



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

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Chaplain Mindy Holland traveled from Portland, Oregon and arrived in Delaware during the month of July. Mindy has enjoyed visiting our surrounding congregational partners in recent weeks, including 8 ELCA congregations and 1 LCMS parish. Mindy is rostered as a Diaconal Minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and feels most at home at the intersection of faith and education. Above all, she loves working with and getting to know our wonderful students!

Welcome Back Picnic: The summer has passed, and the fall brings many changes to the landscape of our lives. The nights become cooler, the leaves begin to change, and the students return to campus and to LCM. Tuesday, September 8th was the welcome back picnic with over 20 students attending. The students opted to picnic indoors, due to the outside heat and humidity. A special thank you to Grill Master Jared for enduring the heat! It was wonderful to gather together!



Installation: September 20th marked the more-or-less *official* day to recognize the beginning of a new ministry. The installation of Chaplain Mindy was shared with the new student leadership, peer ministers, congregational advocates, Directing Committee members, and staff. If you weren't able to attend the service, picture — in your mind's imaginative eye — the entire congregation together near the altar, laying hands on one another's shoulders and sharing the peace. Present Lutheran Campus Ministry students, campus pastors for Episcopalian and Presbyterian students, "Advocates" from our partner congregations, representatives from the Bishop's office, other Lutheran pastors of the DE-MD Synod, (including campus pastor Laura Sinche from Baltimore, one of Mindy's closest colleagues), and other guests came together as a community ready to reach out and serve the ministry. Prominent on the front cover of the service-booklet for that day were the words: *Soli Deo Gloria...Glory to God Alone* (Thanks to Pastor Ann Dentry as our guest reporter!)



Ecumenical Colleagues



Directing Committee



Some of the active students of LCM!



Mark your calendars

- Retreat:** October 9-11
- Fundraiser:** October 17 at 5:00 PM
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
- Every Tuesday:** at 6:00 PM
free dinner and worship
- F.I.S.H.:** third Friday of the month

With sincere gratitude: Everyone who receives this newsletter is a part of the ministry of "LCM" - past, present, and future. This brief update strives to do as much in pictures as in words, and perhaps the only words we want to be sure to use right now are, "Thank you!"

A special thank you to St Paul's Lutheran Church for hosting the installation; Pastor Janet Peterman, Interim Senior Pastor; Mike Bareham, Director of Music and organist; members of the Sanctuary Choir; and its staff and volunteers who contributed to the special service.

A warm thank you to those who led, prayed, and served during the recent interim period for Lutheran Campus Ministry: Pastor Ann Dentry, with gracious assistance from John Keating and Michelle Topi; outgoing Directing Committee President Nancy Lomax; Call Committee Chair Bill Saylor and his great team—Rachel, Mike, Teri, and Nona; and all the members of the Directing Committee.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Pastor Ann Dentry,

LCM's interim chaplain,

...is in the garden! I've also made a few cameo appearances in Newark to mop up the chaos created by my innovative filing systems and, frankly, 'cause I miss this beloved, life-giving group.

As to current ministry: I'm a co-leader of the Delaware-Maryland Synod Creation Care Team. Its purpose is to encourage both congregations and individuals to care for God's creation by providing them the resources they need to implement sound environmental practices in their different contexts.



Kirsten Mathisen (2014-2015 LCM President)

As of mid-August, I am committed to a year of service with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC), and I am placed in Baltimore. My job placement is with Lutheran World Relief (LWR), and I work as the Program Assistant for Marketing & Creative Services for the organization. LVC's three core practices are: intentional community, social justice, and sustainability and simplicity. These practices are a big part of my everyday life. So far, I am loving it here in Baltimore, and I love working for LWR!



Sarah Swanson (2014-2015 LCM Vice President) (pictured left)

Since I have graduated University of Delaware, I have been working full-time with the law firm, Maron Marvel Bradley & Anderson as a Legal Billing Clerk in Wilmington, Delaware.



Chelsea Pellicano

(pictured right)

I am currently serving as an active duty officer at Fort Sill in Oklahoma at what is called the Basic Officer's Leadership Course (BOLC) for Field Artillery in the United States Army. I will be here until February, learning about the Field Artillery branch and developing my leadership style and skills. Following my training here, I will be heading to my first duty state in Vilseck, Germany. Spiritually, I have started attending a Baptist Church here with a rocking praise band and awesome congregation; everyone has been super friendly and welcoming as I am still pretty new to the area. I am very excited to see what God has in store for me over the next few months out here in Oklahoma!

OUR MISSION:

**TO EXPRESS OUR FAITH IN
GOD THROUGH FELLOWSHIP,
OUTREACH, AND SERVICE.**

- A special thank you to LCM student, Jeremy Gross, for photographing the welcome back picnic and Mindy's installation.



Please continue to pray that this ministry may reflect the love and grace of Christ and that our students may grow in faith, service, outreach, leadership, and discipleship through their participation.

Marli Hurff

I graduated in May 2015 with my BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing). I am currently studying for my boards and applying for local nursing jobs within the Newark area. I am now a board member of the LCM Directing Committee and co-chairing this year's fundraiser.

