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Homecoming Weekend Worship Service



LCMNU Board of Trustees welcomed Bishop Wayne Miller of the ELCA Metro-Chicago Synod to the Lutheran Center on Oct. 21, 2014



Students with Edie Lange (second from right), Immanuel Lutheran tutoring program coordinator.



Students Gather for First Worship Service

STUDENT LEADERSHIP BOARD REPORT

- Caroline Magnesen, Secretary

The start of the 2014-2015 year has been a busy and wonderful time for all of us! We saw new faces and familiar ones during welcome week at our ice cream social, barbecue on the first day of classes, and first worship service. Besides our regular Sunday morning worship, we've been gathering every Wednesday for a combined dinner and worship. Our two discussion groups, 21theo and Parably Confusing, meet every other week.

We also have been serving dinner at Hilda's Place and held two fall fellowship events (including pumpkin carving and giving out candy on Halloween!). At the end of October, we went to Lutherdale in Elkhorn, WI, for a retreat on the practice of Sabbath. We've already seen many visitors - family, board members and alumni of the ministry - here this year, and we're so appreciative of all the support this ministry gets!



Student Leaders 2014-15. From Left to Right: Philip McPeck, Miriam Bohlmann Kunz, Austin Walter, Burke Evans, Katie Martini, Lydia Ramsey. (Caroline Magnesen not pictured)



Commit Today!

The LCMNU Board of Trustees is pledging to match *the first* \$10,000 in donations between now and January 31, 2015!

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ALUMNI UPDATES * * *

39 years have passed since I first attended ULC. The Reverend Clyde (Mac) McCormack's first sermon convinced me he was a heretic. The next five sermons proved he was a man of God, a saint if you will, shepherding a community of saints. Mac was the greatest teacher of my life. He made sure we *celebrated* feast days—with food, drink and song. We dined with intellectuals, e.g. E.O. Wilson, Krister Stendahl and Joseph Sittler. We were to believe like Lutherans, behave like Jews and sing like the Baptists. Mac was direct and sure. God comes to us; making us holy. The Eucharist is celebrated by all the hosts of heaven. God calls his holy ones to work in secular places. It is there we address the cornerstone question: "How do we proclaim Christ in a world where God is dead?" Grace, renewal, power, humility, community—made real by Mac, his wife Sue and the students and alumni who attended ULC 1975-1980. Alleluia.

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Be well,
Terrie Walcker Boicourt Halbert



Above: Alumna of the ministry, Terrie Walcker Boicourt Halbert, and her husband, Bill, visited the Lutheran Center on Sept. 28, 2014

Right: Alumni of the ministry, Kathy Kastilahn and Monica and Mark Perin, visited the Lutheran Center on Sept. 30, 2014



Remembering John Roth



We give thanks to God for the life of LCMNU board trustee John Roth, who passed away on November 1, 2014. John ('72) was a founding member of University Lutheran Church and met his wife, Laura (Reeb), at ULC. John continued his dedication to campus ministry, serving on the ULC Endowment Committee and the boards of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Metropolitan Chicago and LCMNU. John is survived by Laura, their six children, and three grandchildren. Please visit a special Facebook page set up in his honor: www.facebook.com/JohnRothMedical.

UPDATES

***Erika Robek ('01) and Marcin Baber ('00)**, Chicago, welcomed their son, Soren Tomek Baber, in November 2013.

***Allison ('88) and Gary Yee ('89)** of Auburn, CA: Gary is a part-time superintendent as he transitions to retirement. Allison directs the choirs at school and plays the organ for church. Daughter, Evelyn, just completed her first year of college and son, Matthew, 8th grade, was confirmed on Palm Sunday.

***Jana Skrien Koppula ('97) and Tony Koppula ('98)** and family moved to Eagan, MN. Jana started the Master's of Music Therapy Program at Augsburg College. Son, Gabriel, is in 3rd grade and son, Michael, is in 1st. Tony completed his Cardiology and Advanced Cardiac Imaging Fellowships and is enjoying time with the boys while he looks for work.

CONGREGATIONAL GIFTS



With a gift from Wilmette Lutheran Church at its closing, Lutheran Campus Ministry at

Northwestern was able to modernize the Lutheran Center's first floor fellowship area, worship space and entry foyer in January 2014. As a nearby congregation, Wilmette Lutheran had been involved with the ministry and strongly believed in the Lutheran mission to those working, living and studying in higher education settings. Their "gift for the future" enabled the re-plastering and repair, painting, and enhanced lighting, new window coverings and a table for the fellowship area. The ministry is now better able to extend its outreach and programming.

And now, your congregation can make an impact with LCMNU, too!

- Consider a gift from endowment distributions
- Invite a team from LCMNU to visit and present at worship, education, fellowship hours (Chicagoland area)
- Hold a Campus Ministry Sunday in the fall or receive a Special Offering for the ministry
- Include the ministry in the congregation's prayers—and yours!

Have more ideas? Questions? Please contact the Center: lutherancm@u.northwestern.edu. And *thanks*.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR * * *

- Deanna Langle, Campus Pastor

Dear friends,

As I begin my second year at LCMNU, I am delighted to share with you that LCMNU's increased outreach efforts are inviting a strong response from students who are looking for a community in which they can *experience, live, and share* the love of God through their scholarship, service, and faith.

It's been a joy to journey with students as they continue to learn, question, discover, and discern how to live out Jesus' countercultural directive that "the last will be first and the first last" in a "Big 10" campus setting where everyone is pressured to be #1 and to look out for #1. LCMNU provides perspective, challenges expectations, dares to call young adults to claim their baptismal identity, and supports them in living it out!

In this season of Thanksgiving, I give thanks for the many good things happening here:

- a Fall Retreat for students to have some time away to learn about Sabbath-keeping.
- connections with students at undergraduate, graduate, Resident Assistant, and International Student Activity Fairs.
- gathering on Sunday mornings for worship and Wednesday evenings for our mid-week Supper Worship.
- fellowship events and connections for students to volunteer and serve.
- weekly Bible studies and "21theo" (a dialogue group on theology and religion in relation to modern culture) led by our new Student Ministers.
- the LCMNU Student Leadership Board that gathers twice a month to plan the events and programming of the ministry.
- a working LCMNU Board of Trustees who oversee the ministry and are working to build and rebuild relationships with the Northwestern community and local ELCA congregations.

In this last year, the momentum of the ministry has shifted, and LCMNU is moving in a new direction! Thank you for your partnership, prayers, financial support, and, most of all, your commitment to fulfill the baptismal promises made to these young adults.

With thanks, Pastor Deanna

Committee Members Needed!

The new, working Board of LCMNU is in need of people who have particular skills in the areas of finance, property, personnel, and development. If you have these skills, time to volunteer, and a desire to support young adults in their faith, please contact Sharon Telleen, LCMNU Board President, at ptelleen@aol.com



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

- Sharon Telleen, President, Board of Trustees, LCMNU

It's an exciting time to be involved with Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern (LCMNU)! As Northwestern students are studying, exploring their future vocations and living new experiences, they are also exploring their own faith. The Board of Trustees of LCMNU has been actively working to support the students and pastor in the ministry. There is increased energy and investment by the Board in its time, efforts, focus and financial contributions.

Members of the Board are also engaged with local congregations in campus ministry collaborative endeavors.

It's also an exciting time for the ministry as partnerships are deepening with congregations. Some members of area

churches are helping prepare meals for the student Wednesday night suppers that accompany worship and discussion. Others are assisting with property maintenance, serving on committees, helping to raise funds for the ministry, and giving their professional expertise and advice. There are many ways to be involved as friends, alumni and congregational members in this important ministry! Please join with us through offering your expertise, contributing financially and volunteering with our many projects. Your involvement makes a direct impact! We'd love to hear from you.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



My name is **Katie Martini**, and I am a Sophomore studying Communication Sciences and Disorders at Northwestern. I found out about LCMNU last year through a friend in my dorm, Melissa Mason, and I participated in the tutoring program through LCMNU. I loved getting to know the people who tutored, so I began attending worship services and other events, and I now serve as the Service Leader for the ministry.

My name is **Bethany Ketchem**, and I am a freshman at Northwestern. I'm in McCormick and studying Applied Mathematics along with Spanish. I found out about LCMNU when visiting Northwestern and was in contact with Pastor Deanna throughout the summer, so when I finally got to come to church I was very excited! I have loved the learning and volunteer opportunities LCMNU has already provided me with, and look forward to growing in my faith here these next four years.



My name is **Sarah Van Cleve**, and I'm a freshman at Northwestern studying Journalism. I discovered LCMNU through a friend from camp who introduced me to the ministry. I love being part of the congregation because of the welcoming community I've found here and because it gives me a place to reconnect with God and grow in my faith on campus.

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STUDENT MINISTER REPORT

- Caroline Magnesen & Burke Evans, Student Ministers

We are so excited to be serving as LCM's student ministers this year, and we're off to a great start! This quarter, we have two discussion groups going on - 21theo and Parably Confusing - that meet every other week. At 21theo, we've been tackling seemingly simple questions with complex answers like "Why Christian?" and "What is

church?" Our first two installments of Parably Confusing had us reading the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son and comparing different interpretations and messages from each. These discussions have let us learn more about each other and about what makes faith a unique and essential part of our own lives.



Students gather after Supper
Worship for 21theo