



SHALOM

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Centerpoint: *Farewell*

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. —1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Saying, “Good-bye,” especially to people you love and care for is not easy. That certainly is the case as I conclude my ministry among you here at University Lutheran Church and Student Center and answer God’s call to be Bishop of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod.

I leave University Lutheran with both heaviness and gratitude in my heart. Heaviness for all those I will miss. Gratitude for all the many people who make this congregation the blessing that it is. I have been grateful to all those who have extended their congratulations, prayers and best wishes. I have been grateful for those who have expressed their sadness that I am leaving. I have been grateful for those who could not find the words to say anything at all. Saying “Good-bye” is not easy.

As I follow this new calling, there are several thoughts I want to leave with you, my brothers and sisters.

First, I hope you know how special this congregation really is. I have said it many, many times,

but I am always awestruck at the generosity, compassion and care that characterize this community of faith. (You showed it again with your farewell gifts to me... wow!). Christ is truly at the center of this ministry. The Spirit does blow mightily through this community. We’re not perfect, nor is this heaven, but I’d put this congregation up against any congregation in the ELCA (or any other church body) for faithfulness, service and commitment to the Gospel!

Second, I want to encourage you to keep reaching out in service and in witness. In a few months time, the new Education Center will be finished. Make sure to use it for outreach! Continue to find ways to serve the Norman community. Keep reaching out to the wider world in mission and ministry. Keep inviting others into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. During the interim, don’t turn inward. Keep looking outward. That’s where God is at work and calls us to go!

Third, I ask that you would pray for the call process and for the new pastor God is already

preparing for his or her move to Norman. Pray for your interim pastor, the call committee and lay leaders. As Paul reminds the Thessalonians, God is faithful and God will lead you through this time of transition.

Finally, I would ask that you would pray for me. This new call will be challenging and I will need all the prayers I can get!

Though I will no longer be your pastor, I will continue to hold you all in my prayers. Of course, I will also be your bishop so will continue to relate to the congregation in this different, yet important role. I look forward to seeing many of you at Synod programs and events.

So... perhaps this is not really “Good-bye”, but “see you later” both here, and in that Kingdom which has no end.

Peace,

Pastor Milce

From the DCE

Because everybody dies but not everybody lives

What is it to live? Does it mean you have a heartbeat? Do you have to have active brain-waves? Is there something more to it than that?

Does living mean thrill seeking? Certainly there are some people that feel most alive during bungee jumping, skydiving or the like. Those activities that have an edge of danger to them seem to heighten our sense of being alive. The ground is rushing up, the adrenalin is pumping, wait till the last possible second to pull the cord and release you parachute. Will it work or has it gotten tangled? Did the bungee cord break, why haven't I been yanked back up yet? I get it. But participating fully in life isn't just about the mountain tops. The largest part of any life is the background that leads up to an event and the subsequent trip down the mountain. Full participation would include the training schedule, the route planning, checking equipment, travel, the climb up and back down, the feelings afterward, and even the cleanup and

packing. The entire experience is part of the fullness of life. The fun parts the dull parts, the sad and the tragic parts, the parts that bring tears of joy to your eyes and the heartbreak that is simply too much to speak of.

I think those people that don't fully experience a part of their life however painful, are missing out. God promises to be with us through all our lives, especially through the rough spots. When we are hurting is when Christ is most evidently active in our lives just as Christ was at his most powerful when he was dying on the cross. Fully participate in life, seek new experiences, embrace whatever happens to you and always know that Christ is there, by your side.

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SHALOM

August

Shalom Deadline:

July 15

Send submissions to

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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

July 6-11	Adventure Camp!
July 13-18	Urban Servant Camp!
July 19	Education Committee
July 24-29	Day Camp at University Lutheran

UPCOMING EVENT !! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

AUGUST 20th will be our next **GARAGE SALE!** We do this every other year and this is the year! Clean out your garages, basements and attics. Next month more information as to where to drop off articles, and when you can start. Please contact Chris Lee, or Jolene Kudrna for more information.



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Set-backs continue to slow the construction of the new Education and Office Addition. The problems are related to the relocation of the sewer line, and unanticipated challenges to that project. When excavation for the new sewer line began, we encountered a gas line that needed to be moved. We continue to work with ONG to get that done. Other obstacles are being resolved. While this has been frustrating to all involved, the truth is, obstacles are not uncommon in building projects. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the sewer line will be finished and the contractor will be busy preparing the pad for the new building! Please keep this project in your prayers!

Thank-you so much for your ongoing support of the *Building to Serve* capital campaign. Gifts and pledges continue to come in and we are grateful for those contributions. As summer progresses please do your best to keep current on your *Building to Serve* pledges. We will be using *Building to Serve* funds first, and then begin drawing on our loan from the Mission Investment Fund. If you are new to University Lutheran, and would like to make a gift or pledge to our building fund, please talk with Debbie Downey. *Building to Serve* envelopes are also available in the church entryway.

Statistics - May 2011 Worship Attendance

Sun	05/01/11	05/08/11	05/15/11	05/22/11	05/29/11	Average
8:30	56	109	111	64	69	81.8
11:00	61	104	74	74	78	78.2
2011	117	213	185	138	147	160
2010	128	204	145	165	287	153
2009	163	178	174	153	170	167
2008	163	179	152	136		157
2007	179	165	173	122		160
2006	186	165	168	151		168

Food and Shelter for Friends

The members of ULCSC are awesome! 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.

For those of you who don't know, Donna Reynolds has moved to Oklahoma City. You may call the office for her address and phone number. Donna has given permission to pass them along to you.



Bible Study

Tuesday, June 14th
12 noon

**RENEW, RESPOND,
REJOICE!**

***“Getting Unstuck: Re-
newing Hardness of
Heart”***

We are beginning the summer study entitled RENEW, RESPOND, REJOICE. This month we'll discuss RENEWAL, what it means to bring your best self to the life you've been given. All women are invited to join us for fellowship and lively discussion. Bring your lunch if you like. The study is in the June "Lutheran Woman Today". We'll have copies available if you're not yet a subscriber.

This looks like a good series, and all women are invited to come for fellowship and discussion. Copies of the Bible study will be provided 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. Come feed your body and your spirit!

June Birthdays

Anniversaries

02	Krista Cannicott	16	Stephani Metseff	03	Paul & Kelly Garnaas
02	Jordan White	17	Ron Jayne	05	Nick and Sara Maddock-Rickmond, IN
05	Kris Ocker-Witchita, KS	19	Audrey Stumpf	07	Roy and Peggy Strom
05	Lexi Wallace– Stinson	20	Karen Hilger, Beardstown, IL	10	Roger and Deb Bain
06	Anthony Stoops	23	Kimberly Hill	11	Ken and Barbara Starling
09	Lisa Cogswell	25	Heather Bell	11	Bob and Linda Crawford
10	Dustin Downey	25	Chris Lee-Ottawa, IL	13	Kim and Ed Hill
10	Gretel Fishbeck	25	Elizabeth Livesay	14	Jim and Sidney Lowery
12	Bruce Snyder, Jr.,- Harrisburg, PA	26	Ken Jorgenson	18	Joe and Janie Thompson
12	Kara Stoltenberg	27	Jerry Black	19	Gary and Mary Sue Schnell
13	Sara Wallace	27	Dorothy Brinker	19	Cal and Peggy Stoltenberg
14	Donald Metz	30	Jane Douglass	21	Jack and Breme Springer
15	Roger Bain—OKC	30	Lauren Swenson	29	Ken and Cheryl Jorgenson

July Birthdays

Anniversaries

02	Roy Strom	16	Joanne Klumpp	03	Duane and Jane Winegardner
05	Terrie Girlinghouse, Jamestown ND	16	Gwen Gransberg	08	Steve and Nina Livesey
06	Eric Abraham	18	Cynthia Alvis	15	Jim and Jolene Kudrna
06	Connie Hawkins, Muskogee, OK	18	Paul Garnaas	24	Rodney and Janet Hansen
06	Lester Wallace	19	Stacie Lowery	26	Paul and Eilene Kleine
08	McKenzie Kudrna	19	Klayton Madole, OKC	27	Ron and Sandy Jayne
08	Randa Shehab-Gunnels	20	Larry Klumpp	28	Gary and Wanda Gress
09	Karin Gilje	21	Marissa Metz	30	Genia and Dean Van Leursburg
09	Russell Rhea	25	Melva Delbridge		
10	Jim Lowery	28	Matthew Gastgeb		
11	Marjorie Kiecolt	28	Jim Kudrna		
12	Shelia Weyenberg	28	Mary Lee		
14	Susan Proto, Maspeth, NY	30	Gary Schnell		
		31	Janet Hansen		

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	
Ken Gastgeb	Ike Isaacs	

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
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
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
Tim DeLarm	Brother of Angela Carr
James W. Trent	Uncle of Stacy and Donald Trent
Wayne Stanford	Grandfather of Evan Way
Josh and Beth Lee	Brother and Sister in law of Chris Lee
Anna L. White	Mother of Richard White
Andrew & Tiffany Watson & Family	Ursula & Bill Purcell's Children
Katie Dodson	Friend of Sarah Johnson
June Klirsch	Friend of Ann & Paul Gilje

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, Matt Summersett and civilians doing relief work.

Missionaries of the church, especially:

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

For all those who grieve the death of a loved one

including the family and friends of Artis Jorgenson, mother of Ken Jorgenson, and Stacy Emerson, niece of Genia and Dean Van Leursburg. 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 Missouri, 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.

Bible Readings

The daily bible readings which Pastor Mike has been assembling each month come from the Daily Lectionary which is found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal (ELW). If you would like to continue this reading discipline, you can find the Daily Lectionary in the hymnal on pages 1121-1153.

June	12-18	19-25	26-July2	3-9
Sunday	Joel 2:18-29 Romans 8:18-24	Job 38:39-39:12 1 Corinthians 12:1-3	Deut. 32:1-14 Hebrews 10:32-39	Joshua 8:30-35 Romans 2:1-11
Monday	Ezekiel 39:7-29 Romans 8:26-27	Job 39:13-25 1 Cor. 12:4-13	1 Kings 17:1-16 1 Corinthians 4:6-21	Joshua 24:1-28 Romans 3:9-22a
Tuesday	Numbers 11:24-30 John 7:37-39	Job 39:26-40:5 John 14:25-26	Isaiah 66:7-13 Luke 12:22-31	Job 28:12-28 Matthew 7:13-20
Wednesday	Job 38:1-11 2 Timothy 1:8-12a	Proverbs 12:22-28 Philippians 2:19-24	Exodus 24:1-8 Romans 2:17-29	Lamentations 1:7-11 2 Peter 2:17-22
Thursday	Job 38:12-21 2 Timothy 1:12b-14	Isaiah 26:1-6 Philippians 2:25-30	Deut. 30:1-5 Romans 9:6-13	Lam. 3:40-58 Acts 28:1-10
Friday	Job 38:22-38 John 14:15-17	Isaiah 31:1-9 Luke 11:14-23	Amos 2:6-11 Matthew 7:1-6	Exodus 34:1-9 Matthew 9:27-34
Saturday	Sunday Texts June 19	Sunday June 26	Sunday Texts July 3	Sunday Texts July 10

July	10-16	17-23	24-30	31-August 6
Sunday	Leviticus 15:25-31 2 Cor. 6:14-7:2	Joshua 1:1-11 1 Thes. 3:1-5	Micah 7:1-7 Revelation 2:1-7	1 Kings 21:1-16 1 Thes. 4:9-12
Monday	Hos. 8:11-14, 10:1-2 Hebrews 13:1-16	1 Sam. 3:1-9 2 Thes. 2:13-3:5	Jeremiah 26:1-12 Revelation 2:8-11	1 Kings 21:1-16 1 John 4:1-6
Tuesday	Hosea 14:1-9 Matthew 12:1-8	Proverbs 4:10-27 Luke 6:12-19	Jeremiah 38:1-13 Matthew 10:5-23	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday	Exodus 4:18-23 Hebrews 3:1-6	Jeremiah 18:12-17 Hebrews 2:5-9	Jeremiah 25:1-7 Galatians 5:2-6	Zech. 1:1-6 Romans 7:1-6
Thursday	Exodus 4:27-31 Acts 7:35-43	Jeremiah 18:18-23 Acts 5:17-26	Jeremiah 25:8-14 Galatians 5:7-12	Zech. 2:6-13 Romans 7:7-20
Friday	Exodus 6:28-7:13 Mark 7:1-13	Jeremiah 20:1-6 Luke 11:53-12:3	Jeremiah 28:1-4 Luke 17:1-4	Zech. 4:1-7 Luke 10:21-24
Saturday	Sunday Texts July 17	Sunday July 24	Sunday Texts July 31	Sunday Texts August 7

SOUL

Students Of University Lutheran
Alissa Reed, Campus Minister



From the Organist's Bench

Cindy Pullin

Cindy



Worship Highlights

The Holy Trinity

June 19

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

Theme: The Holy Trinity defines the relationship of God with the world, the church and each disciple of Jesus Christ.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 26

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Theme: What enslaves us? What sets us free? As disciples we are slaves to God and free to welcome one another in Jesus' name.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

July 3

We welcome our Interim Pastor.

Zechariah 9:9-12
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Theme: We are in bondage to sin... but Christ shows us the way out and helps carry our burdens.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10

Isaiah 55:10-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Theme: What are the things in our life that keep the Word from growing in us? What is the good soil that encourages spiritual growth?

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17

Isaiah 44:6-8
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Theme: The world is a mixture of good and bad, and often it's hard to tell the difference. Someday, God will sort it all out.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 24

1 Kings 3:5-12
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Theme: Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 31

Healing Service

Isaiah 55:1-5
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Theme: As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7

1 Kings 19:9-18
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Theme: Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears.

Evangelism News

IMPORTANT - UPCOMING PLANS FOR FALL!

We had such great congregational support for last RRFM. A big thanks, again, to ULC members! The Evangelism Committee met and discussed repeating the RRFM in great length. It was decided that our main objective was not being accomplished. We have decided, for now, NOT to hold this event in the fall. Instead, we would like to expend our energy into our booth at the Cleveland County Fair. The booth has been rented, and we have begun to finalize our plans. A number of you have already volunteered to help with manning the booth, donating candy; setting up, etc. We are extremely grateful. The booth must be manned at all times. So there is still room for more volunteers. 3-4 people for each 2 hour shift is needed. More information on this to come. The dates are:

Thursday, September 8th from 5:00 to 10:00 PM
Friday, September 9th from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Saturday, September 10th from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Set up time : Wednesday, September 7th between 3:00 – 9:00 PM and Thursday, September 8th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Many volunteers are needed. Plan now! Avoid the rush!

Another idea to be implemented is to hold a prize drawing. This is not only an attention getter, but also a way to get names, phone numbers, addresses, and e-mails. We will then follow up with a postcard that simply states something like “thank you for stopping by our booth, etc. We are asking members to donate money so that we may purchase a prize. We are thinking a Wii. It is conceivable to have more than one prize. If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Bredeson. Her e-mail is cbredeson@cox.net. The donation can be placed into the offering plate but please write “Donation for Fair Prize” on the memo line.

Pastor Mike’s New Address

Pastor Mike, Terrie and Rebecca do not have a new address in Tulsa yet (we’ll let you know). However, after July 1, you can reach Pastor Mike at his new office:

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Cell: 405-313-7268

Email:
bishopmichael@arokoffice.org
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mgirlinghouse@gmail.com

Thank You!!!

Pastor Mike, Terrie and Rebecca would like to thank everyone for the FANTASTIC BBQ farewell on Saturday, June 4. The food was magnificent (as always) . The fellowship even better. The photo album will always be cherished. I will be proud to wear the stole on the day I am installed as Bishop on September 10 and for many years to come. We will put the monetary gift to good use as we get settled in our new home in Tulsa. Again, many, many thanks!

OUR NEW INTERIM PASTOR

The University Lutheran Church and Student Center Council came to an agreement with Pastor Fred Nelson last night June 14 to be our Interim Pastor starting July 1. The Council is very pleased to have Pastor Fred serving us at ULCSC and also to have his wife Barbara in our midst. We received very excellent reports about Pastor Fred and Barbara at his previous Interim Pastor position at Christ Lutheran in Hot Springs Village Arkansas. Several of their congregational members said they would like to have them full time. We know the ULCSC family will be welcoming Pastor Fred and Barbara with open arms as he leads us forth in our journey of faith.

Furthermore we know that this is very much a team type of ministry with Barbara indicating her desire to sing in the choir and volunteer for committees. Pastor Fred has already met with the staff and they were very pleased. The Church Council was very impressed with the two of them and certainly want both of them to feel at home in Norman and ULCSC. He will lead the congregation in worship starting July 3.

Jon Bredeson, President

SOFTBALL TEAM A MOSAIC OF SUCCESS

Let's face it... the age demographic at ULCSC is greater than the age of the average church league softball team! We struggled with the lack of players early in the May-June season, but have recruited some fine college age players which both lowers our average player age and increases the team's mobility and scoring! The team is a mosaic of ages and experience. As Coach Steve Gunnels said after a recent two game sweep of opponents, "We're now a competitive team of people who want to win and have blast getting it done."

We thank ULCSCers who have come out to support us. The chant of "UNI-LU" in the stands is encouraging to the players and good conversation is the keynote of our "choir practices" between games! The rest of the season's games at Reaves Park are below. Here's the website for last minute changes: <http://www.nasf2010.com/scgi-bin/>
Follow the "Thursday night, Men's Church Blue" schedule.

6/23 - 7pm on east central field ULCSC vs Grace Life
9pm on east central field ULCSC vs First Baptist of Noble (1st place team)

6/30 - 7pm on north east field ULCSC vs Wildwood Church
9pm on south east field ULCSC vs 1st Christian Church

7/7 - 7pm on south east field ULCSC vs Grace Life
10pm on east central field ULCSC vs Wildwood Church

"I thank God that we can all come together and join in fellowship, camaraderie, sportsmanship, and that pursuit of victory," Coach Gunnels stated in a recent email to players. We'll include the names of all players in the August Shalom with a hugs THANKS for their participation.