



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

FALL NEWSLETTER 2017

We are celebrating a wonderful start! We have been blessed by more than a half-dozen new students at LCM, who have begun to share their stories and journeys of faith with us. I am particularly proud of my student leaders for the extra efforts that they invested in recent days, both via more formal "recruitment" on campus and via especially effective one-on-one invitations. We are excited to serve, worship, discuss, laugh, face challenges, and explore the life of faith together with these new participants.

Our ministry depends on the generous support of many dedicated individuals and groups to grow and thrive. Please know that we are deeply grateful to all who choose to devote their time, talents, and treasure to LCM, from work days to board service, from dinner items to financial contributions. Thank you for all that you do, as well as for your heartfelt support and care for these gifted and inspiring young adults!

If you are new to LCM, you may be wondering how you can best extend your support. We continue to seek new members for our Directing Committee (governing board), as well as new teams to provide Tuesday dinners for our LCM students. If either of these opportunities is of interest to you, please contact JoAnne or me. Please also take time to check out our website, which is designed and maintained by our creative and vibrant LCM President and Social Media Peer Minister, Sarah Fredrick! Most importantly, please keep our students in your prayers, for depth of learning, for success in their studies and projects, for strengthened friendships, and for a continued deepening of their relationships with Jesus Christ. Thank you!

I look forward to seeing many of you at our LCM fundraiser on the evening of Saturday, November 4th, at St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Wilmington, with the exciting opportunity to hear from a few of our alumni about the ongoing impact of LCM in their lives. Until then, may Jesus guide your steps, and may you discover His strength, hope, and joy at every turn!

In Christ, Mindy †



Thank you to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the University Outreach Ministry team for providing drawstring bags stuffed with wonderful items. What a great way to start the new school year! The bags were distributed to the students at our Welcome Back Picnic on September 5th.



Outreach opportunities!

A special thank you to Heyward Brock from St. Paul's for helping to distribute free water bottles at the chapel on move-in day. The students and Mindy also handed out FREEze pops at the Perkins Center and candy at the Activities Fair to students who stopped by to see our display.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday Dinners at 6:00 PM

Call the office for available dates to provide meals.

F.I.S.H. (Fellowship in Serving the Hungry)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newark

3rd Friday of the month (2 PM - 5 PM) and the preceding Thursday evening (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM)

Annual Fundraiser: **SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday, November 4th, beginning at 5:00 PM

St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Wilmington

Free catered dinner, silent auction, and basket raffles.

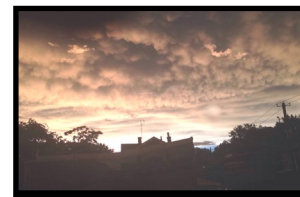
Please continue to pray that this ministry may reflect the love and grace of Christ and that our students may grow in faith, service, outreach, leadership, and discipleship through their participation.

WHERE ARE SOME OF OUR GRADUATES?

It seems so unreal that graduation was just a short time ago. Each time I think back on my 4 years at UD, I find myself smiling because of the meaningful friendships that were built, the memories that were made, and the growth in both my personal and faith journey.

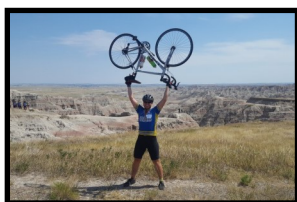
In August, I traveled to Chicago for National Orientation for Lutheran Volunteer Corps. There, for the first time, I met my 4 roommates. Our goals for the year are to live simply and sustainably, in an intentional community, while exploring our spiritual journeys. Four days later, I came back to Wilmington, Delaware and began serving as a dually enrolled Lutheran Volunteer Corps/AmeriCorps member. I am volunteering as a Teacher's Aide for the Ministry of Caring, a non-profit organization that serves homeless and low income families. I am so blessed and thankful to have this opportunity to serve in this community.

I was placed in the 3's classroom of a child care center, so most of my days are spent on the floor with the kids or in really tiny chairs! I have had the opportunity to begin to develop relationships with the children. I think they like me, as most days there's a fight about who gets to hold my hand when we walk to lunch or to recess :) Additionally, I get a lot of free hugs! Although these children have already faced more adversity in their lives than I probably ever will, they continue to smile and laugh. This gives me hope as I continue working through this new and challenging experience. I am looking forward to serving these children as individuals with unique minds and ideas for the next year. Although many of my responsibilities fall under the title of teacher's aide, I also look forward to being a 'student' as I grow deeper in my faith, and navigate the challenges and joys of serving God's people - both my neighbors in my immediate community, as well as those from surrounding areas.



MORGAN SPURRIER

A view from our house in inner city Wilmington after a storm.



SPENCER HOERNES
Badlands National Park
South Dakota

Thank you everyone for your love and support as I cycled across the country for the Ulman Cancer Fund supporting young adults with cancer. The trip took a total of 70 days, covering 4000 miles, visiting 12 states, and eating countless pizzas. During the trip we climbed the Appalachian Mountains with a 10% grade, rode days with seeing next to no cars, experienced weeks of 105+ degree weather, and touched numerous lives of those affected by cancer. Each day was a new experience from the previous one as the terrain changed, riding buddies rotated, and most importantly, we changed. About halfway through, we all noticed a deep and profound change within our hearts. Each person noticed it, and for me, I was able to listen more as well as become closer with God.

Without the daily hustle and bustle I had become accustomed to, I was able to hear my peers, myself, and God better. Unfortunately, at first God and I fought a lot; well, I ultimately understood His point as He is typically correct in His ways. I understood that there was a plan in place, and I would have no idea what it is for a long while, but I was okay with it. As He guided me and we continued to cycle across the country, people were strategically placed in my life to encourage me. While I am no longer on the saddle I have diligently been listening here in Denver, Colorado. God has helped me land on my feet, find a wonderful job at a co-working space, and is helping me craft my future!

Again thank you to everyone who gave their love and support. God's blessings!

During my time at the University of Delaware, I had the immense fortune of serving as both Treasurer and President of Lutheran Campus Ministry. I looked forward to the fellowship of our community each week, and found it to be a home away from home over the course of my undergraduate career. It is within this community that I found great friendships, leadership and service opportunities, and the ability to grow in my faith.

Currently, I am working for the Walt Disney Company as a Marketing Strategy Professional Intern supporting Disney Vacation Club. While I do find this role challenging at times, I find myself learning something new each and every day, and know that I will grow tremendously both personally and professionally over the course of my seven-month internship. At the age of five I decided that I one day wanted to work at Walt Disney World, and while it is not always easy being a thousand miles away from home, I would not be where I am today without the support of my friends, family, and faith in God. I am beyond fortunate that I have been able to make a dream of mine a reality.



ALEX HUEY
Walt Disney World
Orlando, Florida

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



SAVE THE DATE
FALL FUNDRAISER
NOVEMBER 4TH
ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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