



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2018



A message from Chaplain Mindy:

Wow! It's May again, and a beautiful May indeed. We have been richly blessed with gorgeous spring flowers and temperate weather--and especially with an outstanding team of students. With deep and bittersweet gratitude, we will soon say farewell to our gifted seniors: Jared Sharpe, bright, incisive, discerning; Jeremy Gross, who has served faithfully and well for many years as both our MC and photographer par excellence; John Barber, who has served as the LCM Vice President and whose heart for the Lord and for His Word shines so beautifully; and Sarah Fredrick, who has led our group with thoughtfulness, emotional maturity, and deep dedication as our LCM President throughout the year.

We are also bidding farewell and Godspeed to the Rev. Mike Thress, who has served as our Directing Committee President since the fall of 2016. Mike has invested seven rich years of service in Lutheran Campus Ministry, including board membership and leadership, participation on the Call Committee in the spring of 2015, and three years of dedication and thoughtful support through his time with Mutual Ministry. We will miss his prayerful, kind spirit; his gentle care for others; and his love for this ministry. May God's peace and grace go with you, Mike!

We also want to say a joyous, heartfelt thank you to all of the donors who contributed to our Lenten FISH (*Fellowship in Serving the Hungry*) matching campaign. We had hoped to raise \$6,000, and our final receipts totals \$8,016.07! Special thanks to our anonymous donor who offered \$3,500 in matching funds and who made this campaign possible; every penny raised will benefit our FISH families directly through the purchase of food. Thanks be to God! The postage and clerical expenses for the fundraiser were covered by a *Thrivent Action Team* sponsorship, provided by alumnus Jason Day. (Thank you, Jason!) If you are a Thrivent member, please consider Lutheran Campus Ministry or FISH when you are thinking about how to steward your *Thrivent Choice Dollars* or your *Thrivent Action Team* opportunities.

We are so grateful to our wonderful donors, board members, alumni, parents, staff, and friends of this ministry! Because of your generous support, whether temporal, financial, or spiritual, we continue to touch and bless the lives of local families through FISH and to offer transformative, Christ-centered programming that empowers college students to grow in fellowship, leadership, discipleship, and service. What a privilege and joy to serve in this way. Thank you for your partnership, and may the Lord bless you richly!

In Christ, Mindy †

Our Mission Statement:
To express our faith in God through fellowship, outreach, and service.



Calling all LCM alumni!

There will be a joint LCM dinner with the University of Delaware and Towson/UMBC alumni on **Wednesday, June 6th at 6:30 PM**. Meet at Jason's Deli (2159 York Road in Lutherville-Timonium, Maryland.) It's a chance for shared fellowship and an update on the ministries at all campuses. Each person pays his or her own way. All are welcome!



Lutheran Campus Ministry's fall FISH fundraiser will be Saturday evening, November 3rd, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Please mark your calendars. We hope to see you there!

LCM's recent events...



Several students ventured to Washington, D.C. to visit the Museum of the Bible. It was an enriching experience!



On April 17th, we were blessed with a special guest. Bishop Bill Gohl joined us for dinner and worship. Thank you, Bishop Bill, for the delightful conversation!



Gathering at Grain Craft Bar & Kitchen for our "Eastersgiving" dinner.



Returning to Hack's Point, Maryland for our spring retreat is always a peaceful and spirit-filled weekend.



During our Spring Celebration, Clara Mattucci, a member of our Directing Committee, presented the seniors with a hand-made fleece blanket. The blankets were a gift from Grace Café Young Adult Group and the Directing Committee. Our graduates: Sarah Fredrick, Jeremy Gross, John Barber, and Jared Sharpe (in center of photo at right).



The end of the academic year is marked by our senior recognition picnic, final farewells, prayers, and a few tears.

With heartfelt thanks to...



SARAH FREDRICK for serving as Student Exec Board President for the past year and as LCM's Social Media Peer Minister since 2015. We are excited that Sarah will travel to Houston this summer with LCM Builds, to represent LCM at the ELCA Youth Gathering.



JOHN BARBER for serving as Student Exec Board Vice President and past treasurer.



CHRIS FRANCIS for serving as Student Exec Board Treasurer and continuing into 2018-2019.



LARISSA KUBITZ for serving as Student Exec Board Secretary and continuing into 2018-2019 as co-secretary.



LEAH FITCHETT for serving as Student Events Coordinator for the past two years and now President-Elect for 2018-2019.



MARIA FAIOLA for serving as the F.I.S.H. Peer Minister for the past two years and continuing into 2018-2019. Maria will also be serving as Student Exec Board Vice President for 2018-2019.



JEREMY GROSS for preserving LCM's memories through his photography and slideshow presentations for the past four years.



HANNAH ROBERTS for serving as Hospitality Coordinator for the past two years and continuing into 2018-2019.



ANNA McCARTER for serving as Student Exec Board Co-Secretary for 2018-2019 and helping with FISH coordination this coming summer.



KERRY HITCHNER for serving as Student Events Coordinator for 2018-2019.



BRIDGET SUHR for serving as LCM's Social Media Peer Minister for 2018-2019.

God bless all of our servant-hearted students!

Our Directing Committee:

PASTOR MIKE THRESS, outgoing President

Faith Lutheran Church

RYAN ZURAKOWSKI, Vice President

Faith Lutheran Church

EMILY PIERCE, Treasurer

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

SUSIE OLSON, Staff Advisor

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

LOUIS & LOUISE JAMES

St. Philip's Lutheran Church

WANDA STARR-HALL

Hope Lutheran Church

CLARA MATTUCCI

*Hope Lutheran Church and
Grace Café Young Adult Group*

GERRIT SALEMINK, returning in August 2018

Tree of Life Lutheran Church

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



Tuesday dinner hosts:

Thank you to the following groups for providing delicious dinners this past year.

One of the students' favorite aspects of LCM is partaking in the home-cooked Tuesday dinner, followed by fellowship, devotion, and discussion. We pray that you had a joyful experience, and we hope to see you again in the fall! Signups for the fall semester will be available on our website, beginning August 1st.

With grateful hearts, we give thanks to:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church ♦ St. Paul's University
Outreach Ministry ♦ LCM Student Executive Board ♦
St. Mark's Lutheran Church ♦ Zion Lutheran Church ♦
St. Philip's Lutheran Church ♦ LCM Alumni ♦ Parents of
senior LCM students ♦ Directing Committee members ♦
Hope Lutheran Church—Confirmation class ♦ LCM staff ♦
Grace Café Young Adult Group ♦ Retired clergy ♦
Fall fundraiser dinner sponsorships

You are a blessing!

Strengthening Ties with Young Adults

Submitted by Clara Mattucci, Directing Committee member

Lutheran Campus Ministry is a critical part of the life cycle of the church, at a critical point in the individual lives of young people. It creates a supportive faith community, a space to learn and grow as people of God.

So what happens after LCM? How do alumni continue to participate in a supportive peer community of faith after graduation?

This year we are working to create continuity, strengthening ties of those coming into LCM and those graduating from the University of Delaware - to ensure that support and ministry can continue.

In Delaware and across the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the ELCA, young adult ministries are emerging: Practice Discipleship at the synod level and Grace Café in New Castle County. These ministries serve college students and 20- and 30-somethings with local twice-monthly dinner meetings, quarterly synod-wide gatherings, service projects, and an annual retreat at Mar-Lu-Ridge.

Grace Café recently joined LCM for a Tuesday night dinner, sharing a taco bar and participating in rich discussion about the churches of New Zealand with a student who had returned from a study abroad trip there.

We look forward to new and continued ministry together, strengthening ties and connectivity throughout the sometimes tumultuous faith journeys of young people - and throughout our lives.

Email pddemdsynod@gmail.com with questions, or if you would like to participate.

Find Grace Café on Facebook [@Grace Cafe Wilmington](https://www.facebook.com/GraceCafeWilmington), Practice Discipleship on Facebook [@demdyoungadults](https://www.facebook.com/demdyoungadults) and on the Synod website: demdsynod.org/youngadults.



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STUDENT ROOMS FOR RENT IN THE BONHOEFFER HOUSE

ALL INCLUSIVE SUMMER RENTAL available June 1, 2018. FLEXIBLE leases are available. Fully furnished rooms, all utilities (except cable), central air conditioning, WiFi, parking, trash collection, and laundry facilities included in the rental fee. Conveniently located near the Redding and Russell dorms and Main Street. Monthly rent for a room is \$700. Participation in ministry activities is not a requirement. Tenants must be a registered student at the University of Delaware. Looking ahead? All rooms will be available June 1, 2019, for a maximum of 4 tenants. Contact LCM office to arrange a tour!



Grace and peace to you and your family for a relaxing summer and safe travels. Please keep LCM in your prayers that we may be blessed with new and returning students in the fall. All are welcome at Lutheran Campus Ministry for a free dinner on Tuesdays!



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