



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

FALL NEWSLETTER 2019

God is faithful, Jesus is Lord, and the Holy Spirit keeps moving and empowering in surprising and beautiful ways. Though we as a ministry have faced some financial challenges this summer, our Gentle Shepherd has seen us through, and we are praising Him and counting our blessings.



Here at Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD, we have much for which to be thankful! We are blessed with a strong team of student leaders, including our Exec Board members and our Peer Ministers. Talented, thoughtful, inspiring students, both undergraduate and graduate, are participating in Tuesday dinners and worship times, as well as in service and social activities. We have students from Tanzania and Brazil in our midst, a wonderful reminder of the global nature of the church. The ministry is also fortunate to have such a dedicated, detail-conscious, and deeply committed Ministry Coordinator as JoAnne Gross. Our Directing Committee is growing in numbers and in strength, with recent alumni keeping us in tune with student needs and perspectives.

We are grateful to congregations like St. Mark's, St. Philip's, and Hope, who often provide tasty meals for our Tuesday gatherings, as well as Tree of Life, Grace, and St. Mark's, who offer financial support to our ministry. St. Paul's Lutheran Church not only offers generous financial contributions in support of LCM and FISH, but also recently supplied "welcome bags," assembled by its University Outreach Team. Our students loved receiving the canvas bags packed with snacks, chocolates, post-it notes, and other fun surprises! We are blessed by you, our many dedicated individual donors, who give regularly and generously; without you, we could not make ends meet! And last but not least, our Delaware-Maryland Synod is a huge supporter of LCM, and we are so thankful for the advocacy of Bishop Bill Gohl, who will serve as the featured speaker for our fundraiser at Grace Lutheran, Hockessin, on Saturday, November 2. We look forward to seeing you!



Blessings and shalom to you!
In Christ, Mindy †



SAVE THE DATE! 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 (office@lcmde.org). Mark you calendars; we hope to see you there! (See enclosed flyer for details)



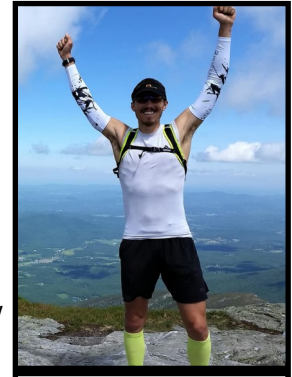
If you are interested in other ways in which to support our ministry, please consider partnering with a few friends to serve a **Tuesday dinner** for our students or joining us for our upcoming **property work day**, scheduled for **Saturday, October 5th**, from 10 AM to 2 PM, with free lunch provided. We also welcome **gift cards from Panera and Little Goat** for our students to share conversation over a treat. Please contact the office, or visit our website, for more details. Thank you!

THANK YOU to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Newark, DE) for printing this edition of the newsletter and fundraising flyer!

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.

LOOK WHAT SOME OF OUR RECENT GRADUATES ARE DOING!

On June 12th, I defended my dissertation, completing the final step toward earning my PhD in Biomechanics and Movement Science. I celebrated the culmination of 7 years of graduate work at UD by taking a 3-week vacation. I visited parks, friends, and family throughout the Northeast US, Canada, and the Midwest—camping, cycling, swimming, running, and exploring all along the way! I summited mountains in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. The 15-mile trek up and down Mt. Marcy in New York, which I (mostly) ran on June 29th, was my 7th and final state high point of this trip—and half-way toward my summiting the highest point in all 50 states. During June and July, I also competed in 5 triathlons, winning 4 overall including the Delaware State Championship. In August, after a trip to Calgary for a presentation, I flew back to Delaware to pack up and drive across the country to Colorado. I am now settled in Aurora, CO, where I embark on my next phase of life as a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. I look forward to visiting the East Coast to race in the Waterman's Triathlon Festival in Rock Hall, Maryland, on September 28th–29th; I would love to see you there!



JACOB CAPIN
Mt. Mansfield, VT

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

TO EXPRESS OUR
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THROUGH
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SERVICE.

I am spending the first part of my gap year, before traveling to Texas for Air Force training, in Colorado with my parents, spending six weeks traveling in our camper and seeing as much as we can! When I return I will start substitute teaching in the districts around my home. The picture attached is from Greece. I traveled there this summer with my aunt. I also visited Acadia National Park in Maine.



MARIA FAIOLA
Greece



HANNAH ROBERTS
Atlanta, GA

I moved to Midtown, Atlanta, Georgia in June and I'm working for BlackRock. I am enjoying my new job, exploring a new city, and doing well adjusting to Southern food and hospitality! At work, I am helping to lead the BLK ATL office leadership team, and have started a volunteering initiative in Atlanta through BLK's newest partnership with Operation Hope, a nonprofit organization that

supports financial literacy. Outside of work, I have already found a church right in Midtown, the Redeemer, and I'm involved in their young adult program and enrolled in their membership classes.

In late June, I solo traveled to Norway for about two and a half weeks. This was a great experience traveling alone; I had the opportunity to meet people from all over the world on a cruise up and down the coast. It was my first time traveling alone but will not be my last. More recently, I moved to Narragansett, Rhode Island, where I am attending the University of Rhode Island working towards my masters in Ocean Engineering. I have not picked a specific research project yet but am hoping to do research related to coastal resilience, which involves sea level rise, storm surge, and erosion. So far everything has been amazing, and I have a feeling I am really going to enjoy living here for the next two years.



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