



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

FALL NEWSLETTER 2018

Thank you for your earnest, prayerful support of Lutheran Campus Ministry!

Your contributions of time, talent, prayer, and treasure create a lasting impact in the lives of the young people who participate in this ministry. This past May, we conducted “exit interviews” with our four seniors. I would like to share with you just a few of their words, which offer a heartening portrait of the ways in which LCM shapes and strengthens the faith in Jesus of these inspiring young people:



LCM was a catalyst for roots from which my faith could prosper.

*LCM is the bridge between religion and your day-to-day connection to faith.
My relationship with Jesus has grown and changed.*

*LCM has helped me to find my own identity in being a Christian, to sort out my beliefs...
It has made me confident in talking about faith... I have internalized the value of prayer; now I pray for the people that I have talked to during the day.*

I feel better at praying, better at strategies of calming myself through faith, journaling, different prayer methods, and making my own decisions about faith practices. Having been an active member for four years has built me up for the next phase of life. My relationship with Jesus feels like my own relationship, not secondhand anymore. I've grown from dependence on my parents, to dependence on LCM, to spreading my wings.

It is a true privilege to accompany these students during the years in which they claim their faith for themselves and find the courage to share out of that faith through vibrant fellowship, service, outreach, and discipleship. Thank you for your generous donations to LCM, which allow us to fund this life-changing, faith-building work and service of ministry! May you discover His strength, peace, courage, and grace at every turn.

In Christ, Mindy †

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Fundraiser—Saturday, November 3rd
Doors open at 5:00 PM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newark.

Free catered dinner,
silent auction, and basket raffles,
benefiting F.I.S.H.



SPECIAL REQUEST: Do you own a business, offer a service, or have a special talent or gift that you would be willing to donate to the upcoming **F.I.S.H. fundraiser**? If you are willing to help, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the office at 302-368-3078. **Donations of items for raffle baskets are also welcome.** Thank you!

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A DINNER HOST: We have openings available for Tuesday dinners. The job requires a desire to provide 15-18 very appreciative college students a simple meal. Consider recruiting a few friends to work together. Don't like to cook? Tuesdays are not convenient? Donations will graciously be accepted to purchase food items for dinners. Please contact the office if you are willing to help. Thank you!

THANK YOU to Grace Lutheran Church (Hockessin, 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 OUR RECENT GRADUATES ARE DOING!

Following graduation, I spent my summer working before planning my return to the University of Delaware for graduate school! I will be completing a 4+1 master's degree in the fall. I am excited to be back at Delaware and looking forward to what an extra semester holds.

Something I really enjoyed this summer was a trip my family took to Las Vegas to visit my grandmother. I was able to visit Red Rock Canyon, a national conservation area with some of the greatest views of nature that I have seen in my life. Pictures cannot do the place justice. Something about the mountain's staggering size is unlike anything else, and I highly recommend a trip if you find yourself in the southwest!



JOHN BARBER
Red Rock Canyon, NV



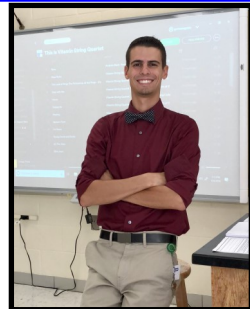
SARAH FREDRICK
Iceland

Life since graduation has been a wonderful whirlwind! Four days after I became an official alum of the University of Delaware, I hopped on a plane and traveled to Iceland. I saw waterfalls, ate puffin, and enjoyed the adventure of a lifetime with college friends. A few weeks later, I embarked to Houston to serve with the LCM Builds team at the ELCA Youth Gathering. I experienced profound faith experiences as well as fellowship with people from all over the country. Together, we led high school students in building the frames for two houses! This fall, I will begin a Master's of School Counseling program at the University of Scranton. I'm excited to begin a new chapter in "The Electric City" with my cat, Leo. I am blessed to be an alum of LCM, and while I'll miss being a student member, I'm already looking forward to bringing a Tuesday dinner this fall!



Sarah reconnected with LCM alumna, Kirsten Mathisen, at the ELCA Gathering in Houston in July!

After finally graduating in May, the summer kicked off right away for me. I spent my time working as a summer camp counselor at a nearby YMCA and mainly stayed with kids that completed grades 5-8. Being a summer camp counselor kept me active with kids and allowed me the opportunity to spend my days outside, where I love to be. Shortly after graduation, I was contacted and asked to interview for a sixth grade science position at Cherry Hill Middle School in Cecil County, the same district in which I did my middle school student teaching. Instead of finding out how the interview went in the following week, I received a phone call only a few hours later offering the position! I am excited to say that I am the new sixth grade science teacher at Cherry Hill, doing what I do best (besides taking pictures!). My Tuesdays are very different without LCM, so I will be sure to take the time to come back and visit when I can and provide some of the dinners. The steps into the professional world are strange to me, but exciting as this new chapter begins!



JEREMY GROSS
A 6th grade teacher!



JARED SHARPE
Happy graduation!

I will be continuing my studies at the University of Delaware, pursuing a PhD in Financial Services Analytics. The program is a fusion of machine learning and finance, only a slight deviation from my undergraduate studies in Actuarial Sciences. I anticipate the program taking 4-5 years, in which time I intend to maintain a strong relationship with my faith and LCM. I hope to work for the FED or a large institution upon my graduation. Although the program is sponsored by J.P. Morgan, I would dream of a professorship or the financial management of an institution, not necessarily financial, such as a university or industrial firm.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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