Looking Ahead

It's only spring break, but we're already looking ahead to the fall here at Lutheran Campus Ministry, and especially to two new ministries that we will introduce in 2018!

This spring we will select our first-ever cohort of Faith & Vocation Fellows. This group of five students will spend time together each week for an academic year growing in faith and leadership together. In addition, each student will receive a stipend to explore work in one of a variety of ministry settings outside of LCM. From congregations to public policy to eldercare, LCM students will bless partner ministries through their work. During the cohort meeting time, the fellows will explore Lutheran theology and spiritual practice, as well as reflect together on their work in ministry sites. The Faith & Vocation Fellowships will help students to expand their understanding of how faith connects to daily life, and provide experiences that inform their future vocational paths.

In addition, we're continuing to support student organizations that care for the basic needs of those in our local community. In early 2018, we rolled out a soft launch of **The Keep**, a student resource space at Luther Memorial. BundleUp became our first tenant, joyfully moving their collection of coats, hats, mittens and other winter items into The Keep in March. They have also begun meeting with their congregational mentor, Bill Hunnex, who will support their work and connect them with resources. We are currently working with one other organization and soliciting applications for additional student groups to make use of The Keep beginning this fall. In September, a new student food pantry will also open as a part of The Keep. This pantry will extend the important work that LCM is already doing through our "Taste of Grace" Lunch to confront food insecurity at UW-Madison.

As we look to the future, we are **excited about where the Holy Spirit is guiding us** and equipping us to raise up leaders to do the work of Christ in daily life.

Lutheran Campus Ministry offered two free bike clinics this fall for students to come and get their bikes tuned up and ready for their fall commutes around Madison. Wisconsin Bike Federation provided resources and education on biking in the city. Our bike mechanic, Tyler, donated his time and supplies were graciously covered by a Thrivent Grant. More are planned for this spring!



Students shared glimpses of themselves, 'Humans of New York' style on the walls of the Campus Center helping get to know one another.



University Health Services created a short video about the lunch we serve and included the lunch in a guide to food assistance resources. View the video at: www.uhs.wisc.edu/food

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What's Happening?

Students from Milwaukee and Platteville were our quests for a weekend **Social Justice Retreat** this fall. It was



an enriching experience to reside with our peers for the retreat and an honor to host. We were able to form bonds of friendship and spirit and connect over our shared experiences while still celebrating individuality. Growth was achieved together as we all learned that faith can be a group and community practice as well as an individual. Tools were given to us to further engage faithfully with advocacy and ideology that are of great concern to ourselves. We learned to move forward with our faith, become advocates as Lutherans and continue to invest in -Claire Massey, Junior the issues dear to our hearts.



Over New Year's weekend. **Lutheran Student Movement** USA held their annual gathering for college students at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. I had the privilege of attending this gathering along with another UW-Madison student who is also named Claire. Students from all nine regions came together to worship around the theme Dis/comforting God. We spent

four days focusing on Micah 6:8, "Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God." We were encouraged to lean into our discomfort and think about how we can turn those feelings of uneasiness into positive avenues of change. For me, leaning into discomfort took many forms. I read scripture in English and Spanish during a worship service even though my Spanish is mediocre. It made me nervous, but it was more important to be inclusive to the congregation I was visiting.

At the end of this gathering, it came time to elect new regional representatives for the coming year. I didn't run for election to represent region 5. I didn't even want to, but the Holy Spirit called me over and over until I listened. I am now very happy to say I am the new Region 5 Representative for Lutheran Student Movement USA. This means meeting with the rest of the National Council twice in the coming year as well as monthly Skype calls to plan worships and events across the nation. Pastor Emily is also the lead pastor for Region 5 so I will be very well supported on this new journey.

Overall it was an amazing opportunity to come together and worship, to be reminded of a God that calls us to be activists locally and globally, a God that says "Black lives matter and refugees are welcome in My house", a God that knows Love is Love and women's rights are human rights. But also to remember a God of mercy and grace that forgives our sins and heals until we're whole. This was a gathering to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with my God. I couldn't have had a better experience. -Claire Embil, Freshman



Pastor Emily and Paul Tveite welcomed daughter, Eleanor Viola Tveite, into the world on Friday January 26.

Amy Grunewald Mattison, our Interim Campus Pastor is here several days a week to care for students and lead worship Sunday nights. Pastor Emily returns from maternity leave at the end of April.

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