



THE LUTHERAN LETTER

NEWSLETTER

February 2023

Love Your Neighbor

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." –Matthew 22:37-40

What a shame that February – the one month of the year with keen focus on love – is also the shortest. We sure could use a lot more love in our world, especially for our neighbor.

Currently in very short supply, more love for neighbor would go a long way in helping us to solve our problems.

Love for neighbor is integral to not only good discipleship, but also good stewardship. The greater the "love for neighbor" factor in our lives, the better stewards we will be of every blessing God provides – creation, time, relationships, money, possessions, health, to name just a few. By cultivating love for neighbor we will also enjoy a happier life and promote a healthier and more civil society.

The opposite is also true. Cultivating hostility for neighbor leaves us sour, selfish and cynical, while also making our society angry and selfish.

This year make February "Love Your Neighbor" month in your personal devotions and your congregational life. Give the concept breathing room in your life. Keep it in your thoughts, sow it in our heart, talk about it to your family and friends.

Pray for God to teach you what it means to love our neighbor. Pray for God to give you the strength and will to live it. And watch as love heals and invigorates your life ... and our world.

Pastor Camp

8.7 % Increase!!!

WOW, the US government saw the need to increase the income of our Senior Citizens by 8.7% in 2023. Imagine what our ministries would look like if we saw that kind of increase in our giving!!!



*Please prayerfully
consider how
YOU can
increase your gifts
to our Union Lutheran
Church Family.*

The first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in room 202



Join us on **Saturday, February 4**, when we'll continue our look at the Ten Commandments, concentrating on the 3rd and 4th commandments.

The author of the bible study says: "Some might say the Old Testament commands Remember the Sabbath and Honor Your Folks seem outdated and quaint. After all, didn't Jesus routinely break the Sabbath? Didn't Jesus (on occasion) talk back to his mother? Yet these commandments are far from outdated. Find out how these commands offer a source of peace and inspiration in today's often hectic and generationally segregated society and church."

No worries if you weren't able to join us last month! Contact Linda Rebuck with any questions – linda.rebuck@gmail.com or 610-613-6196.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Nashville, Tennessee-Since 2012, Christ Kriswahili Lutheran Mission (CKLM) in Nashville has served the growing numbers of Kiswahili-speaking immigrants who are resettling from eastern Africa to middle Tennessee. As the COVID-19 pandemic closed schools and colleges everywhere, CKLM had to shift how they served their community, especially newly-arrived refugees.

Changing to remote learning was difficult for many families. Parents and caregivers were unfamiliar with how to use computers or what to do if something went wrong with the equipment. They wanted to provide the support the children needed, but the virtual learning experience was new, stressful and intimidating.

Teachers often faced problems when children showed up for class who were tired and hungry. Because of gifts to **ELCA World Hunger**, CKLM was able to meet the needs of the children. It was a clear reminder that it takes a village to raise a child.

CKLM held meetings with parents and students to ensure that home would be a conducive environment for learning. They trained students to use a computer: how to boot it up, how to log on and join classes, how to access homework assignments, and how to then submit their completed work. At first, there was some confusion, but with the support of CKLM and through their own hard work, students became adept.

One of the students named Safi offered this insight: "We have been through many, many things in the refugee camps from overseas, so when we came here to a completely different system, we needed guidance to find our way."

And they found that guidance through the Christ Kriswahili Lutheran Mission thanks to the support of **ELCA World Hunger**. Your giving to **ELCA World Hunger** makes a world of difference for students like Safi. Please continue to be generous. Use the envelopes in the pew racks or send your offering to the ULC church office.

Won't you please help set the table? We will be returning to a traditional communion setting, and Altar Guild will be resuming its regular duties of setting up and cleaning up after each service. This takes 15-20 minutes before and after each service, and is a wonderful opportunity for singles, couples, and families to volunteer on a rotating schedule to serve your church family! Contact Valerie Snyder at 610-760-0871, 484-788-3440 or tvsnnyder1990@gmail.com if you would like to help set the table!



Your generous donations, ULC, helped deliver 125 pounds of food to Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Thanks to Bob Snyder for delivering the food!

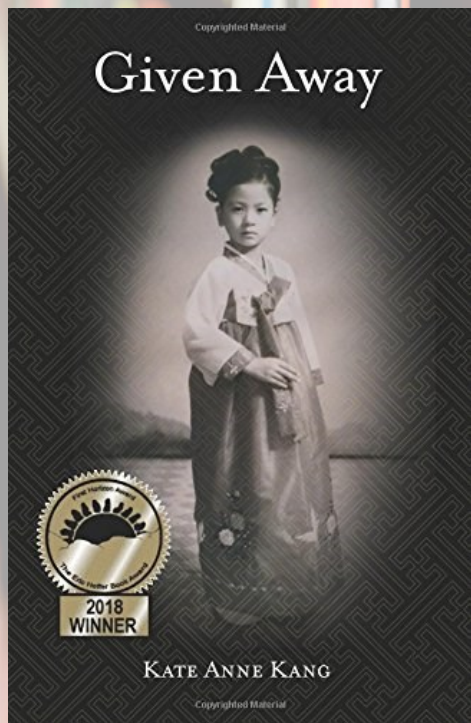
24 ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION BOXES!

Effective immediately, we will be sending communications through email. By doing so, ULC will be able to lower the cost of shipping significantly. If you do not have an email address on file OR you wish to update your email OR If you are able to receive communications digitally and are willing to help lower shipping costs, please update your email with the office. office@ulclv.org

**Examples of items specifically
being emailed:**

Contribution Statements,
Monthly Newsletters,
Annual Reports, etc.

**POSTAGE
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Our March book will be ***Given Away*** by Kate Anne Kang. When Anny Kang was six years old, she was sent by her mother to live in America, where she became Kate Strand. Within the white suburban civility

of Minnesota, Kate struggles as a Korean adoptee, her voice capturing the loneliness and sadness of a young girl forced to forget everything she knows in order to navigate a new terrain.

Never really identifying with her Asian roots or harboring a desire to uncover her ancestry, she comes face to face with her past when her Korean birth family contacts her after more than two decades. Only by reconnecting to her birth family in Korea does an adult Kate begin to understand her past as she faces her long-standing inner conflicts with identity, loss and rejection.

Given Away is the portrait of a childhood spent in two very different worlds: Korea and America. One forgotten, one remembered. It is a story of race, and of belonging, a story that asks the complicated questions of home, family, and self as the author untangles the unlikely strands that formed her destiny.

Join us in **March** to hear from a member of our congregation who is a relative of the author, how she discovered the relationship, and events in the book.

Did you know... We have a Church Library!

Our church library is in Room 201 near the steps that take you downstairs. In our library we, of course, have books for members - children, teens, and adults. We also have DVD's for both children and adults as well books read by our Book Club that meets bi-monthly. All materials in the library are carefully chosen for appropriate content. We do have many items that contain religious content, such as bibles, books by Christian authors, and materials for prayer, guidance, and stories of being a Lutheran. We currently subscribe to *Living Lutheran* – a ELCA magazine that shares stories of God's people living their faith with our diverse membership - and *Gather Magazine* – a magazine for Christian Women (often used by our Women's ministry for study).

Want to check out the library? The Library Committee will be hosting *Coffee & Conversation on Sunday, February 26* after the service. A member of the committee will be available in the library to give you a tour and answer questions.



We have partnered
in the past with the
school district to provide
school supplies
and clothes for the nurses offices.

They are currently in need of toothbrushes, toothpaste,
body wash, deodorant, shampoo, brushes/combs,
eyeglass cleaner/wipes and chapstick.

We will be collecting these items through February.

There will be a space in the gathering space
for this collection. Thank you in advance
for your consideration
in supporting our neighbors in need.

*In Loving
Memory*

Althea A. Grim

Feb. 10, 1937—Dec. 20, 2022

Attention, singers - Mrs. Frickert is inviting sixth graders to join us for StarSong's spring module! The eight week spring module begins weekly rehearsals Sunday, February 12, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., through April 2. The ensemble will sing in worship several Sundays in Lent (t.b.a.), and on Easter Sunday. Look for your email invitation which will be sent to ULC youth grades 6th through 12th. If your child is interested in singing, or they would like to bring a non-ULC friend (they don't need to be a member of ULC!), please contact Mrs. Frickert sfrickert2001@yahoo.com

Northern Lehigh - Crackers and hygiene items

Parkland Cares - Mac & Cheese, Applesauce cups and pouches, Canned Soups, Granola Bars and Tuna and Chicken Snack Pouches

Our Little Pantry - Canned Ravioli and Pastas, Pancake Mix, Mac & Cheese, Boxed Pasta, Pasta Sauce in plastic containers



SPONSOR – SPONSOR OUR MINISTRIES BY CONTRIBUTING TO WORSHIP

-Bulletins

Help by offsetting the cost of printing.

-Altar Flowers

Each week we have two arrangements beautifully placed in front of our altar.

-Offering Envelopes -You can mail your envelopes to the church or bring them to worship.

-Electronic Giving <https://www.vancopayments.com/login>

Give Online with your Debit or Credit Card <https://secure.myvanco.com/YK49/home>

or go to www.ulclv.org and click 'Give Now'

-Amazon Smile - Donate to ULC while you shop. Just search by zip code 18078. <https://smile.amazon.com>



SUPPORT - SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES BY DONATING

-Food Pantries

Look for the list of non-perishable food items and donate when you can.

-Soda Tabs

Place them in the red bin by the coat closet

-Souper Bowl, Ingathering and other initiatives which are highlighted throughout the year.

SERVE - SERVE OUR MINISTRIES BY VOLUNTEERING

Greeter/Usher

Greet your church family with warm smiles as they enter the building for worship. Distribute bulletins and children's pages.

Help dismiss the pews per row for communion.

-Count attendees for attendance purposes.

Tech Table

Interested in helping with the sound and slide shows during worship? WE TRAIN! No prior knowledge needed. The system is user friendly since the upgrade. You can attend worship and serve at the same time!

Communion Assistant

Stand alongside Pastor and distribute the sacraments and offer the communion blessing.

Altar Guild

Won't you please help set the table? This takes 15-20 minutes. Setting up and cleaning up after each worship service. It is a great opportunity for singles, couples and families to volunteer.

Coffee and Conversation Host

Prepare goodies for the church family to share after worship. The coffee pots are on a timer. You simply must serve and clean up – "Host". If you do not want to bake – we have cookies and goodies here at the church, you can serve.



PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER ANY WAY IN WHICH YOU CAN SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF ULC.

Council Highlights 1-16-23

-Thank you to outgoing council members for your service:

Lynne Banzhoff , Gail Lafferty , Ron Pugh

-Thank you to our now past Council Officers:

Patty Hoffman as Council President.

Gail Lafferty as V. President

Kandy Lang as Secretary

-New Council Representatives:

President: Charlie Mosser

V. President: Kandy Lang

Secretary: Val Snyder

-Did you hear the New Organ?

The donated organ from Emmanuel UCC has been installed.

Please plan on attending worship on January 29th to hear Susan Frickert explain the new organ.

-The Altar Guild is beginning to prepare for worship and needs your help!

Please contact Val Snyder if you are able to offer assistance.

-We are starting 2023 with a deficit in our budget, a Fundraising Committee has been organized and if you are interested in joining this committee to help support our congregation raising funds for the Future Building Funds, Church Ministries, Youth Group, etc.

Please reach out to Kandy Lang.

-Worship and Music Committee is hard at work and needs your help!

If you are willing to help decorate the church or have ideas of how to improve worship, please reach out to any W&M Committee member.

-If you have ever had a question about what different committees do or if you would like to join in on the activities that they are doing, Katie Stauter has made binders full of 3 years of meeting minutes that will be kept in the office. Please check them out!

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the Chicken Pot Pie Dinner. Special thanks to the Journeymen!!! We are so blessed to have this wonderful group of men here at ULC!



Night out at the Phantoms!

Friday, March 31st, 7:05pm

\$23 per ticket contact the office

office@ulclv.org



“Soup”er Bowl Challenge

Bring your soup cans to church now through February 12th

Please them in the Soup pot for the AFC or NFC.

Pastor will announce the ULC winner on Super Bowl Sunday



**HELP
TACKLE
HUNGER!**

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Faith Formation Coordinator	Josh Dietz
Parish Nurses	Dottie Bealer and Jane Borbe

Congregational Meeting
February 26th
following worship
open agenda



Youth Group— Faith, Fun and Friends
6th Grade—12th Grade
ALL ARE WELCOME! 10:15am Sundays!