

University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

August 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



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September Newsletter Deadline

Please send any articles for
the August newsletter by
August 28th to Andy Noss
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August Worship Volunteers

Ushers

August 5 Jeanne / Bill
Chamberlin
August 12 Sam Brill / Phil Noss
August 19 Ron Fourman /
Gene Brandner
August 26 Ron Gordon / John
MontMarquette

Counters

August 5 Gene Brandner /
John MontMarquette
August 12 Jackie Klein / Phil

On July 27, 2018 in most of the eastern hemisphere, there was a total lunar eclipse, meaning that the earth, moon and sun were so positioned that the earth casted a shadow on the entire surface of the moon - blocking the direct light of the sun on the moon.

The "earth" or "earthly" is often inferred in scripture to mean perishable and impermanent. So we are called on to set our minds on things from above and not on things from below - heavenly instead of earthly (Colossians 3:2). This is used figuratively, and in no way implies that we should literally abuse the earth and its resources - I just wanted to clear that (smile).

So to stick with the figurative, our minds are often clouded by earthly things. By things that have no eternal value. The things that weigh us down in life. These things are the shadow of the "earth" on our lives. We are to reflect the light, as the moon does, but when the earthly things get in our way, we have an eclipse. An eclipse of obedience, an eclipse of proclaiming and reflecting the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the true light.

By God's grace, we have been freed from the overshadowing influence of this world - the earthly - and freed to be God's light to the world. Yet, life often gets in the way. It's a constant struggle, as Paul exclaims in his letter to the Romans 7:15 *I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. I do not understand my own actions.* Paul then goes on to proclaim that in Christ we have the ultimate victory.

We have eclipses, as a reminder of our humanness, but in Christ there is no total eclipse.

This hymn summarizes God's solution to the internal conflict we have with the "earthly":

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace...*



By Grace we can do this. Let's ask God to give us strength to rise above "earth", to reflect the full rays of the Son, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Terrance

Vice President's Message

Our President has been traveling this past month, so August's President Message will be the Vice President's Message. We thank God for the Chamberlins' recent safe return home!

Alas, the end of summer is drawing near. Pools and beaches will become less crowded, pretty soon students and teachers will be returning to school, and perhaps before too long, we might experience a reprieve in the humidity, but that is wishful thinking, I know!

Even through the easy days of summer, Council hasn't taken a break and recently convened for our July meeting. Council news includes approval to make the necessary repairs to the sanctuary roof as well as extermination services for the 1902 House. In addition, our sanctuary will be seeing a change when we will begin a trial period with a new electronic organ. The organ should arrive sometime this fall.

Looking ahead, there are a few dates you should add to your calendar. Student Welcome Sunday is August 26th. We will be kicking off the new academic year and welcoming new and returning students with a lunch following the service. More details to come. "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday is September 9th. UELC is still in conversation with Gethsemane regarding details of the project(s), but there is a plan to work together for this Sunday of service.

If your summer break is coming to an end, I hope you enjoy that last few days of break, and if you have a few more weeks of summer and summer travels, blessings on your journeys!

August 12 Susan Rein / Phil Noss
August 19 Rick Dienhart / Peter Fauerbach
August 26 Donna Day / 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.

Joy and Peace,

Krissi Norford, Vice President

UELC People



August Birthdays

8/1 Janet Janke
8/8 Angela DiFiore
8/18 Jackie Klein
8/19 Declan Watson
8/20 Luke Watson
8/20 Richard DiFiore
8/22 Peter Panagiotopoulos
8/26 Sandra Bauldree
8/30 Ron Fourman

Special Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for healing: Al Schilling and Agnes Martinson.
- The family and friends of the late BETTY YOUNG whose MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT OAK HAMMOCK ON 8/11 AT 3 P.M.

Anna Grace MontMarquette

Anna Grace MontMarquette has accepted a position as a second grade teacher at Shell Elementary School in Hawthorne, FL. This is Anna's first official full-time teaching position.

Anna is a December, 2017 honors graduate of the St. Leo University degree program in Elementary Education. She did her intern teaching at the Healthy Learning Academy in Jonesville in 2017. She served as a substitute teacher for the Alachua County School system during the Spring semester, 2018, giving her the opportunity to work in a variety of teaching environments and be introduced to the professional staff people at these schools.

Anna's teaching position at Shell Elementary School fulfills a dream to work with young children.

Anna is a "lifer" at our Church, having been baptized and confirmed into our Church family. She has been active in Campus Ministry, having been a Peer Minister. She has coordinated the Football Parking Program for the past three years which has produced a great revenue stream for our Church and Campus Ministry. Anna currently serves on Church Council, is a member of Alter Guild and also serves as an Assisting Minister.



In our community, Anna has been an active participant in the Danscompany of Gainesville for the past nine years, having had solo and group performances in Cinderella and The Wiz. Anna currently serves on the Danscompany Board of Directors.

Anna Grace is the daughter of Lissa and John MontMarquette and the grand- daughter of Carol and Rick Dienhart.

Her brothers, Austin and Adam are life-long members of our Church family.

- Rick Dienhart

Adult Forum

Adult Forum will not meet in August, but will resume Sunday, September 2.

Cecilia Noss will lead the 5 Sundays in September, with discussions arising out of the book, *Hard Sayings of Jesus*, by the widely respected Scottish scholar, professor, and author, F.F. Bruce (published 1983 by InterVarsity Press). Sayings that will be covered include, "You cannot serve God and Mammon," and "I have not come to bring peace, but a sword."

It is not necessary to purchase a copy of the book, as handouts will be provided. 9:00 AM may be an early hour for some, but coffee will be provided. Please consider joining us for some lively discussion.

- Phil Noss

The Bee

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

[Lutherans in Fellowship Together]

Noon, Aug. 9th

University Evangelical Lutheran Church

2018 National Youth Gathering

Join us on Thursday, August 9th when Pastor Nate Gruel and three young men



from his Ocala church, Our Savior Lutheran Church of Marion Oaks, provide us with a report on the June 2018 National Youth Gathering held in Houston.

Pictured are (*front l to r*) Warren Hersch, Juan Carlos Foster and Damion Stepen; (*back l to r*) Pastor Nate, Cherie and Matt

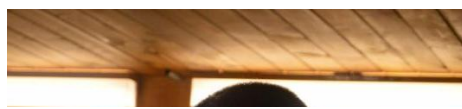
Foster. Matt will not be joining us due to work.

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

There was a good group at our July LIFT, augmented by several members from Gethsemane Lutheran, plus their new interim pastor and his wife.

The topic was "Community Policing", and the speaker, GPD Officer Steven Belk. Those of us who have been following local news, are aware of some of the laudable efforts by the Gainesville Police Department in interacting with communities. We at UELC have had positive interactions when police have been contacted regarding problems on our church property.

But accomplishments such as these were not the focus of the talk by Officer Belk. Rather, his talk was about how we, as community members, can assist the Police Department by being watchful, by strengthening neighborhood ties, and by helping with support programs which give at-risk youth safe activities and educational support before any of them get into trouble. This can be through such activities as helping at the Boys and Girls Club, reading to children in public schools in the less-advantaged areas (as Janet Janke and friends at Oak Hammock are doing), or mentoring older youth one-on-one. The speaker had nothing but praise for Chief of Police Tony Jones. He said Chief Jones is personally involved and present at many of the community-building and youth support activities in Gainesville.





Another surprise for anyone who had not had previous interaction with Officer Belk, was that he is a very humorous guy. He almost could be a stand-up comic, talking about growing up dirt poor in Albany, Georgia, his "very strong" mother and "very strong" grandmother raising him and his brothers. His mother insisted on hard work and strong values and did not hesitate to smack her boys to make the point. She and his grandmother both worked as housemaids, and one day when the homeowners were away, his mother took her boys with her to work. They had the run of her employers' house, and it was the first time the boys saw a bed with legs; they did not know beds had legs, because at home they slept on pallets. She told them they could live like the better-off folks when they grew up, if they would work and study hard. She had lots of wise and witty statements, which still ring in Officer Belk's ears if ever he is tempted to step out of line.

Officer Belk may have been adding some of his own, or not, when said, "Every sinner has a future, and every saint has a past." And "No matter what side of the tracks you are on, trouble will find you. You have children, grandchildren in the house, trouble will find you." In other words, do not think you are so superior if you have not been in trouble with the law, or if you are smug about living a comfortable and easy life. He also said, "You're entitled to your own opinion, but you aren't entitled to your own facts."

One specific action he asked of us is to put on our porch lights and go outside and meet our neighbors between 6 and 8 pm on August 7, which is National Night Out. Police officers will be around, talking to people who are outside. Create a neighborhood watch group in your neighborhood, have regular meetings, look out for each other and each other's property. If you create a group and notify GPD, an officer can visit one of your meetings. He said that they have only a finite number of officers to watch the community, but they have a very large number of citizens, all of us, who can help be their eyes and ears. If you see something worrisome, you can report it to the police by phoning 352-955-1818. [Of course, in case of emergency, call 911.]

- Cecilia Noss

Family Promise Update

Have you ever wondered what it must feel like for the children who we house and feed for a few weeks every year as a host congregation for Family Promise? For over two years we have been blessed to meet and support dozens of parents and their children at an extremely vulnerable time in their lives. These are children who are in crisis and unimaginable uncertainty. Check out this 5-minute video, produced by Family Promise of Gainesville and Egensteiner Media, to catch a glimpse: ["Through the eyes of a child: Family Homelessness"](#) (or go to FamilyPromiseGnv.org for the link -- then come back to read on). You might recognize some faces and voices, and even learn a bit more about the program itself through this unique perspective. The video compiles a sample of the expressions portrayed in photos taken by many of the children who've passed through our doors. What's more, this photo installation, *Through the eyes of a child: Family Homelessness*, will be displayed in the Ham

Museum of Art on UF Campus this November! We'll send out a reminder so you can attend the opening.

Our next hosting is **Sept. 23 - 30**, and I'll be calling for volunteer support early next month.

Also, on September 20th, is the *Every child deserves a home* Fall fundraising luncheon.

Speak to Pat Dasler if you would like to attend or know someone from the larger Gainesville community we should invite. It's an important opportunity to reach potential partners in the goal of ending child homelessness in our community.

- Amy Schirmer

Website Update



Help is sought!

Our site is still in progress, your webmaster-in-training is looking for input worthy of headings which are still in need of substance.

Websites are only interesting if they are current, and since we have a new season beginning in August, it seems an ideal time for nourishing the bare bones. Please, Please visit our site and send me worthy information.

For example:

1. When and how did the vegetables garden project start? Whose initiative and to whose benefit?
2. How does our parking of cars get publicized? How many cars do we actually accommodate.
What about tailgating in our lots? And football TV watching?
3. Topics for fall LIFT programs?
4. Plans for "God's Works. Our Hands."
5. Schedule of Adult Forum, Campus Ministry Lutheran Gator gatherings.
6. Do we need to put anything on the site about parking permits during the week?

Anything that might be of interest to an incoming student, faculty, visitor or resident.

When you send me stuff, please send it in a word document format and use a subject line for the appropriate page, such as Village of Hope, Baker Interfaith Friends, Lift, etc. I promise to make an effort to edit web content in a timely fashion, but obviously it seems easier for me if I have a heads-up early.

I am still working on historical notes slowly but steadily, and I welcome your ideas. But alas! I have not had much congregational feedback as yet, so I am using my judgment.

As you can see from our website my media management needs improvement so our photos are few until I figure that challenge out, but when the time comes we would love to have details about our good works.

Hoping to hear from you,

- Vibeke Vala

Property Committee Report

As it says in Leviticus 26:4, "Then I will give you your rains in their season...". Indeed we have experienced the summer rains right into our sanctuary, obviously not a situation we want to continue. The Property Committee has suggested and the Council has accepted a two point plan to alleviate this problem. First, Perry Roofing will make repairs to the Kaiser Center and Sanctuary roofs by replacing numerous (23) broken tiles and the adjacent underlayment. Our treasurer has informed us that an anonymous donor has volunteered to cover the cost of this repair.

Unfortunately, the underlayment under the tiles has become brittle over the years and requires replacement in the long term. The current roof is old, having been installed in the 1960s when the sanctuary was built. So the second part of the plan is to explore replacing the entire roof (Sanctuary and Kaiser Center tiled and flat portions) with metal roofing. Three bids will be solicited. When completed Council will then decide on the best offer and the optimum method of funding it.

Organ

Our organ is not currently functional and will require at least \$100,000 or more to repair. This is obviously beyond our means at the present time, and, given its age, may not be reasonable to attempt at any time. We have however been offered another opportunity. The University of Tampa is selling a 7 stop / 8 rank Heissler tracker organ in excellent condition for \$35,000. This will not replace the organ in our loft but would be placed in the front of the church. We will be able to evaluate the organ for 6 months in our sanctuary at no cost. Then if we decide to purchase it, we can take up to 2 years to pay it off. The Council has voted to move ahead with this offer. We expect that the organ will be installed in the middle of the fall.

- Martin Vala

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Coming Events in the Community

Millhopper Public Library is sponsoring a new book club this fall:
The **Immigrant Voices Book Club** will have its first monthly meeting at the
Millhopper Public Library on Thursday, August 16 at 7 pm.

UCLC members and a student from Italy and another new volunteer join Baker Interfaith Friends in a Monday visit to immigrants detained in Baker County Detention Facility



During two visits in June, we visited 26 different people from 19 different countries! You are welcome to participate in our (2nd and 4th) Monday visits. Your compassionate presence would be most welcome.

- Joan Anderson

Our Pastor and Staff

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August

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