



More Ministry Highlights!

- ◆ The ministry welcomes **new students to staff positions:** Xuan He, Director of Music; Gerardo Alvarez, Office/Communications Assistant, and Bethany Ketchem, Student Minister. Burke Evans is also continuing as a Student Minister.
- ◆ In response to the **recent crises in Syria and Iraq**, students are sponsoring a campus-wide clothing collection for area refugee families. It's a great blessing to have the Center's big space for receiving donations to match the big hearts that are acting with compassionate service.
- ◆ For the most current information about Sundays, Wednesday night supper-worship and study, and other events, please check the website: www.lcmnorthwestern.org. You can also follow the ministry's activities on Facebook: [Lutheran Campus Ministry at NU](#).

A Word from LCMNU

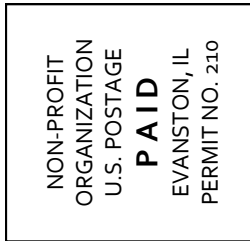
The Center provides space for worship, learning, respite, identity and mission-purpose, and it's in urgent need of care. The Board has been receiving bids for exterior painting and gutter work which are totaling about \$38,000. In many places the paint is completely gone or peeling, exposing wood. Gutters are missing or damaged, further deteriorating the structure. Together, we can work to preserve the building for current and future students. Your gifts, your contacts for making grant applications, your prayers and your encouragement for ministry support by your congregation can make it happen. Thanks—this is funding for the future!



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News from the Ministry

The leaves are turning.
The Wildcats are winning.
And LCMNU is POPPING.
It's great to be at Northwestern
this fall!



Above: LCMNU students show off their new ministry t-shirts during the outdoor worship service on October 4th.

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“We challenge norms by finding our worth in God’s grace; being part of a worshipping, spiritual community; practicing Sabbath and living our baptismal vocation.”
 — LCMNU Student Leadership Board “What We Are About”

Biggest Fall Retreat Yet!



Eleven students—the most yet!—dedicated a very precious 24 hours to attend an **overnight retreat at Lutherdale Bible Camp** in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Student Leadership Board 2015-2016

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The Results are in!

The much-appreciated response to the **Summer Celebration** totaled **\$4,300 of a \$5,000 goal**—Thank you! The funds have been put to immediate use for Wednesday meals, the fall retreat and fellowship as the ministry has been welcoming increasing numbers of students. Your support has great impact on a welcome that engages students around a table, around worship, around challenging questions and around a group that knows what it means to include and value every person. Your generosity is helping to continue a story of faithful hospitality that transforms lives. We’re grateful for your partnership!

— LCMNU Board of Directors

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- ◆ **The first worship** service of the academic year was September 20th, with the happy situation of needing to bring in more and more chairs to the worship space, as students kept arriving.
- ◆ **An outdoor worship service** on October 4th was warmed by a fire in the new fire pit, which also made for a unique fellowship time that included great hotdogs and s’mores.
- ◆ **Wednesday Supper Worship and 21Theo** have nearly doubled in attendance (25+)! It’s straining the seating and the budget in all the very best ways. A home-cooked meal, a time to be among friends, a discussion about faith and life questions that matter led by the student ministers—in a competitive academic and social environment, it’s midweek respite at its best.
- ◆ The **annual First-Day-of-Classes BBQ** had lots of current and new students connecting over burgers in the front yard on a beautiful evening. The next evening it was **bonding over ice cream sundaes and game night** (always eagerly anticipated!). A great first week.
- ◆ **The Summer Celebration Fundraiser** for hospitality, retreats and fellowship has raised much-needed funds and has been especially necessary in providing an abundant welcome and the opportunity to include all interested students in all programming.
- ◆ **Monday night tutoring at Immanuel, Chicago**, is thriving and through LCMNU, student tutors are now providing ESL instruction for parents whose children are involved in the program.
- ◆ An article about the three campus ministries in the Chicago area was published in the **Metro Chicago fall insert for *The Lutheran*** magazine and featured photos from LCMNU.
- ◆ LCMNU was host for the September meeting for rostered leaders in **the Northeast Conference of Metro Chicago**. Sharing news and hospitality is strengthening our relationships with area congregations and encouraging needed financial support and partnerships for the ministry.
- ◆ **Recent support from congregations** has included significant gifts from St. John’s, Lincolnwood and members of Immanuel, Evanston; a work day provided by Trinity, Evanston; and Wednesday meals from Holy Cross, Libertyville, Trinity, and Immanuel.
- ◆ LCMNU’s place in the **global and national church** is being defined through guest preaching by Joseph Young (Young Adults in Global Mission, Mexico, 2014) and the Rev. Tammy Dahlvang ‘93 (Homecoming Weekend).
- ◆ LCMNU continues to provide meals and fellowship to **Hilda’s Place** transitional shelter and to collaborate with Evanston-area faith communities on **Bridges to Home, an effort to attain housing for young adults in homeless situations**.

Right: Students, family, and friends gather around the fire pit during our outdoor worship service to pray in unison.



Left: 21theo has brought in more students than ever, and has become an integral part of our Wednesday routine.