

University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

June 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

We are Church Together

Our Presiding Bishop, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton identified four emphases for the ELCA since her election in 2013: "We are church, we are Lutheran, we are Church together, we are Church for the sake of the world." In the first few days of June, the Florida-Bahamas Synod will be meeting in Assembly. As usual at our synod assemblies, we will be giving expression to these emphases.

Meanwhile, here in Gainesville our sister ELCA congregation, Gethsemane Lutheran Church will be saying farewell to Pastor Chad Fair on June 10, when we will be joining them at worship. Under Pr. Chad's leadership, we have had numerous joint services and collaborative experiences. Here in Gainesville, UELC and GLC have done our best to also give expression

to the four emphases of Bp. Eaton. We have held Holden Evening Prayer and Soup Suppers

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July Newsletter Deadline

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

June Worship Volunteers

Altar Guild

June 3 Mary Lou Schirmer
June 17 Joan Anderson
June 24 Elaine Manion

Greeters

June 3 Andy Noss

June 17 Krissi / Dan Norford

to the four emphases of Ep. Eaton. We have held Holden Evening Prayer and Soup Suppers during Wednesdays in Lent, alternating between our churches each week. Last Fall, we had a joint service and march declaring "Love, not Hate!" on God's Work Our Hands Sunday in response to the presence of "white supremacists" at UF. We have also collaborated on the housing support program, "Family Promise". Pastor Chad and I have exchanged pulpits. We have done Theology of Tap, or Beer and Hymns at the local Bar every month.

Jesus calls us to be witnesses of the Gospel saying, "You will receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

In order to be effective witnesses, we need to be clear that we are church - not just another social club or non-profit; we are Lutheran - with our particular stress on God's Grace and not works; we are church together - we are called into Christ's community as the Body of Our Lord; and that we are church for the sake of the world - not simply to enjoy the benefits of grace, but to share that grace with all people. As the ELCA, as the Florida-Bahamas Synod and as the ELCA presence in Gainesville, we do our best to faithfully heed the call of the Gospel with these emphases.

However, it is so easy as a congregation to focus on being church together simply as a congregation. While that is good, Jesus expects more! So as Gethsemane goes into transition, let's continue to collaborate for the sake of the mission of God in Gainesville, making every effort to walk "hand in hand" - we are church together!



On Sunday, June 10 we join Gethsemane LC, 4011 NW 34th Street, Gainesville FL 32605 at 8:30 a.m. for potluck brunch and 9:45 for a Service of Farewell. Let's all make every effort to be there!

Pastor Terrance

President's Message

While attention will continue to remain on some property issues in June, congregation members need to be aware of a temporary shift in personnel responsibilities for June.

Jeanne will be serving as church secretary this month while Evelyn is on medical leave during June. Beginning June 18, any matters regarding the church property or administration of church affairs that you would ordinarily call to the attention of the Pastor should be directed to me. For any pastoral concerns or emergencies, please contact Jeanne as she will direct them as relevant, to available pastors per Pastor Jacob's guidance.

Those working on the sound system in the sanctuary continue to resolve our church sound issues. During the week following May 20, when we lost sound in the middle of the service, a new unit was installed in the system as the old unit had suffered wear and tear over the years. So from May 27 the sound is better than it has been in a long time. We are grateful to all those who volunteered their time and money to respond to the problem. That new unit, plus the new microphones on order, should give us more stable sound unless, as Martin Vala says, new "gremlins have taken up residence" in the system.

Andy Finn is gathering quotations for both short-term and long-term fixes on the roofs both in the sanctuary and in the Kaiser Center. In the meanwhile, members who at the church, and who have keyed access to various parts of our building, are asked to empty the buckets of water and mop the floor if they are on the church campus after a rain.

In another property matter, Sam Borgert has been authorized to order and install the vinyl plank waterproof flooring to replace all carpeting in the Kaiser Center with the exception of the education wing, for now. The congregation will be updated on progress of this upgrade which was planned over a year ago when funds from the Campus Ministry budget was allocated for this purpose. These funds were mostly raised from the rental of parking spots for games throughout the year. This project started with the upgrade on the bathrooms in the Kaiser Center and will later include an upgrade on the furnishings in the fellowship area.

Meanwhile, congregational members are encouraged to examine, and comment on our new church website at www.ulcggainesville.com. Many thanks go to the initiative and effort of Vibeke Vala for putting this site together with the input and guidance of a council-appointed task team comprising Andy Noss, Pastor Jacob, Janet Janke, Vibeke Vala and Bill

June 17 Krisi / Dan Norford
June 24 Andy Noss

Lay Assistants
June 3 Krissi Norford / Anna Grace MontMarquette
June 17 Anna Grace MontMarquette / Otto Johnston
June 24 Ron Bauldree

Lectors
June 3 Rick Dienhart
June 17 Joan Anderson
June 24 Sam Brill

Sound Assistants
June 3 Sam Brill
June 17 Dan Norford
June 24 Dan Norford

Ushers
June 3 Jeanne / Bill Chamberlin
June 17 Ron Fourman / Gene Brandner
June 24 Sam Brill / John MontMarquette

Counters
June 3 Gene Brandner / John MontMarquette
June 10 Rick Dienhart / Peter Fauerbach
June 17 Donna Day / Ron Gordon
June 24 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 new born 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.

Chamberlin. Vibeke is anxious for feedback.

Please continue to pray for those in our congregation with particular needs.

Peace to all,

Bill

UELC People



June Birthdays (celebrate during Hospitality time on Sunday June 24th)

6/1	Linda Rodrigues
6/13	Rev. Peter Fauerbach
6/19	Sofia DiFiore
6/21	Donna Day
6/22	Anna MontMarquette
6/22	Victoria Stutzman
6/24	Sharon Grant
6/25	Lois Wilkowske
6/27	Kjell Ryerson

Special Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for healing: Al Schilling, Agnes Martinson, and Betty Young.



Welcoming Betty and Walter Flanders to the 90s Club!





Happy 89th Birthday to Betty Young!



Thanks to Bev Cone and Janet Janke for organizing the Oak Hammock birthday celebrations.





Celebrating Pentecost



Thank you to JiHye Han

Pastor Fair Service June 10

Pastor Chad Fair, pastor at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, our sister congregation in Gainesville has taken a new call in Palm City, FL. His last Sunday at GLC will be June 10, 2018. As Pr. Chad has been a friend and partner of UELC,

- We will be joining GLC for the Sunday Service on June 10 at 9:45 a.m., 4011 NW 34th Street, Gainesville FL 32605
- We will not have a Service at UELC that day.
- A reception will follow the Service and all are invited to attend. Our Hospitality Action Team will be coordinating any food arrangements with GLC.
- Please place your offerings/tithes/pledges in envelopes and mark it, "UELC", as money will be counted separately by our counters.

A Synod representative from the Office of the Bishop will be present and I too will participate in this "End of Call" Service. Please pray for Pr. Chad and his family as they transition, and for GLC as they prepare to call an interim pastor. Let's do our best to bid Pastor Chad and his family farewell and support our sister congregation on June 10.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Terrance

Where are they now?

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

When students come to UELC they become an integral part of who we are together in mission and ministry. As they leave to pursue their futures they remain part of UELC. We strive to keep track of what is happening in the lives of our Alums, especially when people ask for stories that demonstrate the truest value of the primary mission of campus ministry. Sam Winemiller was with Campus Ministry from 2015-2017.

SAM WINEMILLER ENGAGED [GINA WESSINGER](#)



"Happy, excited, and dazed don't even cover how we are feeling right now. In the pouring rain, on the same bench where we met six years ago, Sam asked me to marry him. We are so filled with joy! We've been blessed to be supported by such wonderful people throughout our relationship and we are so thrilled to be engaged! @ Lutheridge Camp & Conference Center."

Welcome to Moses Choi -- UELC Pianist

Moses Chan Young Choi is a Florida native from the Tampa area. He just completed his second year pre-med with a minor in music piano performance. Moses has played been Choir and Worship Pianist at two churches: Westminster Presbyterian (guest for 4 months) and Korean Presbyterian (4 years) and has performed publicly in high school and before. We are pleased to welcome Moses as our new pianist and choir accompanist since May 9, 2018.



Website Update

Friends,

The daunting task of getting our website just right is keeping me busy and more sedentary than I am accustomed to. But I am also stimulated and excited as my ability to maneuver the intricacies of web design improves.

I am writing to enlist your help as I post new entries. All the material that I have gathered is in various states of legibility (during to the aging nature of records) so I may misspell some names of former important people involved or mis-identify photos of structures from the early years of our church. If you find a gross error call it to my attention, please.



I will ask Sam for photos and any that you take of the many activities around our church will be gratefully accepted.

When you send updated news to the Lampstand and believe the same news warrant inclusion on the website, please send me a copy. I will try to get it posted. Martin and I are not Facebook participants and I suspect some of you are not either, so our website is another way to remain connected.

....and there remain these three, Faith , Hope and Love!

Vibeke (your humble Web-apprentice)

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!!!**

For more information please contact Liz Finn

LIFT





L.I.F.T.

Florida-Bahamas Synod Convention Reports

Noon, June 14th

Join us on Thursday, June 14th to learn about the latest happenings at the Florida-Bahamas Synod. Janet Janke, Pat Dasler and Krissi Norford will talk about what they experienced at the 2018 Synod Convention.

Bring your favorite Spring meal and join us for a fun and informative time. If you have questions, contact Ron Bauldree, 352-378-9354; email ronbauldree@msn.com.



Thank you to Dan Norford for speaking at LIFT in May.

Happy Mother's Day!!

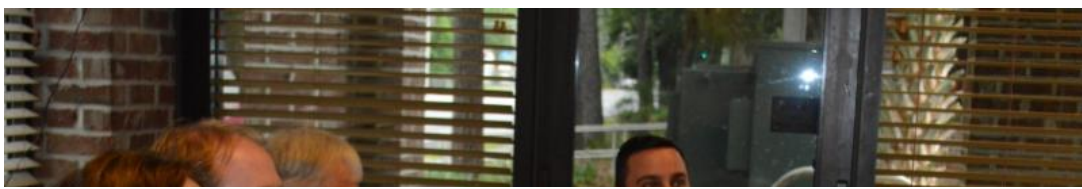






Pastor Jacob's mother, Joyce Jacob, visiting from South Africa.

Theology on Tap - Not meeting in June





Family Promise - Thanks to Bed Racers!

Bed Race to help end child homelessness on May 5





ELCA International Women's Leadership, Student Scholar Cecilia Nakunda Mshana from Tanzania

Amid all the other ELCA outreach projects and funding drives, you may well have missed the ELCA International Women's Leadership Student Scholar Award program. This is a select and prestigious award given to young women from overseas partner churches to attend ELCA colleges and universities in the US.

Phil and I are excited to have a close personal connection to a just-named young woman recipient from an ELCA partner church in Tanzania, Cecilia Nkunda Mshana. She is one of three daughters of Mary and Pastor Frank Mshana, and will be attending St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota in the fall. Though Tanzanian, her mother Mary has a degree in Christian Business Management from a university in Kenya. She has been, and still is, director of Pangani Lutheran Children's Center (PLCC) in Nairobi, Kenya. This is a project serving girls from the streets and slums of Nairobi. I worked there as a volunteer while we were living in Nairobi during the years 1994 - 2000, and Mary and we continue to be in regular contact. Cecilia's father is serving a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

Under Mary's wise leadership, PLCC continues to offer assistance to an increasing number of girls with expanding facilities and programs year after year. Orientation classes are given to girls who come into the program with no formal education. They are provided with uniforms, school supplies, meals, social activities and involvement with the Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church for the primary grades. After primary school, some girls go on to get vocational

training. Those who qualify to go on for higher academic education are funded by sponsorships or helped to get scholarships. PLCC is supported by income-generating projects in Nairobi, and by individual donors and congregations in the US, Germany and Sweden. Volunteers from these countries also work alongside the Kenyan staff.

It has not been easy for Mary and Frank to follow their respective Christian vocations, as they frequently have had to live separately in neighboring countries. So we are delighted that Cecilia, by her own outstanding academic and personal achievements, will be able to continue her education at St. Olaf. Northfield is only a little over an hour away from where our daughter Katie and her family live in Rochester, Minnesota, and that family is already looking forward to having a African "daughter" nearby. Grandson Wesley is a student at the other college in Northfield, Carleton College, so they also will have occasions to get acquainted.

--Cecilia Noss

Immigration News from Baker Interfaith Friends

We are pleased to **announce** that Baker Interfaith Friends has been awarded a grant from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) to provide visitation and supportive services to individuals and families currently in, or recently released from, immigration detention.



Volunteers with Baker Interfaith Friends come from at least nine different churches and others in the Gainesville community. It is a great opportunity to work together with people from different faith communities. Last summer several members of UELC joined in the visitation venture. We would **welcome** volunteers for any of our regular visits, **2nd and 4th Mondays of every month**. Please contact Joan Anderson to learn more or to volunteer.

Please **pray** for mercy and strength for several we have been visiting who are seeking asylum from various African countries and are fearing for their lives if they are deported. Pray for the safety of their families as well.

New: **IMMIGRANT VOICES BOOK CLUB** will begin August 16, at Millhopper Public Library. The first book is a collection of short stories: [Immigrant Voices - 21st Century Stories](#), Edited by Achy Obejas and Megan Bayles (The Great Books Foundation). Copies of the book will be available from the library or through booksellers. It will be an opportunity for constructive conversation, considering experiences and perspectives of recent immigrants. Don Smith will be the discussion leader. All are **invited**! Watch for further information.

--Joan Anderson

World Refugee Day - June 20, 2018

"When things fall apart, the children of the land scurry and scatter like birds escaping a burning sky. They flee their own wretched land so their hunger may be pacified in foreign lands, their tears wiped away in strange lands, the wounds of their despair bandaged in foreign lands."

THIS YEAR IS DIFFERENT At a time when the number of refugees has increased worldwide, the U.S. has reduced the number of refugees that will be welcomed here to the lowest number since 1980. Moreover, actual resettlements have been about half the number promised.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) reported in April, "Something terrible is happening. Canopy Northwest Arkansas - LIRS's newest partner in refugee resettlement - is scheduled to receive 75 refugees this year. It even knows 40 of them by name. But so far, no refugees have rejoined their families or set foot in their new homes because of chokeholds in the refugee admission process." So Canopy raised the money to take 20 people of faith, to Washington, D.D., to speak with their members of Congress. They want to know, **'Where are our families?'**"

THIS YEAR ADD YOUR VOICE. Find a time during the week of June 18-22, to call the U.S. Capitol switchboard: (202) 224-3121. Ask to be connected to the office of Representative Yoho, Senator Nelson, and Senator Rubio (three calls). Tell them you are calling from Gainesville. Communicate your concerns and urge them to do everything in their power to see that the administration resettles at least the 45,000 refugees that were set as the cap for 2018. Tell them you encourage and support a commitment to resettle at least 75,000 refugees for 2019.

We have the resources, we have the will, we have the imperative to speak out in support of refugees, as People of Faith called to welcome the stranger and as Americans honoring a legacy.

Your voice makes a difference!

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Is the average number of years a person will remain a refugee.

There are children who grow to adulthood never knowing life outside a refugee camp.

(Source: <http://www.state.gov/j/prm/policyissues/protracted/>)

THIS YEAR at UELC we will focus on refugees for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday in September.

—Joan Anderson

Our Pastor and Staff

Pastor Terrance Jacob
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Crystal Jacob

Minister of Music (Direct Choir and music-related ministries)

Moses Choi
Pianist

Evelyn Simmons
Administrative Assistant

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 SYNOD ASSEMBLY	2 SYNOD ASSEMBLY 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
3 2 nd Sunday Pentecost 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship SYNOD ASSEMBLY	4 7 pm AA	5 11:30-1 pm The Bee	6 7 pm Choir	7	8	9 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
10 3 rd Sunday Pentecost 9:45 Worship Service at Gethsemane Lutheran Church 11:00 Fellowship	11 7 pm AA	12 11:30-1 pm The Bee	13 7 pm Choir	14 Noon LIFT 7 pm Council	15	16 9 am-1 pm Council Retreat (Oak Hammock) 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
17 4 th Sunday Pentecost 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	18 7 pm AA	19 11:30-1 pm The Bee	20 WORLD REFUGEE DAY 7 pm Choir	21	22	23 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
24 5 th Sunday Pentecost 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	25 7 pm AA	26 11:30-1 pm The Bee	27 7 pm Choir	28	29	30 7 pm AA 10 pm AA

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