



# LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

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## WINTER NEWSLETTER 2019



### A Word from Mindy:

As another semester draws to a close, I give thanks for all the ways in which the Lord has been at work in and through LCM. Our student group this year has shared deep conversations and times of worship, energetic service projects, and fun and light-hearted outings. Even though our numbers are smaller than in years past, we are blessed with a diverse cohort, including international graduate students, Pius Kilasy from Tanzania and Camila Ulrich from Brazil. Their presence, their stories, and their observations enrich our experiences and conversations. We are led by a great team of students on the Exec Board: Anna, Bridget, Isabel, Jeremy, and Kerry!

The fundraiser was phenomenal, successful both financially and in building stronger ties with our many congregational partners in northern Delaware. It was fun to see so many alumni that evening! Deepest thanks to our Ministry Coordinator, JoAnne Gross, whose detailed plans, abundant hours of work and service, and above-and-beyond commitment made such a great event possible. Bishop Bill Gohl joined us for the fundraiser and for our Advent worship service on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we are grateful for his humor, attentive engagement with the students, and deep heart for the Lord and for campus ministry.

Our Directing Committee is growing and offering wonderful support and oversight to events, finances, and long-term goals. And we could not do any of this without you, our donors, and your outpouring of financial support, resources, and faithful prayers on behalf of LCM at UD. Thank you from my heart for your partnership! May the light of Christ shine in our hearts this Advent season, and may the Lord reawaken in us both childlike wonder and deep joy.



In Christ, Mindy †

### E-GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH **VANCO**

Did you know that you can make an online donation to support Lutheran Campus Ministry?

Visit us at our new website at <http://lcmde.org> and select the donation button from the home page. For your convenience, donations can be setup as a one-time donation or on a recurring basis.

Thank you for your prayerful and ongoing support!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

F.I.S.H. (Fellowship in Serving the Hungry)  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newark

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month (2 PM - 5 PM) for food distribution and the preceding Thursday evening (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM) for food boxing.



### TUESDAY DINNERS RESUME FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</sup>!

Please contact the LCM office or visit our website to sign up for a Tuesday dinner.

Thank you to St. Paul's, Grace, Hope, Good Shepherd, Tree of Life, St. Stephen's, and Concordia for participating in the winter coat drive for our FISH families. Your generosity has been overwhelming and our chapel is full! Thank you for helping to keep our neighbors, in the Newark community who are less fortunate, warm this winter. You are a blessing!



### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



# Let your light shine!

The LCM fundraiser held on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, was an outstanding success! Our speakers, Bishop William Gohl, Anna McCarter (Student President), and Susie Olson (outgoing Staff Advisor) all offered heart-warming reflections of what a campus ministry is all about in the lives of today's college students. Over 90 people gathered at Grace Lutheran Church that evening and filled the social hall from wall to wall. We were blessed to have guests and clergy from nine surrounding congregations in New Castle County. Thanks be to God.

It was an added blessing to see so many LCM alumni at the fundraiser, representing the many decades of faith-building and service-sharing that have characterized this ministry. To date, the event has surpassed \$15,000! We continue to be amazed by the generosity of you, our donors, and by your commitment both to LCM and to FISH as a whole. You are a true blessing, and we give thanks that God is Good!



Christmas blessings to you and your family from the students and staff of Lutheran Campus Ministry

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