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Sunday Traditional Worship

10:30 am*

*In-Person or Live Stream on website

www.ulctempe.org

Wednesday Contemporary Worship

6:30 pm (In-Person Only)



University Lutheran Church is a Reconciling Works Church. We are a welcoming environment for all of God's people regardless of race, situation, familial status, sexuality, gender, size, shape, gender identity, and place in this world.



Giving Growing Gathering



University Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry Newsletter



2024

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A NOTE FROM INTERIM PASTOR ARHIANA SHEK DILL



Love

“God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another” (1John:9-11).

What do Valentine’s Day and Ash Wednesday have in common? This year they both fall on February 14!

Valentine’s Day is a day that is supposed to be all about love. Some of us share flowers, chocolates and other expressions of love and care with people in our lives. Kids make Valentines for parents and friends. And while many of us lament the fact that Valentine’s Day may treat the subject of love in a very superficial way, loving another person is hard work. We can love a friend, a spouse, a stranger, a child, because of God’s love for us first in Jesus Christ.

On Ash Wednesday we begin our journey through the 40 days of Lent and respond to God’s invitation to return to the Lord. Please join us for worship at 6:30pm. With ashes on our foreheads, we will be reminded of our mortality and of God’s reconciling love in Christ for us.

God invests selfishly in us by sending God’s Son to teach us how God loves, unconditionally, abundantly, and graciously. God never gives up on us!

God’s love is expressed by a Christian band in their song “Let Love Win.”

Lord Your love builds bridges that cannot be burned

It speaks truth that cannot be learned

It’s a treasure we can never earn

It goes places we’re afraid of going

It’s not a fist it’s a hand wide open

Reaching out to the down and broken

God loves you!

~Pastor Arhiana, Interim Pastor

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thurs, Feb 1	12:00 pm	Page Turner's Book Club (Campus Center Library)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Fri, Feb 2		GROUNDHOG'S DAY
Sun, Feb 4	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
	11:30 am	Free Student Meal (Campus Center Library/Grab N Go)
	11:30 am	Free Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
Tues, Feb 6	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Wed, Feb 7	12:00 pm	CORA
	5:00 pm	LCM Bible Study (Campus Center/Zoom)
	5:30 pm	Free Student Meal (Campus Center/Grab N Go)
	6:30 pm	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
Thurs, Feb 8	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Sun, Feb 11	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
	11:30 am	Free Student Meal (Campus Center Library/Grab N Go)
	11:30 am	Free Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
Tues, Feb 13	6:30 pm	Council Meeting (Campus Center Library/Zoom)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Wed, Feb 14		ASH WEDNESDAY/VALENTINE'S DAY/AZ STATEHOOD DAY
	5:00 pm	LCM Bible Study (Campus Center/Zoom)
	5:30 pm	Free Student Meal (Campus Center/Grab N Go)
	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
Thurs, Feb 15	6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Sun, Feb 18	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
	11:30 am	Free Student Meal (Campus Center Library/Grab N Go)
	11:30 am	Free Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
Tues, Feb 20	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)

Wed, Feb 21	5:00 pm	LCM Bible Study (Campus Center/Zoom)
	5:30 pm	Free Student Meal (Campus Center/Grab N Go)
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
Thurs, Feb 22	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Sun, Feb 25	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
	11:30 am	Free Student Meal (Campus Center Library/Grab N Go)
	11:30 am	Free Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
Tues, Feb 27	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Wed, Feb 28	5:00 pm	LCM Bible Study (Campus Center/Zoom)
	5:30 pm	Free Student Meal (Campus Center/Grab N Go)
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
Thurs, Feb 29		LEAP YEAR DAY!
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)



COUNCIL MEETING FOR FEBRUARY



The ULC Council will meet on Tuesday, February 13th, at 6:30 pm in the Campus Center library or via Zoom.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The ULC Women's Bible Study will be Thursday, February 15th, at 6:00 pm via Zoom. If you need the Zoom link, please contact the office:

info@ucltempe.org or 480-967-3543.



UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY

Check out our library. We have books for all ages. Here are a few kids books we have.

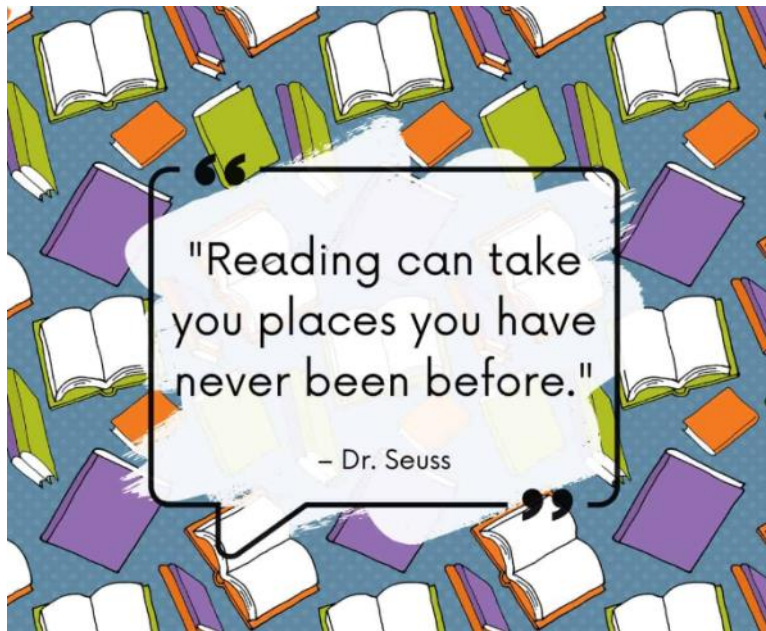
“It’s Not Fair” by Amy Krouse Rosenthal & Tom Lechtenheld

“God’s Big Plan” by Elizabeth F. Caldwell & Theodore Heibert

“Last Week My Brother Anthony Died” by Martin Whitmore Hickman

We have several other books on grief—for all ages.

If you check out a book, email the office info@ulctempe.org and let them know you have it.



FORUMS

We are looking for a volunteer to schedule forums. Forums are September-May (the first Sunday after Labor Day through the second Sunday in May).

If you're interested, please contact the office: info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543. Thank you!



ULC YOUNG ADULTS

Some of ULC's Young Adults are planning to attend the ELCA Young Adult Gathering in New Orleans from July 16-20. The theme for the Gathering is "Created to Be" entered on Psalm 139:14 (I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.)

There is a \$150/person non-refundable registration fee and registration is \$425 (after 2/15 it is \$475). Hotel, meals, and travel costs are not included in this registration fee.

Due to the expense, the ULC Young Adults will be planning fundraisers to help cover some of the costs. If you would like to make a donation for the young adults who will be attending, you may do so on our website. Please scroll to: LCM Individual Gifts and in the "Note" section—put Young Adult Gathering. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

The goal of the Gathering is to create environments and opportunities for faith formation through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service, and fellowship. For more information see the Gathering website:

elca.church/gathering

If you are interested in attending or helping with fundraising, please contact Bryan Gamelin (ULC Young Adult Coordinator) at ulcyoungadult@gmail.com

Thank you!



Interested in joining our Young Adult Group? Please contact the office:

info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543 or ulcyoungadult@gmail.com

Look for Young Adult Events on our website: www.ulctempe.org

PAGE TURNER'S BOOK CLUB

The Page Turner's Book Club invites you to participate in one of our lively discussions. We meet in the campus center library at 12 noon on the first Thursday of each month during the academic year. In order to expand our scope, we alternate fiction and nonfiction. Bring your lunch if you like and join us, for one book discussion or several.

February 1, 2024: "The Country of the Blind: A Memoir at the End of Sight" by Andrew Leland (2023) We meet Andrew Leland as he is mid-way through his life with retinitis pigmentosa, a condition that Leland has learned to live with. It is a condition which goes from sighted to blindness, often over decades. This story is an extremely personal and intellectual tour of a way of being that most have never experienced, and from which we have much to learn. ~ Jean Park

March 7, 2024: "The Storyteller: A Novel" by Jodi Picoult (2013) Sage Singer is a young baker trying to escape loneliness and bad memories following her mother's death. In her grief support group, Sage meets Josef Weber, an elderly man with a dark secret. They perceive each other's hidden scars and become close friends. But everything changes when Josef confesses a shameful secret and asks Sage for an extraordinary favor. How far will we go to protect our families and keep the past from dictating the future? Where do we draw the line between punishment and justice, forgiveness and mercy? "The Storyteller" uses Josef and Sage's family stories and the power of storytelling to delve into themes of guilt, forgiveness, and the complexities of human nature. ~Kim Savage

ULC CHOIR

Our choir returned on January 21, 2024!
If you would like to be in our choir,
please contact our music director:

Elizabeth Tomboulian at
ulc.choir@gmail.com

Thank you!



Cartoon Corner



when ash wednesday
falls on valentine's day



Bryan Gamelin	February 4
Lisa Zelenski	February 12
Paul Zelenski	February 13
Kenneth Overturf	February 16
Carolyn Johannsen	February 17
Arno Leskinen	February 18
Jim Stevens	February 18
Lynn Aiken	February 19
Lori Jensen	February 21

Happy Birthday!



Please let us know if we missed a birthday or an anniversary so we can update our system!

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THRIVENT

Thank you to all who give through your Thrivent account. We changed banks in August, 2023 and now have just one account for University Lutheran and Campus Ministry. Previously, we had two separate accounts.

Thrivent only allows 1 account/1 name per organization (please note that this is a policy of Thrivent) so you will just see the University Lutheran Church option. If you would like your Thrivent Choice Dollars donated to a particular fund, please contact the office: info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543.

Other means of donating to University Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry are:

- Give online on our website: www.ulctempe.org
- Mail your donation to the office: 340 E 15th St/Tempe/AZ/85281
- Place your donation in the offering plate in the sanctuary during Sunday and Wednesday services

Thank you for your continued financial support of University Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry. It is greatly appreciated.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is February 14th! We would love to see you at worship. We will have Ash Wednesday worship (with the imposition of ashes) at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary or via live stream on our website: www.ulctempe.org

We will also have mid-week Lenten services each Wednesday during Lent:

- February 21
- February 28
- March 6
- March 13
- March 20
- March 27

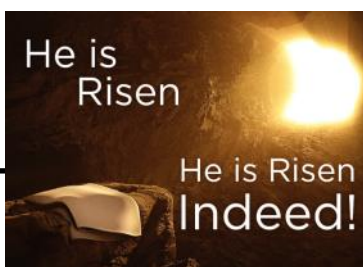
All mid-week Lenten services will also be live streamed on our website: www.ulctempe.org.



EASTER



Easter is March 31st! We will have 6:00 am sunrise service. Please note: this service is outside. It could be chilly so dress appropriately. This service is **not** live-streamed.

We will also have worship at 10:30 am in our sanctuary. This service will be live streamed on our website: www.ulctempe.org



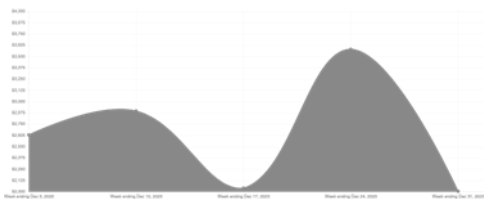


God's Work ~ Our Hands

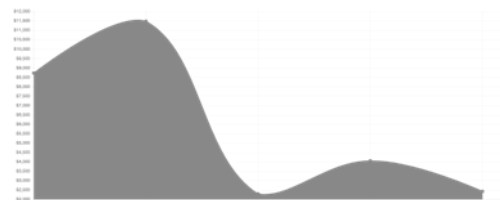
Giving  Growing  Gathering

In December, we had a toy drive for our monthly stewardship project. Thank you to all who brought toys—we were able to donate a bin of toys. Thank you for your generosity.

Our December 2023 offering was \$13,150.36. This is a decrease of \$15,817.91 compared to December 2022 offering. Please note: this is the offering fund only and not all sources of giving.



December 2023 Offering



December 2022 Offering

Stewardship is not just our treasure but our time and talent. We are always in need of people to help with worship: lector (reading the lessons), communion assistant, usher/greeter. We also need volunteers to bring refreshments (cookies, pastries, etc) for after worship. Coffee is provided by ULC. And we always need meals prepared for students. You can sign up for any or all of these on the moving bulletin board or contact the office: info@ucltempe.org or 480-967-3543.

Our January stewardship project was making blankets with the LCM students and ULC Young Adults. The blankets were then given to a non-profit organization. The newsletter was printed prior to the blanket-making event. Watch for pictures and more information in next month's newsletter. We will also post pictures and information on our website.

If you are interested in joining the Finance and Stewardship Committee, please contact the office. If you have a suggestion for the committee—please let us know. Thank you to our current committee members: Savannah Bradley, MaryBeth LaMont (chairperson), Katherine Stevens, and Beth Wootten.

Thank you for your generosity!

"God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with." ~Billy Graham



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) returned on Wednesday, January 10th.

Our theme for January was: “Who Does God Call To Accomplish God’s Purposes?” with the following scripture readings:

January 10: Genesis 6:5-22

January 17: Joshua 2:1-24

January 24: Exodus 3:7-4:18

January 31: Ruth 1:1-18, 4:13-18

LCM meets every Wednesday at 5:00 for Bible Study, 5:30 for free student meal (both in our Campus Center. Grab N Go option available for dinner), and 6:30 for contemporary worship in our sanctuary.

Come for any or all of it! Meet our new Interim Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill!

Do you know a young adult who is ready for a transformative journey of service and fellowship? Tell them about YAGM today!

The ELCA’s Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program is ready for new volunteers! The YAGM team must find the next cohort of young Christians ready to step out into the future. Do you know one?

If you know such a young adult, aged 21-35, this is the time to reach out. Applications are now accepted on a rolling basis, year-round. Those who apply by Feb. 1 will be considered for the service year beginning the following August. Priority will be given to those who applied by Jan. 15.

Talk personally to these young people about what this opportunity will mean for their faith, identity, career and understanding of God’s work in the world.

Through YAGM young adults learn what it means to serve in a spirit of accompaniment as they walk alongside global church companions. They’ll become immersed in a new community and form deep relationships. And they’ll confront poverty, racial privilege, gender privilege, globalization and economic disparity, all through the lens of faith.

Learn more at elca.org/yagm





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