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Centerpoint: *Hearing God's Call*

And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. —Mark 1:17-18

It's graduation season. This month, tens of thousands of men and women across the country are receiving diplomas and heading out in the world in search of work, careers and new opportunities. For Christian graduates, one of the many questions that should be asked is "How can I use this new diploma for God's glory?" Or, better yet, "Where is God calling me to serve?"

Each one of us is given a vocation by God. Each one of us is called to use our gifts, skills, talents and training for the sake of the God's world. Each one of us is called upon to embody the grace and love of God in our daily lives. That can be true as we fulfill our vocation within our families, in our workplace, in community organizations or in the marketplace.

I have always like the Campus Ministry Mission Statement:

Campus Ministry of the ELCA invites people in academic settings more deeply into Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name, so that they can

discover and fulfill their vocation in Jesus Christ.

I like it because it focuses on vocation and belonging to the community of faith where that vocation can be discovered, nurtured and encouraged. It reminds us that we need to listen for God's call and then respond to it in the context of our lives.

My experience has been that God's call frequently takes our lives in directions that we could neither have imagined nor planned. Like the fishermen on the shores of Galilee, sometimes God's call can be abrupt and unexpected. But, though I have often be surprised by God's call, I have never been disappointed. God has blessed me in many ways I would never have experienced had I been calling the shots and following my plan.

That certainly has been the case since I answered God's call and allowed my name to be placed in nomination for the office of Bishop. My experience at Synod Assembly was one of the most intense experiences of call

I have ever felt. In a deep and very real way, I could sense Jesus' voice saying, "Follow me." It is hard to put that feeling into words.

For years, I have said, "I am a pastor because God won't let me do anything else." I have had that same sense in this call.

God calls all of us to fish for people in many different ways, shapes and forms. I hope you will always listen for the voice of our Lord calling you into new or deeper ventures in ministry and mission.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, that is our vocation. That is our call. That is our blessing.

Peace,

Pastor Milce

From the DCE

Don't you hate it when you just aren't in the mood? When some of our habits and good practices just don't feed us like they used to?

I have not been feeling especially connected in worship lately. Frankly, I have felt quite bored. I love the music, and I still value the liturgy and preaching but for whatever reason, I'm not moved by it. Worship used to be a place where I could feel God's presence powerfully. I could tap into the communal praise of God and was lifted up by the worshipers around me. Now I feel disconnected. I feel a little lost.

At various times I have felt the same way about prayer or reading my bible or doing my devotions. Even outside of my church life I've gotten bored with hobbies. It's just how I am and I know that about myself. I'm involved and passionate about something for a while and then I get bored with it and something else piques my interest. For a spell I was enamored with boats and boat building, so I built a kayak. I fell head over heels in love with wood work-

ing and built a number of small projects including a rocking horse for Abbi. Every spring I get excited for my little garden and by mid-July I'm letting the watering slip and the weeding is virtually nil. It's my normal cycle of engagement and that's okay for hobbies. But for God? When I no longer sense God's presence in my prayers do I quit? Do I put them aside for a time and try again later? When scripture is no longer alive for me, do I put down the book? When worship isn't drawing me closer to God do I sleep in? Yes.

Well, not the worship bit but the other ones I do. I shouldn't, but I do. We proclaim that God is steadfast and from that I know that it is not God who is no longer there but something within me that has gone awry. I know I should strive to be as steadfast as God. So though I know God is always there with me should I really bail on God? No.

I will continue to worship and pray and read my bible and know that God is there in all of it, waiting for me.

Chris Lee

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SHALOM

June

Shalom Deadline:

May 15

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If you have a submission for the Shalom, please e-mail them to ulc@ulcsc.org. For questions, comments or suggestions, contact Cheryl Cook.

Youth & Education Calendar

May 14	Confirmation Retreat, 9am
June 5	Warter Party @ ULCSC
June 12-17	Confirmation Camp!
July 6-11	Adventure Camp!
July 13-18	Urban Servant Camp!
July 24-29	Day Camp at University Lutheran



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So... not much seems to have happened in the past month. On the surface, at least, that has been true. All construction projects run into little snags and bumps in the road. Ours just happened to come on day one. Several things have slowed down progress on our building project. First, final approval for the sewer line relocation was slowed down. Then, we needed to work out

road closure plans for Elm Street with the city. The street needs to be closed for several days to tie the sewer line into the main line that runs down Elm. The city didn't want to shut off the street until after OU's semester was over. Finally, we discovered that a gas line needs to be moved. That required going through ONG's process to have the work approved, scheduled and completed. At the last meeting with the contractor, a plan was worked out to work around some of these things. Hopefully, we'll be seeing more activity in the coming weeks.

While all that has been going on... the Council and congregation committees have been brainstorming and discussing ways to use the new facility for mission and ministry once it has been completed. Each "program" committee has been asked to think about how the new space can be used for ministry. The Education committee has already been discussing various programs (i.e. a "Mother's Day Out") for the new education space. Campus Ministry has been imagining ways to use the new SOUL space. If you have thoughts about ways to put our new addition to good use for God's Kingdom... talk with a council member or the appropriate committee chair! Your ideas are welcome!

Statistics - March 2011 Worship Attendance

Sun	03-06-11	03-13-11	03-20-11	03-27-11		Average
8:30	81	59	101	77		79.5
11:00	92	68	78	78		79
2011	173	127	179	155		158.5
2010	178	131	140	189		160
2009	161	155	173	148	165	169
2008	158	159	183	308	138	189
2007	178	130	132	122		140
2006	180	136	160	186		166



Bible Study

**Tuesday, May 10th
12 noon**

*“Unity in the Midst
of Diversity
“Witnessing and Evangel-
ism”*

Food and Shelter for Friends

The members of ULCSC are awesome! This is my first opportunity to say thank you for the generous gifts you gave for the Really, Really, Free Fair. The crowd was not as large as last year and so we had a lot of goods left at the end of the day. You will be happy to know that all of the articles, including clothing, were taken to Food and Shelter for friends. I hope that everyone that attends ULCSC knows about Food & Shelter for Friends and that contributions can be left in the Narthex, so that they can be taken to the shelter. I just want to put in a little reminder that we still need contributions. Whatever fits your budget, large cans or small, personal items, laundry soap, I hope everyone now is very aware of the program. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. Donna Reynolds

For more information call or email Donna Reynolds.

Evangelism is considered by many to be the heartbeat of the church...but it seems to be a difficult thing for Lutherans to do! Come to this session and talk about how we can join in the joy of sharing the Good Word of God's grace!

Everyone is invited to bring a Bible and your May Lutheran Woman Today and enjoy the fellowship if you're not yet a subscriber. You may bring your lunch if you like. We are now meeting during the day so that more women can be with us. Come join us!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

First Saturday, 8-9:30 AM

This is the group for men of all ages. Teens, young adults, middle aged and senior men are invited to attend. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, bible study and discussion. The Men's group has been reading through the life story of Jesus as presented in the Gospels. On June 4, we will look at some of Jesus' miracles. We will also be having a farewell for Pastor Mike. Come feed your body and your spirit!

May Birthdays

Anniversaries

01	Abby Busking	24	Mary Rhea	02	Stan and Carole Eliason
02	Sara Maddock-St. Joseph, MI	24	Andrew Somers—Nashua, NH	09	Bill and Arlis Scott
08	David Alvis	25	Elizabeth Haily Hanttula, Norman, OK	13	Cindy and Mike Pullin
10	Fred Eliason	31	Margrit Spears	17	Holly and Art Lantagne
11	Mark Klein	31	Jane Winegardner—St. Louis, MO	21	Andy and Jan Feldt
11	Mac Reynolds			26	Sandra and Donald Longcier
11	Duane Winegardner, Toledo, OH			27	David and Kathy Gastgeb
13	Meg Brady Carr				
13	Ilea Stoltenberg				
14	Kara Harrison				
17	Phil Carlson				
18	Ursula Purcell-Germany				
19	Edda Miner-Honensalza, Germany				
20	George Droescher—Bogota', Columbia				
22	Dillon Downey				

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers

Dave Alvis	Genia van Leursburg	Kirstin Schwandt
Tamara Swenson	Carolyn Fuerbringer	Linda Crawford
Wilma Fett	Jack Alley	Paul Kleine
Dorothy Brinker	Elaine Newell	Karen Hilger
Pat Snyder	Doug Gransberg	Julie Stumpf
Ken Gastgeb	Jim Lowery	Jack Springer

Friends and family members who are in need of prayer:

James West	Son of Len and Andy West
Betty Armstrong	Mother of Jessica Gwinner
Nellie Michael	Aunt of Mary Sue Schnell
Vickie Lykins	Friend of Dale Metz
Alice Seifert	Friend of Eva McGinnis
Jeanette Wire	Aunt of Rebekah and Sarah Swanson
Annegret Fischbeck	Sister-in-law of Gretel Fischbeck
Guetner Peick	Brother of Ingrid Robbins
Cindy Rose	Sister- in- law of Gwen Gransberg
Ryan Truelock	Friend of Kara Harrison
Karen Bayne	Friend of Caroline Summersett
Caylee Rauch	Friend of Carrie Atherton
Mrs. Robbins	Mother of Jim Robbins
Mary Court	Friend of Randa Shehab
Donita Petersen and Family	Friend of Sandy Jayne
Kathy Hill	Friend & Co-worker of Dan Carr
Tonia Overstreet	Grandmother of Nick and Morgan Bryant
Donald Crissup	Grandfather of Leslie Crissup
Travis Fast	Grandson of Wilhelmine Folks
Bob Bowden	Brother of Doug Bowden
Glen Gransberg	Cousin of Doug Gransberg
Wade Taylor and Family	Friends of Bill and Ursula Purcell
Dr. Patrice White	Cousin of Cathy Bowden
Jeanne Porta	Friend of Mary Jane Gastgeb
Scott Crawford	Friend of Carrie Atherton
Dan Henseler	Brother-in-law of Pastor Mike
Heather Jones	Friend of Vivian and Russ Jacobson
Jim Garner	Brother of Mary Sue Schnell
Pam Boeck	Wife of Dave Boeck
Kristen Pena	Friend of Dennis Metz
Sandy Black	Mother of Jerry Black
Kevin & Michelle Leach	Teacher of Dillon Downey
Jamay Smith	Friend of Donna Shaw
Gary Pullin	Brother-in-law of Cindy Pullin
Joy Maino	Step Mother of Cheryl Cook
Doug Weeks	Friend of Bob and Bev Metz
Brenda Robertson	Friend of Pam Wallace
Artis Jorgenson	Mother of Ken Jorgenson
Tim DeLarm	Brother of Angela Carr
James W. Trent	Uncle of Stacy and Donald Trent
Wayne Stanford	Grandfather of Evan Way

Those who serve in harm's way, including those in the military: Barry Roche, Anthony Martin, Dan DeLarm, Randy Huffman, Kevin Smith, Nathan LaFevers, Matt Heath, Tommy Robinson, Barry Alexander Matt Sommersett and civilians doing relief work.

Missionaries of the church, especially:

David and Alicia Brondos in Mexico, Herb Hafermann and Josh and Sue Magyar in Tanzania.

For all those who grieve the death of a loved one including the family and friends of Gary Carlson, Uncle of Terrie Girlinghouse, and the Wojahn Family, dear friend of Cathy Bowden. May the hope of Christ's resurrection bring you comfort in your loss.

The residents of the apartment we sponsor at East Main Place. Jessica and her 4 year old daughter, Emma Grace.

Pray for peace and an end to the war in Afghanistan and the conflicts in Iraq, Libya and other places in our world.

Pray for Residents of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and all other states that lost their homes and lives due to recent tornados and floods.

NOTE:

We are happy to keep people on the prayer list as long as they are in need of prayers! However, if you know that someone has recovered from their illness or no longer needs to be on the list please call or email the office and let us know. Thank you.

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From the Organist's Bench

Cindy Pullin

Good Shepherd Sunday (May 15)

When I was a little girl going to church each Sunday, I would pass a painting of Jesus holding a lamb on my way to Sunday School. This painting (Bernhard Plockhorst's *The Good Shepherd*) was very serene and reassuring to the little girl passing down the hall. Jesus is depicted barefoot, wearing a red robe with a blue cloak thrown over his shoulders, and carrying a lamb in one of his arms. He is walking down a rock-free path, holding a shepherd's staff in his other hand, with sheep all around him--one is even looking up at him almost adoringly. Everything is clean, pristine and peaceful. The sheep are all white with their wool lying in graceful curves over their bodies.

The actual job of a shepherd, however, was quite different. One walked and slept out in the open with his sheep. There was no path--you followed the pasture up and down hills, over rocks. There were wild animals, especially wolves, to protect your sheep from. You were dirty, often tired and hungry as you stood guard over your flock. One carried a lamb over your shoulders with its legs hanging down on either side of your chest. The sheep were just as dirty as you were--and not necessarily all white either. The shepherd was both fierce and gentle, nurturer and protector, at times perhaps a vision on the painting mentioned above

The music scheduled for this particular Sunday's 11:00 service reflects the pastorate nature of the readings of the day. The prelude is J.S. Bach's *Sheep May Safely Graze* from Cantata #208. Even though part of a secular cantata composed for the 31st birthday of Duke Christian of Saxe-Weissenfels, listeners today immediately recognize the piece and associate it with the Good Shepherd and/or the 23rd Psalm. Our entrance hymn however, reminds us we are still celebrating Easter and the Resurrection. *Good Christians All, rejoice and Sing!* The music goes back and forth through the service reminding us of the resurrection and of the Good Shepherd. Jesus Christ knows all of us for he knows his flock, every single one of his sheep. The choir echoes this in the anthem. The 23rd Psalm, chanted by the congregation then later sung by the women in the choir shows us the actual shepherd. The protector with his staff and rod--weapons to protect us. The closing hymn, *Have no fear Little Flock*, once again emphasizes the pastorate tone of the service with both words and rhythm. The postlude jubilantly echoes the Easter hymn sung during communion, *I Know that my Redeemer Lives*. Without the resurrection we wouldn't have the Good Shepherd.

Pastor. Noun. A minister in charge of a Christian church or congregation. ORIGIN late middle English: from Anglo-Norman French *pastour*, from Latin *pastor* 'shepherd'. (Source: *The New Oxford English Dictionary*.) Thank you Pastor Mike for being our shepherd.

Cindy



Worship Highlights

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 15

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Theme: Jesus calls us by name to be part of his flock.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 22

Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Theme: When we believe in Jesus we do the work that he does.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Healing Service

May 29

Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Theme: Jesus does not ever abandon us.

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension

June 5

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Theme: We are sent to bear witness to the resurrection.

Day of Pentecost

June 12

Pastor Mike's Last Sunday.

Acts 2:1-21
1 Corinthians 12:4-13
John 7:37-39

Theme: The Spirit animates and energizes the Church.

Bible Readings

May	15-23	24-28	29-June 4	5-11
Sunday	Ezekiel 34:17-23 1 Peter 5:1-5	Exodus 13:17-22 Acts 7:17-40	Genesis 9:8-17 Acts 27:39-44	Leviticus 9:1-24 1 Peter 4:1-6
Monday	Ezekiel 34:23-31 Hebrews 13:20-21	Proverbs 3:5-12 Acts 7:44-56	Deut. 5:22-33 1 Peter 3:8-12	Numbers 16:41-50 1 Peter 4:7-11
Tuesday	Jeremiah 23:1-8 Matthew 20:17-28	Proverbs 3:13-18 John 8:31-38	Deut. 31:1-13 John 16:16-24	1 Kings 8:54-65 John 3:31-36
Wednesday	Genesis 12:1-3 Acts 6:8-15	Genesis 6:5-22 Acts 27:1-12	1 Peter 5:6-11 John 17:1-11	Exodus 19:1-9a Acts 2:1-11
Thursday	Exodus 3:1-12 Acts 17:1-16	Genesis 7:1-24 Acts 27:13-38	2 Kings 2:1-12 Ephesians 2:1-7	Exodus 19:16-25 Romans 8:14-17
Friday	Jeremiah 26:20-24 John 8:48-59	Genesis 8:13-19 John 14:27-29	2 Kings 2:13-15 John 8:21-30	Exodus 20:1-21 Matthew 5:1-12
Saturday	Sunday Texts May 22	Sunday May 29	Sunday Texts June 5	Sunday Texts June 12