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**Sunday Traditional Worship**

10:30 am\*

\*In-Person or Live Stream on website

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**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



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## A NOTE FROM INTERIM PASTOR ARHIANA SHEK DILL



### **Congratulations to our 2024 ASU Graduates!**

25“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 33But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:25 and 33 NRSV).

Worrying is one of the things most humans have in common. As our lives change our worries change also. Life is beautiful and unpredictable. In High School I dreamed of going to college and pursuing a degree. Following my High School graduation, I entered college. During the next 4 years I was concerned about doing the schoolwork for my own learning and development. But also, to maintain a good GPA and therefore keep my school grants!

For the last several years of your undergraduate or graduate career you have been pursuing your educational goals and I bet there has been some worrying along the way. Now that you’ve completed your degree, perhaps your family and friends are rejoicing with you in your accomplishment, and you should too. Congratulations!

I would be lying if I said you will no longer worry about anything after graduation. Perhaps there is a way that Jesus’ words in Matthew chapter 6 help us reduce worry. The reality is whether we worry about food, clothing, our next job interview or anything else, seeking God’s righteousness rather than our own first is always a good start! Take your worries in prayer to the Lord, for God loves you and desires to hear your prayers. When we seek God’s kingdom, we seek to be part of a world where we care about our co-worker who is ill and offer support in their recovery. When we seek God’s kingdom, we care for those who are struggling by offering an ear or a shoulder to cry on. We care about those for whom our justice system has fail them. We care for our neighbors and God’s good creation.

I look forward to seeing you and your family at the **LCM Barbeque on May 5 at 11:45am.**

At ULC and LCM, we look forward to celebrating your academic achievements.

In Christ’s Joy,

Pastor Arhiana

*Congratulations to our graduates and Happy Mother’s Day to all our moms!*



## WHAT'S HAPPENING



Wed, May 1	12:00 pm	CORA (Episcopal Campus Ministry)
	5:00 pm	LCM Bible Study (Campus Center or via Zoom)
	5:30 pm	Free Student Meal (Campus Center or Grab N Go)
	6:30 pm	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
Thurs, May 2	12:00 pm	Page Turner's Book Club (Campus Center Library)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Sun, May 5	9:15 am	Forum (Campus Center Library or via Zoom)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary or via Live Stream)
	11:30 am	Hunger Task Force (Campus Center)
	11:45 am	LCM BBQ (Campus Center/Patio—weather permitting)
Mon, May 6		ASU GRADUATION
Tues, May 7	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Thurs, May 8	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Sun, May 12		HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
	9:00 am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary or via Live Stream)
		***NOTE TIME CHANGE***
Tues, May 14	6:30 pm	ULC Council Meeting (Campus Center Library or via Zoom)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Thurs, May 16	6:00 pm	ULC Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Sun, May 19	9:00 am	Traditional Worship (Campus Center or via Live Stream)
	10:15 am	Annual Meeting/Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
Tues, May 21	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Thurs, May 23	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Sun, May 26	9:00 am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary or via Live Stream)
	10:00 am	Free Coffee & Refreshments
Mon, May 27		MEMORIAL DAY
Tues, May 28	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Thurs, May 30	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)

## WORSHIP TIME CHANGE!

Please note that we will be starting our 9:00 am worship starting Sunday, May 12th!



## COUNCIL MEETING FOR MAY



The ULC Council will meet on Tuesday, May 14th, 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, May 16th, at 6:00 pm via Zoom. If you need the Zoom link, please contact the office:

[info@ucltempe.org](mailto:info@ucltempe.org) or 480-967-3543.



## CHOIR

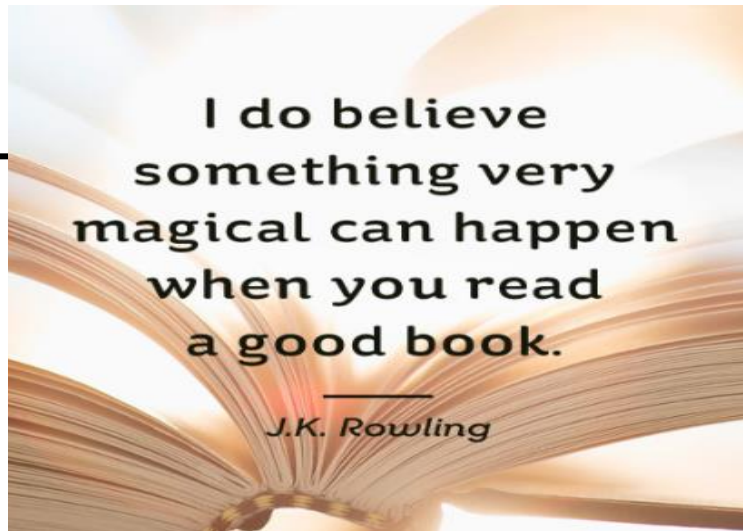
Our ULC Choir will be taking a break during the summer months, but will resume in September. If you are interested in joining our choir, please contact our Music Director, Elizabeth Tomboulian at [ulc.choir@gmail.com](mailto:ulc.choir@gmail.com)  
Thank you!



## UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY

Have you checked out the library recently? We have several books for you to borrow. If you find one you would like to read, please notify the office ([info@ulctempe.org](mailto:info@ulctempe.org)) that you have borrowed it. You can also leave a note on the office desk. Thank you!

Lana Neighbors, former ULC member, donated several of her books on theology. These are now available in our library. Lana and her husband, Bob, moved to MN in April.



## OFFERING OF LETTERS

On April 7th, a forum was presented on the Bread for the World's Offering of Letters for the Farm Bill legislation (see information below). We also had a letter writing party following worship service on 4/7.

Reauthorized every five years, the Farm Bill affects not only farmers but also every person in the US who buys and eats food, as well as those facing hunger internationally. An enormous bill, it sets forth our nation's agriculture and nutrition programs.

Thank you to Autumn Byars and Ruth Wootten for their hard work on this project.



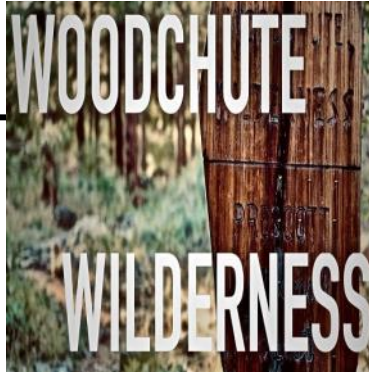
## ULC YOUNG ADULTS

Our Young Adult Group headed to Woodchute Wilderness on April 13th to enjoy a hike and Arizona's beautiful scenery. Thank you to Bryan Gamelin, ULC Young Adult Coordinator, for organizing the hike.

If you would like to join ULC Young Adults, please contact the office or Bryan:

[info@ulctempe.org](mailto:info@ulctempe.org) or 480-967-3543 (office)

or [ulcyoungadult@gmail.com](mailto:ulcyoungadult@gmail.com) (Bryan)



## SUNDAY FORUMS

We continue our Sunday forums each Sunday at 9:15 am in the Campus Center Library or via Zoom. If you need the Zoom link, please contact the office:

[info@ulctempe.org](mailto:info@ulctempe.org) or 480-967-3543.

Thank you!



## SUMMER CONNECTIONS

We will be having Summer Connections Potluck dinners this summer. Summer Connections is a way for us to all keep in touch during the summer months. If you would like to host a potluck dinner, please let us know! Thank you.

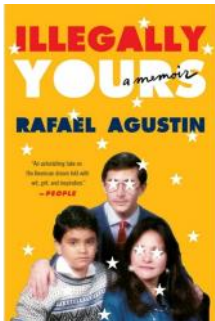
## PAGE TURNER'S BOOK CLUB

The last meeting of the Page Turner's Book Club for this semester will be May 2 at 12 noon in the campus center library. Jean Park will lead our discussion of "Illegally Yours: A Memoir" by Rafael Agustin. Both fiction and nonfiction are included on our reading list. We meet on the first Thursday of each month during the academic year. You are welcome to bring your lunch if you like and join us in May.

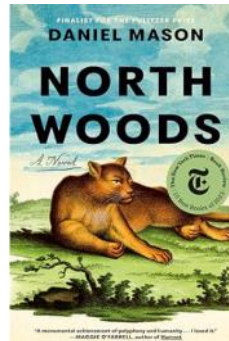
We finish this academic year with the following selection:

May 2, 2024: "Illegally Yours: A Memoir" by Rafael Agustin (2022): Amazon characterizes this work of nonfiction as "a funny and poignant memoir about how as a teenager, TV writer Rafael Agustin (Jane the Virgin) accidentally discovered he was undocumented. That revelation turned everything he thought he knew about himself and his family upside down." ~Jean Park

The book club will take the summer off and resume in September, 2024. If you like to read ahead, our first selection for our September 5th meeting will be: "North Woods: A Novel" by Daniel mason (2023) We would love for you to join us!



May 2nd book selection



September 5th book selection

## INTERIM PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

If you would like to meet with Pastor Arhiana, she will have office hours on Tuesdays from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm or by appointment. If you would like an appointment with Pastor Arhiana, please contact the office (480-967-3543 or [info@ulctempe.org](mailto:info@ulctempe.org))

Please note: the office is open Tuesdays-Fridays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm for all other purposes. Thank you!



## Cartoon Corner



"If I send my prayer as a text message, will I get a faster reply?"



Will Salz	May 3
Steve Savage	May 3
Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill	May 6
Stephen Morgan	May 16
Charles Wong	May 28

*Happy Birthday!*

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

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Kim & Steve Savage	May 12
Mary Ann & Will Salz	May 17
Lynn & Art Becker	May 23



### **LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?**

Have YOU thought about joining God's mission through University Lutheran and Campus Ministry?

For questions about church membership, please contact Interim Pastor Arhiana or the church office at [info@ulctempe.org](mailto:info@ulctempe.org) or 480-967-3543. You can also complete the new member form and return it to the office. Thank you!



### **NEWSLETTER**

Have an item for the newsletter? Please submit to the office by the 12th of the month prior (i.e. if you have something for June submit by May 12th). Also, the newsletter is printed by the 15th of the month prior to distribution so always check our website and e-newsletter in the event there was a change. Please note that June/July is a combined newsletter so information will be needed by May 12th for both months! Thank you!





## ULC HUNGER TASK FORCE

Our Hunger Task Force meets the first Sunday of each month following the worship service. The next meeting is May 5th. If you would like to join the task force, please attend the meeting or contact the office ([info@ulctempe.org](mailto:info@ulctempe.org) or 480-967-3543). Thank you!

## ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be held in June. Please watch website, e-newsletter, bulletin, and social media for date. We will be voting on our budget and changes to our constitution. Annual reports will be mailed via USPS and also emailed prior to the meeting. There will be reports available at the meeting as well.

If you are unable to attend the meeting; you will still be able to vote. A ballot will be mailed with your annual report. Ballots will also be available in the office. Thank you!



ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

## HELP WANTED

We are currently looking for a new secretary and treasurer. MaryBeth LaMont will be retiring in June. If you are interested in the position(s) or know of someone who might be, please contact the office:



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Thank you!





God's Work ~ Our Hands

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The Finance & Stewardship Committee is looking for a new chairperson! MaryBeth LaMont, ULC/LCM Secretary and Treasurer and current chairperson of the committee is retiring in June. Please contact the office (info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543) if you are interested.

Our March offering was \$10,743—up just over \$1,000 from last March. Thank you for your continued financial support of University Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry. Note that this is our offering fund only and not the only source of income.

Our Campus Center is a Maricopa County polling site. The Finance & Stewardship Committee provided water and snacks for the March 19th election workers and voters. The committee also provided refreshments for ULC members and visitors on Palm Sunday.

Our Young Adults have also received very generous donations for their retreat in July. There should be very limited out-of-pocket expenses for these young adults. So THANK YOU!

At our Annual Meeting on May 19th, we will be proposing a budget for the new fiscal year. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you will still be able to vote. A ballot will be included with your mailed/emailed annual report.



Thank you for your generosity!

*"Do all you can: Do all the good you can; by all the means you can; in all the ways you can; in all the places you can; at all the times you can; to all the people you can; as long as ever you can."~ John Wesley*



## LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

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!

We will finish up the academic year with the theme of: “Bread, Bread, and More Bread!” with the following scripture readings:

- May 1: John 21:9-13

We always are needing people to sign up for meals—if you’re interested, please contact the office: [info@ulctempe.org](mailto:info@ulctempe.org) or 480-967-3543. Gift cards to Safeway and/or Fry’s are also appreciated. Thank you!



Congratulations to our LCM and ULC Young adults who are graduating: Isaac Humrich (December 2023 graduate), Yenlin Liao, Sean Maseng, Paul Westermann, and Alexander Webber!

### LCM BBQ

Join us for our graduation BBQ on Sunday, May 5th, following the 10:30 am service. We will be serving up grilled goods in the Campus Center and the back patio (weather permitting) and celebrating our graduating students. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend! Watch for pictures in next month’s newsletter!





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