

University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

February 2018

Our Mission

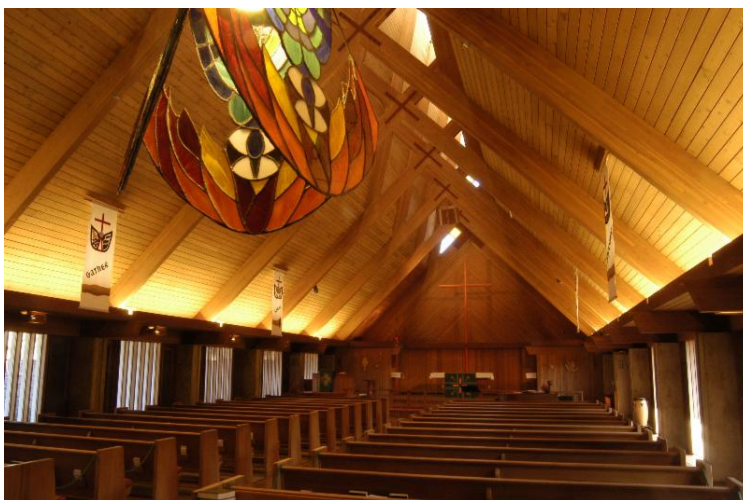
UELC's Mission:

To Embrace and Share the Love of God in Jesus Christ, as God Empowers us.

UELC's Guiding Principles:

Jesus is our Lord and Saviour; therefore, we are to:

- > Worship God in inspiring, diverse, and creative ways
- > Be a community engaged in spiritual practices that attune us to the Holy Spirit's guidance for our living
- > Welcome all people in their diversity to worship, learn, and serve with us
- > Be a safe place to learn, explore, and debate
- > Be generous stewards of the gifts God has given each of us to bless others and care for the natural world
- > Continue outreach to, and further develop connections with, the academic communities of Alachua County
- > Affirm human rights and work for social justice



Pastor's Corner

"Where have all the flowers gone, long time passing?..." Pete Seeger

February is a month when, more than any other month, the question is asked: "Where have all the flowers gone?" I know that Pete Seeger meant more than that with this song - one of the most famous folk songs in the US - but it is Valentine's Day this month! By February 14, roses and other flowers get sold out in stores, as do chocolates and other novelty goods. It's an excuse... or an opportunity to celebrate love. Talking about flowers and February, another quote comes to mind:

*"...Full many a flower is born to blush unseen
And waste its sweetness on the desert air..."*
Thomas Gray, *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard*

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March Newsletter Deadline

Please send any articles for the March newsletter by February 28th to Andy Noss andrew.noss@yahoo.com

February Worship Volunteers

Altar Guild
Feb 4 Mary Lou Schirmer
Feb 11 Elaine Manion
Feb 14 Kathy Brill
Feb 18 Joan Anderson
Feb 25 Anna Grace
MontMarquette

Greeters
Feb 4 Andy Noss
Feb 11 Krissi / Dan Norford

Feb 14 Pat / Ron Gordon

February in the US is also a month when we celebrate and commemorate the often unacknowledged contributions of Black people in the history of the United States of America and of the world. These are the unsung heroes and sheroes, the "flower(s) born to blush unseen" as the harsh order of modern society "waste(s) (their) sweetness", relegated to the "desert air". In the US, we have, therefore, declared February "Black History Month". Our world celebrates the role of people of African Descent and laments the omission of our history as the story of humankind is rewritten. Talking about laments and humankind's history rewritten, in the Church Year, we begin the great lament and recommitment.

*Consecrate a fast, Proclaim a solemn assembly,
Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land
To the house of the Lord your God,
And cry out to the Lord [in penitent pleadings (laments)].
Joel 1:14 (Amplified Version, Bible)*

On February 14, 2018 we begin Lent with Ash Wednesday. So during February this year, we celebrate love, lament our shortcomings and commemorate God's loving sacrifice. During Lent we take the opportunity to intensely focus on the sacrifice Jesus made for us and we examine our own lives with the lens of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We start the period of Lent with our **Ash Wednesday Service at UELC at 7:00 pm. on February 14.** It will be a special and blessed service and I trust that every UELC member will strive to be present.

Our **Lenten Wednesday Services** are also going to be special services to help us meditate and reflect. Our UELC choir will lead us in "Holden Evening Prayer". This is a mostly sung-liturgy out of Holden Village, WA, a place for spiritual retreat and rejuvenation. Our first Lenten Wednesday will be Feb. 21 at UELC. We will be joined by Gethsemane. The next Wednesday we will all be at Gethsemane, but led by UELC choir. We will alternate venues until March 21. Each Wednesday, we will gather for a modest **Soup Supper and fellowship at 6:00 pm. Service will start promptly at 7:00 pm. and be over by 7:30.**
If anyone needs a ride, please send a message to our church office, as I am aware that some of us prefer not to drive at night.

Join me praying for each other during this special time.
Pastor Terrance

President's Message

In less than two months, our family has already experience marvelous joy, sorrow, change, and looking toward the future.

First more than 40 congregational members participated in the birthday party celebrating Babs Dalsheimer, our wonderfully energetic long-time member who has given so much to the congregation.

Feb 14 Pat / Ron Gordon
Feb 18 Becky / Sam Borgert
Feb 25 Alice / Bruce Simpson

Lay Assistants

Feb 4 Ron Bauldree / Jim Yale
Feb 11 Becky / Sam Borgert
Feb 14 Anna Grace
MontMarquette / Lewis Joseph
Feb 18 Pat Dasler / Evan Griswold
Feb 25 Otto Johnston / Ron Bauldree

Lectors

Feb 4 Sam Brill
Feb 11 Joan Anderson
Feb 14 Rick Dienhart
Feb 18 Ruth Fugmann
Feb 25 Joan Anderson

Sound Assistants

Feb 4 Dan Norford
Feb 11 Sam Brill
Feb 14 Sam Brill
Feb 18 Sam Brill
Feb 25 Dan Norford

Ushers

Feb 4 Jeanne / Bill Chamberlin
Feb 11 Ron Fourman / Sam Brill
Feb 14 Gene Brandner / Phil Noss
Feb 18 Roger Springfels / Andy Noss
Feb 25 Ron Gordon / John MontMarquette

Counters

Feb 4 Donna Day / Ron Gordon
Feb 11 Gene Brandner / John MontMarquette
Feb 18 Sherrie Kirk / Phil Noss
Feb 25 Rick Dienhart / Peter Fauerbach

Still Collecting Diapers!

We are still collecting infant/toddler diapers for Gainesville Community Ministry. You can put them in the lime green container in the Kaiser Center.

Gainesville Community Ministry says they often get plenty of newborn and small infant diapers, but not a lot of the larger size (fitting 20 pounds and up).

So, if you could, donate some of the larger sizes.

If you have questions, you can contact Krissi Norford.



But just next day about 20 congregational members traveled to celebrate the life of Paul Monaghan, husband of Pastor Nate Gruel of Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Ocala, who committed suicide in November. Nate was clearly touched by the large showing from the congregation that accepted them, and they made home for a few years while Nate was looking for a congregation to serve. A memorial has been set up on In Paul's name for a proper "pastor's chair," not a "king's chair," behind the modest pulpit in Nate's church. Right now Nate only has a common chair to sit in and Paul was very interested in Nate fulfilling in his goal of being a pastor. Contributions can be sent in Paul's name to Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 260 Marian Oaks Lan, Ocala, FL 34473.

Looking directly at our church, I want to emphatically encourage church members concerned about the issues of guns in church to attend the LIFT program Thursday Feb. 9. A law enforcement officer will talk about the pluses and minuses of protecting church members with some kind of gun presence. Some church members are very interested in this possibility and others are quite opposed. The law enforcement officer will talk about options, hopefully including a "crisis button" that alerts the police immediately when we have a problem.

LIFT is experiencing changes. Ron Bauldree has taken over the role of coordinator. LIFT participants want to make sure all church members understand the focus is not just for retirees, but a chance for members to know each other better and learn about topics of common interest and adventures of our members. LIFT participants agreed it was important to promote topics

and adventures of our members. All participants agreed it was important to promote topics months in advance, to invite others to come, and start the potluck dinner promptly at noon. Pastor Jacob led the evaluation of LIFT, from which the above emerged.

Congregational members will also see a change in our worship service. Our music leaders have divided up the responsibilities of pianist and choir director during the month. JiHye Han will remain the pianist who has helped provided us a wonderful worship experience and preludes and postludes. Crystal Jacob, with a long history of being a choir director, will take over that role. The initiative to ask Crystal to be choir director was taken solely by church council members, without the participation of the pastor in the decision.

Although our sound system has been prepared for the moment, the Pastor and the council are pursuing permanent fixes with the help of an informal advisor and funds made available by congregational members. You will have noticed we have gone back to communion wafers on the decision of the worship board. There were problems with bread falling into the wine and elsewhere. We have gluten free wafers available too.

The council this late month approved the spending of \$2,250 on a new church sign for University Avenue and for security video cameras and lights on church property. Martin Vala has already obtained a church grant of up to \$5,187 for the project. Martin and our Property team are also preparing for some renovations in the Kaiser Center.

Members who are not seeing the *Lampstand* on line should see me or Evelyn Simmons in the office to make sure that copies are made available to you.

Bill

REMINDER NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will be February 11, with the key item being a vote on the congregational spending plan.

Jim noted that our bank balance is positive as income exceeds expenses. We have a strong increase in pledges and church income overall from the year before and will be meeting our mission share for a change and conducting a full-time ministry this year for the first time in two years without withdrawing from endowments. Therefore, the church council will be seeking a modest "challenge budget" with a deficit of \$5,000.

UELC People



February Birthdays

2/9 Gene Brandner
2/18 Laura Ling
2/24 Elaine Manion
2/26 Walter Leite
2/26 Otto Johnston

Special Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for healing: Shari O'Brien, Al Schilling, Bev Gronwall.

New Minister of Music

University Lutheran welcomes a new music minister, Crystal Jacob, to our staff

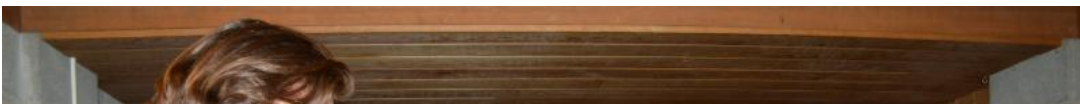
University Lutheran welcomes a new music minister, Crystal Sabes, to our team. Council decided to hire a second music minister so that Jihye can focus on musical accompaniment for worship and the second music minister can focus on training the choir and other elements of our music ministry. Crystal began her position in January 2018. She has taught music in both Johannesburg and Durban, South Africa, and has 20 years' experience teaching music as well as 15 years' experience directing a church choir. We look forward to her ministry with us!



Campus Ministry

Once again this year, Lutheran Gators participated in the Campus Ministry Cooperative (CMC) annual Progressive Dinner. This was on Wednesday, January 24 this year. UELC was host for the second stop, where we served the Salad Course with some help from the Quakers. This was an interfaith event, where students got to walk through the some of the buildings of other ministries and get to build relationships with each other as students and CM leaders. Numbers were lower than most years at all CMC sites this year. CMC expected about 100 people, but we started with about 30 and grew to about 50 in total. Numbers aside, this was an enjoyable event with potential for future collaboration. All acknowledged that given all our declining

event with potential for future collaboration. All acknowledged that, given all our declining numbers, for any of our campus ministries to be effective, we cannot do this in isolation from the others.





Bible Study Announcement

The UELC Adult Forum announces a ten-week study of the Book of The Acts of the Apostles.

The study of Acts is taking place in the context of the redevelopment program that is currently underway in our University Evangelical Lutheran Church. Thus, the focus will be primarily on the birth and growth of the early church through the leading of the Holy Spirit. Organization, theological debates, practical discussions, together with decisions and actions, as well as results of the efforts of the early church leadership will be reflected upon from our own perspective.

Themes of study will include the following, among others:

- God's sovereignty
- Holy Spirit and the Church
- Characteristics of the Church
- Qualities of church leadership
- Church councils and decision-making

Ministry, outreach and evangelism
The "heart of the Gospel"

The hour of meeting will be from 9:00--10:00 AM Sunday from December 3 to February 11,
with a break on January 14.

All are welcome!

The Bee

JOIN US ON TUESDAYS
for
"THE BEE"

WHERE: ULC KAISER CENTER

WHEN: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

WHAT: A "BEE"

**Which is a meeting for communal work and/or amusement OR
a prayer, favor, the joining of neighbors to help a neighbor in
need.**

**We will have lunch together, short devotion, and a variety of
programs to select.**

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

COME and SEE!!!

NEED MORE INFO:

Shari soben@springmail.com or 904/710-6577

LIFT: Protecting Your Church Congregations--Tips for Improving Safety

Our next LIFT meeting, on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 12 noon, features a presentation by ret. GPD Police Sargent Ray Davis on improving Church safety. In light of the recent attacks at Church services and at Public Schools, guidelines for protection and response are sorely needed. Sgt. Davis will offer some tips on guarding the congregation during worship services and first response action. If available, he'll bring a GPD officer with special training in Crime Prevention. Ray has been a guest at LIFT in the past. He played George Washington in period costume at our LIFT luncheon on Independence Day. It will be a pleasure to welcome him again.





Theology on Tap

Everyone is invited to

Theology on Tap



Monday February 12th at 6:30 PM

Come early for dinner, discussions begin at 6:30

Take the night off from cooking and
join us



Enjoy great beer and drinks, delicious
food, terrific fellowship and a chance to
have friendly conversation about
Jesus, church and life.

What we do is simple: We have a
bible study, at a bar.



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Baker Interfaith Friends Meeting

MEETING OF BAKER INTERFAITH FRIENDS

February 20, Tuesday, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

at University Evangelical Lutheran Church
(come early for refreshments)

A **celebration** of three years visiting immigrants in detention
An **orientation** event to welcome new friends and encourage volunteers
A **presentation** to learn about the problem of "statelessness"
and a bonus first-hand account of the plight of refugees in Bangladesh

All are welcome to attend this informational and celebrative meeting!

Lenten Soup Supper

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Wednesday's at 6:00 PM



Starting on Wednesday February 21th



Volunteers are needed to help with the soup suppers for the 5 Wednesdays in Lent. Two volunteers are needed to prepare a pot of soup to feed about 30 and provide the bread or crackers. One of the soups should be vegetarian. Additional volunteers are needed to help set up and clean-up. Someone from the hospitality action team will be around to assist volunteers in the kitchens

Please consider adding your name to the signup sheet in the fellowship hall.

Family Promise

Family Promise hosting is underway through Sunday, February 4.





Christ Child tree report



CHRIST CHILD TREE

Thank you to all who contributed to the Christ Child Tree. \$380 were raised to support the ELCA Good Gifts project. Your gift carries God's love to others, making a difference in their lives and around the world.

Lazarus Project Sponsorships



It's that time again! February/March is the time sponsorships are renewed and new sponsorships begin at UELC for the students at Village of Hope in Haiti.

Sponsorships at the Village of Hope provide a child with a Christian education, uniforms, two meals each school day, and dental and medical care.

The cost to sponsor one child is \$480 a year. This can be paid annually, quarterly, or monthly at \$40 a month. Another option is for two or three people to share a sponsorship of a child.

Checks should be made out to University Lutheran Church and put in your offering envelope with the notation "Lazarus Project" on the special gift line and also on the memo line of your check. Your contribution will be reflected on your UELC statement of giving.

Watch the progress on the poster in the Narthex. As sponsorships are renewed a "smiley face" will appear on the large heart. Let's see if we can match or beat last year number of 22 sponsorships!

For additional information contact Janet Janke, Lazarus Project Coordinator at University Lutheran Church, at jrjanke147@gmail.com or 372-8610.

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February						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 5 th Sunday of Epiphany 9 Adult Forum / 10 Choir 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship FAMILY PROMISE	5 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	6 11:30-1 pm The Bee 6 pm Lutheran Gators' Time	7 7 pm Choir practice	8 Noon LIFT	9	10 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 10 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
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