

# *University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry*

The Lampstand

January 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

Happy New Year!

"I'm making a list... checking it twice...". Oh that's a Christmas-time song!? Well, many make lists in January too. Things to do. Things we should do. Things we want to do. Things we should have done in 2017 but didn't get down to doing. Things we did in 2017 that may need some "damage control".

King David, through his life from shepherd boy to becoming one of the greatest kings recorded in the Old Testament, wrote many such lists. Many are found in the Book of Psalms. Psalm 51 seems to capture the tenor of a New Year's resolution. Looking back and looking forward. Regret and hope. Confession, repentance, resolve, petition and confidence.

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## *Join Our Mailing List*

## February Newsletter Deadline

Please send any articles for the February newsletter by January 28th to Andy Noss  
[andrew.noss@yahoo.com](mailto:andrew.noss@yahoo.com)

## January Worship Volunteers

Altar Guild  
Jan 7 Joan Anderson  
Jan 14 Anna Grace  
MontMarquette / Otto  
Johnston  
Jan 21 Kathy Brill  
Jan 28 Jackie Klein

Greeters  
Jan 7 Andrea Fourman / Andy  
Noss

Let's begin the New Year in confidence, knowing that, no matter what, God loves us, has redeemed us and has empowered us with every good gift to go forward. May these verses (10-17) from Psalm 51, as quoted from the *Amplified Version* inspire us in 2018:

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right and steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from Your presence  
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation  
And sustain me with a willing spirit.*

*Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,  
And sinners shall be converted and return to You.*

*Rescue me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation;  
Then my tongue will sing joyfully of Your righteousness and Your justice.*

*O Lord, open my lips,  
That my mouth may declare Your praise.  
For You do not delight in sacrifice, or else I would give it;  
You are not pleased with burnt offering.  
My [only] sacrifice [acceptable] to God is a broken spirit;  
A broken and contrite heart [broken with sorrow for sin, thoroughly penitent], such, O  
God, You will not despise.*

With thanks for you, every good wish and blessings for 2018.  
Your pastor, Terrance Jacob

## President's Message

A special new year's greeting to each of you!

I have inherited this space from Krissi Norford because the new Church Council--in desperation or a lapse of good judgment, or perhaps both--have elected me your congregational president for 2018.

I first want to pause to reflect on the successes of our faith community during the last year and the potential and challenges for the next.

The most important success was the calling of an ELCA pastor, Pastor Terrance Jacobs, an experienced ELCA redeveloper and a former Director for Evangelical Mission. He has inspired our church life and provided effective leadership for the Church Council and church staff. He also started the process of reinvigorating our Campus Ministry. Meanwhile, our cash on hand has increased to \$93,000 for the congregation and \$85,000 for campus ministry (remember that we did not have to pay salaries for a complete year for a pastor, or music minister and will have expenses related to redevelopment, and need to provide more mission funding as a part of redevelopment agreement; and that campus ministry has not been operating anywhere near full scale but has started to invest in significant improvements in the Kaiser Center and other projects that will appeal to students). Church pledging has risen by about 20 percent for 2018.

We added Evelyn Simmons as our church secretary, JiHye Han as our Minister of Music, and Tyler Stovall as our apartment resident. We want to thank them, and accountant, Margaret McKinley, and custodian, Joshua Gordon, for their service.

Our congregational president of the last year, Krissi Norford, deserves a lot of credit for guiding us through four hires, our on and off relationship with the Alive! church, and the oversight of too many transactions and challenges to mention. Krissi will be our vice president this year. Jim Yale deserves singling out for his unsung but hard work as treasurer and financial secretary for the year and agreeing to do it again for 2018. Stephanie Jahn deserves special mention for serving as our secretary and Vibeke Vala as the council

Jan 14 Krissi / Dan Norford  
Jan 21 Pat / Ron Gordon  
Jan 28 Becky / Sam Borgert

### Lay Assistants

Jan 7 Ron Bauldree / Jim Yale  
Jan 14 Becky / Sam Borgert  
Jan 21 Pat Dasler / Jim Yale  
Jan 28 Anna Grace  
MontMarquette / Lewis Joseph

### Lectors

Jan 7 Sam Brill  
Jan 14 Ruth Fugmann  
Jan 21 Rick Dienhart  
Jan 28 Joan Anderson

### Sound Assistants

Jan 7 Dan Norford  
Jan 14 Jesse Saarela  
Jan 21 Dan Norford  
Jan 28 Sam Brill

### Ushers

Jan 7 Jeanne / Bill Chamberlin  
Jan 14 Ron Fourman / Sam Brill  
Jan 21 Gene Brandner / Andy Noss  
Jan 28 Ron Fourman / John MontMarquette

### Counters

Jan 7 Gene Brandner / John MontMarquette  
Jan 14 Sherrie Kirk / Phil Noss  
Jan 21 Rick Dienhart / Peter Fauerbach  
Jan 28 Dan Norford / Andy Noss

## 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.

member who will replace her. Our other council members are Janet Janke, Jackie Klein, Ron Gordon and Donna Day.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Shari O'Brien, who has worked closely with our interim pastors to maintain as healthy a ministry as we could. She was asked to help do many things while we looked for a permanent pastor developer, things she did faithfully even when they were difficult for her. Our board chairs for the last year have been Shari, campus ministry; Martin Vala, property; Caroline Yale, hospitality; Peter Fauerbach, worship; and Liz Finn (with Shari) for education and outreach. Martin Vala deserves special credit for property improvements negotiated through agreements with the city.

Special thanks also go to Anna Grace MontMarquette and much of her family for managing our church's football parking, from which we derive substantial revenue. Gene Reyerson and Sabrina Little did our internal audits this year. Andy Noss edited the *Lampstand* and worked with Rick Dienhart to pull together our annual report, something the two of them have done the last few years. Of course, our ever-willing Sam Brill served as the church's unofficial photographer. Stephan Jahn and Vibeke Vala worked on our website.

Special thanks go to Amy Schirmer and Pat Dasler for their leadership in Family Promise, and to Janet Janke, Joan Anderson, and Andy Noss for their leadership in social justice programs.

Thanks go to all of you who have contributed to the worship service. Thanks go to the members of the hospitality and property teams, those who led aspects of our education program, others who contributed to committee activities, and to our office angels.

I hope those I didn't mention will forgive me for erring on the side of recognizing as many as I could. I believe recognizing contributions to our community when possible is important. At the same time, we are at a stage in the life of our church where most of us as individuals need to continue to contribute and, at the same time, be prepared as a collective to make significant changes as we commit to redevelopment. We are in the early stages of redevelopment. We have nowhere near the money it would take to pay a full-time pastor on our own. We have not funded many of our ministry programs recently. We need to increase our benevolence commitment to the synod. I suspect we will need to change the focus of many aspects of our ministry.

We don't really know exactly what redevelopment means--and change is never easy, particularly for a congregation with as many members above 60 years of age as we do. Pastor Jacob came to us as an instrument of change. Before he came, in preparing for the redevelopment process, we were told that we could not expect to get where we wanted to go by doing what we have done in the past. This Christmas Eve, Pastor Jacob preached a sermon that emphasized the "edginess" of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Mary and Joseph didn't do the expected as a young unmarried couple with a baby on the way. Jesus challenged the order of the time. On Christmas Eve, our congregation sang the traditional hymns, experienced marvelous special music, and lighted our candles during "Silent Night." But the Christmas message had an "edge" to it. I couldn't help but wonder how that "edginess" might relate to our redevelopment, something I suspect will be clearer in the next year.

All of this should give us pause . . . some anxiety. . . an energy we are already beginning to feel . . . and hope. And we know we won't be going there alone.

Bill

## UELC People



### January Birthdays

1/2 Patricia Simpson  
1/6 Benjamin Brander  
1/7 George Chappell  
1/7 Bruce Frendahl  
1/8 Gene Ryerson  
1/8 Lauren Samuels  
1/11 Agnes Martinsen  
1/13 Beverly Ryerson  
1/14 Ronald Bauldree  
1/16 Benjamin Borgert  
1/16 Barbara Dalsheimer  
1/16 Dale Halbritter  
1/16 Cheryl Williams  
1/19 Dutch Schirmer  
1/20 Pastor Nate Gruel  
1/24 Steven Fourman  
1/26 Keith Walbolt  
1/26 Crystal Jacob  
1/27 Lisa Manion  
1/28 Rikki Schwarz Collins  
1/28 Scott Simpson  
1/29 Bill Ezzel  
1/31 Diamond Stutzman

### Special Prayer Concerns

- The Installation of Bishop Pedro Suarez, as bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod of the ELCA on January 20, noon at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in New Tampa, FL.
- Prayer for healing: Ms. Christy Murgatroyd, mother of Becky Borgert and former active member at UELC.
- Prayers for comfort for Pr. Nate Gruel and Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Ocala FL, as they remember the life of Paul Monaghan on January 14.

### Thanking our musicians!









Congratulations to Leslie Richardson!!!



Hi UELC,

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy new year! Firstly, I want to apologize for not being around much this past fall semester. The past few months have been a whirlwind as I've been busy meeting the final requirements for graduation and job hunting. That said, I am pleased to say that I am officially a computer engineering graduate, and I'm also excited to be starting work as a software engineer/product designer at Microsoft in Seattle in mid-February!

These past four years at UF have been some of the best of my life, and University Lutheran Church has been such a positive foundation of the memories I have made while in Gainesville. When I came to UF as a freshman, I was excited yet overwhelmed by all the newfound freedom and opportunity that was around every corner, to the point where I was not attending church since leaving home and neglecting my spiritual well-being. I had reached a low point of stress, uncertainty and homesickness when one of my friends invited me to her church retreat for the weekend. I came out of that retreat feeling so rejuvenated, and I decided that it was finally time to go back to church.

Still living on campus, I walked over to UELC for my first Sunday service and was quickly welcomed with warm, open arms, friendship, really yummy food, and fellowship. In the four years since, I got involved with Campus Ministry, participated in a mission trip to the Bahamas,

and became an active member in choir. Since becoming a UELC member, choir has probably been the biggest highlight for me. I was really involved in my high school choir, but I lost touch with that experience when I came to college knee-deep in engineering-related activities. As a result, joining the choir gave me the chance to reconnect with one of my passions while also having the chance to bond and sing with the awesome people and friends I have met within the congregation.

Before this letter gets too long, I just want to extend a huge thank you to everyone I've met at UELC for befriending me, supporting me, singing with me, eating with me, and helping me grow in my faith. This congregation is small-but-mighty, and UELC has truly given me a home away from home. I can't imagine my college experience without UELC because it and the congregation have helped ground me amidst the ups and downs of life, academics, and finally getting that coveted piece of paper. I will miss everyone a ton, would love to keep in touch, and if anyone is ever in Seattle in the near future, feel free to reach out to me!

God bless,

Leslie Richardson

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## Annual Report 2017

It is time to assemble the Annual Report of our Church for 2017. If you are a spokesperson or leader of a Church Ministry, you will be contacted via e-mail in the next few days to be asked to write an article for that ministry to be included in the Annual Report. This is your opportunity to give an overview of your ministry during the past year. Include a description of your ministry, who participated, what major events took place and your hopes for 2018. Articles should be written as a WORD document and submitted electronically to Andy Noss ([andrew.noss@yahoo.com](mailto:andrew.noss@yahoo.com)) with a copy to Rick Dienhart ([ricalisudo@aol.com](mailto:ricalisudo@aol.com)) not later than January 14, 2018.

Richard Dienhart

## Caroling at the Village





Greening the Sanctuary



Student pre-exam "Survival Dinner"

**Wishing all students every success  
as they return to class and Campus Ministry Tuesdays in January.**



Ladies' Holiday Tea





## Christmas Eve









Cold Clothing Drive

**COLD CLOTHING DRIVE**

BEE is sponsoring a COLD CLOTHING DRIVE for Grace Market Place and Dignity Village. We are collecting now through Sunday January 7, 2018.

The following are needed (new or gently used) :

Coats  
Sweaters  
Hats  
Scarves  
Gloves/Mittens  
Blankets  
Socks

There will be a collection container in the Narthex.

OUR FIRST DELIVERY OF COLLECTIONS WAS MADE JUST AS THE FIRST COLD SNAP HIT GAINESVILLE... we had coats, blankets, tarps, sleeping bags, slippers, socks, shoes...



**Christy loved this coat...it seemed like it was just made for her...and so warm..she was so grateful!!**

**"Ma" as she asked to be called, loved the warm slippers, but also a coat and a tarp!! Thank you!!**

## 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](mailto:soben@springmail.com) or 904/710-6577**

LIFT

**L.I.F.T.**  
**LUTHERANS IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER**

**IS THURSDAY.... 11 January @ NOON**

**NEW YEAR'S TRADITIONAL FOOD**

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE FOOD TO CELEBRATE 2018**

**PROGRAM – REVIEWING L.I.F.T.**

**PASTOR JACOB WILL LEAD US IN A REVIEW**

**To evaluate L.I.F.T. program:**  
**checking our goals**  
**seeing if and where change is needed**

**YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED...**

Theology on Tap



Everyone is invited to

# Theology on Tap



**Monday January 8th 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, and a have Conversation Church and life. What we do is simple: We have a bible study, at a bar.

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Family Promise

**Family Promise**

Our church will host families again early on in the new year, from **Jan. 28 to Feb. 4**. Because Family Promise is currently short one or two host congregations, the families are staying in a hotel during the week before they visit us at University Lutheran. Generally, though, the families prefer the warmth and fellowship they experience when staying in the host congregations. So let's prepare to give them a loving Lutheran welcome that week!

This community mission we began two years ago provides a huge array of ways to use time and talent to assist sisters and brothers in need. Volunteers can prepare a dinner, host dinner, or stay overnight. Invite a friend or family member to do this with you and introduce them to our church community at the same time!

Keep in mind also the option to make the week sweeter for these families who are experiencing difficult times by preparing a special activity during our host week: a movie night, an art project, an outing, a warm breakfast provided on the weekend, etc. We also need donations of grocery items, and are continually receptive to new coloring books, games and puzzles for varied ages.

Let me know how you'd like to participate -- send me an email, sign up in the Kaiser Center, or go directly to this [sign-up sheet](#). Thank you for your support in any way you are able, and have a richly blessed 2018!

amy\_schirmer@yahoo.com



Family Promise is a national organization which helps mothers, fathers and their children transition from homelessness to self-sufficient homefulness. Families admitted to the program have experienced a crisis which has put them out of their home, and while they are working toward achieving affordable housing with support services from Family Promise, they lodge at various congregations in the Gainesville area. UELC is one of a dozen congregations which host Family Promise families. To learn more, or support Family Promise, visit [www.familypromisegvl.org](http://www.familypromisegvl.org)

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<b>January</b>						
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
	<b>1</b> HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>2</b> 11:30-1 pm The Bee	<b>3</b> 7 pm Choir practice	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 10 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>7</b> Baptism of our Lord 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm Theology on Tap 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>9</b> 11:30-1 pm The Bee 6 pm Lutheran Gators' Time	<b>10</b> 7 pm Choir practice	<b>11</b> Noon LIFT	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 10 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>14</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	<b>15</b> 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>16</b> 11:30-1 pm The Bee 6 pm Lutheran Gators' Time	<b>17</b> 7 pm Choir practice	<b>18</b> 7 pm Council	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 10 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>21</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	<b>22</b> 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>23</b> 11:30-1 pm The Bee 6 pm Lutheran Gators' Time	<b>24</b> 7 pm Choir practice	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 10 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>28</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	<b>29</b> 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>30</b> 11:30-1 pm The Bee 6 pm Lutheran Gators' Time	<b>31</b> 7 pm Choir practice			

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