate school. Mike is a resident at Barrow Neurological Center at St. Joseph Hospital in Phoenix. Kelly is beginning her job as nutritionist for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program.

Blake is a native of Arizona and grew up in the Valley. He is a student in LCM and a social work major. Blake transferred here from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Paradise Valley. He is a senior at ASU.

Dick was once a member of the church Pastor Gary served in Colorado Springs. He retired to Scottsdale, Arizona after working in retail and wholesale sales. Dick has two children, a son David and a daughter Susan. Susan and family also live in the Valley (Mesa).

## DIRECTORY

We are in the process of creating a directory for 2015. Please check the current directory and ensure that your information is correct and up-to-date. If any of the information is incorrect, please send updates to [info@ulctempe.org](mailto:info@ulctempe.org) or call the office at (480) 967-3543. Thanks!

## RALLY IN THE VALLEY

This is a gathering of Seniors from around the Grand Canyon Synod. Speakers, music, Bible study and more. Brochures are on the desk at the church entrance. **Save the dates: Feb 16-17 @ Prince of Peace Lutheran, Phoenix**

### WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Our tree-laden park and older properties couldn't present themselves nearly so well without all our volunteers who pick up and do what is necessary. Special thanks to Hal Morgan, Blake Petersen, Andy Tadlock, Ellie Strang, Ruth Wootten, Shirley and Terry Coffelt, and Art, Lynn and Brian Becker for their labors of love in and around our campus! We do so appreciate it!

### Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 7 pm

**November 14** at the home of Ruth Wootten



**December 11** at the home of Ellie Strang

Please contact Ruth Wootten for information:

[Ruthwootten@hotmail.com](mailto:Ruthwootten@hotmail.com)

# Help Our Garden Grow!

Our community garden is well under way, located at the north east corner of the property. Our first bed has been dug and planted with a cover crop of clover. The clover will be turned back into the soil in the spring to get us closer to having a rich organic soil that will yield us plenty of vegetables and flowers in the future! In the meantime, we are hoping to plant some greens in pots, and are seeking donations to make this possible.

Please consider donating one of the items on this list or the money to purchase it:

**Potting soil** \$15/bag (apprx 4cf)

**Compost** \$12/bag (apprx 4cf)

**Planting Pots** Apprx \$15 each

**Wheelbarrow** \$60

**Garden Fork** \$25

Our November work morning is scheduled for Saturday, **November 15 @ 9:00 am.** We will be spreading a brown mulch to help keep the Bermuda grass at bay!

If you would like more information or to volunteer, please contact the office at [info@ulctempe.org](mailto:info@ulctempe.org) or (480) 967-3543

Ruth Lindsay, Church Secretary



## Choir

Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm and on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am before the morning worship service.

**You are welcome to join us; no experience is necessary!**

For more information, please contact Aiko Mancini ([ulc.choir@gmail.com](mailto:ulc.choir@gmail.com)).



## Wednesday Worship

Each Wednesday we worship in the sanctuary 6:30pm-7:10pm. Worship is more contemporary style with a student praise band, Power Point instead of a bulletin, etc. Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Worship on Wednesdays is not just for students. Careful! Many who come once continue to return regularly!! Our theme for the first 3 Wednesdays in November is: ""Bread."

- November 5** "Not by Bread Alone"; Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Bread nourishes our physical life. What is it that gives us life?
- November 12** "Daily Bread", Luke 11:1-4; God is a God of abundance who provides for all our needs.
- November 19** "I am the Bread of Life"; John 6:30-35; As bread nourishes our body, Jesus provides sustenance and nourishment for life.
- November 26** Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6:30pm

## Student Bible Study

5pm each Wednesday in the Campus Center. Our November theme is " Dreams".

- November 5** "Jacob's Dream"Genesis 28: 10-22; In this dream Jacob sees a ladder and finds himself standing next to God.
- November 12** Genesis 41: 1-36; Pharaoh has a dream and Joseph interprets the dream. God does not restrict himself from speaking to those outside the faith.
- November 19** Matthew 2:13-23; Joseph, the father of Jesus, is warned in a dream to take his child and Mary to Egypt to escape Herod's slaughter of male children.
- November 26** No Bible Study: Thanksgiving Eve Worship

## Student Discussion Group

We meet in the Campus Center for four consecutive Fridays at 3pm-4pm beginning with Friday, October 31 and ending Friday, November 21. Together we look in-depth to various theological and Biblical topics. We met for four Fridays in September discussing such things as the relationship of Faith and Science, Who is/What is God?, and Resurrection.

- October 31** Did Jesus *have* to die?
- November 7** The Problem of Evil.
- November 14** The Bible as Word of God. What does this mean?
- November 21** The role of Jesus for faith.

## Mark your Calendars!

LCM's Second Annual Evening of Dinner and Dancing will be held on Friday, February 6, at Desert Cross Lutheran Church in Tempe. Tickets will be available after Christmas.

**Caroling:** LCM Students will be caroling on the evening of Saturday, December 6. Contact Alicia Danielson, [lcmassociate@gmail.com](mailto:lcmassociate@gmail.com), if you would like students to carol to you that evening.





## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

**Andy Tadlock**

**Freshman, Aerospace Engineering Major**

**Why did you decide on your major?**

I was told to major in Engineering, and Aerospace was the least boring of the Engineering majors.

**What are your plans after graduation?**

To buy a 2014 Camaro SS.

**Why did you start coming to LCM?**

Melanie Lehnhardt (a fellow LCM student) dragged me here.

**What is your favorite thing about LCM?**

All of the great people! They are all inspirational; all of the LCM students are people you can look up to.

**What are some of your hobbies/favorite things to do?**

I like to work on cars and fish. Watch hockey games with my grandfather.

**What are some interesting facts about yourself?**

I will eat anything. I have never broken a bone in my body, but through Lacrosse I have broken bones in 4 other people.



**Christmas Family:** Students are receiving offerings each time they gather for a meal to provide gifts and food for an area family for Christmas. Students have taken on this project for 10 years. They buy, wrap, and deliver the gifts, paid for by their gifts of money. They deliver the entire dinner for Christmas.

### **Winter Retreat**

Our annual Winter Retreat for students will be January 23-25 in Sedona, Arizona. The campus ministries of NAU and U of A will all participate in this retreat.

### ***Lefse!***

Students are busy making Lefse to sell as a fund-raiser. Currently we are set up to sell lefse at 7 churches in the Valley with possibly one more to be added. If you would like a package of lefse, talk to Pastor Gary or Alicia. Cost is \$10 per package.

## BE SURE TO VOTE NOVEMBER 4!

And, of course, be an informed voter, and when the results are in, exercise your citizen power by communicating with your elected officials regarding issues on which your faith informs your views.



You may not have memorized the very first social statement of the ELCA back in 1991, when our church noted that we are committed to "work with and on behalf of the poor, the powerless and those who suffer", our efforts being to "seek to advance justice, peace and the care of creation." Through advocacy, we have the opportunity to work with lawmakers as we lift our voices to influence policies that advance the common good.

Before they left Washington in advance of the elections, Congress at least passed a continuing resolution (CR) to extend funding through mid-December, preventing a shutdown such as happened last year. Although the CR included additional funding to arm Syrian rebels, it did not include money to address the poverty that is driving children to flee from Latin America and swamp border stations. These and other issues may be taken up when they return.

Of importance, bipartisan bills were introduced to provide congressional authorization for President Obama's Feed the Future strategy--a \$1 billion-a-year plan to boost agricultural development and address malnutrition in select poor countries. H.R. 5656 and S.2909 would make the program permanent beyond this administration. Bread for the World supports these as good starting points, urging Congress to seek additional provisions that focus on nutrition, the 1,000-day window of nutrition for pregnant women and infants, and the empowerment of small-holder women farmers.

You can keep up to date on these and other developments with regular check-ins at [www.ELCA/org/hunger](http://www.ELCA/org/hunger) and [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org).

Then let your congressional representatives know your views by using Bread's toll free number at 1-800-826-3688. (And not just once!)

Ruth Wootten

### Arizona Cardinal Game

We still have a few tickets left for the November 16 game vs. the Detroit Lions, 2:25pm ( plenty of time to get there after worship) . Cost is \$46.25 or \$51.25 per ticket. LCM receives \$10 per ticket sold. Parking is free. There is a \$4.00 charge per transaction as a service fee. Forms are on the desk at the church entrance. You may send them in or give them to Pastor Gary or Alicia. Hurry....the game is almost sold out!

#### ABBY HENDERSON PREACHING

LCM alum, Abby Henderson, will preach at our Wednesday worship, November 12. Abby spent the last year in South Africa working for Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM), a ministry of the ELCA. Abby currently works for YAGM as a student recruiter. Abby's older brother Ben is also an alum of LCM/ASU.



## Lessons & Carols

Mark your calendars now! The service for Lessons and Carols will be **Wednesday, December 3, 6:30pm**. Invite your friends now! This has been an outstanding tradition here at ULC/LCM the past several years and a great way to begin the Advent Season.



## Christmas Decorations

Beginning Sunday, November 16 we will receive offerings for Christmas decorations and Christmas trees to decorate our sanctuary. We will again have four Christmas trees. If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, please indicate it on the form that will be provided in the Sunday bulletin. We will list such designations in our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Mark your envelopes and/or checks "Flowers". Thank you!

## ***Buy Your Christmas or Birthday Gifts and Know you are Helping Others!***

*Each year ULC/LCM hosts a Fair Trade Fair through SERRV. We will have catalogs available for people to look through and pre order any gifts they would like. Do not think only of Christmas, there are many ideas for giving throughout the year. SERRV works directly with artisans from developing countries to offer these products. The money goes directly back to the artisans and helps people and villages support themselves and their families. Supporting SERRV also supports health care, cooperative farms and schools in many areas in need through out our world.*



*SERRV catalogs will be available through November 9. Gifts should be here the beginning of December. Thank you for supporting our Fair Trade Fair!*

***Sunday, November 30-Sunday, December 14, SERRV Fair Trade Fair items will be available to purchase for anybody looking for a special and unique gift!***

## Men's Bakeoff

Circle the date! Men's Bakeoff will be Sunday, December 7. There is a new twist to it this year. It will be immediately after worship at about 11:45am. We'll have a potluck dinner followed by the auction of baked goods made by the men in our community.





## Birthdays

November 3	Mikayle Holm	November 20	John Stone
November 5	John Barton	November 21	Bob Neighbors
November 7	Terry Coffelt	November 24	Jim Poole
November 10	Stephen Gerrish	November 24	Rebecca Wong
November 10	<b>Martin Luther</b>	November 26	Nicole Nash
November 15	Emily Toensing	November 28	Ann Tidwell
November 18	Melanie Lehnhardt	November 29	Jennifer Crane



## Happy Anniversary!



- November 9     Katie and Mitchell Tay—one year!
- November 19    Rebecca and Charles Wong
- November 22    Nathan and Andrea Hinds

## Thanks!

- to Terry & Shirley Coffelt for trimming trees, cutting branches, etc. after the recent storm damage.
- to Blake Petersen for cleaning the church oven and refrigerator and for taking down exterior signs, etc.
- to Terry Pochert and Joe Connolly for working on exterior lighting fixtures and changing light bulbs.
- to Blake Petersen for filling in for church Secretary Ruth Lindsay
- to Ken Overturff for weekly assembling bulletins for worship
- to Terry Pochert for arranging the installation of our new Campus Center Air conditioning unit and for overseeing its installation.

## Congratulations!

to Shawn Aiken for being named "Lawyer of the Year" in Mediation by "The Best Lawyers in America"

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>2</b> 9:15 am Sunday School, Open Forum  10:30 am Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  5pm Bible Study  5:30 Student Meal  6:30 Worship  7:30 Choir	<b>6</b>  12 pm Page Turner's Book Club	<b>7</b>  3pm Student Discussion Group	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:15 am Sunday School, Open Forum  10:30 am Worship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Veteran's Day	<b>12</b>  5pm Bible Study  5:30 Student Meal  6:30 Worship  7:30 Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  3pm Student Discussion Group	<b>15</b>  9 am Garden Workday
<b>16</b>  9:15 am Sunday School, Open Forum  10:30 am Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  5pm Bible Study  5:30 Student Meal  6:30 Worship  7:30 Choir	<b>20</b>  6: 30 pm Synod Young Adult Task Force Meeting	<b>21</b>  3pm Student Discussion Group	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:15 am Sunday School, Open Forum 10:30 am Wor- ship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  6:30 Thanksgiving Worship	<b>27</b>  <b>Thanksgiving            Day</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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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