



# LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

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## SPRING NEWSLETTER 2020



### *A message from Chaplain Mindy:*

This spring, I have seen more than ever how the students of Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD are flexible, tech-savvy, persevering, and determined! Despite physical separation due to sheltering in place in at least five different states, every Tuesday evening this spring we have continued to meet via online means, including two weeks when UD was closed for "spring break." The students of LCM have adapted quickly to the new context and have continued to engage in deep conversation, both about God's Word and about tough contemporary topics. In addition to Tuesday worship and Thursday Bible study, they have chosen creative activities to stay connected across state lines, including letter exchanges and shared online gaming.

In recent months, LCM alumni have also connected more often with current students and with one another via digital means, which is a great addition to our LCM family dynamics! Elsewhere in this newsletter, you can read more about those alumni efforts from John Barber, one of our alumni leaders. Our LCM Directing Committee has also transitioned to Zoom meetings, giving thanks for the ways in which technology can keep us connected and can help us continue to work, pray, and deliberate together in service to this vibrant ministry.

It has been heartening to see how FISH, *Fellowship in Serving the Hungry*, has adapted to current restrictions to meet ongoing needs. More about this effort is described in an article inside! A huge thank you to Anna McCarter, our FISH Peer Minister; to Nancy Lomax, FISH Coordinator; and to all the amazing volunteers at St. Paul's for making this possible. :)

We especially invite your prayers for LCM during this time! We are grateful for the continued support and advocacy of our bishop, the Rev. Bill Gohl, during such a challenging season. We are aware that some of our donors and supporting congregations, and even the ELCA, will not be in the same position as in previous years to assist LCM with financial support. We invite those of you whose financial realities have remained constant in the midst of this epidemic to consider making a special gift in support of Lutheran Campus Ministry this summer, to help ensure that our support for current students and recent alumni, as well as the ministry of FISH, can continue faithfully, creatively, and uninterrupted, to the glory of God. Thank you so much.

No matter what, our Lord Jesus is faithful! I am so grateful for students, alumni, staff, and volunteers alike, who have continued to invest in LCM during these unprecedented months and to keep the faith. Thank you from my heart, and may the Lord bless us all with good health, courage, and abiding peace, as we trust in resurrection hope and as we continue to engage in vital, Christ-centered ministry that empowers young adults to grow in faith, leadership, discipleship, and service!

In Christ, Mindy ✝



**Senior Honor Night**

## Senior Honor Night:

On Tuesday evening, May 19, our regular circle of LCM students was expanded via Zoom and blessed by the presence of staff, parents, alumni, and friends of the ministry. Together, we joined in worship and celebrated and honored our two graduating seniors, **Rebecca King** and **Anna McCarter**.

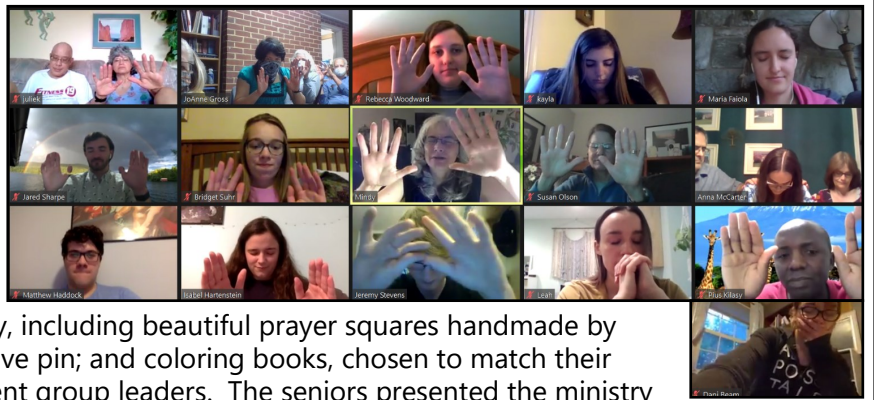
Each of them received gifts from the ministry, including beautiful prayer squares handmade by JoAnne; devotional books; our traditional dove pin; and coloring books, chosen to match their interests, which were presented by the student group leaders. The seniors presented the ministry with a new Christmas tree for the chapel!

We offered prayers and blessings for each young woman, via our digital connections, to celebrate their many gifts and accomplishments while at UD (both are honors students!), as well as their contributions to our LCM group in recent years. Anna has blessed LCM and FISH with her gentle, faithful, and focused leadership, and Rebecca has blessed the group with insightful comments, strength of faith, and theologically rich questions.

May the Lord protect and guide them, as well as truly bless all that lies ahead for Rebecca and Anna!



*Anna with her parents, at home in Delaware. Rebecca was at LCM, with her parents watching from Colorado!*



## A message from our alumni:

By: John Barber, LCM Alum

Several weeks ago, the LCM alumni network kicked off a biweekly Zoom call serving as a chance to get together and see some friendly faces during these tough times. Every other week, alums of the group check in with one another, catching up on what everyone has been up to, what they are hoping for, and how they can pray for one another. This has been instrumental for many, as this is as important a time as any for people to find company any way they can. Calls like this allow for different generations to share in their passion for Christ and our group; we are looking forward to keeping it as a new cornerstone activity for the future to promote a strengthened sense of community among LCM members old and new. Contact the LCM office if you are interested in participating.



## FISH Fellowship In Serving the Hungry:

By: Anna McCarter, FISH Peer Minister

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, FISH is still doing what it can to serve the community. In order to follow social distancing guidelines, our set-up is a little different than it used to be. Instead of having the clients come into St. Paul's to pick up their food, we now have a drive-by pick up style where the clients drive up and the volunteers just put their food in their trunk. The volunteers also all wear masks and everything is thoroughly sanitized. Although we miss getting to hug and chat with the clients, we're so glad that we can continue to help during this especially challenging time.



# With grateful hearts, we give thanks to...

## Our Students:



Many thanks to **Anna McCarter**, who has served as LCM President and FISH Peer Minister this year!



Thanks and congratulations to **Bridget Suhr**, this year's LCM Vice President and Social Media Peer Minister, who will serve as LCM President next year.



Thanks and congratulations to **Jeremy Stevens**, this year's LCM Treasurer, who will serve as LCM Vice President in 2020-2021.



Thanks and congratulations to **Isabel Hartenstein**, this year's LCM Secretary, who will continue to serve the group in that capacity for the coming year.



Thank you to **Kerry Hitchner**, this year's LCM Events Coordinator.

Congratulations to **Dani Beam**, elected to serve as LCM Treasurer 2020-2021.

Congratulations to **Taira Baldauf**, elected to serve as LCM Events Coordinator for the coming year.

## Our Directing Committee:

**LOUISE JAMES, President** (St. Philip's)

**GERRIT SALEMINK, Treasurer** (Tree of Life)

**JARED SHARPE (\*), Vice President** (St. Paul's)

**EMILY PIERCE (\*)** (St. Paul's)

**LOUIS JAMES** (St. Philip's)

**CLARA MATTUCCI** (Practice Discipleship)

**DONNA McCARTER** (Concordia)

**PASTOR SUE LONEY** (Good Shepherd)

**JOHN BARBER (\*)** (Epic Church Center City)

**HEIDI BURCH** (St. Paul's)

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**DEBBI MILLER, Staff Advisor** (St. Philip's)

(\*) LCM Alumni

## Our 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! We anticipate that sign-ups for the fall semester will be available on our website, beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Members from St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
FISH Committee  
Members from St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
Members from St. Philip's Lutheran Church  
Hope Lutheran Church—Confirmation Class  
Louis & Louise James  
Gerrit & Johanna Salemink  
Chuck & Pam Cory  
Christopher Merrill (dinner sponsor)  
LCM Staff & LCM Alumni  
Fall fundraiser dinner sponsorships

*God's blessings to those who continue to serve this ministry so faithfully. Your time, your talents, and your gifts are a blessing!*

  
*Thank You*

## Our Mission Statement:

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

**Please prayerfully consider how you can support LCM!**

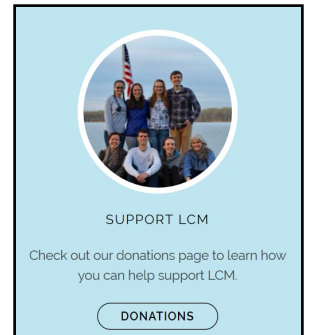
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**Pencil in the date!**

**Lutheran Campus Ministry's Annual Fall Fundraiser**



is scheduled for **Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** at St. Philip's Lutheran Church. Given the uncertainty of these unprecedented times, we will be monitoring the community's recovery process and adjust our plans accordingly to protect our students, staff, and ministry supporters.

Updated information regarding the fundraiser will be available on our website as we learn more about what the "new normal" will look like. We hope we will be available to enjoy this annual event together, in person!

**Grace and peace to you and your family for physical well-being, emotional strength, and spiritual guidance as our community begins to transition back to a more normal way of living. Please keep LCM in your prayers that we may be blessed with new and returning students in the fall as our students anticipate a new way of experiencing campus life.**

**Have a safe and happy summer!**

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