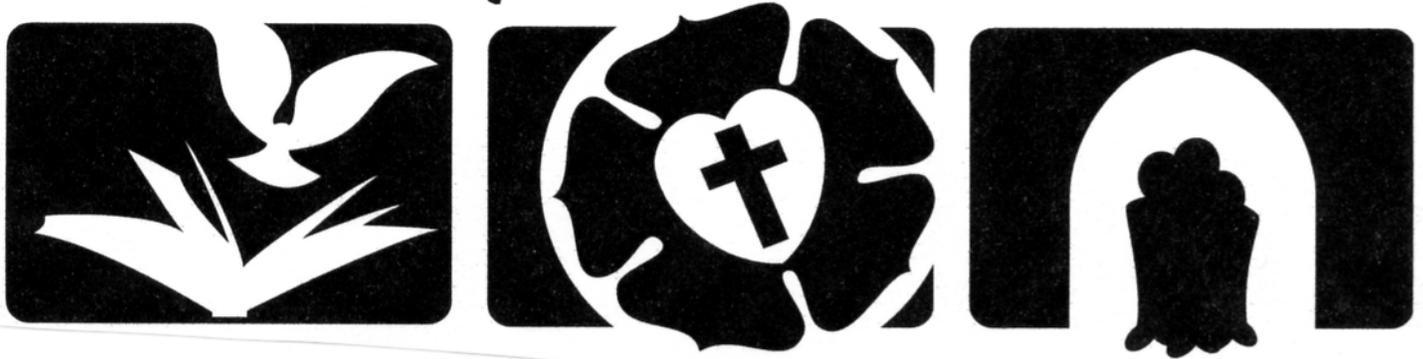


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November 2015



Dates for your Calendar:

November 5	noon	Page Turners Book Club meeting
November 10	7:15pm	Council meeting
November 11	Veteran's Day	No ASU Class; Lefse Day
November 14	8:30am	Men's Breakfast
November 15, 22, 29		SERRV items available for purchase in the Campus Center
November 25	6:30pm	Thanksgiving Eve worship
December 2	6:30pm	Lessons and Carols

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
11:45 pm	Student Meal

Pastor's Notes

Gary N. McCluskey, pastor

A successful person was once asked what was the key to her success. She responded, "I chose my parents well." Of course this answer was met with smiles and chuckles by all who heard it.

November is the month of Thanksgiving. As such, gratitude is often the topic of editorials, church newsletters, and occasional family discussion. Most often, it seems the subject concerns those things we are thankful for. The list generally includes health, family, friends, food, daily needs and even possessions. Christian writings tend to correctly remind us to whom we are to be thankful: God.

Yet I suspect buried within our thanks is often a gratitude for things we are able to do and things we have accomplished. Good health, good family, good friends, food, daily needs and possessions...we have all these because we have taken good care of ourselves, related well with others, and we have worked hard. Indeed. What we often miss in our gratitude is precisely what the successful woman implied in her answer concerning her wise choice of parents: luck. Has not good fortune (that is, circumstances and forces beyond our control) been a part of so much of what we have to give thanks for? Many times in life we may be more fortunate than we are good or deserving.

Perhaps what you and I need to do, sometimes, is strip bare the facade which we construct around our life and realize how fortunate we are. How lucky to have had good parents, how fortunate to have been able to attend good schools, have job opportunities, and met people who have impacted our lives positively. Doing so just might enable us to realize the only response we can have to God for our life is gratitude. Life is more than pulling up one's bootstraps. It is also being given boots to put on in the first place.

November Food Emphasis

We will have a special emphasis on hunger and food donations throughout the month of November. We will receive gifts of non-perishable food items, put the gifts before the altar each week, and watch the gifts grow. 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!!



Rally in the Valley

This annual event for seniors in the Grand Canyon Synod will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, February 15-16. Prince of Peace is located at 3641 N. 56th Street, Phoenix (Arcadia area). Speakers are Daniel Speckhard, President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief and a former Ambassador, Father Greg Adolf, Pastor of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Sierra Vista, and the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. This will be Bishop Eaton's first visit to the Grand Canyon Synod since becoming presiding bishop. Tom Witt and Mary Preus will be leading the worship and music. Posters are in the Campus Center and on the moving bulletin board. Brochures are on the desk at the church entrance. Hurry — registration is limited and many were turned away last year.

Hey Buddy, Can you Lent a Devotion?

In just a few weeks we will begin signing up to write Lenten devotions. Yes, it is November and we said Lent. Lent is very early next year and, with students being gone about a month, we need to get working on this soon. Our theme is **Sent into Lent**. Devotions are written on an assigned text of scripture. Generally, they are about a paragraph long. A very short prayer is also to be written to accompany the devotion. You may write one, two, or more devotions. These will go into a booklet that will be distributed to our community and offered electronically to congregations in our Synod. Thank you!!



Music at ULC/LCM

Do you sing or play a musical instrument? We are always looking for new singers and instrumentalists to join us for our Sunday **choir** and the Wednesday **student worship team**.

Our choir rehearses on **Wednesdays at 7:30 pm**. Congregational members and students who sing are welcome!

If you are interested in Choir and/or the student worship team, please contact Aiko Mancini via email (ulc.choir@gmail.com) or phone (480-619-8271).



Christmas Eve/Day Worship

Remember the survey we took during several Sundays in January/February? There were 18 families that responded with 3 more verbally expressing their desire for Christmas Eve worship time. One wanted the time to remain the same, another wanted 6:30pm. All the rest indicated 6pm as the desired time. Council is recommending 6pm as the time for Christmas Eve worship. If you have any comments regarding this change please share them with our council: Terry Anderson, Nick Cota, Darren Gest, Colton Grimmer, Eric Lehnhardt, Pastor Gary, Blake Petersen, Ellie Strang, or Layna Taylor.

In addition there was discussion concerning the Christmas Day worship. If we do this service this year there will be no music. Last year's attendance was 16 with four of those present because of their involvement in the worship. Council is recommending we do not have a Christmas Day worship. Comments regarding this may be also be made to council. Please make your comments by the November 10 council meeting should there be a need to review their recommendation. Thanks!



On Saturday, December 5, students will **carol** at the homes of some of our members. If you know of someone to be included, please contact Alicia Danielson at lcmassociate@gmail.com by November 29th.

Open Forum—Meets Sundays 9:15 am-10:15 am in the Campus Center Library.

- November 1: "Chosen? Reading the Bible in the Midst of the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict". Pastor Gary will lead the discussion.
- November 8: "Stem Cell Science & Issues". Discussion will be led by Walter Johnson.
- November 15: "A Balance of Zero: No Support for the Future of Our Youth". Blake Petersen will lead the discussion.
- November 22: - "Lutherans and the Papacy". Discussion leader is Pr. Gary.
- November 29: "Shared Stories, Rival Tellings: How Christians, Jews, and Muslims View the Scriptural Characters that They Hold in Common Differently." Pr. Gary will lead the discussion.



Student Meals

Our thanks to the many people who have signed up to provide food for Sunday and Wednesday student meals! We still have some openings and you can sign up on the moving bulletin board. If you would like to help but can't cook for the group, talk to Pr. Gary or Alicia. We can arrange for students to shop, cook, etc., if you would like to pay for the food. Thank you!!!

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

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The next meeting of Page Turners will be at noon on Thursday, November 5. The discussion will concern the Amy Stuart novel, *Girl Waits With Gun*.

December's meeting will be at noon on Thursday, December 3. The discussion will concern "Whistling Past the Graveyard," by Susan Crandall.

Bring your lunch and enjoy a great discussion in the Campus Center Library. If you have any questions call Lori Jensen: 480.777.7480 or contact her via e-mail: loriinaz@cox.net

Thank You!

- For providing Student Meals in October: Joe Connolly & Terry Pochert, Gest family, Lehnhardt family, Lindsay/Beber family, Kelly & Mike Robers, Tadlock family, Bishop Steve & Barbara Talmage, and Peggy Wagner.
- Noah Fritz for teaching in Open Forum twice in October.
- Loni and Anika Lehnhardt for picking up and delivering our "Reformation Door" to the Campus Center.
- Ruth Wootten for a donation of an entire set of *Anchor Bible Commentaries*, as well as an assortment of theological, biblical, and church historical books to the Library of St. Jerome in the Campus Center.
- Lynn and Art Becker for their green thumbs and commitment to keeping the shrubs and greenery neat around the property and Sanctuary.





Student Schedule

Our Wednesday schedule:

Bible Study 5pm

Student Dinner 5:30pm

Worship 6:30—7:10pm

Choir rehearsal 7:30pm

Lefse Season is in full swing! We are accepting donations and help. Contact Alicia Danielson at lcmassociate@gmail.com or 480.967.3543, if you are interested in donating supplies or wish to help the students in the baking process.

LCM October Movie Night: Thursday, November 12 at 7pm in the Campus Center. We will be watching and discussing the movie “Gone Baby Gone”. Dinner will be provided. All students are invited to join in this event.

Our Sunday schedule is:

Worship 10:30am

Student Meal following Worship

Leadership Team will meet monthly



Grace, Grub, and Grog

Grace, Grub, and Grog is a group for young adults, grad students, and recent grads. We've been meeting for food, fellowship, and sometimes board games on the last Saturday of each month. However, in November, we'll mix it up and meet on the **third Saturday, November 21st**, to avoid conflicts with Thanksgiving weekend. Come to Maddie Shaner's home at 5:30pm for snacks and fellowship before we all get too busy with the holidays!

Contact Maddie Shaner for directions/more information at mshaner@asu.edu.

Wednesday Bible Study— 5pm in the Campus Center

November scriptures continue the theme of “Study Abroad with Paul”.

November 4 Acts 13:13-35

November 11 Acts 17:16-34

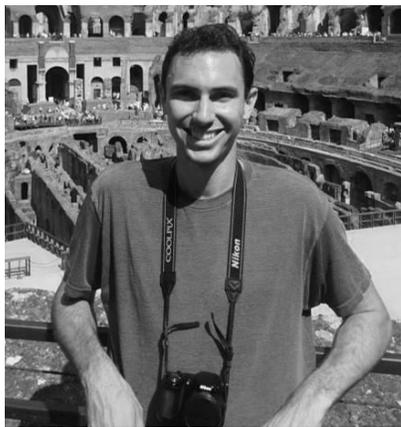
November 18 I Corinthians 16:1-12

December 2 “Mary, Mary, Not Quite So Contrary!” Luke 1:46-56

December 9 “John the Baptizer, the Church’s Seasonal Employee” Luke 3:1-20



Student of the Month



Trevor Johnson

Senior, Religion & Philosophy Major

Why did you choose to go to ASU? I wanted to stay in Arizona and go to a school close to home. I had friends who came here as well.

Why did you choose your major? It was what interested me the most.

Why did you start coming to LCM? I came in last Spring to get parking and met some of the staff and students. I wanted to go to a local church,

so I thought I'd try it out (and he hasn't left!).

What do you like about LCM? I like the connection with all of the other students.

What role has LCM played in your college life? It has given me social connections. I've made good friends here, and it gives me a break from school and work.

What are some of your hobbies/things you like to do? I like to play chess (ask him for a match some time!), and I play guitar. I like to go hiking.

What are some interesting facts about yourself? I am the oldest of 6 children, and this summer I travelled to 9 different countries.

If you had a magic carpet that could take you to anywhere at any time, where/when would you go, what would you do, and why? I would go back to 399 B.C. and watch the trial and execution of Socrates. I'd like to listen to the trial and Socrates' argument and see him drink the hemlock.

Wednesday Worship Service

6:30pm in the Sanctuary...Wednesday worship is for everyone!!!

November 4: "Am I My Brother's/Sister's Keeper?" Genesis 4:9

November 11: "Mission Impossible: What Does God Demand of You?" Deuteronomy 10:12

November 18: "Separation Anxiety: My God, My God, Why Have You Abandoned Me?"

December 2: Lessons & Carols. Reception to follow on the patio (weather permitting) with hot chocolate, cider, and fall treats! If you'd like to provide any of the refreshments, please contact Alicia Danielson (lcmassociate@gmail.com) or Aiko Mancini (aiko.mancini@gmail.com).

December 9: Holden Evening Prayer setting. "Work as a Sign of Hope", Ecclesiastes 3:16-22.

December 16: Holden Evening Prayer setting. "Faith as a Sign of Hope", Psalm 145:10-21.

Thrivent Choice Dollars



Congregation Members, Students' Parents, and Friends:

It's nearing the end of the year when Thrivent members can make "Choices" for their Choice Dollars. As Thrivent members and without affecting any of your investments, you can direct what this investment company calls "Choice Dollars" to specific charitable organizations. We hope that when you search for organizations you will consider both:

- University Lutheran Church - Tempe, AZ
- Lutheran Campus Ministry - Tempe, AZ

When using your online interface, your search results for "University Lutheran Tempe" will generate both of the above results.



Christmas Decorations—Beginning Sunday November 8, we will receive offerings for Christmas decorations, flowers, and Christmas trees to decorate our sanctuary. Gifts of any amount are welcome. Please mark “flowers” on the check and/or envelope. Trees to honor or memorialize a loved one cost \$70 each. All designations will be identified in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Thank you!

Sunday School

Sunday School is held at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. Those younger than Jr. High age meet in the classrooms in the church building, with older students in the Campus Center, and adults meeting in the Library of the Campus Center.



Building & Grounds Help Needed

After many dedicated years of hard work, Ruth Wootten and Beth Wootten have decided to hand over the reigns of coordinating the buildings and grounds maintenance and improvement efforts. THANK YOU, Ruth and Beth!

We now need a person or team to coordinate such efforts. Most of the big issues are part of a rotation schedule that is on-going (such as: the parking lot, AC maintenance, emergency lights, fire extinguishers, etc.). Students and church members do some of the work and we have a cleaning service that comes weekly. If you are interested in serving in this way, speak to Council President Darren Gest or Pastor Gary.

Thanks, again, to Ruth and Beth!



Help Our Garden Grow!

Join us on Saturday, November 14 at 7 am for our next work morning. We will be fertilizing our corn and laying plastic to control the grass.

Dates will be posted on our Facebook page (“ULC Community Garden”). Like our Facebook page to stay updated.

We are still in need of donations to continue supplying our garden with necessary inputs and to develop basic garden infrastructure, such as fencing and irrigation. Thanks!

If you would like more information or to volunteer, please contact the office at info@ulctempe.org, or (480) 967-3543. All are welcome!



Remembering The Saints Who Have Passed since All Saints Day 2014:

Jessica Batts

Martajeon Bostick

Raymond Christensen

Connie Jacobs

Patricia Markel

Charles Cyrs Morgan

Robert Nienkerk

Dorothy Pellemounter

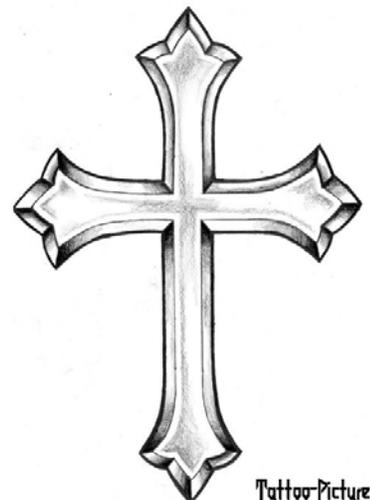
Jackie Larson Renner

Shad Smith

Betty Stiles

Luther Wilson

Bill Wootten



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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Rebecca Sherod | 19 Darren Gest |
| 3 Mikayle Holm | 20 John (“Stoney”) Stone |
| 5 John Barton | 21 Bob Neighbors |
| 5 Mina Coste | 22 Andi Castro |
| 10 Stephen Gerrish | 24 Jim Poole |
| 10 Martin Luther | 24 Rebecca Wong |
| 15 Emily Toensing | 26 Nicole Nash |
| 17 Marquise Demaree | 28 Ann Tidwell |
| 17 Russ Hickman | 29 Jennifer Crane |

Happy Anniversary!

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| 11/9 | Katie & Mitchell Tay |
| 11/9 | Rebecca & Charles Wong |
| 11/22 | Adrian & Nathan Hinds |



Condolences -

To Karen, Lynn, and Chris Kauppi on the death of Karen's father, Luther Wilson. Luther died in Jacksonville, Florida, Saturday, October 17.

November 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 12pm— Page Turners' Book Club— in the Cam- pus Center Library	6	7
8 9:15 Open Forum & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12 pm Student Meal	9 7:45pm HAA	10 7:15 pm Council Meeting	11 Veterans Day— church of- fice is open 5:00 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Meal 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Choir	12 7pm—LCM Movie Night	13	14 7am Garden Day 8:30am—Men's Breakfast at Chompies on University
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Sunday School:	9:15 am
Sunday Open Forum:	9:15 am
Sunday Worship Service:	10:30 am
Wednesday Worship:	6:30 pm