

University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

March 2019

Our Mission

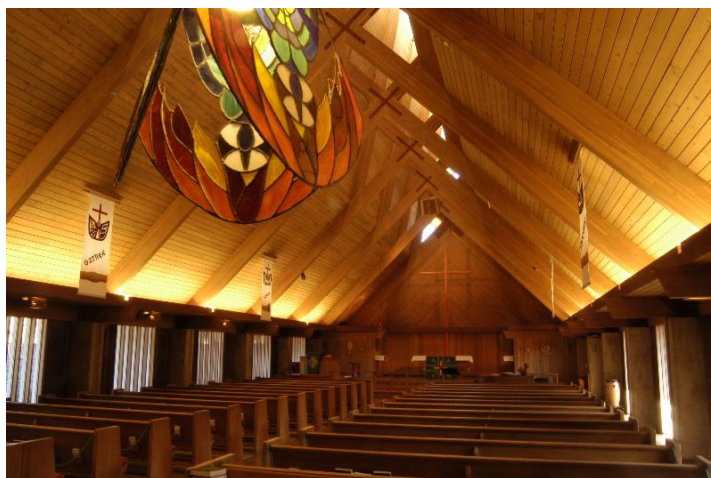
UELCC's Mission:

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

UELCC'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

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April Newsletter Deadline

Please send any articles for the March newsletter by March 29th to Andy Noss
andrew.noss@yahoo.com

March Worship Volunteers

Assisting Ministers

Mar 3
Mar 10
Mar 17
Mar 24
Mar 31

Altar Guild

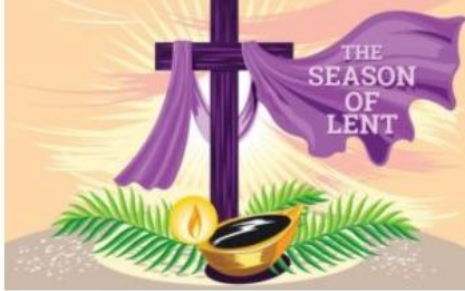
Mar 3 Mary Lou Schirmer
Mar 6 Elaine Manion
Mar 10 Anna Grace
Mar 17 Joan Anderson
Mar 24 Elaine Manion
Mar 31 Jackie Klein

Lector

Mar 3 Ruth Fugmann
Mar 10

We All on This Lenten Journey Together... Ash Wednesday to Easter

Ash Wednesday is the Wednesday of the



seventh week before Easter and the first day of Lent. The day is named for the practice of imposing ashes, a practice that many Lutheran congregations have found to be a very meaningful part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

Using ashes as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible (e.g., Jonah 3:5-9; Job 42:6; Jeremiah 6:26; Matthew 11:21). The early Christians

adopted the use of ashes from Jewish practice as an external mark of penitence.

Ashes symbolize several aspects of our human existence:

- Ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).
- Ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. They were used anciently in the absence of soap. Even on Ash Wednesday, this most penitential day, we receive ashes in the form of the cross, the same symbol placed on our bodies with water in our baptism. Even in this ashen mark of death, we anticipate the new life of Easter.
- Ashes remind us of the shortness of human life, for it is said as we are buried into the ground or as ashes are placed in a columbarium. "We commit this body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust" (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 284).
- Ashes are a symbol of our need to repent, confess our sins, and return to God.

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As we begin the Reflective Season of Lent, focusing on God's Grace in Jesus and God's great love for us, let's redeem this time at UELC.

"redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Eph. 5:16

Please take note of the services in the Music Ministry Report below, and let our Office know if you need rides. We all in this together!

Pastor Terrance

Council President's Report

Morris (Marty) Hylton III, Director, College of Design, Construction and Planning, University of Florida, delivered a presentation on the Historic Preservation Opportunities and benefits of UELC being designated a "Landmark Property" locally, statewide or nationally. Marty highlighted the regulations pertaining to a "Local Landmark Designation", along with the associated criteria. He also discussed possible grant opportunities that exist for the upgrading of such designated properties. Marty indicated that UELC satisfied several of the criteria for listing as a local landmark property and offered to volunteer his time in the preparation of the appropriate documentation required for UELC to seek a 'Local Landmark Designation', should the Council decide to pursue such.

The Council voted that UELC proceed with the development plan to be certified a "Landmark Building", accepting the offer of Morris Hylton to voluntarily spearhead the process. This was prompted by a recent picture and article in *Gainesville Sun* listing UELC's building as one of ten buildings in Gainesville that could qualify for Landmark Status.

Pastor Ana Lugo, Regional Gift Planner of the FBS will be making a presentation on Legacy gifts in the Kaiser Center during Hospitality time.

God bless!!

Donna S. Day

2019 Congregation Council of UELC being installed



Mar 16
Mar 17
Mar 24
Mar 31

Ushers

Mar 3 Jeanne Chamberlin / Andy Noss
Mar 10 Ron Gordon / Andy Noss
Mar 17 Andrea / Ron Fourman
Mar 24 Roger Springfels / John MontMarquette
Mar 31 Gene Brandner / Ron Fourman

Greeters

Mar 3 Phil Noss
Mar 10
Mar 17
Mar 24
Mar 31

Sound Assistant

Mar 3 Dan Norford
Mar 10
Mar 17
Mar 24
Mar 31

Counters

Mar 3 Gene Brandner / John MontMarquette
Mar 10
Mar 17
Mar 24
Mar 31

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.



UELC People



Dan and Krissi with Evangeline - baby's first worship service!



March Birthdays

3/3	Kim Kech
3/7	Amy Schirmer
3/12	Cassandra Lipka-Leite
3/20	Beverly Gronwall
3/24	Wesley Noss
3/28	Martin Vala

Special Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for healing: Al Schilling, Agnes Martinson, Lois Wilkowske, Alice Simpson, Dutch



Altar Flowers

A beautiful way to remember a loved one or a special occasion in your life.

Check the altar flower chart located in Kaiser Center to sign up for a Sunday that would be meaningful for you. Cost for flowers is \$25.00. Please contact Evelyn in the church office if you have any questions. 352-373-6945

Lenten Soup Suppers

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Wednesday's at 5:30 PM

Starting on Wednesday March 13th

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.



Campus Ministry News

Students continue to meet on Thursday's at 5:30 p.m. (note change in day in the last 2 months). An initiative is underway to extend our ministry towards a Young Adult Ministry at UELC. This will provide the opportunity for students and younger adults up to age 40 to engage faith conversation and develop a ministry to suit the needs of young adults in a changing world.

Music Ministry

As we enter the season of Lent, we will begin with



**Service at 7:00-8:00pm
March 6.**

Thereafter, every Wednesday, we will have



at 7:00 to 7:30pm
March 13 – April 10
with Soup Supper at 5:30pm
followed by
Holden Evening Prayer,
as adapted for Lent.

Our Sunday liturgy will be changing for Lent, but it will be easy to follow as the Music Ministry has been doing some of this new liturgical music during Offertory Special Music in the past few weeks. This "new" liturgy is a combination of parts of different liturgies offered in the ELCA hymnal, ELW.

Thanks to all who continue to step us as we endeavor, as Jesus said, "to worship God in spirit and in truth." *John 4:24.*

Crystal Jacob
Minister of Music

Adult Forum

NEW SUNDAY MORNING STUDY BEGINS MARCH 17 at 9 a.m.

ALL WELCOME!

A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week:



ENTERING
THE PASSION
of JESUS



This new study features a DVD introduction by Amy-Jill Levine, a Jewish professor of New Testament at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

Topics for the six sessions:

1. Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
2. The Temple Incident
3. The Anointing of Jesus and the Role of Women
4. Jesus' Teachings in the Temple
5. The Last Supper Traditions
6. Gethsemane

If we look closely at the people who were part of Jesus' life during the last days before the crucifixion—their relationships and roles in the story—how might that deepen our understanding of what happened? In *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story to help us enter into the story and make connections to enrich our spiritual lives.

Discussion will follow the video presentation. (All video sessions are closed captioned.) You are encouraged to make this Sunday 9 a.m. study part of your Lenten experience!

Note: There will be **no** Sunday class on March 3 or 10.

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.

Lutherans in Fellowship Together

Noon, March 14th

at University Evangelical Lutheran Church

Stand Tall and Don't Fall

Join us on Thursday, February 14th to learn how to take charge of our health by finding our internal healing power in view of the challenges we all face as we are getting older. **Vibeke Vala**, a long time UELC member and physical therapist, will teach us how to exercise and move as our life depends on it.

We all deal with aches and pains as we grow older. Some of us deal with more or less severe chronic conditions, but all of us have a choice to adjust

more or less severe chronic conditions, but all of us have a choice to adjust, to move or give up. We need to check our postural habits and adjust our immediate surroundings and homes to fit our bodies rather than fit our bodies into furniture and fixtures that perpetuate compromising movement patterns. It is an effort well worth the investment.

Bring your favorite pot-luck meal to U.E.L.C.'s Kaiser Center and join us for fun and fellowship. If you have questions, contact Ron Bauldree, 352-378-9354; email ronbauldree@msn.com.



Thank you to Sarah Anderson, Luther Springs Site Director, for her entertaining presentation in February.

Family Promise

Thank you to last month's host volunteers! We are blessed to have such a delightful and dedicated crew!

Linen collection: We could use some gently used bathroom hand towels, wash cloths and twin bed sheets. Anything without holes or stains is welcome.

Join the Family Promise bed race to end childhood homelessness

May 4th 9:00 – Noon



Family Promise is celebrating over 300% growth in the last three years! We need you to join the race to end childhood homelessness. UELC needs people to help build a bed, race it, and build the lives of local kids. Another way to help is to donate funds for our bed's registration and contribution.

Join Family Promise Saturday May 4th at Trinity United Methodist Church at 4000 NW 53rd Avenue for its 5th Annual Bed Race from 9:00 am to noon.

For more information, talk to Amy Schirmer or Pat Dasler and check out www.familypromisegvl.org



February/March is the time the members of UELC renew or begin a new sponsorship for a child through the Lazarus Project at the Village of Hope School in Haiti.

This school is located in Bonnette, Ganthier, a resource poor, rural farming area approximately 15 miles from Port au Prince, Haiti. Sponsorship is a distinctive and personal way for you to enhance and develop the life of a vulnerable child. More than ever we know the future of Haiti rests in the hands of the youth that are being educated today. Supporting a child's education can be likened to planting a mango tree. One does not see the fruit or benefit from it for some years, but eventually one day the flowers appear and next, the fruit for all to enjoy. The same goes for the knowledge that you are providing for a student you will support via the sponsorship program. One day the education, conducted in the Christian environment at VOH, will bear fruit and it will not only benefit the child but also their families and community.

The Village of Hope School provides quality education for children from Kindergarten through High School. The students attend Chapel once a week, and services for the senior classes are led by high school students. Along with routine school exams, in accordance with the Ministry of Education children in grade 6, 9, 12 and 13 must pass National exams in order to advance to the next level. Each day students receive a meal of rice and beans. They also receive dental and medical care through the Health Center that is now part of the campus.

Sponsorships can be paid annually [\$480] via a check made out to UELC with the notation, VOH, Lazarus Project on the memo line. Sponsorships can also be paid monthly [\$40]. Two or even three can go together to sponsor one child.

Watch for the poster in the narthex to the right of the bulletin board to see how sponsorships for 2019 are progressing. The bulletin board with the pictures of children that are sponsored will be updated in Spring.

For additional information contact Janet Janke, Lazarus Project Coordinator at UELC

Thrivent Choice Dollars



Attention: Thrivent Financial Members

Thrivent Choice®

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? Participating eligible members of Thrivent Financial can direct their funds called **"Choice Dollars®"** to an eligible organization, of which there are more than 20,000 churches and nonprofits enrolled. If you have earned **"Choice Dollars®"** in 2018, you have until March 31, 2019 to direct your fund before they expire.

Don't wait to direct

March 30th and March 31st falls on a weekend. As a result, the corporate office is closed on both of these days. To ensure that Choice Dollars directions get processed before the deadline.

Two easy options for directing Choice Dollars:

- Online at www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
- Phone: [800-847-4836](tel:800-847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. The Member Connection Center is open until 6 p.m. Central time, Monday – Friday.

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March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 4 th Sunday Lent 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship					1	2 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
3 Transfiguration Sunday 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship / Pr Ana Lugo Special Presentation	4 7 pm AA	5 11:30-1 pm The Bee	6 7 pm Ash Wednesday	7 5:30 pm Students / Young Adults	8	9 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
10 1 st Sunday Lent 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	11 7 pm AA	12 11:30-1 pm The Bee	13 9:30 am FAT 5:45 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer	14 Noon LIFT 5:30 pm Students / Young Adults	15	16 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
17 2 nd Sunday Lent 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	18 7 pm AA	19 11:30-1 pm The Bee 7 pm Council	20 5:45 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer	21 5:30 pm Students / Young Adults	22	23 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
24 3 rd Sunday Lent 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	25 7 pm AA	26 11:30-1 pm The Bee Noon Pinelands Conference Lunch (Joy Lutheran, Ocala)	27 5:45 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer	28 5:30 pm Students / Young Adults	29	30 7 pm AA 10 pm AA

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