



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

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A Word from the Chaplain

Wow! I find myself saying that word often and joyfully in conjunction with Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD. :)

We are blessed with five new students this fall, who bring rich and varied gifts of music, youth group and camp counselor experience, thoughtful observations, hearts for Jesus, and vibrant energy and new ideas. Wow!

Our student Executive Board members work hard and thoughtfully together, planning events, modeling leadership, and inspiring the rest of us who are blessed to know them. Wow!

Our Directing Committee and FISH Committee invest countless volunteer hours in support of this rich ministry and its outreach both to college students and to local families in need. Wow!

Our administrative assistant, JoAnne, and our volunteer treasurer, Emily, work tirelessly to manage and care for our finances, our property, and the administrative details that are so essential to the smooth running of the ministry. Wow!

We continue to be blessed by financial support from the national church, our Delaware-Maryland Synod, many local congregations, alumni, and generous friends of the ministry, such that our needs are met, and we even have the chance to do some focused dreaming in 2018. Wow!

And now, with Advent upon us, we prepare our hearts once again for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The God of the universe chose to take on human flesh and to dwell among us, so that even in the face of our brokenness, we might seek forgiveness through Him and regain a right relationship with our heavenly Father. Wow—and thanks be to God!

May your Advent season shine brightly and joyfully with the light of Christ, and may you stop to savor the wonder all around you. Wow indeed!

In Christ, Mindy †

*** LCM Wish List ***

- ♦ \$5.00 — \$10.00 Gift cards to Panera
- ♦ \$5.00 — \$10.00 Gift cards to Starbucks
(for the LCM students to share one-on-one fellowship together; both are close by on Main Street)
- ♦ \$10.00 — \$20.00 Gift cards for Lowe's or a local nursery
(to help us purchase spring flowers to beautify our property)
- ♦ Eager volunteers to help with our quarterly work days and regular Tuesday dinners
- ♦ Prayers for our students, staff, and Directing Committee: for success on final exams, for good health, for deepened faith, and for joy. 😊



Student rooms available in the Bonhoeffer House
Rent includes: furnished rooms, all utilities, and parking!

Contact LCM office for details

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
TO EXPRESS OUR FAITH IN GOD THROUGH FELLOWSHIP, OUTREACH, AND SERVICE.

LCM: Where your treasure is....!

What a wonderful event we shared at St. Philip's Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 4! We were blessed to hear thoughtful and inspiring reflections from alumni Morgan Spurrier, Susan Ishler Newton, Pastor Dave Heckler, and Emily Pierce. Many thanks also to the excellent fundraising planning team of Heidi Burch, Louise James, and Student Events Coordinator Leah Fitchett, with JoAnne Gross at the helm. All the details and logistics were handled beautifully through their thorough planning and careful work.

We are also deeply grateful to those congregations, organizations, and individuals who donated raffle baskets and auction items. The variety and quality of the gifts inspired those who attended that evening to contribute generously in support of our daily outreach and ministry with and among college students. We are happy to report that gross receipts have totaled more than \$11,500! Thanks be to God—and thank you to all who helped to make the fundraiser a memorable and successful evening. Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD thrives because of the collaborative, prayerful, and caring support of our many volunteers, alumni, students, and friends of the ministry!



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



Apple picking time!



Fall retreat
Ocean City, Maryland



Friendsgiving dinner

Celebrating Advent



Empty Bowl Dinner at St. Stephen's

New student reflection from Anna McCarter



I joined the Lutheran Campus Ministry this past August hoping to find a place to grow in my faith and meet other Lutherans, but LCM is so much more than that. Our weekly dinner and worship is a wonderful time to pause the chaos of the school week and reflect and be thankful. Everyone's generosity in cooking meals for us is very much appreciated, and I look forward to our Tuesday night dinners all week! I love our worship time and the discussion component of it. It is so interesting to hear what other people have to say about their faith and how we can all interpret the same biblical passage differently. I love the conversation that flows throughout the night, and it is amazing how quickly we have all become friends. In addition, I love the other fun events that we have done, such as an ice cream social, a game night, and apple picking. It was powerful to go to the fundraiser and hear about how LCM has impacted many people's lives and see the many individuals who are all working behind the scenes to make LCM possible. I am very thankful for the opportunity to be a part of LCM, and I look forward to growing in the ministry over the next three years here at UD!

Tuesday dinners resume February 6th!

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

Kayla *Hannah*

Anna *John!* *Chris*

Maria *Isabel*

Ketty *Mindy*

Jeremy *Sarah*

Janelle *Sofiane*

Leah *Jared*