



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019



A message from Chaplain Mindy:

It has been another strong, faithful year for Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD, and we are grateful to God for His abundant blessings!

On March 12-13, we underwent a comprehensive ministry site review, spearheaded by trustworthy and insightful ministry colleagues from the region, Ray Ranker, Beth Barkhau, and Bettye Wolinski, with additional input from our bishop, the Rev. Bill Gohl. Our warmest thanks for your service and deep commitment, exhibited both in the rigorous schedule of interviews and by your thoughtful and comprehensive report! Within the report, we received many commendations for the ministry's areas of strength and recent growth, as well as recommendations for future changes to improve our shared mission and ministry in Christ's name.

One of the report observations made was that we haven't done a very good job of asking for support in recent years, though we do a fine job of thanking and telling. Thus, I am taking this opportunity to be bold! Would you please take a prayerful moment to consider how you might offer financial or in-kind support to LCM in 2019 and beyond? We are very intentional about using your gifts well and faithfully in order to enhance student programs; to encourage student discipleship, service, and leadership development; and to act as careful stewards of our many resources in property, people, faith, and prayer. \$50 funds a Tuesday dinner for students; \$150 provides for our student outreach efforts; \$500 compensates a Peer Minister's work for one semester; \$750 buys all supplies for one year; and a gift of \$1,000 would cover overhead costs for our annual fundraiser. Every dollar is a gift to us! Even if you cannot give at this time, perhaps you would consider remembering LCM in your long-term financial plan or exploring an employer matching program? If you are a member of Thrivent, we invite your sponsorship through Action Team grants. We also love to receive gift cards for places on Main Street, like *Panera* and *Starbucks*, which allow our students to meet for one-on-one conversations and to build community in more informal ways.

With all that said, the best gifts that you can give us are your prayers. Please pray for blessing, guidance, and Christ's daily accompaniment for our nine graduates. Wow! What a talented, inspiring group of young people with beautiful hearts for the Lord! LCM has been a place for them to grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus, while living out that faith through fellowship, discipleship, outreach, and service. It is a privilege and joy to walk and to pray with them at this time in their lives. Thank you for praying with us for present grace and future blessing upon their journeys.

In Christ, Mindy †



A treasure hunt is underway!

If you have been associated with LCM in years past, perhaps you have collected some treasures (a.k.a. LCM documents) that are lurking around in a drawer, a closet, or your basement. While we cannot offer cleaning services, we would love to unload those items for you. We are looking for any old documents that we could scan and thus help preserve our history. If you have anything, please contact the office to make arrangements to pick up those items. Thank you!



Our annual fall fundraiser will be Saturday, November 2nd, at Grace Lutheran Church. The evening includes dinner, basket raffles, and a silent auction. Has God blessed you with a special talent like painting, photography, woodworking, or crafting? Perhaps you would consider donating one of your creations to our fundraiser. If you are interested, please contact the office. Mark you calendars; we hope to see you there!

LCM's recent events during the second semester included: a return to Hack's Point, Maryland for our spring retreat, ice-skating, game night, an outing to the Escape Room, visiting Grace Lutheran Church and serving UDairy ice cream, and an evening dinner with our guests who completed our ministry site review. See page 4 for the pictures from our Senior Honor Night!



With heartfelt thanks to...



LEAH FITCHETT for previously serving as Student Events Coordinator for two years and Student Exec Board President this past year.



MARIA FAIOLA for serving as the F.I.S.H. Peer Minister for the past three years and serving as Student Exec Board Vice President this past year.



LARISSA KUBITZ for serving as Student Exec Board Secretary and Co-Secretary for the past three years.



CHRIS FRANCIS for serving as Student Exec Board Treasurer for the past two years.



ANNA McCARTER for serving as Student Exec Board Co-Secretary this past year. Anna will also be serving as the FISH Peer Minister and is President-Elect for 2019-2020.



HANNAH ROBERTS for serving as Hospitality Coordinator for the past four years.



BRIDGET SUHR for serving as LCM's Social Media Peer Minister this past year and continuing into 2019-2020. Bridget will also be serving as Student Exec Board Vice President for 2019-2020.



KERRY HITCHNER for serving as Student Events Coordinator and continuing into 2019-2020.



JEREMY STEVENS, who will serve as Student Exec Board Treasurer for 2019-2020.



ISABEL HARTENSTEIN, will serve as Student Exec Board Secretary for 2019-2020.

Our students are a blessing!

Our Directing Committee:

SUSIE OLSON, outgoing President who will remain as Student Advisor (St. Paul's)

LOUISE JAMES, President-Elect (St. Philip's)

GERRIT SALEMINK, Treasurer (Tree of Life)

JARED SHARPE, Vice President-Elect
LCM Alum and graduate student

EMILY PIERCE (St. Paul's)

LOUIS JAMES (St. Philip's)

CLARA MATTUCCI (Hope)

DONNA McCARTER (Concordia)

***God's blessings to those who serve
the ministry so faithfully!***

Tuesday dinner hosts:



Thank you to the following groups and church members for providing delicious dinners this past year. One of the students' favorite aspects of LCM is partaking in the home-cooked Tuesday dinners, followed by fellowship, devotion, and discussion. We pray that you had a joyful experience, and we hope to see you again in the fall! Sign-ups for the fall semester will be available on our website, beginning August 1st.

With grateful hearts, we give thanks to:

Members from St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Members from St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Members from St. Philip's Lutheran Church
Hope Lutheran Church—Confirmation Class
Yvonne Lembo—ELCA Foundation
Grace Café Young Adult Group
Directing Committee members
LCM Student Executive Board
LCM Alumni ♦ LCM Staff
Fall fundraiser dinner sponsorships

Our Mission Statement:

***To express our faith in God through
fellowship, outreach, and service.***

Senior Honor Night

What a beautiful and memorable occasion it was to see the chapel filled to the brim with students, alumni, parents and family members, Directing Committee members, and friends of the ministry, all here to honor this year's graduates! Jacob Capin (Appalachian dulcimer) and Kayla Reiner (voice) led us beautifully for the evening's hymns, and past LCM Presidents, Alex Huey and Sarah Fredrick, read Scripture as a charge to the seniors.

LCM students Maria Faiola, Chris Francis, Leah Fitchett, Greta Kintzley, Larissa Kubitz, Kayla Reiner, Hannah Roberts, and Janelle Skaden are completing their bachelor's degrees this year, and Jacob Capin is earning his Ph.D. in biomechanics and movement science. All of the students were presented with gifts from the ministry, and they received a laying on of hands and prayer for blessing, as they go forward from this season of their lives. We will miss you greatly, LCM Class of 2019. May God's peace, grace, courage, and blessing go with you as you head all across the US to Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Georgia, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, Texas, and Colorado, and may the Holy Spirit guide your every step!

In return, the seniors presented the ministry with a generous gift of a beautiful chest, to hold the fleece blankets that help students to stay cozy and warm on chilly winter Tuesdays.

During the evening, we also honored and thanked Susie Olson, who has served as our Directing Committee President and Student Advisor this past year, and who will be leaving the Directing Committee after her second season of service to LCM. Thank you, Susie, for your faithful support and loving care for this ministry over the many years!

Many thanks to all who joined us for a memorable and richly blessed time of fellowship, worship, and celebration!



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