

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

Advent: Preparation for Life

Last year around this time, Krissi and Dan Norford were anticipating the birth of Evie (Evangeline). Yes, it was a long wait - nine months! Then January 17 came, when they had to rush to the hospital to begin the birth process and on January 18, the baby was born! Was it a

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January Newsletter Deadline

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

December Worship Volunteers

Assisting Ministers

Dec 1 William Speer / Ron Bauldree
Dec 8 Austin MontMarquette / Pat Dasler
Dec 15 Jim Yale / Otto Johnston
Dec 22 Becky / Sam Borgert
Dec 24 Sharai Jacob / Austin MontMarquette
Dec 29 Jim Yale / Ron Bauldree

Altar Guild

Dec 1 Anna Grace MontMarquette
Dec 8 Jackie Klein
Dec 15 Joan Anderson
Dec 22 Elaine Manion
Dec 24 Jackie Klein
Dec 29 Pat Dasler

Lector

Dec 1 Rick Dienhart

surprise that the 9 months of expectation culminated in the birth of a baby? No, it was not a surprise. When one anticipates something it is not a surprise. One simply prepares for it.

In the entire Gospel narrative, there is anticipation. As we begin Advent, a time of expectant

waiting, we commemorate, maybe even re-live, the expectant waiting of the world, let alone the expectant waiting of Mary and Joseph. Matthew's gospel graphically describes that first Advent. In fact, Matthew takes us way back to Abraham as he painfully lists the genealogy - 42 generations! (Most of us don't know the sequence, because we skip over that section - me too). Then Matthew explains the anticipation and details the birth narrative.

Anticipation is not just in the birth narrative. The Gospel writers remind their audiences that the prediction of the messiah's coming goes back centuries - a long, long time ago. When Jesus Christ walked the earth, he too has the world anticipating the unfolding of the Gospel story further. Remember His narrative of the betrayal, the denial, the capture, the crucifixion, the resurrection, the ascension and even His second coming. The whole gospel story is an Advent story.

Anticipation does not bring surprises but does spur us on to live as people prepared – not just for Christmas but for Life! As we prepare for Christmas this Advent, let's also be reminded that our whole life as Christians is one of joyful anticipation. Anticipating the final fulfilment of the promise of Eternal Life for those "who believe in Him" (John 3:16) – a belief that Jesus is the Christ - the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6).

Blessed Advent to us all,
Pr. Terrance



Dec 8 Ruth Fugmann
Dec 15 Sharai Jacob
Dec 22 Rick Dienhart
Dec 24 Joan Anderson
Dec 29 Sandy Bauldree

Ushers

Dec 1 Ron Fourman / Gene Brandner
Dec 8 John MontMarquette / Andy Noss
Dec 15 Ron Gordon / Phil Noss
Dec 22 John MontMarquette / Gene Brandner
Dec 24 Jeanne / Bill Chamberlin
Dec 29 Roger Springfels / Ron Fourman

Greeters

Dec 1 Austin MontMarquette / Ron Gordon
Dec 8 Dan Norford / Phil Noss
Dec 15 Gene Brandner / Ron Fourman
Dec 22 Austin MontMarquette / Ron Gordon
Dec 24 Ron Gordon / Gene Brandner
Dec 29 Ron Gordon / Gene Brandner

Sound Assistant

Dec 1 Dan Norford
Dec 8 Sam Brill
Dec 15 Dan Norford
Dec 22 Sam Brill
Dec 24 Sam Borgert
Dec 29 Sam Brill

Counters

Dec 1 Rick Dienhart / Peter Fauerbach
Dec 8 Gene Brandner / John MontMarquette
Dec 15 Jackie Klein / Phil Noss
Dec 22 Donna Day / Andy Noss
Dec 29 Ron Gordon / John MontMarquette

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

The council met at 7:01 pm on November 19, 2019. The agenda was approved as was the minutes of the October 22, 2019 Council meeting.

An update of the Kaiser Building furnishings: an order has been placed together with a deposit. Delivery is expected in 4-6 weeks.....maybe in time for Christmas!!

A Financial statement of Income and expenditure was circulated for review. A draft of the Spending Plan for 2020 was also circulated.

An increase in rent of the apartment to 500.00 monthly has been requested .

Staff performance reviews will be scheduled in the near future.

The Ladies Christmas Tea Is December 15th at 2:00 pm in the Kaiser Building.

There will be no LIFT in December.

Hot water issues have been resolved and new lights have been installed in the parking lot.

Special Congregation meeting to present the slate of Council members to the congregation for vote is after service on December 8th. The advent meal is following in the Kaiser Center.

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Council was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Have a peaceful, meditative Christmas season.

Donna Day

UELC People



December Birthdays

12/ 2 Krister Ryerson
12/ 3 DeeAnn Connor
12/ 4 Austin MontMarquette
12/ 6 Matthew Fauerbach
12/ 8 Laurie Ezzell
12/16 Jesse Saarela
12/16 John MontMarquette
12/17 Adam MontMarquette
12/19 Walter Flanders
12/20 Britt Ryerson
12/21 Phillip Cook
12/24 Alice Simpson
12/24 Andy Noss
12/25 JESUS
12/29 Andy Finn
12/31 Carol Dienhart
12/31 Liz Finn



Advent Lunch Potluck

December 8nd following the worship service

The annual advent lunch potluck and Christmas Carole sing-a-long will be held Sunday December 8nd. Following the worship service in the Kaiser Student Center. This is a festive event for everyone - members, students and friends.

Please add you name to the sign-up sheet so we will be sure to set a place for you. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share that serves 12 or more. A punch will be served. There is always a need for volunteers to help with set up, decorating and clean up. Call Caroline Yale 495-1742 if you can help.

Christmas Poinsettias

We will **decorate** the altar area on **Sunday, December 22 and Christmas Eve**. The cost is \$13 each and



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CHRIST CHILD TREE



Look for the Christ Child Tree in the narthex to receive your gifts to show Christ's love. Your gift will help support farmers and healthy honeybee colonies with your buzz-worthy gift to ELCA Good Gifts. Honeybees provide honey to eat and beeswax to transform into handcrafted soaps and candles allowing a farmer to start a small business selling their products. And as an added bonus, these little bees boost crop growth on the farm by pollinating plants everywhere they go.

Place your offering in a red stocking and hang it on the tree – take an angel ornament from the tree for your tree at home.



Christmas Cookie Sunday **Sunday Dec 29th**

Bring Your Favorite to Christmas Cookie Sunday Sunday Dec 29th. All families are asked to bring their favorite Christmas cookies to share at Hospitality Time. Plus enjoy a cup of hot chocolate.

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



*You Are Cordially Invited To
Our Ladies Holiday Tea
At*

*University Lutheran Church
On **December 15, 2019 at 2-4 PM***

*For Fun & Fellowship
As We Celebrate Advent and Prepare
For The Birth Of Our Lord & Savior,
JESUS CHRIST*

*Please bring a wrapped ornament
(For: \$10 or less) for the gift exchange**

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Cost of Tea: \$5.00

Please RSVP to Caroline Yale

352-495-1742 By **December 10, 2019**

***Dirty Santa:** The Christmas spirit consists of peace, love and goodwill to all. Dirty Santa consists of peace, love, goodwill and stealing. The basic principle is that each person buys only one gift and exchanges it for another gift during the gathering. The game, though based on playfully "stealing" from one another, still manages to preserve the Christmas spirit. Fellowship and laughs are a guarantee.

LIFT

No LIFT in December



Thank you to PJ May, Chair of the Florida Bahamas Synod Global Mission Table, for her presentation in November about recent accomplishments and visits to our five companion relationships in Cuba, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica and Suriname.

Young Adult Ministry

Campus/Young Adult Ministry will have its last meeting of the semester on December 5, 5:30-7:00 pm.

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





Thank you to the Hospitality Action Team for the Fall Term Student Survival Dinner!





Thank you for greening the Sanctuary!



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.



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.

Blessings,
The Bee

Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County

The Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County (<https://hrcalachua.com>) is seeking volunteers to provide rides to medical and immigration appointments. Please contact the Director of Immigration Concerns, Liz Ibarrola (eibarrola@ufl.edu), for information and to volunteer.

Several members of University Lutheran are involved in the Community ID program, sponsored by the Coalition. That program has filled a great need for local immigrants and others to readily and reliably verify

their identity at hospitals and businesses in the community. (Next ID drive: December 7 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm).

Apparently there is a great need for volunteers to provide transportation to people without other means. Please contact Liz if this is something you could consider doing!

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

Football Parking



Thank you to the Football Parking Team for a successful 2019 season!!

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

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1 st Sunday Advent 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	2 7 pm AA	3 11:30-1 pm The Bee	4 7 pm Choir	5 5:30 pm Young Adult and Campus Ministry	6	7 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
8 2 nd Sunday Advent 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Congregation Mtg 11:45 Advent Potluck	9 7 pm AA	10 11:30-1 pm The Bee	11 10 am Financial Action Team 7 pm Choir	12	13	14 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
15 3 rd Sunday Advent 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship 2 pm Ladies Holiday Tea	16 7 pm AA	17 11:30-1 pm The Bee 7 pm Council	18 7 pm Choir	19	20	21 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
22 4 th Sunday Advent 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	23 7 pm AA	24 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service	25	26	27	28 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
29 Christ the King Sunday 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Christmas Cookie Fellowship	30 7 pm AA	31 11:30-1 pm The Bee				

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