



Currents

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
JANUARY 2015

To the saints...

I call you saint; I write you saint here and many other places. It is how I address you in preaching and it is how I think of you. Paul addresses the followers of Jesus in Rome and Ephesus and Corinth as saints — so I call you saints.

But Paul also says thanks in those places, to those people. He says thanks not only for himself, but on behalf of others. He carries a “thanks” as a holy thing from one saint and hands it to another. It is like a parcel, wrapped and carefully carried, and then handed over preciously. It is a gift that knows joy in both directions, from the whence and to the where.

I do the exact same here. As we pause between a Fall semester done and a Spring semester not yet begun, I want to tell you thanks. I want to tell you thanks by what I know, by what I see of you and the absolute joy in which you are the body of Christ; I could go long on my own sense of thanksgiving of you and the holy work we are given to do here — but I instead want to give you something that has been given me for you. So many students tell me thanks for all that you do, for who you are to them as church, home, family, faith. We just finished with hospitality to students by University Lutheran and the Newman Catholic Parish during finals week, a most remarkable effort and ministry to so many as a semester ends, and with a kind and sincere gratitude, the students say, as they arrive and as they leave, over and over they say “thank you.” It strikes me as the most remarkable exchange of what is best about being University Lutheran.

And so, on behalf of those who tell me, on behalf of those who are glad of you, grateful for what you do ...
Thank you.

On behalf of the Christ ... Thank you.

Shalom and thank you!
Pastor Buresh

Women's Bible study

The ULC Women's Group will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, in the activity room at Grace Willowbrook at 4868 Otteson Lane (it's north of the Goodwill Store on Gateway Drive).

Join us ...

Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. for coffee, treats and fellowship following worship in the Fireside Lounge.

Martin Luther King celebration

We will gather again at St James the Greater Catholic Church and be one of the host congregations in celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 19. The time is yet to be determined, watch for more information in bulletins. It is a wonderful evening of music, song, readings, remembrance and images for the whole community - please come.



Mark your calendar

- 1.10** **10 a.m.**
Women's Bible study at Grace Willowbrook

- 1.11** **11 a.m.**
Coffee and Fellowship

- 1.19**
Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

- 1.25** Cookies delivered to students

- 1.28** Wednesday evening activities resume

Welcome our students back!

The Ministry of Parish Life would like to give a warm welcome to UW-Eau Claire students returning in January. The welcome back will include a letter from ULC, a packet of cocoa, and six homemade cookies. If you can donate cocoa packets or cookies (six cookies per zip lock bag), please drop them off at church between Jan. 18-25. If baking is not for you, please consider donating a box of cocoa packets. Members of the Ministry of Parish Life will deliver the welcome back goodies to residence halls after worship on Sunday, Jan. 25. We plan to give cookies to about 150 students.

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ULC Staff

Alan Buresh, Pastor
Jennifer Lange, Choral Music Director
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Weekly Schedule

• Sundays

Choir	9 a.m.
Worship	10 a.m.

• Wednesdays

Bibles and Bagels	8 a.m.
Choir	5:15 p.m.
Meal	5:45 p.m.
Evening Prayer	6:30 p.m.

ULC Offering

Offering received - 12/07/14	\$2,061
Offering received - 12/14/14	\$1,414
Offering received - 12/21//14	\$5,368
Offering received - 12/24//14	\$1,451
Offering received - 12/28/14	\$1,645
Simply Giving Offering \$	\$1,925
Total offerings	\$13,864
Average weekly offering received, year-to-date	\$2,003
Average weekly offering needed to meet budget	\$2,413

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To see the online calendar of events, go to our website link:

<http://universitylutheran.org/wordpress1/events/>.

Reconciling in Christ Sunday

We will celebrate and re-dedicate the grace-filled fact that University Lutheran is a "Reconciling In Christ" congregation on Sunday, Jan. 25, during the 10 a.m. worship service. University Lutheran, at our heart and soul, is and must continue to be, a wondrously welcoming congregation and space to all people in all circumstances and places in life. We will celebrate it so on Jan. 25.

Adult education class

Pastor Buresh will offer a class on Bible overview during the month of January — depending on interest, we could meet on Tuesday during the day and Wednesday days and/or evenings. Contact PB at pastor@universitylutheran.org if you are interested!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year!	2	3
4 Worship 10 a.m.	5	6	7	8	9	10 Women's Bible study 10 a.m.
11 Worship 10 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 11 a.m.	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Worship 10 a.m.	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at St. James	20	21	22	23	24
	Bring cookies for returning students					
25 Worship 10 a.m. Deliver cookies to students	26	27	28 Bibles and Bagels Confirmation Choir Evening meal Evening Prayer	29	30	31