

University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

October 2018

Our Mission

UELC's Mission:

To Embrace and Share the Love of God in Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit 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

This month we commemorate what we call the Reformation. For protestant churches we consider this a turning point in the life of the Body of Christ (the church). For Roman Catholic churches, it is remembered as a great division - a schism. For about five decades we have had a process of reconciliation - the "Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue", which in 2017 led to "Declaration on the Way" (find at: www.elca.org/Declaration-on-the-Way).

The church of Jesus Christ has gone through many divisions and many reformations in the 2,000 plus years since its formation. Some were positive in that it led to more people on earth finding faith in Jesus. Some were negative as it led to bigotry and unhealthy tension, driving people away from faith in Jesus Christ.

Like with all of world history, we need to not deny it, but learn from it - as painful as that may

be. In American history, we are still trying to right the wrongs

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October Newsletter Deadline

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

October Worship Volunteers

Altar Guild

Oct 7 Elaine Manion
Oct 14 Jackie Klein
Oct 21 Mary Lou Schirmer
Oct 28 Anna Grace
MontMarquette

Ushers

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

Counters

Oct 7 Dan Norford / Ron Gordon
Oct 14 Gene Brandner / John MontMarquette

be. In American history, we are still trying to right the wrongs caused by occupation, slavery, classism and other divisions. That acceptance of world or church history also has more local, even personal significance for us. Many of us may have lived through church breakups. Some of these may have led to one congregation closing or dividing into two or more congregations. We have seen that here in Gainesville in many denominations. In the Lutheran family, we have many congregations. Even in the ELCA, as a result of disagreements, we have two congregations in this small city! Then in each of these ELCA congregations we have moments of conflict resulting in people leaving.

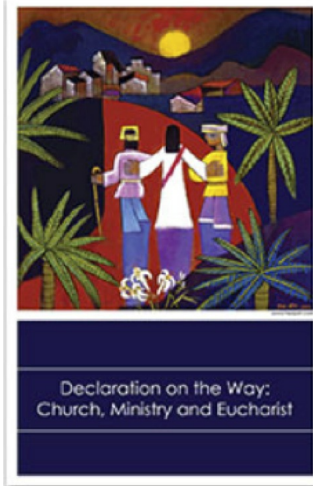
In many of our biological families we have had conflicts and divisions - almost goes with the territory, because we all are imperfect people living in an imperfect world, just as the church on earth is imperfect.

We can lament our history, whether at macro or micro levels, or we can learn from it. In learning from it, there may be ways we can try to right the wrongs of our past.

While we continue to engage the macro processes of "changing" the effects of our histories, let's not forget the reconciliation needed closer to home during this time of "reformation".

Reformation was meant to renew, transform, and rejuvenate. How can we make that real in our personal lives, our local church life and in our relationship with our sister churches?

Your Pastor, Terrance Jacob



MontMarquette
Oct 21 Jackie Klein / Phil Noss
Oct 28 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 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.



Council President's Report

UELC members have been active in the last month in three major service activities while the Council planned for a fall stewardship campaign and the funding of long-term sanctuary roof repairs.

Fifteen members helped spruce up the Luther Springs camp for the annual God's Work, Our Hands service project. Multiple members led by Austin and Anna MontMarquette have overseen the parking of cars on the church's property during football games. Others, led by Amy Schirmer and Pat Dasler, provided dinners and overnight facilities for Family Promise families.

The Council accepted the resignation of council member Anna MontMarquette, who asked to be relieved of her responsibilities as she begins her first year of teaching.

Treasurer Jim Yale reported that the church's income and expenses for the year are keeping pace with the spending plan for the year. Jim said the football parking project has yielded almost \$27,000 to date this year.

The Council reviewed the recommendations of the Financial Action Team (FAT) for a Stewardship Campaign that will conclude with a Commitment Sunday, Nov. 18. The goal is to develop a draft spending plan for UELC in November. During that campaign, Temple Talks beginning Oct. 28 planned will include the Lazarus Project, the Garden, Family Promise and the Prison Ministry. Pastor Ana Lugo, a gift plan expert for the Florida Bahamas Synod and the ELCA Foundation, will be invited to make a presentation to the congregation on gift planning.

This summer Perry Roofing Contractors temporarily fixed the leaks in the roof except for one above the communion rail. The Council, after reviewing estimates from a couple of contractors for the permanent re-roofing of the sanctuary, approved the initiation of a capital fund campaign as opposed to using a mortgage to cover the costs of replacing the roof. One step will be to provide a designated line on the 2019 offering envelopes.

The date for next annual meeting was set for Feb. 17, 2018. The HAT has scheduled the Advent Lunch for Dec. 2 and the Ladies Tea for Dec. 9.

Peace and Blessings to you all, Bill

UELCL People



October Birthdays

10/ 2 Maria Laari
10/11 Jim Griswold
10/20 Bill Chamberlin
10/21 Sharai Jacobs
10/25 Stephani Babcock Jahn
10/26 Thomas Leite
10/31 Les O'Brien

Special Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for healing: Al Schilling, Agnes Martinson, Lois Wilkowske.

Save the Date



Save the Date – Sunday, December 2nd

Mark your calendar for a special
Advent Potluck Lunch
For members, students, and friends

Winter Garden Planted

Our winter crops include lettuce, radishes, turnips, kale, chard, and beets.



September Music





Campus Ministry News

The first Campus Ministry and Young Adult movie night is scheduled for **Saturday, October 20th, at 5:00 PM.** We will be watching Frank Capra's *It Happened One Night* (1934), a classic romantic comedy that explores themes of fate, grace, and faith. A meal and discussion will follow the film. All students and young adults are invited to attend!

And Thank You to the Football Parkers!





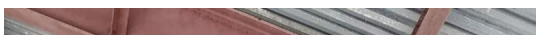
God's Work, our Hands: Saturday, September 8th

Fifteen representatives of UELC joined members of three other congregations—including Gethsemane—to help clean up the property at Luther Springs as our God's Work, Our Hands project.

The day began with a short worship service. Then volunteers erected a sun shade at the archery range and stained the decking at the pavilion. They cut down trees to use to line trails and fire word. Members cleared trails and the stations of the cross and pulled weeds and planted bushes around the prayer labyrinth. Volunteers inside cleaned the tables and chairs in the main conference center.

Members at UELC who participated include Pastor Jacob, Jackie Klein, George Chappell, Dan Norford, Amy Schirmer, Phil and Andy Noss, Pat Dasler and Jim Griswold, Ron and Pat Gordon, and Bill and Jeanne Chamberlin. Joining them were John and Brionn Osbron.

The project was directed by ELCA Deacon Sue Mendenhall, the Luther Springs Program Director and Florida-Bahamas Synod Director of Youth, Young Adult & Outdoor Ministries.







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



Prof. Kim Walsh-Childers, of the College of Journalism and Communications at UF, spoke about Fake News at LIFT in September. A power point of her presentation is available from Bill Chamberlin.

Family Promise Update



Volunteer Training

The next Key Coordinator meeting is going to be dedicated for ALL Family Promise volunteers. A half-hour training on Trauma Care is being offered for those who volunteer or would like to volunteer when we host families at our church. The training aims to help us understand the behavior of people who've experienced trauma in their lives. This might not only guide us serve our families optimally, but also help volunteers feel even more steadfast and fulfilled in the mission of the program and our part in it. Volunteers from all of the host and support congregations will attend.

So please come on Monday, Oct. 8, from 7:00-7:30 to First Presbyterian Church on 2nd Avenue SW. There is a dedicated parking lot across the street, and the entrance is in the education building left of the sanctuary.



Current hosting

We have just completed a lively and rich hosting week. Our three families including six children were able to shelter in our facilities safely and comfortably. Tanya has found a condo that she and the children are pleased with and will hopefully move in when it's ready in three weeks.

Once again, a tremendous thank you to all who helped in donations and time this hosting week. We could not do this without each and every one of you!







Village of Hope



Sponsorships can begin at any time during the year. Contact Janet Janke, UELC Lazarus Project Coordinator, for information.

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October

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	1 7 pm AA	2 11:30-1 pm The Bee	3 7 pm Choir	4 5:30 pm Campus Ministry	5	6 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
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