



University Lutheran Foundation Newsletter - Summer 2019

“I will praise thy name, O Lord, for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth.”

Psalm 138:2

Daily life in this fallen world is filled with constant change. As we sing “Change and decay in all around I see!” in Jesus Christ we see that some things never change. The lovingkindness of God and his truth endures forever. His Word proves true, and we are comforted.

While the Gospel which gives Christ’s lovingkindness and truth remains unchanged here at ULC, the coming years will be a time of major change for us—a mixture of daunting, good, and exciting.

In the first place, my wife Diane and I are excited to welcome into the world and church our fourth child, Andrew, who arrived in early December. The change that new life brings is joyful indeed because of the joy Christ brought into the world at his birth among us.

The second change is that ULC pushed hard to repair our beloved pipe organ that has stood unused for several years now. The work was performed by Morel & Associates as we reached our fundraising goal of \$16,000 for this project. Thank you to all of you who helped with your financial support and your prayers.

Finally, the most significant changes to the ULC property since the chapel was built will be coming over the next several years. While the chapel itself is in

good shape, the old house has been abandoned. The roof is destroyed. The boiler died in early 2018. It now has no heat or water. No residents are currently living there (or can live there). The future remains unclear, daunting, but also exciting. Will it be remodeled? Will it be torn down? Will something else be built in its place?

I know that these are questions that have been circulating for years, but its dilapidated condition has forced the issue. A quick fix will not work this time. The Rocky Mountain District of the LCMS and its Board of Directors (who ultimately own the property) are supportive of ULC and are preparing to tackle this head-on to ensure that Word and Sacrament ministry will continue here far into the 21st century and beyond.

As you know, this is more than a property governed by a board. It is the home of a congregation with a life and a history. It is a campus ministry that affects and has affected the lives of area congregations, alumni, friends, and students. Our prayer is that whatever course of action ends up being taken will be for the glory of the Lord and the edification of his church. Because many things change, but the Word of our God endures forever.

Peace,

Pastor Joshua Hayes

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Alumni are always invited to include ULC in their visits to the Denver/Boulder and Colorado Front Range.

“REFLECTIONS”

“Anniversaries” have been the most frequent reference point in our University Lutheran (UL) alumni newsletters over the decades. Our Winter 2017 issue had a focus on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The “Reflections” section note on page 2 concluded: “We’ll begin pointing towards another anniversary, the 60th of University Lutheran Assembly in April/May 2018. That will also mark the 35th Anniversary of our UL Foundation.”

And so it was! These anniversaries were observed in the University Lutheran Chapel Worship Service on Sunday, April 15, 2018, and in the fellowship meal prepared for the Assembly by our Foundation Board Members. A link of the years was beautifully realized when three “charter members” arrived for the evening: **Kathy Matheson Huckfeldt** (CU), **Lorne Matheson** (B.S., M.S.), and **Bob Matheson** (B.S. '61, MSc).

With their presence over the years, “Let the festivities begin!”

Julie and I marked forty years on this past 4th of July Holiday since our arrival at ULC, and it was at Bob & Ester Matheson’s home that we reflected nostalgically and watched the fireworks on the horizon from Folsom Field. We remember meeting Assembly, alumni, and community members shortly after our arrival at the ULC Homemade Ice Cream Social. (The “tradition” had already been established for fifteen years... and continued for at least another three decades.) Our tenure of twenty-five years was celebrated and concluded on the “4th” weekend in 2003.

The pattern of ULC anniversary gatherings every five years was well-established, both because of the formation of University Assembly in April 1958 and the Dedication of the Chapel & Assembly Area five years later in November 1963. In addition to the special speakers for those occasions, the three former campus pastors: Theodore (Ted) Schabacker (1958-62), Gerhard (Jerry) Munding

(1963-70), and Philip (Phil) Stephan (1971-77) were guests and participants.

Wonderfully, the launching of University Lutheran Foundation took place on the 25th Anniversary of our Assembly. Norris Hermsmeyer (CU '67) inspired this support arm of our Campus Ministry, and the first major project of the Foundation was the slate flooring in the Chapel chancel and dedicated at the time of the April 1983 anniversary. From there, the facilities projects included the Schabacker Study Lounge, the Munding Library, the faceted glass windows in the Chapel Entrance, the restoration and enhancement of the Chapel Pipe Organ, and the work of art — the cross and fish symbol — placed above the Chapel doors.

The designer, Prof. Brock Shaw of Concordia University Nebraska, described the prominent art piece in this way: “The idea is to show the fish moving vertically and swimming through water, and

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College Graduations

TOBY HEIDT received his Bachelor's degree in Theology from Colorado Christian University in December 2017. He is continuing a Master's program in counseling at CCU. Toby is the son of **Mark** (CU '77) and **Julie** (CU '82) **Heidt** of Brighton, CO.

COLE MUELLER graduated from Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA at the Spring 2018 Commencement (see page 6 for additional details).

JOSHUA MUNDINGER graduated from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and honored with Phi Beta Kappa. He also continued his studies in piano performance and gave distinguished recitals. Josh is pursuing a doctoral program at the University of Chicago. His parents are **Paul** (CU '84) and **Amy Mundinger** of Boulder, CO.

JILLIAN JETTER completed a Master's of Public Health degree at Columbia University in New York City. She had previously studied and served in South Africa. Jillian is the daughter of **Ron** (CU '80) and **Sue Jetter** of Sunnyside, WA.

EMILY ERISMAN graduated from California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks on May 18, 2019, with majors in Psychology and Religion. Emily is beginning studies at Wartburg Lutheran Seminary in Iowa toward Lutheran ministry. Her parents are **Daren Erisman** (CU '89) and **Laura Diehl** of Encinitas, CA, and both Lutheran pastors.



High School Graduations

BENNET MUELLER graduated from Greeley High School in May 2018 and is now a student at Miami University in Florida (see page 6 for additional details).

LINNAEA ERISMAN graduated from San Dieguito Academy in Encinitas, CA, on June 14, 2019. She will most likely attend the University of San Francisco. **Daren and Laura Erisman** enjoyed the focus on the graduation of both daughters in this spring.



Birth Announcements

Joel Martin Amundson was born on November 24, 2017, and is the son of **Mollie (Goings)** and **Josh Amundson**. Their home is in Windsor, CO. **Nanette (Heidt)** (CU '82) and **Bob Goings** of Longmont, CO, are the grandparents.

Henry Thomas Blatherwick, born on June 30, 2018, is the son of **Heidi** (CU '09) and **Donovan** (CU '10) **Blatherwick**. Henry's two brothers are Nixon and Jack. The family makes their home in Colorado Springs, where Donovan serves with the U.S. Military. The grandparents are **Galen and Doris Koepke**.



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NEWS FROM ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DURING THE 1960's AND 1970's

These items begin to give updates on a number of alumni and friends—from all eras. More information comes in points of contact during the past year, particularly in Christmas letters. We welcome all interaction, both for direct communication with alumni and friends, and for sharing through this Letter!

Robert (Bob) Ferry (CU '65), a professor of Latin American History at CU and former ULC president, is serving as the chairman of the Boulder Faculty Assembly. In a recent article about the selection process of the new CU President in this past academic year, Bob is quoted on behalf of the Faculty Assembly in the need for transparency and trust. The Ferry family enjoyed extensive travel in Spain during June 2018.

Dennis Frohlich (CU '69) published his third novel in Spring 2019, Specific Performance. The title of this novel also reflects a legal term, a natural outgrowth of Dennis' career as a lawyer. Dennis and **Cheryl** (CU '69) of Boulder also tell of their engagement fifty years ago, a commitment made to each other in the Student Center/House. (Dennis had served as president of the ULC Assembly and Cheryl as secretary.)

Diane (at CU '77-'79) and **David Drach-Meinell** celebrated their thirtieth anniversary of ordination in April 2017. They have served the majority of their years in ministry as co-pastors of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Henderson, NV.

Gary Grasmick (CU '78, M.D.) and I enjoyed a "reunion" in Boulder at the Memorial Gathering for Dr. Gerald Hickman on May 20, 2018. (Dr. Hickman was a colleague of Gary in the practice of family medicine, as well as with Gary's wife, **Cheryl**, a Physician's Assistant.) Gary's practice is with CU-Health in Superior, CO, and he is also teaching in the CU-Health system. Gary served as a Lutheran pastor in the 1980s before moving into the vocation of medicine when he was in his forties. It was a delight to review the decades together...and to remember Gerald Hickman, also the Stuenkel family doctor in our early Boulder years.

Mark Heidt (CU '77) serves on the Almost Home Board, a homeless shelter in Brighton, CO, the longtime home of Mark and **Julie** (CU '82).

NEWS FROM ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DURING THE 1980's AND 1990's

Larry (MS '85) and **Kris Oolman** continue in research and administrative positions at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, and report that daughter **Kathleen** is on a doctoral program in Physics at the University of Illinois, and Kathleen's husband, **Julian**, in Economics.

Terry Garberding (CU) marked his 10th anniversary as a pharmacist with the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, the home of Terry, wife **Gailynn**, and their two daughters. In fact, Terry describes his "avocation" as Jr. High volleyball coach with daughters **Carly** and **Cassidy**.

Jeffrey Hartmann (CU '83), Chapel organist for more than twenty years, entered an international song writing/composer contest, the "American Songwriters Awards," and he won the grand prize for "Song of the Year," as well as awards in the best classical and best reggae categories. Jeff and his wife, **Paula**, (M.D.) have also provided care for Jeff's parents—and good ULC friends, **Ray and Lily Hartmann**, in times of illness.

Kurt Firnhaber (CU '86) became Director of Housing & Human Services for the City of Boulder in July 2018. Kurt has served in the critical area of Boulder Housing for the

past several years as Deputy Director; Human Services is a new addition to the position. Kurt has returned to Pretoria, South Africa, for two weeks in the later fall, the home of Kurt and Dr. **Cindy** (M.D. '90) **Firnhaber** and their family for thirteen years until 2016. Many ULC members remember that Kurt was co-founder of our Flatirons Habitat for Humanity, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in May 2018. FHFH, with Kurt as Executive Director, had its offices in our Student Center during much of its first decade.

Holly (CU '00) and **Nick** (M.S. '00) **Massie** of Denver (Stapleton) give updates on their professional lives. Holly is administrative manager in the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Children's Hospital, and Nick is the CFO/COO with the Colorado State Land Board. Nick adds that he

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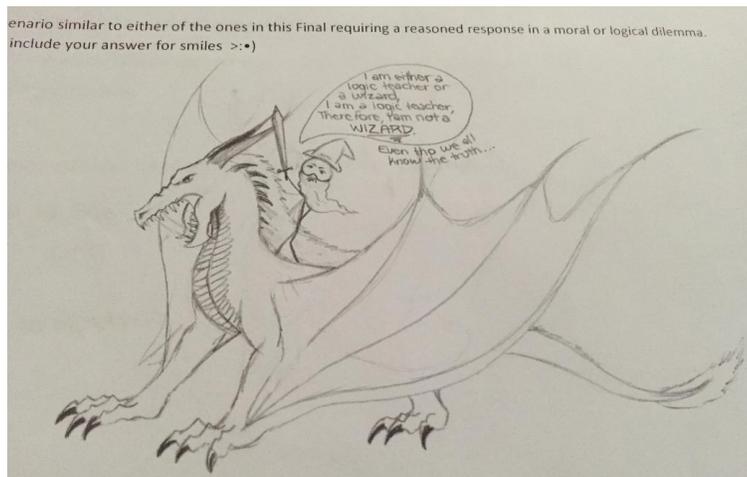
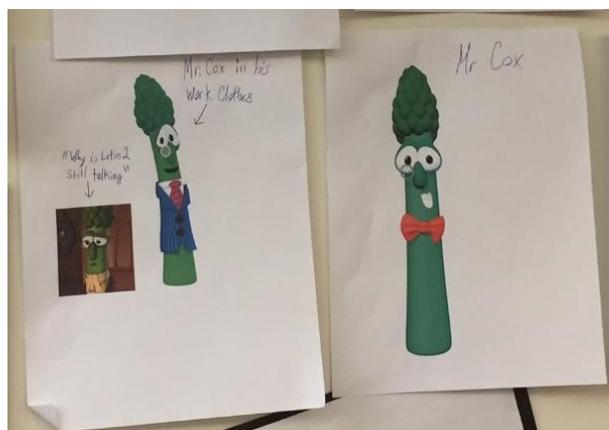
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A request for information and photos from our alumni and friends generated several responses:

Jesse Pleger, an active member at ULC during 1994-1996, sent the following note: “On May 28, 2018 (Memorial Day weekend), I was married to Helen Faith Shawyer. Helen and I met back in 2010, in a remote field site in South Sudan (at that time it was still southern Sudan). We're very thankful to have finally ended up together, and are excited to be starting our life together in Washington, DC, where I had recently settled. Since 2008, I have been working in aid work, largely in east Africa. I lived and worked in Darfur, Sudan and Juba, South Sudan for about seven years, managing emergency water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) projects for Christian NGOs, before being hired by the UN to coordinate the WASH emergency response in South Sudan. In 2015, I responded to the Nepal earthquake, helping to set up the emergency response of a Christian NGO. I then lived and worked for a year in Iraq, again with the UN, coordinating all sectors of the emergency response. Finally, in mid-2016, I returned to the US intent on settling down and living in a stable environment. Helen and I re-connected in Kenya, during my roundabout trip home from Iraq, and began dating. These days we have found a wonderful church home at Church of the Resurrection, which is a member of the Anglican Church of North America, and am working with USAID, though thankfully based in the US for awhile.”

Raymond Cox, currently a Seminarian at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN (CTSFW), provided some fun photos, including a 2018 class picture, a photo taken with his sister in Paris (July 2018) and two theories about “who he really is” according to his former Latin students (hint: he is not the dragon).



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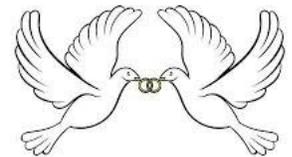
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A note from **Brad** (CU '89) and **Pepper** (CU '90) **Mueller** let us know that older son **Cole** is off to a great career start as a video game producer following his graduation from Drexel University. This past fall, Cole launched a debut game on X-Box entitled "Groundless." Younger son **Bennett** is attending the University of Miami in Florida and studying Economics. Brad and Pepper remain active and send greetings to everyone from Greeley, Colorado.

A self-professed "old-timer" from University Lutheran Assembly, **Frank (Terry) Gordon** let us know he was still around and "luxuriating in the freedom that retirement brings." Terry (as he was known at ULA) was active in 1964, 1967, and 1977 (he was attending Grace in the '70s) and provided some highlights since his retirement as a professor of history and political science at Aims Community College in Greeley, CO in 2001: he developed the design ideas for stained glass windows at his former and present churches and worked with the stained glass artist to bring those ideas to fruition; he has been active in Greeley's annual memorial Holocaust observance and served as a featured speaker several times; he has written several feature articles for the Greeley Tribune; he has privately published limited editions of two books, including a corrected edition of his dissertation which now adorns the shelves of the Andover-Harvard Theological Library, Norlin at CU, Morgan at CSU, and the University Library in Marburg, Germany, where he did much of his research; he has spent countless hours playing classical and flamenco guitar; and in his own words "MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL: On August 31, 2017, I celebrated 30 years of not smoking! That's probably my greatest triumph."

Wedding Announcements

Nyasha Firnhaber and **Keegan Williams** were married in Washington, DC, in March 2018. Nyasha's parents, **Kurt** (CU '86) and **Cindy** (M.D. '90) **Firnhaber** of Boulder were able to celebrate the marriage of Nyasha, now a kindergarten teacher in Denver at the Fairmont School, and Keegan. The couple resides in Broomfield, CO.



Jesse Pleger and **Helen Faith Sawyer** were united in marriage on May 28, 2018.

Thomas Currey (Law '15) and **Maria Kurchevskaya** were married on September 1, 2018, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Loveland, CO. ULC Pastor **Joshua Hayes**, the brother-in-law of Thomas, led in the Marriage Service. Maria received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the CU May 2018 Commencement. Maria was confirmed in University Lutheran Chapel. The couple makes their home in Boulder, where Thomas now serves as an attorney on the CU staff.

Trevor Floyd (CU '14) and **Elizabeth Auerbach** were married on September 3, 2018, in Estes Park, CO, at a setting near the entrance of Rocky Mountain National Park. Trevor and Elizabeth are making their home in the Denver area, and both are employed by Oracle Corporation. Trevor's parents, **Joe and Deb** (CU '84) **Floyd** and grandparents, **Gary and Caroline Floyd**, of Loveland, CO, participated in the marriage celebration and have maintained a longtime connection with ULC.

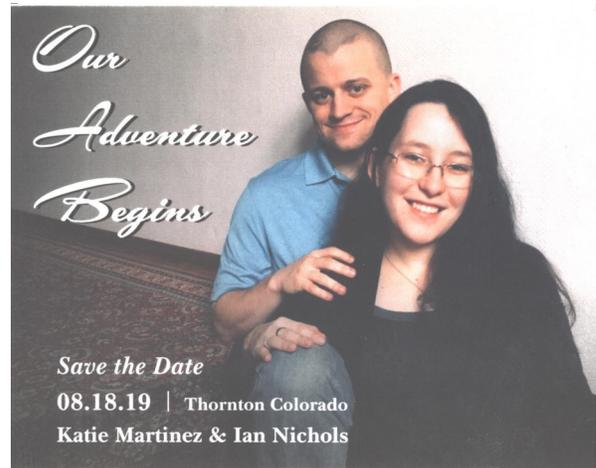
Scott Herrmann (CU '91) and **Donna Wilson** celebrated their marriage on May 18, 2019, in the community of their new home in South Boulder. Scott's parents, **Marsha** (CU '61) and **Bob Herrmann** were special guests together with Scott's son **Ken** and his brother **Glenn** (CU '92) and family. Scott and Donna's wedding trip took them to India and South Africa where one of Donna's children resides.

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is “enjoying working in the public sector and traveling around Colorado for the Land Board.”

Mira Canion, a special educator in the Spanish language, joined with the delegation from Atonement Lutheran Church, Boulder, in a mission trip to Guatemala in June 2018. Mira’s first visit to Guatemala in March 2000 was shared fully with our ULC community, which Mira also served as president.

Becky Nichols (MSc '90) is running her consulting company and serving as a member of our UL Foundation Board and editor of this newsletter. Husband **Don**, together with his “day job,” enjoys the avocation of statistician for the Denver Broncos home games. Their son **Ian** is serving in the U.S. Army in Landstuhl, Germany, and will be married to **Katie Martinez** (**Harriet Oehlkers**’ grand niece) in August.

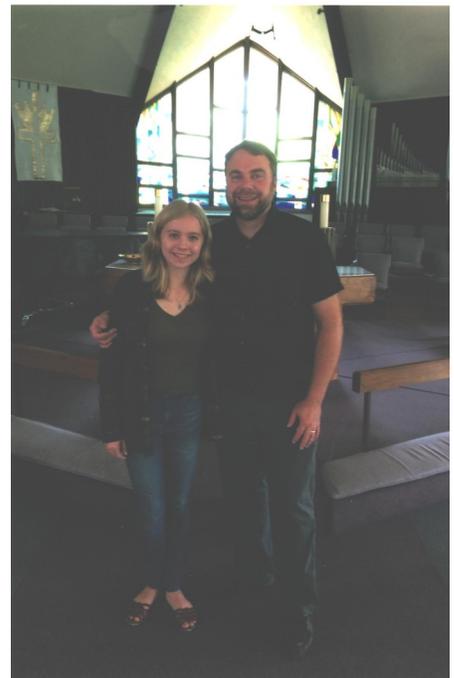


NEWS FROM ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DURING THE 2000's

Nobuki Matsui sent greetings from his home in Waterloo, Ontario, where he is employed at Open Text, a software company in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. He is a volunteer at the Waterloo Wayside Centre, a

food and shelter setting, and the painting on their Christmas card has Nobuki as the artist.

News from Alumni and Friends compiled by Bob & Julie Stuenkel



The Erismans at Mt. Calvary, Boulder, CO on 29 May 2018

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to be a symbol of Christ. These forms also give reference to a vine with leaves showing growth. The cross is tapered towards the doorway leading the eye into the entry of the Chapel." In that Spirit, our Foundation continues its service! The special offering of alumni and friends on the Stuenkels' retirement weekend made this witness to the CU Campus possible, and the dedication took place as part of the 4th of July celebration in 2009.

At the 50th Anniversary of ULA/ULC, **Brad Mueller** (CU '89) wrote in our *University Lutheran Foundation Newsletter* about a pledge of \$10,000 in annual support by the Foundation. And in the summer of 2014, there was the "new area of Foundation fundraising" for assistance in the renovation that followed the flood of the



previous September. The most recent support of \$5,000 was for the lawn landscaping and new irrigation system, largely designed and with "hands-on" supervision by **Jeff Diehl** (CU '03) and highlighted in the last *Newsletter*. Over the years, the ongoing contributions of ULF have enabled direct support of student retreats, campus ministry conferences and various seminars.

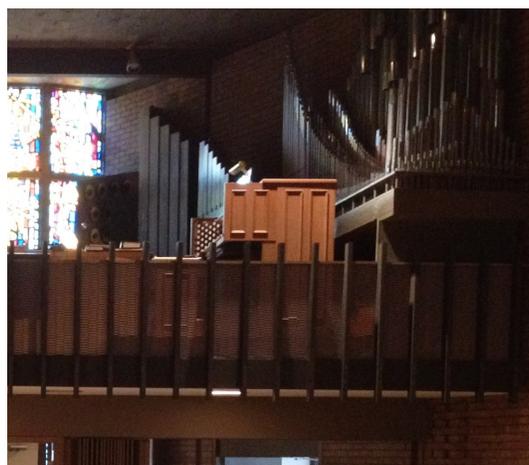
"Pointing towards the next anniversary" at this time needs to be the 100th of Lutheran Campus Ministry for the Missouri Synod in 2020. Most familiar words are on our hearts: "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations." The hymn lines of thanksgiving flow from this opening verse of Psalm 90: "O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come."

Pastor Bob Stuenkel



"...the first major project of the Foundation was the slate flooring in the Chapel chancel and [was] dedicated at the time of the April 1983 anniversary..."

Finishing touches to the pipe organ repair will be completed this summer and a rededication is planned for July (please see page 14).



“Home-Goings” - Deaths of Alumni

Rudolph (Rudy) Schattke died on December 3, 2017, in Louisville, Colorado, and his Memorial Service was held at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Boulder on December 15, 2017. Dr. Schattke was a professor of accounting at CU until his retirement in 1997 and with his wife, Norma, active members of Mt. Calvary Congregation and involved in the music program. Rudy also supported Lutheran Campus Ministry at CU and served on local and regional campus ministry committees. Former Campus Pastor Gordon Ward spoke at the Memorial Service of Rudy’s character, integrity in vocation, and his “enfolding of friends.”

Clara Louise Siefken died on December 4, 2017, in Boulder. Clara made the Boulder area her home after moving from Columbus, Nebraska in 2002 to be close to daughter **Doris** and son-in-law **Galen** (MSc '81) **Koepke** and their family. Clara was an active member of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Boulder, where the Memorial Service was held on December 9, 2017. A Burial Service was held in Columbus, NE, on December 13, 2017. The Chapel community is also thankful for the relationship of many years.

Alice Riemer-McKee died on February 6, 2018, in Neenah, Wisconsin, and her Memorial Service was held on February 17, 2018, at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Appleton, WI. Alice, together with her husband **Doug**, served for eleven years as co-pastors of the Wesley Foundation UMC Campus Ministry at CU. They were valued neighbors to and partners with our ULC Ministry. Alice and Doug retired from ministry in 1999, and following Doug’s death in 2002, Alice moved to Wisconsin where she served the Evergreen Retirement Community of Oshkosh as their chaplain.

Mabel Boehm died on February 11, 2018, in Boulder, and her Memorial Service was held at the Ahlberg Funeral Chapel in Longmont, Colorado on March 9, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband **Karl Boehm**, with whom she hosted thousands of guests at the Peaceful Valley Guest Lodge and Dude Ranch for over forty years. She also cared for the PV Chapel, with which our ULC community became close partners through **Pastor Jerry and Jean Munding**. The Boehms were members of First Lutheran Church in Longmont, and they counted ULC as a second church home.

Judy Helen Myra died on February 13, 2018, in Louisville, Colorado, and her Memorial Service was held at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Louisville on February 21, 2018. Judy married **Jim Myra**, an active member of ULC in the early 1980’s, in April 1994, and they have two daughters, **Elizabeth** and **Anna Marie**. Close family friend **Donna Rohde** (CU '63) reminds us that Judy and Jim were introduced to each other by **Bob and Ester Matheson**. Judy served extensively as a teacher in her Christ the Servant Congregation, and her volunteer service touched her daughters’ schools, the Boulder Homeless Shelter, Meals on Wheels, Boulder County AIDS Project and Boulder Hospice Respite Care.

Theodore Eickhoff died on March 24, 2018, in South Denver, and his Memorial Service was held at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Greenfield Village, CO on April 15, 2018. Dr. Eickhoff was Professor Emeritus at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. He was one of the founding fathers of the discipline of infection prevention and control and served as the President of the Infectious Diseases Society of America in 1983. Ted Eickhoff is survived by his wife **Margaret**, the parents of alumnus **Mark Eickhoff** (PhD '94) and parents-in-law of alumna **Jean Eickhoff** (DMus. '90). The Eickhoff family was close to our ULC Ministry.

Eugene (“Lefty”) Ferry died at age 95 on April 4, 2018, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and his Memorial Service was held on April 20, 2018, at the Aspen Mortuary in Lakewood, CO. His sons **Robert (Bob)** and **Patrick** (PhD '96) introduced Lefty to our ULC community; Bob is Professor of Latin American History at CU, and Pat is President of Concordia University Wisconsin. The Ferry Family were members of Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church. Lefty was a veteran of WWII, a brick mason (who also did masonry repair on our Chapel), and a dedicated volunteer coach. The Ferry family story has touched ULC closely.

John Goodman (CU BA & MMusEd.) died in Boulder on May 7, 2018, and his Memorial Service was held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Longmont, CO on May 12, 2018. John is survived by his wife **Cathy**, both active in our Lutheran Campus Ministries at CU. John was a music educator for forty-one years at five Boulder Valley schools and was a strong proponent of keeping arts in the schools. He continued to volunteer in retirement, particularly with Spanish instruction, and John is remembered for his humanitarian service in Nicaragua. John’s church choir leadership continued from college to our Shepherd of the Hills, Boulder; and Bethlehem, Longmont Lutheran Choirs.

Jamie Adams (MBA) and **David Hooley** were long-time choir members with John. The Burbank Junior High Choir sang movingly at John’s Memorial Service.

*For to me, to live is
Christ and to die
is gain.*

Philippians 1:21

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Jean Ehrhardt Munding

February 20, 1921 - January 1, 2019

Jean Munding of Allenspark, Colorado and recently Helena, Montana, peacefully left this life on January 1, 2019. Jean was born on February 20, 1921, the only child of John J. and Katherine W. Ehrhardt in Jersey City, New Jersey. Jean's father's employment took the family to Asia. Jean spent most of her childhood at various locations in the Philippines, China and Japan. She completed her formal education at the University of Arizona and Michigan State University.

Jean met her husband, Gerhard H. Munding, while attending the University of Arizona. They were married at Grace Lutheran Church in Tucson on January 24, 1942. Their life journey together took them from Tucson to Madison, WI back to Tucson and then on to Denver, East Lansing, Ft. Wayne, Los Angeles, Boulder, Heidelberg, Germany and, in retirement, Allenspark.

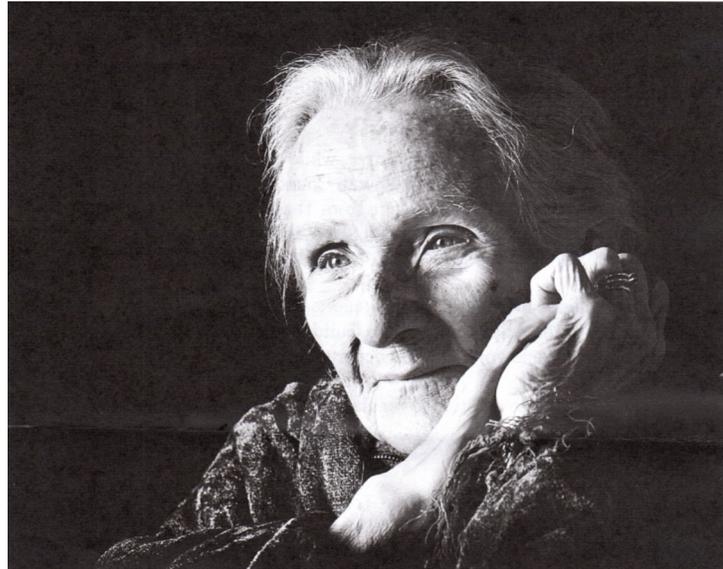
Jean was widowed in August 2000. Following the death of her husband, Jean was an active member of the Allenspark Hilltop Guild, a group that supported the Community Cupboard and volunteer fire department.

Jean also liked to travel. In addition to regular visits with her children, she travelled to the Holy Land, Scandinavia, Germany, Australia and the Panama Canal Zone. Jean moved to Helena in 2013 to reside at Touchmark, an assisted living facility.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents and husband. She is survived by her children, Karen Graham (Steve) of Portland, OR; John (Gwynn) of Helena, MT; Gerhard (Sue) of Michigan City, IN; and Paul (Amy) of Boulder, CO; ten grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

Memorials in Jean's name may be made to the University Lutheran Foundation or to the Allenspark Community Cupboard. Jean loved humanity. She was a faithful wife; a loving mother who taught her children to be servants in their respective vocations; a gracious hostess; and, a loyal friend. We will miss her.

A memorial service was held on June 26, 2019, in Boulder, Colorado.





Alumni & Friends 2018



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Elbe Geer (CU '38) died on August 30, 2018, in Boulder at the age of 100, and her Memorial Service — a hymn festival, at Elbe's request — was held at Grace Lutheran, Boulder on September 4, 2018. The service folder states: "While in college, Elbe and her husband **John** were part of a mission congregation which was the roots of Grace Lutheran Church which last year celebrated its 80th anniversary." Elbe and John were also delighted to talk about being founders of University Lutheran Assembly at Grace in 1958. Elbe's daughter, **Susan Swaebly** (CU '67) and husband **James (Jim)** continued that involvement and service. Elbe was a faithful member of many Bible study groups and held many leadership positions in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Wilmar (Wil) Bernthal died at age 98 on September 9, 2018, in Boulder, and his Memorial Service was held at Grace, Boulder on September 22, 2018. Wil was professor of management and organization at the CU School of Business from 1957 to 1986. Along with many professional associations and services, Wil was also recognized with the Stearns Award for Exceptional Service at CU. The previous *Newsletter* reported on the death of Wil's wife of 70 years, **Lorna**, who died on June 15, 2017, and their association with our Lutheran Campus Ministries over the years. Wil served on local and regional boards and committees. Their extensive involvement in the life of Grace Congregation included Wil's authorship of a Congregational history, [Living In Grace](#).

Jan Harvey, the father of **Becky Nichols** (MSc '90), died on November 2, 2018, in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, where he lived with his wife **Mabel**. He was born in Morgan County, WV, on October 3, 1939. Jan was an honor graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) in 1961 and received the USNA Leadership Award from President John F. Kennedy. He served in the U.S. Army for 28 years and retired as a full Colonel. He also served the Army Space Program where he helped design the computer system for the initial space shuttles program. Don and Becky were able to be with Jan and Mabel at the time of his passing. A Memorial Service was held at Masonic Lodge #4 in Fredericksburg, VA on November 11, 2018 (Veterans Day). There will also be a Memorial Service at the USNA in Annapolis, MD, at a later date. Our Chapel community enjoyed a number of visits with Jan and Mabel Harvey over the years of the Nichols family's service at ULC.

Jean Mundinger died on January 1, 2019, in Helena, MT. Jean was the widow of Pastor Gerhard Mundinger (please see additional information about Jean on page 11).

Hans Strasser, the father of **Arden Strasser** (MS '88), "passed into God's peace at age 88. He was born in Königsberg, Germany, the eldest of three sons." Hans died on April 4, 2019, and the Funeral Service was held on June 8, 2019, at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Rochester, NY.

Nadine Heidt, the mother of **Nanette Goings** (CU '82) and **Mark Heidt** (CU '77), died in the Lord on April 18, 2019, and her Funeral Service was held at Faith Lutheran Community in Longmont, Colorado, on April 25, 2019. Nadine and **Leroy Heidt** remained very supportive of our ULC Campus Ministry over the decades since the participation of Mark and Julie Heidt and Nanette and Bob Goings.

An exceptional number of death accounts for our *University Lutheran Foundation Newsletter*...and the stories are about exceptional people, yes, saints, who are related to our ULC Campus Ministry of sixty years. Alumnus Patrick Ferry's concluding statements in his father Lefty's Memorial Service become a capstone for this "Home-Goings" section:

"My father died a few days after Easter. That reminds us that is not the end of his story. Nor is the cross the end of Jesus' story. The message yet resounds—Christ is risen, indeed and alleluia! Jesus' promises are not empty ones because the tomb is empty. They buried him inside, but a mere tomb could not hold him—not if death could not hold him...Jesus made the swap for us. He took all the junk that is ours and gives us all that is His—all that is good, and worthy, and perfect, and beautiful in exchange. Don't let your hearts be troubled, Believe in Him. In Jesus' Name, Amen!"

Please join us for our Annual University Lutheran Foundation Picnic at ULC on Saturday, 24 August 2019, at 12:00 PM.

The Foundation will provide the main course (hamburgers and brats) and drinks, but we would love some great salads, side dishes and desserts!

We will be sharing memories of the "White House" and providing an opportunity for you to dig through your alumni file as we begin the process of cleaning out the space.



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