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A Word from the Chaplain

Once again a vibrant and ministry-rich semester draws to a close. The students are working and reviewing intensely, preparing for final exams. The Christmas tree has been decorated in the chapel, and carols serenade us in stores and on the radio. Ah, the magic of this Advent season, full of preparation and expectancy!

For me, Advent also offers a season of reflection and gratitude. As I look over the past year, I continue to give thanks for the wonderful team of students, staff, and volunteers who cooperate and serve together, so that Lutheran Campus Ministry can thrive. Our core students contribute their talents by serving as Exec Board members and as Peer Ministers, by accompanying hymns and leading discussions on Tuesday evenings, by managing our website and taking beautiful photographs. They live out their servant leadership both with LCM and with other campus organizations (like the UD Marching Band!), as well as being active in service projects throughout the year, whether in support of FISH, Family Promise, or the Empty Bowl Dinner. I continue to be amazed and humbled by their gifted, servant-hearted leadership and by their journeys of faith in Christ.

However, the students and I cannot do this alone! We are deeply blessed by JoAnne, our outstanding administrative assistant; Mike, Marli, and Emily, this year's Executive Committee members; Susie, our staff adviser; Sandy, Ryan, Wanda, Louis, and Louise, board members who have also made significant contributions to our Saturday work days; local pastors and congregations, including the confirmation class at Hope Lutheran Church; alumni; and dear and generous friends of the ministry. A heartfelt thank you to all of you for your ongoing care for LCM, for your prayers and donations, for your presence and your love!

I wish you God's peace, joy, and hope midst the complexities and challenges that life brings. May the light of Christ shine brightly upon you and your loved ones throughout these joyous Advent and Christmas seasons!



In Christ, Mindy †

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN 2017

LCM WORK DAYS: Saturday (10:00 AM — 2:00 PM)

2017 dates: March 11th and May 13th

STUDENT DINNERS: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

Dinners resume February 7th. Please see page 3 for details.

F.I.S.H. (Fellowship in Serving the Hungry)

at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newark

3rd Friday of the month (2:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

and the preceding Thursday (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM)



ROOMS FOR RENT
302-368-3078

The Bonhoeffer House has student rooms available June 2017

2 single and 1 double

Rent includes: furnished rooms, all utilities, and parking!

Contact LCM office for details

Celebra **TIN'** 10 years of FISH

A Great Fundraiser for FISH!

We wish to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to making our November 5th fundraiser a huge success. We are very pleased to report that we met our goal of raising over \$10,000! Thank you, thank you, to all those who shared their resources so generously in support of *Fellowship in Serving the Hungry*.

That evening we enjoyed hearing from Deaconess Jean Warren, Executive Director of Lutheran Community Services, who shared the early history of FISH; from our current Peer Minister, Maria Faiola; and from Keith Bart, a long-term FISH supporter. Jeremy Gross did a wonderful job as our MC for the evening, as well as taking great photographs to document the event. Nancy Lomax accompanied our hymns, and Chef Sonia Brode from St. Stephen's prepared yet another tasty meal. Oh, and who doesn't love Woodside Creamery ice cream for dessert?! It was a joy to share food, fellowship, and a great celebration with many past LCM alumni and friends of the ministry representing nine local congregations.

In addition, we were blessed by a terrific variety of raffle baskets and donations, including handmade, hand-stitched, and hand-painted items that were among some of the most sought-after options in our silent auction. We are particularly grateful to our fundraiser planning team: Heidi Burch, Leah Fitchett (Student Events Coordinator), JoAnne Gross, and Marli Hurff, who served as chair. Finally, many thanks to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, which hosted this year's gathering and which continues as a trusted and deeply invested partner in our ongoing service to the FISH families. Teamwork is a true blessing.



What does FISH mean to our students:

"FISH is important to me because it is a chance to help the people in the area and make their lives a little better."

*Maria Faiola, Elizabethtown, PA
Sophomore, FISH Peer Minister*

"FISH is important because it helps people and makes a difference in the world."

*Maddy Lewis, Fairfax, VA
Senior*

"FISH and LCM are a continuation of the faith background I got from my parents and home church. I love the fellowship of LCM and the service aspect of FISH."

*Leah Fitchett, Yardley, PA
Sophomore, Events Coordinator*

LCM shares in faith, fellowship, and fun...



Faith-filled retreat in Ocean City, Maryland



We almost escaped the Escape Room!

We enjoyed the fall weather with a Hayride and bonfire at Milburn Orchards



Gift wrapping at Grace



Taking a break from studying to sing carols at Somerford House and Place



Time to decorate at our ecumenical Advent party with Presbyterian Campus Ministry and Episcopal Campus Ministry



Tuesday dinners resume February 7th:

Partaking in a weekly home-cooked meal and sharing their faith and fellowship remains the highlight of our students' busy academic schedules. Do you have a student at another college? Are they participating in a faith-based program? Is someone reaching out to them? Please prayerfully consider providing a simple meal to our students. **Signups for the spring semester will begin January 1st.** Please contact the LCM office or visit our website to sign up for a Tuesday dinner. Thank you!

*Merry Christmas and thank you
from the students and staff of
Lutheran Campus Ministry*

Scott

Spencer

Sarah

Chris

Morgan

John!

Varad

Larissa

Maria

Leah

Steven

Hannah

MADDY

Jeremy

JoAnne

Mindy

Kristen

Alex

Kayla



May the light of Christ shine brightly in your life!