

University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

November 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

November starts with "All Saints Day" in many traditions. Who is a saint? In the Roman Catholic tradition, there are specific criteria for canonization as an "official" saint. Besides being a devout Christian, and serving others and God in an exemplary and extraordinary way, one has to have performed verifiable miracles. In 2016, the Albanian nun



In This Issue

Our Mission
Pastor's Corner
Council President's Report
UELC People
Remembering Bruce Simpson
Women's Fall Bible Study
LIFT
Young Adult Ministry
Music Ministry
Adult Forum
The BEE
Family Promise
Bible Translations Conference
Football and Parade Parking
Worship Volunteers

**Join Our
Mailing List**

**Forward To A
Friend**

December Newsletter Deadline

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

November Worship Volunteers

Assisting Ministers
Nov 3 Austin MontMarquette / Ron Bauldree
Nov 10 Nathan Gross / Jim Yale
Nov 17 William Speer / Pat Dasler
Nov 24 Becky / Sam Borgert

Altar Guild
Nov 3 Jackie Klein
Nov 10 Elaine Manion
Nov 17 Mary Lou Schirmer
Nov 24 Pat Dasler

Lector
Nov 3 Paige Hansen
Nov 10 Rick Dienhart
Nov 17 Sandy Bauldree
Nov 24 Joan Anderson

commonly referred to as Mother Theresa of Calcutta, was canonized as Saint Theresa of Calcutta by Pope Francis. Following that, there were studies done to reveal the side of Mother Theresa that the world was largely not aware of; for example, her alleged disdain for the low castes in India. One study was led by an Indian who was also from Calcutta, but moved to pursue studies in the UK. This and other studies claim that Mother Theresa was not as "saintly" as she was made out to be. This remains a controversy, so I will not quote details of the research here.



In the Lutheran tradition we remember all those who have died on All Saints Day. While recognizing many of the named Saints, Lutherans also choose to remember those who have not been canonized. This practice too, is controversial, since it is often interpreted as sanitizing (deliberate use of this word over "sanctifying") all the dead, even if their lives lacked devotion to God and/or service to people. So once again, who can be a saint? I will not answer that.

Later in November, we celebrate "Thanksgiving Day". This day too is fraught with controversy. Some say that it's a harvest festival of thanksgiving for the crops, others say it is to celebrate the coming together of the colonialists (pilgrims) and the Native Americans; and still others say it should be a day of mourning since the so-called "coming together" celebration was really cultural genocide for the Native Americans.



designed by LoveSVC.com

I am not going to pronounce on Thanksgiving Day, just as I did not on All Saints Day. However, what I do know is that we are simultaneously saint and sinner, and it feeds the soul to be able to give thanks for what is good, and lament, if we must, the shortcomings of those we have lost. In our own little lives, if we focus on the things we can be thankful for, rather than complain about the things that we see as lacking or reason to complain about, we become miserable. So let's see the saintliness in those we love – the living and the dead – and we will have every reason to give thanks "in all things" as Paul says

in 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

This season, be gracious and have a Happy All Saints Day and Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings, Pastor Terrance

Ushers

Nov 3 Jeanne Chamberlin / Ron Gordon
Nov 10 Gene Brandner / Phil Noss
Nov 17 Andrea / Ron Fourman
Nov 24 John MontMarquette / Andy Noss

Greeters

Nov 3 Ron Fourman / Phil Noss
Nov 10 Ron Gordon / Andy Noss
Nov 17 Austin MontMarquette / Gene Brander
Nov 24 Austin MontMarquette / Dan Norford

Sound Assistant

Nov 3 Sam Brill
Nov 10 Sam Borgert
Nov 17 Dan Norford
Nov 24 Sam Brill

Counters

Nov 3 Gene Brandner / John MontMarquette
Nov 10 Jackie Klein / Phil Noss
Nov 17 Donna Day / Andy Noss
Nov 24 Dan Norford / Ron Gordon

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

Mandated changes to the Constitution were discussed and items referred to committee members updating/ revising changes.

A proposed format for use in nominating candidates was shared.

Terms of Council members were discussed.

Becky gave an update on the Kaiser Center improvements. Professional input has been attained from the Office Environment Center in choosing furnishings.

The spending plan will be reviewed at Council on December 17th, 2019.

A Special meeting for elections will be held on December 8, 2019.

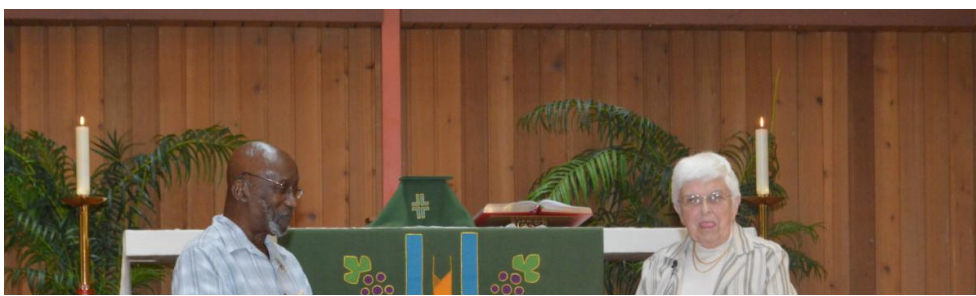
The Annual Report for 2019 draft will be reviewed by Council on January 14, 2020.

The Annual meeting will be held on February 9, 2020.

We are so grateful for our congregation and the cooperation we receive from you.

God Speed

Donna Day





UELC People



November Birthdays

11/ 4	Loretta Fauerbach
11/ 8	Lissa Montmarquette
11/10	Krissi Norford
11/11	Andrea Fourman
11/18	Shari O'Brien
11/22	Rev. Terrance Jacob
11/26	Phil Noss
11/30	Jeanne Chamberlin

UF Award

The Dean, University of Florida International Center, has informed Andrew Noss that he has been selected as the University of Florida's 2019 Staff International Educator of the Year, citing the depth of his international engagement and his work in support of internationalization of the University of Florida.

There will be a reception hosted by the International Center on November 18 to recognize the winners of several international awards, including the International Educator Award.



**Save the Date –
Sunday, December 8th**

Mark your calendar for a special

Advent Potluck Lunch



For members, students, and friends

Continued Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for healing: Al Schilling, Agnes Martinson, Lois Wilkowske, Dutch Schirmer, Ron and Beverly Gronwall, Les O'Brien
- Prayers of comfort and peace for Alice Simpson and family, at the passing of Bruce Simpson



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

Remembering Bruce Simpson

I want to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers for us over the past few weeks, all the beautiful cards and to all who provided such a delicious dinner on Wednesday evening following Bruce's service. It was truly a blessing after a difficult day. You are wonderful, caring people, and he valued and cherished his many friendships.

Bruce loved this church so very much. From the time we moved to Gainesville in 1957 and began worshiping at ULC, Bruce became involved in the life of the church. Pastor Kaiser obviously knew a good man when he saw one. Through some difficult times over the years, Bruce always stood by the church. He served in so many capacities and was happy to do so. Maybe not so much as when he was President of the Council between pastors, and it seemed to me he was doing everything except preaching the sermons on Sunday morning! Nevertheless, he considered being a member of a church meant being an active one and a good steward.. Scott and I are missing him in so many ways, and especially sitting with us in church. We know that many of you will also notice his absence with sadness. Please continue to pray for us as we adjust to a tremendous loss and change in our lives.



With love and thanks to all, Alice and family





Women's Fall Bible Study

Let Us Pray is the Fall Bible Study for the women of UELC. This Bible Study is from Gather, the magazine published by WELCA [Women of the ELCA]. This three part study is being lead by Janet Janke.

In September the study was on "The paradoxes of prayer."

In October the study was on "The practices of prayer."

It will conclude on Nov. 16th, with "The expressions of prayer."

We begin with fellowship at 9:00 AM and end before 11:00. We gather 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.

LIFT

Thursday, Nov. 14th, at Noon

Global Mission -Recent accomplishments and visits. PJ May, Chair of the Florida Bahamas Synod Global Mission Table, will be with us to talk about recent accomplishments and visits to our five companion relationships in Cuba, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica and Suriname.

Ms. May is a retired nurse - having most recently worked for Hope Hospice. She and her husband, Rev. Rusty May (also retired) served as volunteer missionaries for six months to Madagascar in 2000. Their daughter, Rev. Jennifer Kopacz is serving at Grace, Tallahassee.

Join us for our monthly potluck luncheon where we continue learning how we might serve in our local community to around the world. Please bring your favorite potluck dish and join us for this timely topic. We will see you then. If you have any questions, contact Ron Bauldree, rbbauldree@msn.com



Thank you to Sam Sipes, CEO of Lutheran Services Florida (LSF) for his presentation at LIFT in October.



Young Adult Ministry





The Campus/Young Adult Ministry has started a weekly study on the topic of the refugee crisis. Each week we are discussing a chapter from the book *Dialogues: The Refugee Crisis* (a Spark House Publication). Books or copies of the chapter are available in the church office. The study is non-sequential, so you may join in at anytime. The meal and discussions are Thursdays, from 5:30-7:00 pm.

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



Dear University Lutheran Church family,

I hope this letter finds you well! My time at the University of Florida has been phenomenal. College is a very challenging, but an extremely rewarding journey. Throughout my time in the UELC, I have always felt your unconditional and prevalent love and support and I have appreciated my time as pianist as well as the opportunity to be involved in the Campus Ministry. This has afforded me to meet like-minded students and engage in enriching ways. Therefore, it is with great excitement to be writing you about my 2019 winter break plans.

From December 14-20th, 2019, I will be devoting my time to serving the beautiful people of Haiti. I will be joining a dynamic group of individuals from **P4H Global** as a member of the Health Education Core Team. We will be traveling to the second-largest city, Cap-Haitien. Our aim is to support, empower, invest in, and bring hope to this recovering nation through programs that promote sustainable development. This program is different from typical mission trip goals in that it does not simply provide them temporary support, it empowers them to rise and become better themselves as a thriving and developing community. Besides trying to empower the Haitians, this is a trip for mutual learning from Haitians about resilience and survival skills, which I also need to learn and be encouraged by as a young American. This trip is part of an ongoing process to constantly enrich our education about the Haitian culture so we are learning just as much as we are providing. In addition to the Health Education, we will be divided into core teams including English teaching and Youth Leadership Program seminars.

I am writing today to request your prayers, advice, and partnership in funding this trip. Your funds will help supply educational material for our classes, support our sustainable projects, and personally assist me in empowering Haitian youth. Trips like this offer both of us a chance to encourage and enable the resilient and ambitious people of Haiti to overcome the challenges of poverty and turmoil. My personal goal is \$1000, and although this does not cover everything, I believe that this would be more than enough to help me financially and logistically.

In return for your support I would like to share my experience with you. I will be taking photos and posting updates through email. If you cannot donate at this time, your prayers are still deeply appreciated and you are more than welcome to hear my journey throughout this semester as well through the email updates.

Any funds can be made by cash, check, or venmo.

Checks made out to UELC and put "Moses Haiti Trip" in Memo
Venmo: @moses150

I invite you to visit our website at www.p4hglobal.org for more information. Feel free to contact general@p4hglobal.org or contact me directly with any questions. Thank you for your time!

Love,

Moses Choi

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.

Adult Forum

Adult Forum has resumed with a weekly study on the topic of the refugee crisis. Each week we are discussing a chapter from the book *Dialogues: The Refugee Crisis* (a Spark House Publication). Books or copies of the chapter are available in the church office. Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.

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

The Bee - What's Happening?

The Bee has been busy doing projects and sending cards- get well, birthday, and thinking of you - to members and friends of the congregation.

In October we provided Welcome Bags to the families that we hosted during Family Promise. It is a special treat that the families appreciate.

Blessings,
The Bee

Family Promise

Thank you for your continued support to help end child homelessness. Your generous dedication of time, prayer and finance helps sustain our piece of the Family Promise mosaic.

Our next hosting will be January 26-Feb. 2.



Grace UMC will again use our facilities for their hosting the week before that. How wonderful it is that we have such accommodating facilities to aid families in need!

Contact me with any questions or concerns at amy_schirmer@yahoo.com

Bible Translations Conference 2019, Dallas, Texas

Every two years, a large gathering of Bible Translators and Consultants from around the world and representing many different Bible agencies are hosted in Dallas, Texas, by Wycliff/SIL and their graduate institutions for 4 days of worship, learning and sharing.

The conference this year began with a worship service and plenary lecture on Friday evening, October 11, and ended with a banquet on Tuesday evening, October 15. Phil and I attended, as we had in 2017 and 2015. This year there were over 500 participants, coming from every continent except Australia and Antarctica. Plenary lectures covered such topics as the need to continue translating into minority languages, even if many of the people speaking those languages have access to the Bible through a majority language such as English, French, or Spanish. Older people may not be able to read or understand the majority language, and the mother tongue speaks to the heart in a way that a European language does not. And for the many who are dispersed from their home areas, either by choice or war and devastation, having the Scriptures in their mother tongue is an important link to their identity and to maintain an identity for their children growing up in foreign circumstances.

On Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, there were 48 separate presentations each day to choose from: 6 running concurrently in separate rooms during 4 time slots in the morning and 4 in the afternoon, as well as joint plenary sessions in the evenings. Topics included examples of how to translate difficult key terms and concepts into various geographical and cultural settings without having the meaning misunderstood or incomprehensible. Another was addressing questions in making audio and video renderings of Scripture, much desired by younger people and accessible on electronic devices available to them. What kind of characters and voices - male, female, accents, and tone should be used for a fair representation of scripture passages? And a warning for outside translation consultants not to come across as critics, higher up in the power structure, only pointing out problems, but to always find things to compliment the team for, and to let them feel you are learning from them too.

This year's conference was special for Phil and me, because of the recent publication of the large reference volume he co-edited, *A Guide to Bible Translation: People, Languages and Topics*. We were given a 6-foot table in a prominent place to display and offer for sale the Guide in both hard cover and soft cover, as well as three earlier publications in the United Bible Societies' History of Bible Translation series. We also had numerous more recent translators' hand books on various books of the Bible. We had especially good sales of the Guide, purchased for individual and library use, and several individuals received review copies to write reviews in journals. We were able to see and reconnect with very many long-term friends whom we had known in different times and places, catching up with their professional and personal lives.

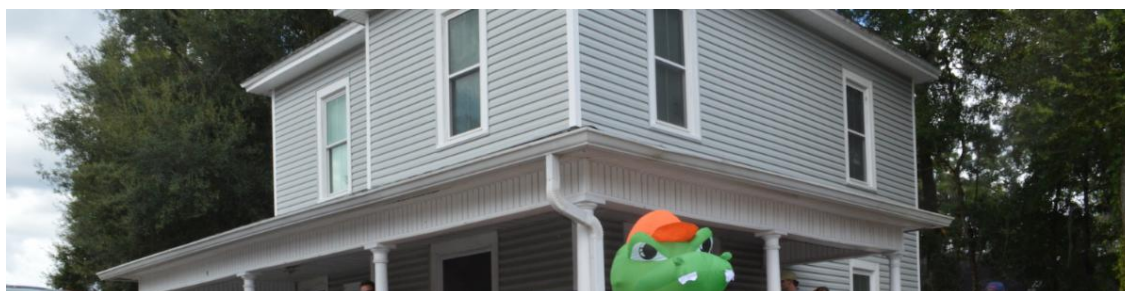
We thank God for journey mercies for the long hours of driving going and returning.

Submitted by Cecilia Noss





Football and Homecoming Parade Parking





Our Pastor and Staff

Pastor Terrance Jacob
Pastor, Congregation and Campus Ministry
pastor@ulcgainesville.com

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

Moses Choi
Pianist

Evelyn Simmons
Administrative Assistant
info@ulcgainesville.com

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
3 21 st Sunday Pentecost 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	4 7 pm AA	5 11:30-1 pm The Bee	6 7 pm Choir	7 5:30 pm Young Adult and Campus Ministry	8	9 Football Parking 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
10 22 nd Sunday Pentecost 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	11 7 pm AA	12 11:30-1 pm The Bee	13 7 pm Choir	14 Noon LIFT 5:30 pm Young Adult and Campus Ministry	15	16 9 am Women's Bible Study, Oak Hammock 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
17 23 rd Sunday Pentecost 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 7 pm Choir	21 5:30 pm Young Adult and Campus Ministry	22	23 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
24 Christ the King Sunday 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 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	29	30 Football Parking 7 pm AA 10 pm AA

2019

University Lutheran Church | | info@ulcgainesville.com |

1826 W University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32603
Phone: 352-373-6945
Fax: 352-373-1679

Copyright © 20XX. All Rights Reserved.