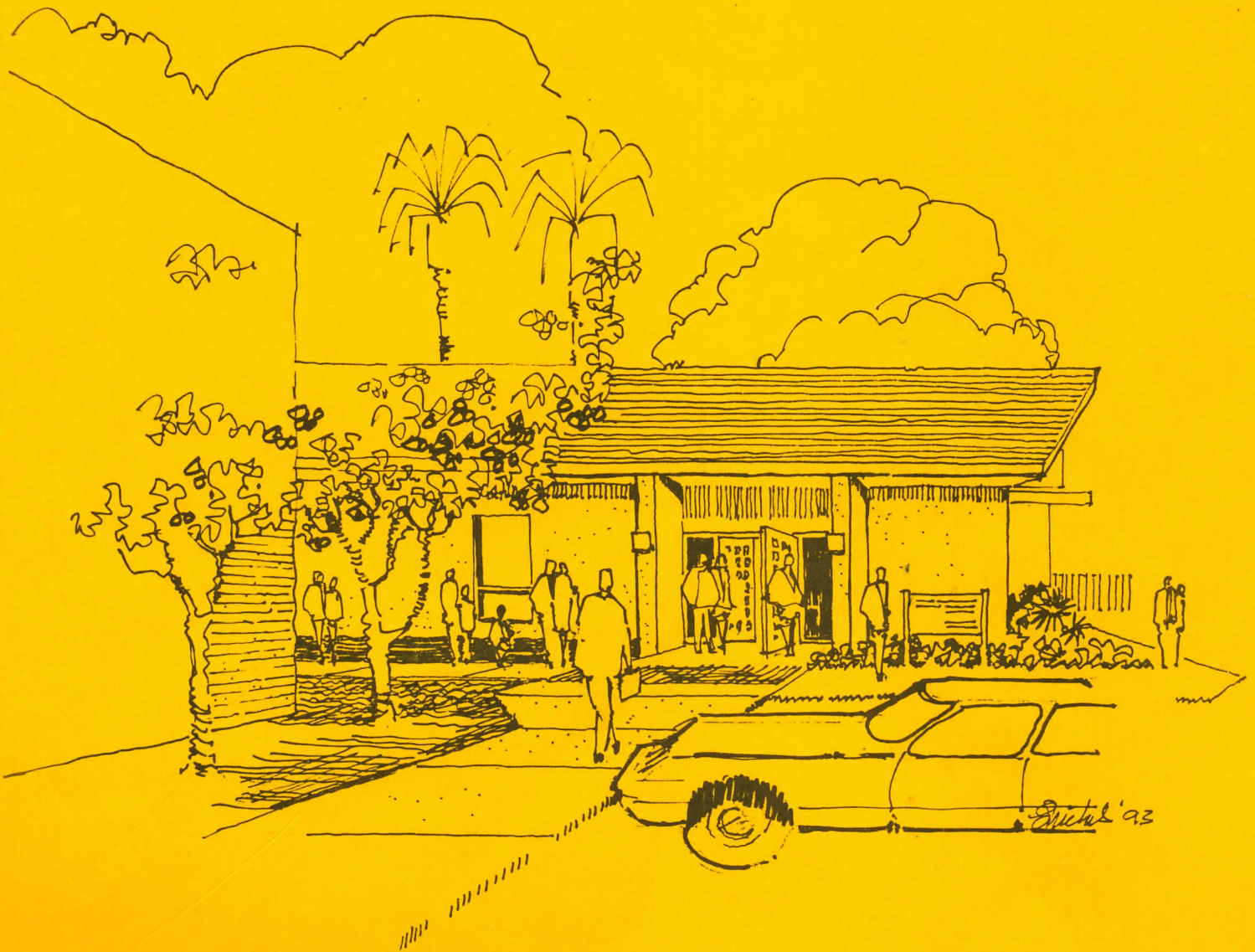


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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH FEBRUARY 21, 1993



340 E. 15TH STREET, TEMPE, ARIZONA 85281

Founding Pastor John LeRoy Kindschuh Celebrates Church's 40th Anniversary !!

On Sunday, February 21, 1993, University Lutheran Church, 340 E. 15th Street and adjacent to Arizona State University, celebrates 40 years of serving Tempe and the ASU campus community. Founding Pastor John L. Kindschuh will return as distinguished guest. Also participating in the service will be Pastor David L. Hurty who served from 1956 to 1963, and former seminary intern Tom McEwen. Other former pastors, campus staff, seminary interns and musicians were also invited to attend. The festival service at 10:30 a.m. will be followed by lunch at noon.

An invitation-only Art Show of University Lutheran members in the Campus Center will exhibit the creative work of fiber artists Audrey Heriot and Lynn Aiken; and sculptors Tom Carlson and Ernie Nickels. Carmen Bieber has prepared a special historical display of old photos, letters, etc., covering the church's first 40 years.

Since leaving here in 1956, Pastor Kindschuh has been very active in community affairs, on the Board of Directors or a member of some 27 agencies and organizations! He received an M.A. from the University of Michigan in 1967 and has participated in many continuing education programs. He has been involved in administration at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois since 1963 and is presently Vice-President of the College and Vice-President for Planning & Advancement.

Church Cultivates Diversity

University Lutheran Church today is a congregation of approximately 150 members with a history of being "on the cutting edge" of social and environmental activism, of experimenting with new approaches to worship, community service, social ministry and challenging old ways of doing things. It serves a very diverse group of people and acts as a family-away-from-home to ASU students, faculty and staff. Congregation members come with a great variety of backgrounds and talents. There are young families, babies, teenagers, singles, single parents, people in their middle years, retirees, several generations of some old-time families, college-age students.

Name Change Reflects Mission and Location

In 1990 the congregation changed its name from Good Shepherd to University Lutheran to emphasize both its mission and its location. The church's Mission Statement emphasizes campus ministry to Arizona State University students, faculty and staff; building an inclusive community; being active in social ministry; being concerned with justice issues; while meeting the spiritual and pastoral needs of the congregation.

In 1988 the neighborhood, ASU and the City of Tempe began to coordinate their efforts to solve neighbors' concerns over ASU

traffic generated from a new dormitory. The resulting McAllister loop and landscaped buffer between the residential neighborhood and ASU property left the church without direct exposure to a major street. Consequently, the church's McAllister address was changed to 340 E. 15th Street, its original address!

Pastor Tom Peterson

Pastor Thomas S. Peterson is in his 16th year at University Lutheran, becoming the first pastor initially called to serve as joint Pastor/Campus Pastor in 1977. After an undergraduate degree in History (1966) from the University of Chicago and Master of Divinity in Parish Ministry (1970) from Luther Seminary in Minneapolis, his first call after ordination in 1970 was to Faith Lutheran Church in Palermo, North Dakota. He served as Assistant Pastor in Minnesota, Interim Pastor in North Dakota, and did Campus Ministry at the University of North Dakota prior to coming to Tempe.

Pastor Peterson also is an accomplished musician, ably leads any liturgy as cantor, sings in the choir, sings solos for special musical productions, accompanies Christmas carols on the piano and secretly enjoys playing the small pipe organ. He even surprised everyone one Sunday by being substitute organist but thought he would rather preach! Tom's thought-provoking, insightful sermons are a major factor in attracting new members and keeps them coming back for more.

Campus Program

Lay Campus Minister Paul Petersen hosts Wednesday night gatherings for ASU students to share a meal, informal worship and fellowship. Students actively participate in the life of the congregation, assist in Sunday worship, teach Sunday School, participate in study groups, choir, social concerns, provide backup music for folk services, and help out on work days. In turn the congregation provides the support and comfort of a family away from home. Retreats to the mountains, fund-raisers, work days at Habitat for Humanity houses, all help develop a sense of community and belonging. Friendships have developed across a wide range of ages and interests, with the common bond of the Lutheran faith.

University Lutheran had a tradition of ecumenical interaction long before it became acceptable in the official church hierarchy. Pastor Tom Peterson is active in the Inter-Faith Council of all Campus Ministry groups at ASU.

Like many other churches once located in growing new neighborhoods, University Lutheran now is an urban church. At one time it was the only Augustana Synod Lutheran church in Tempe. New churches have since formed in new-growth areas of town and older ones have moved to the suburbs. One of the keys to University Lutheran's survival in this location is its on-going campus ministry program at ASU.

Education for All Ages

Another key is the long-term stability and exceptional leadership of Pastor Tom Peterson who has guided, taught, counseled, and shared the joys and sorrows of this congregation and its ASU student population for the past 16 years. He has been the guiding force behind easing many a crisis, both personal and corporate, through his wise spiritual counsel and friendship.

Under Pastor Peterson's leadership there is a strong program of education for all ages, from Sunday School for 3-years olds through high school, confirmation and adult classes. There is Adult Forum on Sunday morning on current topical issues, Adult Inquiry Class for people from other faith traditions, Monday Night Bible Study, Women's Bible Study, and weekly ASU student groups.

Variety in Worship and Music

University Lutheran is a liturgical church that follows a variety of liturgies and worship services by Franz Schubert, Martin Luther, the late David N. Johnson (former organ professor at ASU), plus three services in the Lutheran Book of Worship, several contemporary folk services, even a jazz liturgy). A beautiful, small pipe organ plays a central role and is sometimes accompanied by other instruments (guitars, clarinet, flutes, saxophone, piano, synthesizer, trumpets, percussion). The enthusiastic congregational singing prompts a typical comment by first-time visitors, "This congregation really loves to sing!"

An excellent example of this variety was on October 11, 1992. The service commemorated the Columbus Quincentenary in a multi-cultural celebration of the diverse peoples who came to the Americas as a consequence of his voyage. Scripture readings were in many other languages, including the native tongue of Estomih Kombe of Tanzania, and the music came from many traditions. Adult Forum that day focused on "Columbus Revisited" from different cultural and theological perspectives. The congregation brought ethnic foods for a potluck lunch.

A tradition of quality music in joyful worship has long been a University Lutheran Church trademark. Many major works have been presented (by Bach, Copland, Distler, Britten, Rutter) by a steady procession of talented musicians. We especially remember Arnold Bullock, Sue Lombardi, Doug Lindquist, Derek Nickels, Bob Johnson, Chris Porth, Mark Bighley, Ed Soto and many others who were here only for a year or so. Members Jerrie Oberlander, Jo Johnson and Carolyn Johannsen have given generously of their time and talents. Student musicians contribute immensely: Bob Howey, Brenda Craig, Charlene Sandquist, Jared Michel, David Hahn, Peder Batalden, Deanna Bartik, Margo Zelenski. The present excellent musical staff is composed of Organist Shelly McGehee and Director of Music/Choir Kathy Hauan.

In 1988 Mark Bighley was instrumental in obtaining a small mechanical-action pipe organ built by John Brombaugh of Eugene, Oregon, following North European Renaissance and Baroque design principles. The 1989 Dedicatory Recital Series was given by Dr. Bighley, Derek Nickels and Shelly McGehee. This fine organ was featured in a Historical Organ Society conference at ASU in 1992.

Emphasis on Social Ministry

University Lutheran feels its mission is not only to provide a spiritual home for its congregation and students, but to be involved with the larger community and the larger world. Member Ruth Wootten has tirelessly advocated for the disenfranchised and encourages the "offering of letters" to state and national representatives on social welfare issues. The church has been involved in projects like resettling Vietnamese refugees, English lessons for Amerasians, re-supplying local food banks, generous support for CROP and WHEAT hunger walks, serving the homeless at Paz de Cristo. "Christian citizenship" means aiding in voter registration and providing meeting space for support groups.

In the Beginning

Forty years ago the Rev. John L. Kindschuh was fresh out of Augustana Theological Seminary, ordained in June 1952, then commissioned by the Board of American Missions of the Augustana Lutheran Church to organize a new congregation "in this college town of 9,000 people". It was also to be "concerned with the National Lutheran Students Association" with an active chapter at Arizona State College.

The first service of "The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd" was on October 12, 1952 in the "new" VFW auditorium when five adults and 12 youths were baptized, and 54 adult members were received. Official organization rites were held February 22, 1953 at the VFW hall, the church's temporary home. Property was purchased at the corner of 15th Street and McAllister, "the geographic center of the city", just opposite land later developed by Arizona State College.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new church building were held the first Sunday in March 1954, construction began in April, and by August 1st the first service was held in the new building at 340 E. 15th Street. Construction cost was \$29,000 for the 4,000 square foot building or \$6.50 per square foot! This obviously included many hours of volunteered labor by the fledgling congregation.

An important part of that first service was the confirmation of four young people, including LaVonne Sundberg, daughter of charter member Elaine Linn who still faithfully attends in 1993. Organist for that first service was Dr. Arnold Bullock of the Music Department of Arizona State College, the father of another confirmand, Lynette Bullock.

A near-capacity crowd of 230 dedicated the new church building on October 10, 1954. Dr. Carl W. Segerhammer, President of the California Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church preached and conducted the impressive dedication ceremony. The Rev. John N. Peterson, then pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Phoenix, also participated. The beautiful music of J.S. Bach was heard. In the early years Arnold Bullock and later Sue Lombardi established a tradition of quality music that holds to this day.

Pastor Kindschuh was a very busy man. he also organized a new congregation in Chandler (the first time Lutheran worship services were held there in many years) and held regular communion services at Williams Air Force Base for service personnel.

After serving Good Shepherd ably for three and a half years, Pastor Kindschuh accepted a call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Burlington, Iowa effective May 22, 1956. During his pastorate in Tempe the congregation had grown from a charter membership of 54 to a total membership of 270 persons. Joe and Marcie Byrd, Bob and Gladys Rasmussen, Jack Nelson, Marilyn and Dick Munkachy, and Art Livingston were in the early group. Soon Estella Jones and her family arrived including Eleanor Danley and Lois Robertson (with her daughters Lisa and Ann). Frank and Ann Rispoli also came on the scene. Frank was then assistant athletic director at Arizona State College.

Pastoral Succession

A succession of capable pastors served Good Shepherd over the next 36-1/2 years. In 1956 Pastor David L. Hurty, also from Augustana Theological Seminary, succeeded Pastor Kindschuh and served until 1963. Many more new members were welcomed.

From 1963 to 1967 Pastor George E. Steffens from Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Yuma was here. ASU was growing, too, and new faculty and their families were moving in like the Gieschens, the Woottens, the Biebers and the Cronins. Carmen Bieber served as volunteer church secretary from 1963 until 1977 when Pastor Tom Peterson insisted she be paid for her invaluable service. (Research for this anniversary would have been impossible without Carmen's accurate records and assistance!) Bob and Fern Tripp also joined during this time.

In 1967 Pastor Kenneth J. Branch came from Bethan Lutheran Church, Norco, California to serve until 1970. The Johannsens, Nickels and Betty Carlson joined during this period.

Pastor Lyle C. Burns came from Shepherd of the Valley and Grace Lutheran to serve as interim pastor from 1970 to 1971 after Ken Branch left to do graduate work.

Pastor John N. Peterson left Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Phoenix in 1971 to serve Good Shepherd until 1977, adding his persuasive voice to the continuing social, environmental, and peace activism.

He became joint Pastor/Campus Pastor in 1975 when the campus ministry program became an integral part of Good Shepherd's program. The Tidwells, Bataldens, Andersons, Beckers, Recks, Stones and Englings joined up.

"Peace Park", the shady little green space west of the church parking lot, could just as well be called "Peterson Park" in honor of John's leadership in the Peace Movement. It had a previous life as a refuse/recycling site but he planted trees, nursed and cultivated it in the 1970's. Today it is enjoyed by early arrivers on Sundays, Sunday School children, church picnics and even for Easter sunrise services.

Campus Ministry Over the Years

Pastor Bertrand Johnson served 12 years as Campus Pastor, through the trying times of the Vietnam era, from 1962 to 1974. During his long tenure the Campus Center was built in 1963 with National Lutheran Campus Ministry funds on property owned by Good Shepherd.

After Bert left to practice law, Charlotte Hampton from Missoula, Montana became the first Lay Campus Associate to assist part-time in the campus ministry program. She will always be fondly remembered as the first red-haired visitor from Mars to learn the story of Christ's birth from Sunday School children on Earth!

For several years seminary interns assisted in campus ministry as part of their seminary training: Tom McEwen 1981-82, Roger Allmendinger 1982-83, Jackie Tjarks 1983-84, and Craig Miller 1984-85. With Jean Bareis there was a return to a lay associate tradition 1985-86. Rona Johnson became the first full-time Lay Campus Minister (1986-89), preceding Paul Petersen who came from the University of Wisconsin in 1989.

The Vietnam Years

No history of University Lutheran Church could be complete without some reflections on the turbulent 1960's and 1970's (the Vietnam War, the Women's movement, Civil Rights, draft counseling, sexual revolution, Black Pride, Watergate, lost faith in government, generation gap, "love-ins", protest marches, the Beatles), the general social upheaval of the times that tore this country apart. In the forefront of social and environmental activism, the church was right in the thick of controversy during those tumultuous years. Clergy and lay people participated in demonstrations and marches. Young men were counseled regarding the draft, a safe haven was provided for young drifters on the road, sort of an "underground railroad". Former ASU Police Chief Duffy sent many young people over to the church and Pastor John Peterson received many frantic letters and phone calls from distraught out-of-state parents who had no idea where their son or daughter was. ASU was spared the violence that occurred at Kent State and Berkeley but authorities were "on alert" when the administration building was occupied by student protesters. Probably no church or family went

through those years of discontent unscathed and Good Shepherd was no exception. The clergy who were here through those years (Bert Johnson, Ken Branch, John Peterson) sincerely preached and acted on their consciences but were often met with resistance and condemnation.

Many other groups also got their start at the Campus Center, then known as the Peace Center: the Peace Movement, campus ministry offices for many other Christian faiths; ACLU art shows; week-day lunch counter; "The Inner Ear" coffee house; Black fraternity dances (barred on campus); Gentle Strength Co-Op.

Form and Function

Although there was some interaction, the Campus Center and the church officially operated independently until 1975 when National Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Synod cooperated to officially incorporate campus ministry into the life and mission of the congregation. In 1979 architect Ernie Nickels master planned and oversaw major renovation and remodeling of the Campus Center that enhanced the large social spaces and improved the office layout. The Campus Center is currently the location of student activities, church meetings, social gatherings, after-church coffee hours, potlucks, wedding receptions, other special events.

The church sanctuary was renovated in 1984 with a new entrance, chancel remodeling and major interior improvements. Hard surfaces throughout (no carpet or upholstery) result in excellent acoustics for speaking, singing, musical and other performances. Flexible seating is easily adapted to other functions or performances, while the beautiful oak-paneled chancel area acts as a perfect stage.

The pleasant exterior patios, walks, masonry columns, overhead trellis and landscape create an "exterior narthex" that is the major gathering, socializing space for the sanctuary and the Campus Center in good weather. These elements also serve to unify the two buildings which were architecturally very different.

Labors of Love Show Commitment

While most of the construction work was done by professional contractors, volunteers from the congregation put in a tremendous number of hours in demolition, preparation for construction, and seemingly endless maintenance and painting over the years. Ernie Nickels organizes some mean work days that have become legend. Huge crews of about 20-25% of the congregation have been known to sweat it out on Saturday mornings, paintbrushes or hammers in hand.

Looking Back, Looking Ahead

A look back at the past and ahead to the future of University Lutheran Church could be summarized in Pastor Tom Peterson's recent letter "From the Padre" in the church newsletter: "So we begin a new year. In many ways, things will be the same. We are still

called to be a faithful community of God in the midst of a university community. We will still gather for worship around Word and Sacraments. We will still teach our children, study the Scriptures together, wrestle with the issues of faith for our time. We will still laugh together and mourn together, share the joys of our personal accomplishments and console one another in our disappointments. We will still make our forays onto the university campus to be a sign of the Gospel wherever we can. We will still support Paz de Cristo with our love and labors. We will still welcome the stranger and seek to be an inclusive community. We aim to expand our campus ministry vision and program. . ."

Through all the challenges of the past 40 years, University Lutheran Church has struggled, adapted, grown in spirit, persevered and survived. It will continue to be a community of faith in old Tempe, trying to bring hope to a weary world.

Jeanette Nickels
February 1993

Chronology of Important Events

June 1952	Rev. John L. Kindschuh ordained; commissioned to organize new congregation in Tempe
October 12, 1952	First service of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
February 22, 1953	Official organization of the new congregation
March 1954	Ground-breaking for new church building (Construction began in April)
August 1, 1954	First service held in new church building at 340 E. 15th Street
October 10, 1954	Dedication Service
May 22, 1956	Pastor Kindschuh called to Burlington, Iowa
July 17, 1956	Rev. David L. Hurty called to Good Shepherd
1963	Campus Center built on Good Shepherd property
November 1962	Rev. Bert Johnson becomes Campus Pastor
July 1, 1963	Pastor Hurty leaves
September 15, 1963	Rev. George Steffens called to Good Shepherd
March 31, 1967	Pastor Steffens leaves
August 1967	Rev. Kenneth Branch called to Good Shepherd
September 12, 1970	Pastor Branch leaves
September 13, 1970	Rev. Lyle Burns serves as interim pastor
April 11, 1971	Pastor Burns leaves
September 15, 1971	Rev. John Peterson called to Good Shepherd
December 1974	Pastor Bert Johnson leaves
1975	Tempe Children's Center begins operation at Good Shepherd
1975	National Lutheran Campus Ministry and Synod establish joint campus ministry with Good Shepherd congregation; Pastor John Peterson becomes joint Pastor/Campus Pastor

1977 Covenant between National Lutheran Campus
Ministry and Good Shepherd for campus ministry
at Good Shepherd

August 1, 1977 **Rev. Tom Peterson** called to Good Shepherd as
joint Pastor/Campus Pastor

January 29, 1979 Up-dated Covenant with National Lutheran Campus
Ministry

1979 Major remodeling of Campus Center

1984 Major renovation of Sanctuary

1988 Installation of Brombaugh pipe organ

July 1, 1990 Name changed to University Lutheran Church

January 15, 1993 Tempe Children's Center leaves

February 21, 1993 Celebration of 40th Anniversary!

ULC UPDATED TIME LINE

1990

Name changed to University Lutheran to affirm that ministry to ASU was a reason to keep the doors open and that Campus Ministry was a major component of the congregation's mission.

First Long Range planning Committee Report and Recommendations by Don Gieschen and committee.

McAllister Ave. closed and traffic loop constructed. New signs and lighting installed.

1991

Children's Center lease not renewed. House demolished and area landscaped. Sunday School space renovated.

New cross on outside west wall installed. New bike rack and masonry enclosure for storage.

Landscaping of 14th-15th street loop completed.

1993

Mortgage refinanced with Lutheran Brotherhood for \$95,000.

Audio system installed in sanctuary.

Covenant renewed between National Lutheran Campus Ministry and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (University Lutheran Church) *sic*

40th Anniversary Celebration

1994

Tile floor installed and new chairs purchased.

Children's play structure installed.

Cash reserve fund established, to remain between \$1,000 to \$7,500 by \$50 monthly payments.

Task Force on future of Lutheran Campus Ministry held meetings with other congregations, students and ecumenical ministries. (Tom and Paul, several members)

Picture gallery on wall in CM initiated to aid in identification of members and stimulate conversation.

1995

New Constitution and By-Laws adopted to align with Model Constitution of the ELCA. (It was updated again in 1997)

Flowering plum trees planted between church and campus center.

1996

John Peterson Memorial Sculpture dedicated in Peace Park.

Campus Center A/C upgraded.

Skylights added to sanctuary along with additional lights. Reroofed the Church and Sunday School building.

Long Range planning process includes focus meetings including community.

Wednesday Night Evening prayer service begun.

First Chili cookoff!
Long Range planning reactivated.
First pictorial Directory

1997

Initial planning committee formed to begin computerization of the office and records.
Tom Peterson and Paul Peterson both resign in the spring. The call process begins to find a new pastor.
Evan Moilan takes on the CM responsibility in the Fall.
Scott Haasarud becomes the interim pastor, giving support and helping the congregation adjust to the changes.
Record of 8 confirmands
Long Range planning put on hold to allow new pastor input. Information already gathered was used to prepare the profile for the beginning of the Pastoral Search.

1998

Lisa Dahlen called.
Pastor John Mlay from Kireweni Lutheran was with us for 6 weeks, sharing his message and experiences with many other churches in the state.
Two sister congregations are established: Kireweni Lutheran in Tanzania and Mekane Yesus Lutheran, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

1999

Lisa Dahlen resigns. During the summer Ray Jensen, Scott Haasarud and David Strang share pastoral responsibilities until Marcia Burt is called to be interim from October through December.
The congregation becomes a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation.
Exploration of adding a third Sister Church in Freiberg, Germany, began.
Rob Butler becomes Music Director.

2000

Ray Stiffler becomes interim pastor.
Long Range Plan for 1999-2004 is accepted.
Gary McClusky called. Begins an optimistic era in which evangelism and upgrading of the offices are most evident. Computers were upgraded along with a copier and duplicator. Security system and new parking lot lights were installed.
Skylights were added to the sanctuary and a dishwasher installed in the Campus Center kitchen.
The Congregation began tracking proportion of giving to benevolence.
An Ethiopian refugee family was sponsored and supported through efforts of the congregation.

2001

Forums held reaffirmed the vision of the congregation to maintain the feel of a smaller congregation while providing many of the opportunities of larger congregations. Campus Ministry increased in numbers, congregational participation and won national recognition.

ULC received a City of Tempe Diversity Award.

In February 13 visitors came from Freiberg, Germany, paving the way for continuing relationship with that church. A reciprocal visit to Freiberg was made in June by ??? ULC members.

A new Sunday School model was inaugurated.

2002