



SHALOM

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Centerpoint:

According to the seasons of the church year, February 2012 is a transitional month. In Sunday worship we will leave the "Christmas cycle" when Epiphany comes to an end on Transfiguration Sunday, February 19, and we will enter the "Easter cycle" with the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

We also happen to be in a transitional moment in terms of the calling of a new pastor. The Call Committee has completed the Congregational Profile and other necessary paper work and has returned it all to the AR/OK Synod office. The committee did an excellent job analyzing and describing the pastoral needs of ULCSC. The next step will be to receive the names of prospective candidates from the office of the bishop before proceeding with phone conversations, interviews and visits.

So we are momentarily a congregation in waiting - waiting for the names of a few candidates, but more importantly, waiting on the Holy Spirit to match us up with the right pastor to lead us in the years ahead.

What can the rest of us do while this process works itself out?

Pray, for one thing! Please keep the Call Committee and our bishop as well as any likely candidates in your prayers. I believe there is a *someone* "out there" who would love to serve a congregation in a setting like this one, but we will need God's help to make the match. So pray and pray often!

Another thing we all can do is to remember that *patience* is not only a virtue but it is also a gift of the Holy Spirit - (...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, *patience*, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.) Gal 5: 22 - 23 We can exercise patience among us - patience with God, patience with the call process, patience with the bishop, and patience with one another.

In the meantime I remain -

Faithfully yours,
Pastor Fred Nelson, Interim Pastor

From the DCE

It's not often I get my article done on time. Almost never by the deadline and usually not until the last minute. It's all about the distractions, I say! If you have any doubt, just ask my wife. I'd like to say I can focus on one task and see it through to completion every time, but I can't. I'd like to say that I have the drive to take on something new and put all my heart into it without faltering, but I don't. I have probably a dozen hobbies that I don't spend enough time with to get to mastery. I've even been known to get half way through the dishes and wander off to meet some other need. On the flip side, I can do a lot of things well enough to make them work. I can do small mechanics, a little woodworking, grow a pepper plant here and there and make a darn good pot of soup. For all my distractions there are a few things that consistent attention. My family, especially with kids, requires more focused attention than I ever thought my brain could muster. There are the general around the house things that need constant attention like mowing the grass and keeping up with laun-

dry. And, of course, there is my work and my faith. Oddly enough, they don't always go hand in hand. Even my work in a church can be a distraction from my faith. So much of what I do is planning it is hard to see God in the successful events, let alone the failures. So much of what I do is teaching others about God and about growing in faith that it is exhausting to put it into practice in my own home. God is present in all things, even the distractions. Whenever I find joy in my hobbies, God is there. Wherever I show love to my family, God is there. Whenever I'm doing dishes, or cleaning windows or planning events, God is there. How immensely comforting to know that even when I "forget" to pay attention to God, I am not forgotten. My hope that is I can make more time to practice what I preach; to put time and effort towards developing my faith and knowledge. And even when I'm folding onesies to seek out our God who is ever present in our lives.

Chris Lee

Youth & Education Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS!!

February	4	Mens Prayer Breakfast, 8am
	7	Education Committee, 730pm
	12	Cookie Decorating/Parents Meeting, 5pm
	22	Ash Wednesday Service, 7pm
March	3	Mens Prayer Breakfast, 8am
	6	Education Committee, 730pm
	TBD	Easter Presence
April	4	Congregational Seder Meal
	7	Annual Easter Egg Hunt

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March Shalom Deadline:

February 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.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

First Saturday, 8-9:30 AM

February 4th

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!



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Our building project is moving along! The crews have installed new electrical boxes outside by the play area. They are digging up the ground and concrete sidewalk at our back entrances to pull the electric cables through. Inside the building, they are connecting the electricity, installing the drop ceilings and installing overhead lights. The walls have been painted and the rooms are taking shape. Stop by and see the progress!

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 winter 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.

February Birthdays

07	Jack Alley	21	Tom Hilger, Sterling, IL		ANNIVERSARIES
08	Katie Bienhoff	22	Julie Klumpp	10	Michael and Carolyn Lewis
08	Ruth Ann Kalbfleisch	25	Bob Lee	20	Bill and Sharon Johnston
14	Angela Carr	25	Lance Lobban	29	Dan and Angela Carr
14	Richard Vollmer	27	Dave Boeck		
15	Bev Chess	27	John Ocker		
19	Lucinda James	28	Jim Robbins, Ft. Gibson, OK		
20	Brett Carr	29	Carrie Atherton		



“To Follow and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark”

WELCA BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, February 14th, 12:00-1:00 P.M.

WELCA stands for Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. University Lutheran Church and Student Center is a part of this! All women are invited and encouraged to attend our Bible Studies. Since this is during the lunch hour feel free to bring your lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided!

TOUGH QUESTIONS is the topic and the scripture is from Mark 10:1-52. “Take heart, get up, he is calling.” If you could ask any question of God, what would it be? Tough questions touch both our heads and our hearts. Mark’s Gospel is structured around a series of formidable questions. Several are posed for Jesus, but in these verses Jesus also asks difficult things of his followers. That is us!

Hope to see you Feb. 14th, Happy Valentine’s Day. Bring your Bible, too.

WOMEN OF THE WORD

In February, WOW will read “The Reverant”, by Sonia Gensler. Historically, she give an accurate story of the lives of the Cherokee in the late 1800’s. The fictional part of the book is a mixed bag; stolen identity and ghosts. You’ll just have to read it!

We meet on Fridays at noon in the fellowship hall. Bring your lunch in you like. We encourage your participation, even if your can only come once or twice a month. We welcome as many different interpretations of the book and the ideas they express, as possible. That’s how we learn and grow.

Call Mary Sue Schnell or Arlis Scott for more information.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers

Genia van Leirsburg	Kirstin Schwandt	
Tamara Swenson	Carolyn Fuerbringer	Linda Crawford
Wilma Fett	Jack Alley	Paul Kleine
Dorothy Brinker	Pat Snyder	Doug Gransberg
Julie Stumpf	Ken Gastgeb	Ingrid Robbins
Jack Springer	Linda Isaacs	Carrie Atherton
Arline Ryden	Eva McGinnis	Crosby Maddock

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
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
Caylee Rauch	Friend of Carrie Atherton
Mrs. Robbins	Mother of Jim Robbins
Kathy Hill	Friend & Co-worker of Dan Carr
Travis Fast	Grandson of Wilhelmine Folks
Bob Bowden	Brother of Doug Bowden
Dr. Patrice White	Cousin of Cathy Bowden
Scott Crawford	Friend of Carrie Atherton
Heather Jones	Friend of Vivian and Russ Jacobson
Pam Boeck	Wife of Dave Boeck
Kristen Pena	Friend of Dennis Metz
Sandy Black	Mother of Jerry Black
Joy Maino	Step Mother of Cheryl Cook
Tim DeLarm	Brother of Angela Carr
Wayne Stanford	Grandfather of Evan Way
Anna L. White	Mother of Richard White
Katie Dodson	Friend of Sarah Johnson
Savannah Webster	Friend of Marissa Metz
Kevin Smith	Friend of Angela & Dan Carr
Anthony Martin	Son of Angela Carr
Matt Graumann	Cousin of Sandra Bryant
Joy Hass	Friends of Stockstill Family
Betty Lou Wright	Friend of Donna Shaw
Alice Scott	Friend of Kara Harrison
Allison Fitch	Friend of Kara Harrison
Paschal White	Brother-in-law of Pam Wallace
Herbert Chockley	Father of Janice Bienhoff
Jerry Alley	Grandfather of Zach and Jack Alley
Jeffery Hammonds	Friend of Jerry Black
Betty Quinlan	Sister of Dorothy Brinker
Bill Myhre	Father of Carrie Atherton
Norma Riffle	Mother of David Riffle
John Oestmann	Brother of Jessica Yandell
Lisa Lindsey	Sister of Sandra Longcrier
Joe and Jo Vivaldi	Parents of Sandra Longcrier
Dr. Randal Brown	Friend of Jerry Black and Lisa Alley

Those who serve in harm's way, including those in the military:

Barry Roche, and Brad Lawson, 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, especially the family and friends of Dave Alvis, and Mrs. Robbins, Jim Robbins mother, and Judy Bergsma Cousin of Mary Sue Schnell. May the hope of Christ's resurrection bring you comfort in your loss.

The residents of the apartment at East Main Place.

For all of the residents of East Main Place Transitional Housing for the Homeless Families and Individuals. We pray for their successful movement from homelessness to permanent housing.

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

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 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.

January	01-04	05-11	12-18	19-25	26-29
Sunday		1 Corinthians 9:16-32 Mark 1:29-39	2 Kings 5:1-14 1 Corinthians 9:24-27	2 Kings 2:1-12 Mark 9:2-9 Transfiguration of Our Lord	Genesis 9:8-17 Mark 1:9-15
Monday		2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37 Acts 14:1-7	2 Chronicles 26:1-21 Acts 3:1-10	Isaiah 30:18-26 Acts 14:8-18	Hosea 3:1-5 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11
Tuesday		2 Kings 8:1-6 Acts 15:36-41	2 Kings 7:3-10 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1	Micah 4:1-7 2 Corinthians 1:1-11	Hosea 14:1-9 2 Corinthians 11:1-15
Wednesday	Jeremiah 29:1-14 Mark 5:1-20	Job 6:1-13 Mark 3:7-12	Job 30:16-31 John 4:46-54	Lamentations 5:1-22 John 5:19-29	Isaiah 62:1-5 John 3:22-36
Thursday	Proverbs 12:10-21 Galatians 5:2-15	Leviticus 13:1-17 Hebrews 12:7-13	2 Chronicles 7:12-22 3 John 2-8	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 ASH WEDNESDAY	
Friday	Job 36:1-23 1 Corinthians 9:1-16	Leviticus 14:1-20 Acts 19:11-20	Isaiah 38:1-8 Hebrews 12:7-13	Ezekiel 16:44-52 2 Peter 1:1-11	
Saturday	Isaiah 46:1-13 Matthew 12:9-14	Leviticus 14:21-32 Matthew 26:6-13	Isaiah 39:1-8 Luke 4:38-41	Ezekiel 16:53-63 John 7:53-8:11	

Feb 5:

Theme: In Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up those who are sick to a life of health and service.

Feb 12:

Theme: Jesus cures a leper, but Jesus' identity as the Messiah won't be fully understood until the cross.

Feb 19

Theme: Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in Jesus.

Feb 22, Ash Wednesday

Theme: In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be for show.

Feb 26

Theme: The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

SOUL

Students Of University Lutheran

Alissa Reed, Campus Minister

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ULCSC is blessed to have our SOUL group, the future of our church and country. Encourage our students when you see them in church or on Wednesday evenings. This semester they are studying the book of Revelation, a book about questions God might ask of us! They are also doing community service projects. Thank You SOUL for being a part of ULCSC!

Each month our SOUL group wants to introduce one of our students to ULCSC parishioners. This month will be:

BRIAN HENNING

Brian was born and raised in Northeastern, Pennsylvania and is an only child, the pride and joy of his parents, grandmother, and also of SOUL and ULCSC. When he was little he wanted to be a meteorologist (“weather man.”)

Brian came to OU because of its great program in meteorology and its friendly and welcoming atmosphere. He is involved in the OK Weather Lab (OWL) and the OU Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (OUSCAMS). Brian is also a part of the Wx Challenge, the Dean’s Advisory Board, and SOUL

Teaching Sunday School for 3 years at his home church in PA was a blessing to Brian and the students. His favorite scripture is from Daniel 3. Do you remember the story about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? A lesson to be learned by all of society.

Favorite hymns of Brian’s are many: A Mighty Fortress is Our God, Wings Like Eagles, The Summons, Here I Am Lord, and, or course, all Christmas, Easter and Holy Week hymns. Now I know we need Brian in our choir!

Brian’s hobbies are Church and Boy Scouts! Wow, what a model for young folks today. His favorite places to visit are Lubec, Maine and Cheyenne, Wyoming. He says a wish he has is to be able to teleport because then he could go home whenever he wanted to. He says a word to sum him up is “Nerd;”

A miracle in Brian’s life is having a family that is so loving and supporting of him while he is here in Norman, OK at OU and ULCSC. Thanks be to God for Brian and his family for letting him be apart of us during his college years.

DOROTHY BRINKER
ULCSC 2012 February Member of the Month
YOUNG AT HEART AND OPTIMISTIC

Dorothy was born in Beggs, OK, on June 27, 1921. At three months of age her family moved to Arizona where she eventually went to grade school thru her Sophomore year of HS. When she was a Jr. in High School they moved back to Oklahoma where she graduated in 1939 from Central HS in Oklahoma City.

Dorothy and her sister did go to college because her mother wanted them to have a better life than she did. Dorothy went to OU and majored in Sociology. She made good grades in HS and was accepted for "NYA," National Youth Administration, a program to help students work their way through college, provided by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. She earned \$15.00 a month doing office work at OU's YWCA. Her room and board was \$25.00 a month. She graduated in 1943 and then worked at Douglas Aircraft Factory, and as a Red Cross Social Worker (her favorite job!). They were trained in Washington, DC where they took classes she wishes everyone could have taken. She also taught HS English for 2 years and became the Supervisor of Teacher Placement at the OU Employment Service.

Before Dorothy was married, she wanted to have a husband with a strong church home. This came to pass when she married Paul A. Brinker at Trinity Lutheran in 1949. He had 4 grandparents who were all Lutherans from Germany. Dorothy and Paul had two daughters, Barbara Brandon, who lives in Albuquerque, NM, and Marilyn Brinker from Norman, OK. These girls are their miracles as Doctors had said they would not be able to have children.

When ULC was first started in 1964, Paul was the President of the new church. Back then it was called University Lutheran Chapel. Paul and Dorothy also wrote over 40 of the members biographies. Dorothy taught Sunday School, VBS and Wednesday Class, too, which took place the same time as the Children's Choir practice. Since Marilyn was too young for the class, Dorothy hoped her daughter could be in the choir but she knew Marilyn couldn't read yet so she figured that was out too, until Sammie O. the choir director said, "But she sure can sing!" Marilyn has been in the choir ever since!

Dorothy's favorite scriptures are so many she just can't choose one but her favorite hymn as a child was, like many of us, "Jesus Loves Me." Now that she is older, her favorite one is, "the song that is the next one we're going to sing! She loves getting to live this long! 90 ½ and she hates not having finished her autobiography but this is a good year to do just that. She is afraid of dying before she is finished living! She says she has so much living still to do! Dorothy and Paul have traveled a lot through the years, both in the USA and abroad. England is a special place because so many famous authors lived there and also, she got to meet her pen pal she had written to since she was thirteen years old. Dorothy has written several of our church histories here at ULCSC also.

Dorothy has a wonderful sense of humor. She says a favorite place for her to visit is "Her Bed," which is due to her back problems. Some words of wisdom from her are: "People are genuinely good if you give them the chance to be," and Dorothy does do that. A very kind lady she is and definitely young at heart and optimistic, great qualities for a great Lutheran lady. We love you Dorothy.

EVANGELISM

Happy New Year and Blessings to You and Your Families!

About a year ago, Pastor (now Bishop) Mike issued the ULCSC congregation a challenge. That challenge was to add 100 new members in 2 years. While we have added members, sadly, ULC has not added even half of that number to its membership.

I have reflected upon this while trying to decide how the Evangelism Committee should proceed in this coming year. What shall the committee continue to do? What shall we do differently? How can this goal be met?

We are again going to sponsor a booth at the Cleveland County Fair. This brings ULC exposure to the Norman community. The committee is planning a variety of ways to try to reach the community and let them know we are here! We are also trying to devise “out of the box” ways to reach our inactive members. But the Evangelism Committee cannot do this alone. We need the total congregation to get involved in reaching this goal!

I also remember Bishop Mike stating that the best way to gain in membership was to issue PERSONAL INVITATIONS. Lutherans, in general, aren’t “geared” that way. I know in my personal life, I am sometimes hesitant to issue that invite. Why am I hesitant? Is it because I am afraid? Is it because I don’t think it is “my business”? Is it because I am so comfortable and don’t want to get out of my routine? Did I hand out those “business cards”? What is the reason? After all, this is simply an invite to attend worship here. That shouldn’t be that difficult. Should it? Do I look for people I haven’t met in church? How do I represent ULC when there are visitors in a service? Do I greet and talk with them? Do I go out of my way to include new people into the day-to-day activities of this church? Do I invite new people to serve on committees or in other functions? These are questions, I believe, each of us needs to ask ourselves.

A long-awaited event will happen in 2012—the opening of a wonderful new building which will give ULCSC opportunities to do so much. What are we going to offer? How are we going to get people to come? How can this congregation grow? I am issuing another challenge to each of you-- engage in issuing personal invitations; invite people to join you in Bible study, breakfast, and worship; in warmly reaching out to ANYONE you don’t know in a service; in sitting with new people; in inviting new people to become involved. Now, more than ever, you are so needed!

I often look out in church at the empty spots in the pews. I “picture” the day when our community of believers has grown and all pews are filled. Won’t you please join the Evangelism Committee in the work it takes to reach this goal? It isn’t just about adding members. It is also reaching out to proclaim the wonderful news of salvation for all, given to everyone!

If you have any suggestions or things the committee could do, please let us know. I firmly believe that we can meet the challenge issued almost one year ago with our actions and with God’s help. We also could use new members on the committee. Think about joining us!

What is impossible with men is possible with God.” Luke: 18:27

Cheryl Bredeson
Evangelism Committee

Next Evangelism Meeting: Sunday, Feb. 5th after late service. Bring an item of food to share for lunch, please.

Women’s Retreat: Saturday, March 3rd from 9-3. Women of ALL ages invited!!!!

LENTEN SCHEDULE

February is the start of our Lenten Services. Ash Wednesday is February 22. We will have our service at 7:00 pm, with distribution of ashes followed by communion.

Our Lenten schedule will continue every Wednesday evening with a Soup Supper starting at 6:00 pm, our mid week service at 7:00 pm. This year our mid week service will consist of special skits called "Overheard: Conversations by the Cross". Some of our SOUL Students will serve as actors and actresses. Please be sure to come for homemade soup, and Lenten services.

If you would like to make homemade soups, please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex. We need FOUR soups each week, 3 regular and 1 vegetarian. You may also sign up to bring crackers or bread.

Our Lenten schedule follows:

Wednesday nights starting February 29th through March 28th, soup suppers start at 6:00 pm, followed by service at 7:00 pm.

Seder Meal for the Congregation is Wednesday April 4th, from 6:00—8:00 pm.

Maundy Thursday service is on April 5th, at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday Service is April 6th, at 7:00 pm.

Easter Sunday services are at "Sonrise" 6:30 am, 8:30 am Contemporary, and 11:00 am Traditional. Communion is served at all services.

WOMEN'S RETREAT March 3rd, 9am-3pm

This is an event FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES! Come, bring a friend, meet new people, get acquainted with other Lutheran women! Cost is \$5.00. There are many different kinds of activities being planned. We need to know if this event will have enough participants. Please, take a moment, and sign the sheet in the narthex if you are planning on participating. Please indicate if you would need babysitting services. The sheet is posted on the Evangelism bulletin board. You can pay at a later time.

**THIS IS AN EVENT FOR WOMEN
OF ALL AGES! MARK YOUR CAL-
ENDARS AND JOIN THE FUN!!!!**

ULCSC Mutual Ministry Committee Established

At the meeting of November 17th, the Congregational Council re-established a Mutual Ministry Committee.

The purpose of the committee is to ensure effective and ongoing communication and support with lay staff, particularly during this time of leadership transition for our congregation. ULC as had a Mutual Ministry Committee in the past, but none has been active for the past few years.

Chaired by Bev Chess, the committee reports to the Congregational Council. Additional members are Gary Gress and Maryanne Maletz.

Lenten Devotionals for Kids!

Devotional booklets will be available for kids and families starting February 12. This is a great way to help children be comfortable with the liturgy and to introduce them to the seasons of the church besides Christmas and Easter. They are free and we have plenty so take one for your neighbors or grandkids as well!

Easter Presence

Easter Presence is similar to our annual Christmas Presence event to care for the kids of the congregation and children of friends. We teach about the Easter Story while giving parents an opportunity for a date night, cleaning or whatever they like for the evening. A sign up sheet will be available in the narthex and please, tell your neighbors! Time and Date TBD

Psalm 23

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her class memorize the 23rd Psalm, one of the most quoted passages in the Bible. She gave the children a month to learn the chapter.

One little boy was excited about the task, but he just couldn't memorize the Psalm. Although he practiced and practiced, he could hardly get past the first line. The day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation. The little boy was terribly nervous. When his turn came, he stepped up to the microphone and proudly said,

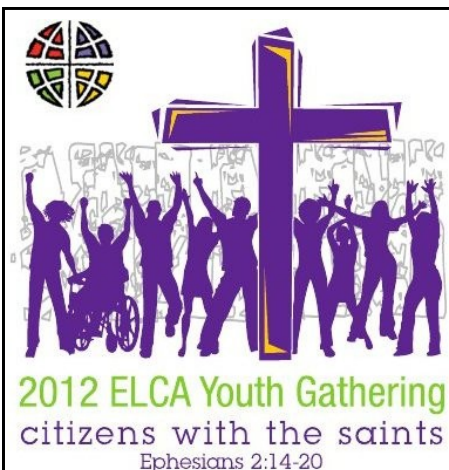
"The Lord is my Shepherd and that's all I need to know!"



Valentine Cookie Decorating & Parents Meeting Sunday, February 12, 5-7pm

We will be having a Valentine's Cookie Decorating event for kids of all ages on. We will be serving pizza and lemonade to start and will have meeting after supper.

While the children and helpers are decorating cookies, parents and interested volunteers will meet to discuss a whole host of programming ideas. The possibility of a children's choir has been raised as well as the possibility of a Wednesday evening program for the whole congregation. Along with the ideas that have been dreamed up so far, we want your ideas and input! This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to make known all the events and ideas you would like to see, especially as we grow into our new education facility! Please make it a priority to attend the cookie decorating and parents meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!



The Gathering will be returning to New Orleans, LA for another great conference filled with ministry, both to the students and by the students. From the ELCA: "The theme for the gathering is citizens with the saints. It is drawn from Ephesians 2:14-20. We have paraphrased it here: Jesus is our Peace. In his life and death on the cross, Jesus broke down the dividing walls so that we are no longer strangers and outsiders, but we are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God. The foundation of God's house was built of apostles and prophets, and Jesus, the cornerstone, holds it all together."

If you are interested in joining us, call Chris!
