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MEET PASTOR SUE

By now you should all have received information from the Call Committee on ULC's Candidate of Choice, **Rev. Susan Schneider**. The Call Committee is very much looking forward to introducing Pastor Sue to our community during the scheduled "**Meet and Greet**" events. At each event, members of the Call Committee will introduce Pastor Sue, she will give some remarks to the whole group, and then Pastor Sue will have an opportunity to talk to people individually.



The Meet & Greet options are:

Friday, October 12, from 10:00 a.m. – Noon in the ULC Lounge, with coffee, juice and brunch items.

Friday, October 12, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Lounge, with "beer and brats."

Saturday, October 13, from 8:30– 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge, with coffee, juice, and breakfast pastries. Please RSVP via the Worship Registration form in the Sunday bulletin, or online at <https://meetpastorsue.brownpaper-tickets.com>

We need assistance at each of these Meet and Greets with food prep and serving. If you can lend a hand please contact a member of the Call Committee.

We thank the ULC members for having faith in our discernment process as we searched to find the right pastor for our congregation. We thank the Holy Spirit for leading us to Pastor Sue.

Your servants in Christ,

**Maynard Atik, Carol Bridges, Dan Crowner,
Sheryl Lundahl, Shane Maskalick,
Maggie Pehrson (Chair), Dustin Wunderlich**

VOTE FOR REV. SUSAN SCHNEIDER

Following the "Meet and Greet" events with **Rev. Susan Schneider** on October 12 and 13, we will be **voting on Sunday, October 14** at a special Congregational meeting after worship. Pastor Sue is excited about this opportunity and so are the Call Committee and Council. A two-thirds majority of confirmed members present and voting is required to make a Call. A second vote will establish the compensation package proposed by the ULC Council. This vote requires a simple majority. As is the case in all votes of this congregation, absentee ballots are not permitted according to our constitution. A Bishop's representative will attend this meeting to observe the proceedings and formal vote.

CO-LOCATION UPDATE

Wrapping up the loose ends on the LLC agreement and financial modelling is proving to be a bit elusive. The latest goal for a vote for co-location is **Sunday, November 18th**. There may be information sessions on October 27th and November 10th, but we don't want to rush a decision with insufficient information. Please be patient and stay tuned.

Fall

I love fall! I love the crisp morning air, the smell of rain, the multitude of color on the trees and bushes, and crystal clear nights full of stars.

Fall reminds me that as nature prepares for a winter slumber, beautiful changes can happen. We often speak of life in terms of seasons: someone young is “a Spring chicken”, “she in in the winter of her life”, etc.

I turn 60 next month and have been thinking a lot about where I am in my life. I have some regret of what I haven’t done. But then I look at the trees full of color, and I realize I still have much to give. I still have time to try new things and have new adventures.

In the Fall of my life, I’m working to find joy and contentment. §

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through all we do!**

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Traditions in the church can help guide and enrich our faith and worship - and they can sometimes present boundaries and stumbling blocks.

We pray that our traditions and religious practices are dynamic, meaningful and reflect our theology, scripture, ministry contexts and prayerful discernment of what God is revealing to us today.

From NW WA Synod Prayer Weekly – August 29

OCTOBER WORSHIP

October 7 - 20th Sunday of Pentecost - Latino Liturgy

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

October 14 - 21st Day of Pentecost - Latino Liturgy

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 21 - 22nd Sunday of Pentecost - ELW #3 Liturgy

Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 28 - Reformation Sunday - ELW #3 Liturgy

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36 §



“GRATITUDE” (On being grateful)

Strange thing about gratitude—it always comes with a preposition. We are grateful *for* something, grateful *to* someone, and, often, grateful *with* others. Even in untargeted gratitude and when you are completely alone, prepositions show up. Imagine you need to get away, perhaps to struggle with a decision or a grief. During the winter, a friend loans you her beach house. It is the off-season, and you are alone. One morning, you wake up and walk at the water’s edge. The sun is rising, colors shimmer off the waves, painting them shades of blue, pink, and silver unlike any you have ever seen.

All of a sudden, your heart opens up. You feel grateful *for* the beautiful sunrise, grateful *to* your friend, and grateful *with* the soaring seabirds. There are no other human beings, but you experience gratitude. And, surprisingly enough, you also make community. In that moment, no matter how isolated the shore, gratitude connects you to nature’s rhythms, to a distant friend, and to other creatures. The sun and sea offer their gifts - indiscriminately, as they always do - but you still say “thanks” to them, to your friend, and perhaps to God. There, on a deserted beach, gifts are given and received, praise returned, and a new awareness of connection comes alive. When it comes to gratitude, “me” always leads to “we.” ***“Gratitude takes us outside ourselves where we see ourselves as part of a larger, intricate network of sustaining relationships, relationships that are mutually reciprocal,”*** says **Dr. Robert Emmons** who is considered the world’s leading scientific expert on **gratitude** and professor of psychology at the University of California, Davis.

My question for you is, “What are you grateful for?” And my challenge to you is, “Can you wake up each morning *for one month* and speak a word of gratitude for something in your mind and heart?” It is a good, but difficult discipline. I know, I tried it for a month this past summer.

I appreciate our ministry together.

pr. tim



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/2 Nona Taylor
10/11 Merle Overland
10/17 Kristi Maschhoff
10/21 Aslaug Haraldsdottir
10/23 Kristin Piepho
10/27 Ann Berner
10/28 Shane Maskalick
10/19 Katie Saltanovitz §



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/10 Bill & Mari Toepel (65yrs!)
10/21 Frank & Sue Gregory §

WHO'S MISSING?

Admit it. We all tend to sit in the same general area every Sunday at worship. So we get to know the folks around us. But how much do we think about it when we don't see those folks for more than a couple weeks in a row? Give 'em a call to find out what's up! Is there something **Pastor Tim** or **Mari** should know? Let's make this Fall a time to strengthen our connections with each other. §

Membership Committee

HOSPITALITY

Thank you to the people listed below who have been part of this ministry on Sunday mornings for the months of September:

Mary Denny & Van Hutton
Tom & Nancy Swenson
Twig Mills & Alison Stamey
Clint & Maggie Pehrson
Michael & Ruth Ann Rouse §



LCSNW FALL BRUNCH

The Lutheran Community Services NW Fall brunch is scheduled for **Sunday October 21**. **John & Katie Gienapp** have agreed to host a table. They are hoping that ULC members who support LCSNW will join them to make a good showing of support for LCSNW. Invitations have gone out. Whether or not you have received one, everyone is encouraged to come to the event. Call **John Gienapp at 206-440-5508** if you would be willing to join their table. §

COUNCIL REPORT

Chairperson of the Call Committee, **Maggie Pehrson**, along with five of the seven members of the Call Committee, presented their Candidate of Choice. Maggie described the candidate's calling to the ministry, what the candidate sees as areas of strength and expertise, and what energizes the candidate to this call. Each Call Committee member then addressed why they believe this person is the right person for our church and our congregation. Council unanimously approved the motion to accept **Pastor Susan Schneider** as University Lutheran Church's candidate of choice for settled pastor. The Call Committee will be setting up the meet and greet dates and times for October 12-13. The ULC Executive Committee will be in contact with Pastor Schneider regarding the financial package. Pledge and freewill offering is up due to a \$25,000 donation to subsidize the co-location expense. Salaries and program expenses are down while repairs and maintenance expenses are up. In order to better monitor our church hallway during Sunday service **Pastor Tim** suggested a list of individuals be created to rotate this responsibility. Twelve persons who have changed their church membership have been removed from the ULC roster. There was strong attendance at the two meetings regarding the conceptual rollout of the co-location site. A document was presented and approved by Council outlining the process for stewardship schedule for 2019.

AROUND THE BUILDING

October

The leaves are turning colors, the nights are getting cooler, and the rain is making a more frequent appearance. Yep! It's fall in Seattle!

Monday Morning Maintenance Crew

I used to refer to this crew as "the boys," but I can't do that any more! Monday mornings you will find **Jack Hatlen, Larry Gockel, Sharon Reuter, Aslaug Haraldsdottir**, and occasionally **Mark Hillman**, busy as work doing repairs and upkeep of our building. Sharon & Aslaug have been busy with painting. Larry & Mark built a new bench for the front yard as the old one was rotting away. Jack has been dutifully cleaning up and painting the alley door entries and painting the doors. I am extremely grateful for this group for all they do each week around the building. They are indeed a blessing to me.



Screen

If you've been in church recently you have probably noticed that the bulletin board in the 16th Street foyer is gone! It has been removed for the placement of the screen I wrote about last month. The electricians have been in and put an outlet up where the screen will be. One of our new painters extraordinaire, Sharon Reuter, has painted the wall so it is now ready for the screen. I hope to purchase the screen in the next week or so and start using it. Look up when you come in the parking lot door to see if it's up and running!

Elevator carpet

I am checking with a couple of carpet businesses to see about removing the carpet from the elevator and replacing it with some sort of laminate material. If you have used the elevator in the last several months you have noticed that we have been unsuccessful in removing the odor from it. With as much use and it gets, I think it's time to remove the carpet and thus make cleaning up any spills or "accidents" easier. I'll keep you posted.

Handrail on 50th Street Steps

I have contracted with Ballard Ornamental Ironworks to put in new hand rails on the 50th Street steps. They will be black iron, similar to all the other hand rails we have around the building. They should be up before the Christmas holidays.

Trees west of ULC

There are several trees in the parking strip west across from ULC that need pruning badly. In the last 6 months we have had two limbs fall on the street or in our yard because of lack of maintenance. I have contacted the city about this and they have sent letters to the homeowners telling them that they are responsible for the maintenance of those trees. Hopefully something will be done before another limb falls and hurts someone. The first one that fell was because of age and rot. It ended up in our yard and it took me a while to convince the homeowner that it was his responsibility to take care of it. He eventually did. The second limb was hanging so low that it was broken by a truck and fell on a car owned by an EGH client. The damage was minimal but it was scary.

The Rest

I have a couple of small tasks I need help with in the office - shredding papers, taking items to Goodwill, etc. If you are interested, please give me a call and we can talk about what I need and when you can help. I appreciate it!

Your Sister in Christ,
Mari Mitchell-Putnam,
Church Administrator

#ME TOO AND THE BIBLE

Beatrice Lawrence, Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Seattle University, will speak on “#MeToo and the Bible” at Queen Anne Lutheran Church on **October 14 at 7:00 p.m.** A central element of the #MeToo movement is naming, publicly, the lived experiences of those who have been victims of assault and abuse, as well as the need to hold perpetrators accountable. The characters encountered in the Hebrew Bible are as human as we are, today, and in reading their stories, we also come across acts of sexual violence. What sense can we make of these stories, and the lessons they are supposed to teach? What does the Bible tell us about how men and women should behave towards one another? What can we do when things go wrong? Professor Lawrence hopes that by wrestling with these texts, we will be blessed with new understanding.



OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES' GALA

“Seasons of Hope” is the theme for ODM’s primary fundraising event for this year on **November 3**. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. at Brockey Center, South Seattle College, 6000 16th Avenue SW. There are a few twists added to some old favorites; we like to keep you interested and on your toes! You’ll notice a Christmas tree in the middle of the silent auction. On the tree will be paper ornaments representing different causes that ODM supports and holds in prayer: Cookies for Kids, Camp Rise and Shine, Lambert House sock drive, Links and Alliances conference, Pink Prom, Monroe Prison Ministry, Trevor Project in memory of Noah, and Worlds AIDS Day breakfast.

You are invited to take down an ornament representing the cause to which you’d like to donate, write your bid number and amount where indicated on the ornament, and be a decorated gift box to drop their ornament in.

Yes, there still will be a silent auction albeit a bit scaled back from previous years, and yes there will be beads to buy for Best of Live for a quick tax-deductible donation to ODM, and yes there will be a live auction, hosted again by auctioneer **Troy McVicker** who makes the live auction fun and productive. Bring your appetite and wallet!

Registration: *Until October 24, 2018 tickets are \$75 per person or Table of 10 \$750
After October 24, 2018 tickets are \$85 per person or Table of 10 \$850*

To purchase tickets, you may do one of the following:

Email: odmauction@gmail.com

Call: **Kim Hall** at 360-668-4128 (leave message)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Lutheran World Relief (LWR) needs a few more willing people – anyone who can lift 30 pound boxes – to help with the twice-a-year Seattle LWR quilt and kit collection on **Friday, November 2, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Saturday November 3 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.** If you cannot lift, or do not want to lift boxes, we also need traffic directors to manage the incoming loads, and help with checking cars in.

This event takes place in the parking lot west of Our Redeemers’ Lutheran Church (2500 85th Ave NW). We have two loadings a year – first weekend in May, and first weekend in November. Food, coffee etc provided. Sometimes the weather is even nice!

Please call **Rich Mathes** (206-384-1183) or email lwrmathes@aol.com, if interested in the loading, or if you just have questions.

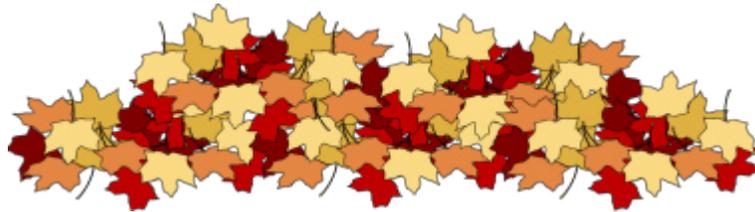
THANK YOU

From University District Food Bank

Thanks again for your generous support! The Food Bank is an important safety net in the lives of many of our neighbors. The nutritious food we provide each week helps ensure that there is always healthy food for the 1200 families we serve to put on their tables. And the social services that we connect folks to help them address and overcome many of the obstacles that occur in their every day lives.

Thank you for your generosity!

Paul Yunker,
Development Director



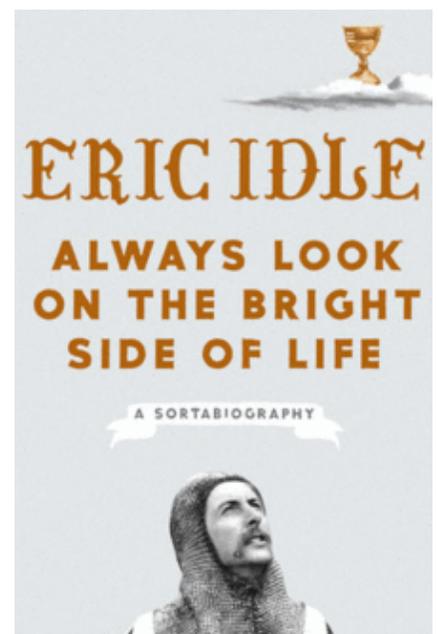
ERIC IDLE AT U BOOKSTORE

October 8, 7:00 p.m., University Temple United Methodist Church

Eric Idle created an amazing array of characters during his years on Monty Python's Flying Circus, and went on to write the lyrics for the musical Spamalot. The [University Book Store](#) is hosting his appearance to discuss his new book "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life" next Monday! Buy tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3522019

From the ingenious comic performer, founding member of Monty Python, and creator of Spamalot, comes an absurdly funny memoir of unparalleled wit and heartfelt candor.

We know him best for his unforgettable roles on Monty Python from the Flying Circus to The Meaning of Life. Now, Eric Idle reflects on the meaning of his own life in this entertaining memoir that takes us on a remarkable journey from his childhood in an austere boarding school through his successful career in comedy, television, theater, and film. Coming of age as a writer and comedian during the Sixties and Seventies, Eric stumbled into the crossroads of the cultural revolution and found himself rubbing shoulders with the likes of **George Harrison, David Bowie, and Robin Williams**, all of whom became dear lifelong friends. With anecdotes sprinkled throughout involving other close friends and luminaries such as **Mike Nichols, Mick Jagger, Steve Martin, Paul Simon, Lorne Michaels**, and many more, as well as the Pythons themselves, Eric captures a time of tremendous creative output with equal parts hilarity and heart. In *Always Look on the Bright Side of Life*, named for the song he wrote for Life of Brian and which has since become the number one song played at funerals in the UK, he shares the highlights of his life and career with the kind of offbeat humor that has delighted audiences for five decades. The year 2019 marks the fiftieth anniversary of The Pythons, and Eric is marking the occasion with this hilarious memoir chock full of behind-the-scenes stories from a high-flying life featuring everyone from Princess Leia to **Queen Elizabeth**.



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UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - WHO WE ARE

- *We are a progressive congregation with a history of taking action on peace & justice concerns;*
 - *We support people of all sexual orientations & gender identities;*
 - *We are passionate about our worship & we cherish our music;*
 - *We are poised on a threshold ready & eager to creatively try new & innovative ways for mission & ministry in the University District;*
- *We do not know where this will lead us, but we trust with all our being that God is already there & is drawing us to join in the parade.
We do so with excitement & joy because . .*

We Choose Love!