

# University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

August 2019

## 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

### Telling Your Story

Jesus taught using images and parables or stories. Most times, the lessons from the bible that we remember the best are those found in stories. Jesus told story lessons, like: "A sower went out to sow... some seed fell on the path... some seed fell among thorns..." (*Matthew 13:3-9*); "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers..." (*John 10:30*)

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## September Newsletter Deadline

Please send any articles for the September newsletter by August 29th to Andy Noss [andrew.noss@yahoo.com](mailto:andrew.noss@yahoo.com)

## August Worship Volunteers

### Assisting Ministers

August 4 Sharai Jacob / Ron Bauldree  
August 11 Pat Dasler / Austin MontMarquette  
August 18 Sharai Jacob / William Speer  
August 25 Nathan Gross / Ron Bauldree

### Altar Guild

August 4 Jackie Klein  
August 11 Elaine Manion  
August 18 Pat Dasler  
August 25 Mary Lou Schirmer

### Lector

August 4 William Speer  
August 11 Sandy Bauldree  
August 18 Paige Hansen  
August 25 Paige Hansen

man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers..." (John 10:30). The first story could teach us that we should be good soil, or that we should be careful about being caught up by the cares of our lives, or that we should not be surprised or worried when people do not respond to the gospel. The second story could teach us that the religious are too busy about religious things to actually care for people in need, or that all in need are our neighbor, or that the people we think least of, like the Samaritan, could know more about the gospel and love than us. Stories are compelling and effective in illustrating truths, even today.

The Gospel writers told stories about Jesus and His life on earth, and we learn lessons through these stories from incidents in the earthly life of Jesus Christ, like "Just then a (rich young) man came to Jesus..." (Matthew 19:16) or "There was a Pharisee... Nicodemus... came to Jesus by night..." (John 3:1 ff.) or "Jesus had to pass through Samaria and he was tired so he rested at the well... when a Samaritan woman came to draw water..." (John 4:4). Each of these stories captures the Gospel in different ways. Often the hearer latches onto a part of the story depending on their past life experiences or what they are going through at the time. Each time I read these stories, I gain new insights and learn new lessons about the Gospel.



Today, our own faith stories can do the same. They communicate different parts of the Gospel in real ways. This can be more meaningful to the hearers than having them learn lessons from a book on Christian teachings or on our trying to explain difficult Christian concepts. So what are these stories? They could as simple as, "What makes me follow Jesus?" or "Where do I see the work of the Holy Spirit in my life and in the world?" or "How have I experienced God in my world this week?" When we answer these kinds of questions, we tell ourselves our faith

stories. Then, we can tell others our faith stories. Let's not discount our faith stories; God can use these to bring home God's truth to us, our friends and even strangers.

#### An invitation to learn more

On August 10, 2019 from 9:00am to 12:30pm, there will be a **Congregation Retreat** at UELC. One of the key foci of the retreat will be the simple act of **telling our faith story: connecting with it and sharing it**. While we will briefly recap on our last retreat in May, if you were not there in May, you will still benefit much as we continue to explore how to be both a welcoming and an inviting church. Please sign up in the Kaiser Center or RSVP to our office at 352-373-6945, as it will help with catering plans. Light refreshments will be provided from 8:30am.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Terrance

#### Ushers

August 4 Jeanne Chamberlin / Phil Noss  
August 11 Ron Gordon / Ron Fourman  
August 18 Nathan Gross / Andy Noss  
August 25 John MontMarquette / Roger Springfels

#### Greeters

August 4 Ron Fourman  
August 11 Andy Noss  
August 18 Andrea Fourman / Gene Brandner  
August 25 Krissi / Dan Norford

#### Sound Assistant

August 4 Sam Brill  
August 11 Dan Norford  
August 18 Sam Brill  
August 25 Dan Norford

#### Counters

August 4 Donna Day / Phil Noss  
August 11 Dan Norford / Ron Gordon  
August 18 Rick Dienhart / Peter Fauerbach  
August 25 Gene Brandner / John MontMarquette

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#### **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.

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## Council President's Report

Council met on July 16, 2019.

The July Agenda and the Minutes of June 4, 2019 were approved.

Status of the roofing project is as follows: The walkways need to be repaired to their previous condition and a final walkthrough will be done to identify any undone work. Any observations will be brought to Martin's attention.

A lease agreement was signed with RJ Young for copier service.

The sanctuary cushions and kneelers will be refurbished as materials arrive.

The Synod is requiring Constitutional changes. A draft is in process of completion for presentation to the Congregation. Updates to follow.

During the latter part of August, all church members will receive a letter containing information highlighting positive issues and the financial status of the Church over the past six months compared with that same period of time in 2018. Our desire and goal is to be transparent to all and to answer any questions anyone might have.

On August 10, a follow-up Retreat will be held in the Kaiser Center. A light breakfast will be served at 8:30, meeting from 9:00-12:30 (with a break) and lunch to follow. Please sign up!

The students Welcome Back lunch will be on August 18th, following church.

Due to vacations and lack of a quorum, there will be no August meeting.  
The next meeting will be September 17th at 7:00 pm.

Praise be to God!!

*Donna S. Day*

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## UELC People



### August Birthdays

8/1	Janet Janke
8/18	Jackie Klein
8/22	Peter Panagiotopoulos
8/26	Sandra Bauldree
8/30	Ron Fourman

## Special Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for healing: Al Schilling, Agnes Martinson, Lois Wilkowske, Alice Simpson, Dutch Schirmer, Ron and Beverly Gronwall



## 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 \$30.00. Please contact Evelyn in the church office if you have any questions. 352-373-6945



Jim and Caroline worshiped at St Andrew Lutheran Church in Vancouver, WA on July 21st; where Rev. Cindy Muse, daughter of Sandy and Ron Bauldree, is the lead pastor.

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## Women's Summer Bible Study

Of Many Generations: Mary, Elizabeth, and Lydia is the Bible Study that will be offered this summer for the women of UELC. This Bible Study is from Gather, the magazine published by WELCA, [Women of the ELCA]. This three part study will be led by Janet Janke.

In August the Bible Study will meet on Saturday, August 17th. The Bible Study will begin at 9:00 AM in a meeting room at Oak Hammock, the retirement community off Williston Rd. Just let the gate know you are there for the University Lutheran Church meeting and they will let you in and give you directions. We will begin at 9:00 with coffee and end before 11:00.

An invitation has been extended to the women of Gethsemane and the Campus and Young Adult Ministry at UELC to join in this Bible study.

A copy of the study will be available in the church office prior to each session although it is not necessary to read it ahead of time.

With busy summer schedules it may not be possible to come to all three but come when you can as we gather for study, service, and fellowship this summer.

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## Welcome Luncheon for the Congregation, Students & Friends

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Sunday, August 18th following the worship service.

Come renew acquaintances with folks you have not seen all summer or meet new friends.

Please add your name to the signup sheet in the Kaiser Center so we can set a place for you.

Hospitality Action Team will provide the main dish and beverages.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share - either a salad or dessert.

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### Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Weekly Bible Study and Discussions have resumed, on Thursdays at 5:30 pm.

For inquiries contact Krissi and Dan Norford (keb.dan@gmail.com).

Below are photos of the Young Adults' visit to the Mill Creek Farm.







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## Music Ministry

At UELC, we continue to have a variety of music and song choices in worship.



Choir practices in the Kaiser Center on Wednesday evenings at 7 to 8 pm and Sunday mornings at 10 am.  
Please contact Minister of Music, Crystal Jacob for more information, suggestions or feedback.





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## August Sunday Adult Forum

The discussion series on ***Obscure Characters*** of the Bible under the leadership of Ruth Fugmann and Phil Noss continues through August. Come and join us to talk about intriguing Biblical personalities that you have hardly heard of and have surely not seriously considered before!

Each Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Kaiser Center.

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## 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**

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## LIFT

LIFT will be taking a summer break. We will next meet on Sep. 12th. Our speaker will be Deanna Edwards speaking on Thrivent supported community projects.

Any questions, please contact Ron Bauldree at [ronbauldree@msn.com](mailto:ronbauldree@msn.com).

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## Family Promise



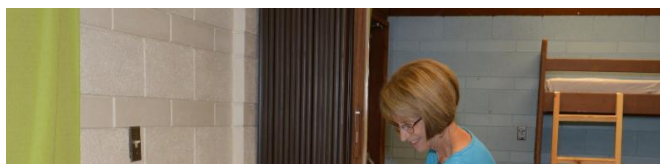
**Thank you** for your support in groceries and time, vital to our mission to provide a safe place for families while they gather their resources toward sustainability. Our next hosting dates are Oct. 6-13.



**'New' Bunk Beds** - We are also thankful for our members who put the pre-loved wooden bunk beds together. The beds were purpose built for hosting Family Promise families at Grace United Methodist Church. Grace is on a long road to renovating the house adjacent to their church, where they host families, and needed a place to store the beds for up to three years. They were elated that we could keep and use them for the purpose for which they were constructed. Not only are the beds more comfortable to sleep in

than the cots on wheels which follow the families from church to church, they make the rooms look homier, allow more space in rooms with larger families, make our set up and break down easier, and still allow space for other activities in the education wing between hostings.

**Back to school supplies** - We have purchased gift cards to Office Depot for 3 families (10 children) to shop for school supplies for the coming school year. Choosing and budgeting for needed supplies is in keeping with Family Promise's objective of helping families get back to a life of normalcy. Also, parents recently attended a special presentation by an Alachua County teacher to help them navigate the school system for their children's success. Our families' children generally do very well in school, by the way. We hope that our gift will, in a small way, help keep that trend going. If you haven't already given to a *back to school* supply campaign, we'll gladly accept your gift of \$10-20. Drop in the offering with Family Promise noted, or send to the church at 1826 W. University Ave, 32603.







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## Village of Hope



Thank you to everyone who is sponsoring a child at Village of Hope this year. We reached the goal of having 20 children sponsored!

We should be getting an update soon for those sponsors who will be given a new student as the one you had has left the school. Hopefully we will be getting updated pictures to add to the bulletin board of student pictures in the Kaiser Center.

The people of Haiti have a proud history as the only slave colony ever to gain independence. This Caribbean nation, which has faced many challenges throughout history, is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Our sponsorships are making a difference in the lives of the many Haitians who are a part of Village of Hope.

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## Work Days

The Property Committee thanks all members for their hard work in beautifying our church and its grounds during the work days in July. We also worked on the 1902 House yard during these days (see pictures below).





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## **Our Pastor and Staff**

**Pastor Terrance Jacob**  
**Pastor, Congregation and Campus Ministry**  
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**Crystal Jacob**  
**Minister of Music (Direct Choir and music-related ministries)**

**Moses Choi**  
**Pianist**

**Evelyn Simmons**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
**[info@ulcgainesville.com](mailto:info@ulcgainesville.com)**

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