



Luther House History

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A Brand New World

There was a worldwide sigh of relief when no serious Y2K computer glitch shut down digital networks as the new millennium arrived a little more than ten years ago. The economy seemed to be roaring, the housing market was hot, graduating seniors were being hired quickly – and paid well. And, by spring 2001, everything was in readiness for the 75th anniversary celebration of Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University.

Nearly 100 friends of Luther House gathered in the Courtyard Inn April 29, 2011, to share a feast, reconnect with old friends, hear greetings from past campus ministers, tour and bless Luther House for continued ministry. “75 Years of Faith in Higher Education!” What a good time was had by all.

Who would have imagined that less than five months later, confidence and joy would give way to widespread fear and grief?

September 11, 2001, hijackers brought down four planes, destroyed the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, crashed into the Pentagon and a Shanksville, Pennsylvania, field. All told, nearly 3,000 innocent people died as a result. Unlike any previous assault on the land and safety of the American people, that day and those events have largely defined public life, national identity, military strategy, economic policy, and our spiritual psyche ever since. What seemed like a familiar, reliable world was turned upside down.

The events surrounding 9/11 – and subsequent ones – have contributed to a keen awareness that we are part of a global community, closer and more interrelated than we ever realized before. More than ever we have become aware that what happens in one part of the world really *does* have immediate and significant impacts on every other part of the world. Words and actions are not benign; they make an impact – for good or for ill – on neighbors next door or people we’ve never met across the world.



We arrive at this 85th celebration of Lutheran Campus Ministry keenly aware that we live in an uneasy world where armed conflict continues in Iraq, Pakistan, and Afghanistan; unrest has expanded in the entire Mediterranean region; North Korea may have succeeded in developing nuclear weaponry; fanatical religious leaders of many creeds use religion as a tool of violence; the world economy is fragile; higher fuel costs are the rule, not the exception; rising global temperatures are having profound effects on environment, weather, geography and human communities; the domestic political scene is fractious and shrill; and the church has faced challenge after challenge around social statements, flagging institutional loyalty, and decreasing support for long-distance mission efforts in favor of local, tangible ones.

Fear or Opportunity?

So what shall we do? Live in fear? Bury our heads? Give in to hatred and violence? Curse God and die? None of the above! One of the marks of Lutheran Campus Ministry is its willingness and ability to take the challenges of each new generation and, from them, bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to bear.

Be not afraid.

I go before you always.

Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

Bob Dufford, SJ, *Gather*, GIA Publications, p. 263

What follows in this little volume is testimony to a community that chooses to see opportunities of hope where others may see reasons for fear. More important than ever is the community of faith that gathers for Christian fellowship, worship, thoughtful discussion and service. As crucial now as for generations past, Luther House invites those in this academic setting more deeply into Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name, while also helping them find and fulfill their callings as Christ's disciples.



It's worth noting that the Luther House anniversary falls during the season of Easter, a time when new life is springing from fear and death. The words of Jesus – “do not be afraid” – still inspire and comfort weary, worried disciples.

On this campus, Lutheran Campus Ministry invites us to live as resurrection people, certain of a hope that supersedes all fear. In that hope, God is still calling us to new ventures and guiding us to new destinations, always accompanying, equipping, and challenging us for the work set before us.



At 85, Luther House is alive and thriving. To be sure we've had challenges, too. But a strong board, a stable staff, energetic and willing students, broad community support, and a history to build on have helped us weather storms and offer vibrant programs for new generations of students, faculty and university staff.

OSU Religious Advisors Association Formed

A key opportunity that grew from the fallout of 9/11 was the formation of the OSU Religious Advisors Association. Campus Pastor Jim Norlie was one of several religious leaders asked by the OSU Dean of Student Life to help create a campus collective of religious groups that would become the public face of spiritual and religious diversity at OSU. It became a catalyst to build spiritual understanding, support those who wish to be active in spiritual life, and share the skill and wisdom of the religious community in addressing campus crises. A charter was written and approved by OSU administrators. Quarterly meetings have ensured continuing conversation between ecumenical and interfaith religious leaders and the campus community. Nearly ten years since its inception, the RAA is undergoing a revisioning to better meet the needs of a growing international and multifaith student body, while remaining constant in its original intent.

An Era Ends – Farewell Donna



Sadly, this decade saw the ending of inter-Lutheran campus ministry that began in the early 1970's. Then, the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in America, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, and the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod determined that cooperative campus ministry was a good idea. Deaconess Donna King was called to work alongside the campus pastor. In her 23 years at Luther House she provided rich, creative, energetic ministry to students and faculty alike.

However, 2004 brought that arrangement to an end when the Northwest District LC-MS relocated responsibility for campus ministry in its congregations and discontinued Donna's position at Luther House. As her salary and benefits had been paid by the District, it was not possible for the limited Luther House budget to continue her employment. Regrettably, a long season of cooperative ministry came to an end. A farewell of thanksgiving and godspeed was held to recognize Donna's enormous gifts for ministry and send her on her way with appreciation.

Fortunately, Donna became Director of Discipling Ministries for Grace Lutheran Church in Corvallis, allowing her to remain in the community and use her gifts for ministry, especially among the young. If her tenure had to end at Luther House, it's fitting that her new work is in the congregation that was birthed by Lutheran Campus Ministry at OSU. Donna continues in this post today.

The Global Community, Gathered at the Table

Fall 2000 there were 16,788 students enrolled at OSU. By contrast, Fall 2010 saw 23,761 students. The percentage of international students has held fairly steady at just under 7% of the total. They come from more than 90 countries. Campus has grown; the world has come to Corvallis.

One thing is consistently reported by those who care for the health and well-being of students: the ones who find a base community where they're welcomed, involved, and supported are most likely to be healthy and more likely to succeed than those who don't. A place within the larger academic community is invaluable, even necessary.



Around the Luther House table on any given day is a diverse global village. Certainly there are those who come from a Lutheran upbringing. But also there are those who claim affiliations such as Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Mennonite, Assembly of God, Episcopal, a blend of these, or none of the above. Regular diners hail from Canada, Mexico, Viet Nam, and Kenya. With the help of the International Students of OSU, over the last several years we've enjoyed guests from nearly 30 countries who've prepared us a sampling of their favorite foods, told us about their customs and culture, introduced us to art and music from their homeland, and given us insight about their religious practices.

Gluten Free Cornbread

- 1 C amaranth flour
- 1 ¼ C GF cornmeal
- 1 ½ t xanthan gum
- 2 t GF baking powder
- 1 t baking soda
- ½ t salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 C buttermilk
- 1/3 C vegetable oil
- 1/3 C pure maple syrup

Combine dry ingredients. Beat wet ingredients until combined. Add dry ingredients and mix just until combined. Spoon into lightly greased 9x9 inch pan. Preheat oven to 350F. Bake in oven for 25-30 minutes. Best served hot.



Favorite Recipes

Tortilla Soup (serves 4)

- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 C chicken broth
- 1 ½ C cooked chicken breast, chopped
- 1 C water
- 1 T chili powder
- 1 T ground cumin
- 1 (10 oz) can diced tomatoes and green chiles
- 1 can beans (optional)
- 1 can corn (optional)
- 1 C raw carrots, chopped

toppings

- ½ C tortilla chips, crushed
- ¼ C Monterey jack cheese
- ¼ C fresh cilantro
- ¼ C avocado, diced (optional)
- 4 lime wedges (optional)

Heat tablespoon of oil in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add garlic, sauté for one minute. Add broth and next 5 ingredients (and optional ingredients), and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Ladle soup into 4 bowls, top each with 2 Tbsp chips, 1 Tbsp cheese, 1 Tbsp cilantro and 1 Tbsp of the optional toppings as desired.

A welcome place at the Luther House table allows guests to become acquaintances, and acquaintances to become friends, and friends to join in ever-deepening relationships that lead to understanding. Tuesday Come-and-Go lunches, monthly Sunday pizza gatherings, weekly Thursday QUEST supper discussions, and informal get-togethers on campus or at Luther House are all examples of how the table of fellowship and the hand of friendship are extended through us to those searching for a place to belong, a community to enjoy.



Baptisms

Isaac Beery
Ken Minoura
Robert Toner
Sadie Marie Perigny
Heather (Willis) Hay
Anna Vigeland

Many of the meals we serve are prepared by Luther House staff. However, increasingly students ask to share their culinary skills with each other. We gladly welcome their recipes and enthusiasm for cooking. Volunteers from the community have also provided homemade meals, cookies and desserts that express the hospitality of Luther House and nourish hungry students.



Lutheran Campus Ministry invites those in academic settings more deeply into Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name to find and fulfill their callings as Christ's disciples.

As important as the dining table is the opportunity to gather for worship around God's table of grace. When the decade began, a weekly Wednesday Evening Prayer service was offered in the Upper Room at Luther House. After the school day was finished, scripture, prayer, and Eucharist sustained students and others who came to worship. Then, when a gifted pianist and a willing leadership team of students emerged, midweek Evening Prayer evolved into a weekly Sunday Evensong liturgy, held at Grace Lutheran Church. The circle widened; more people came to sing and pray. Evensong worship was organized each term around a seasonal theme. Offerings were received in support of World Hunger relief, care of animals through the Oregon Humane Society, the Mario Pastega House, Heifer International, and many other worthy causes.

When those student leaders moved on and enthusiasm for these services waned, another worship opportunity was born, this one called Sanctuary. It occurs the first Thursday of every month at Luther House. Strong student input and creativity go into making this house-church style of worship a meaningful experience for all. From this center of worship grows our fellowship, care, hospitality, and service. No matter what form worship takes, it is a central expression of our life together in God – life in community, gathered at the table.



Weddings

Rob Specter & Jennifer
Kuzeppa
Mandy Matzke & Aramis Van
Sandt
Kristana Burt & Leif Fritzell
Matt Perigny & Jessica Adkins
Sarah Burt & Jason Wayt
Heather Huff & Joe Ostrin
Heather Leklem & Byron
Wells
Susie Peters & Paul Harvey
Heather Willis & Tristan Hay
Katrina Hay & Zach Wiren
Nathan Storms & Rachel
Janis
John Anderson & Tanya
Durkee
David Elliott & Meredith
Andersen
David Shaffer & Andrea
O'Connor
Nate Broussard & Melissa
McKenney
Kathy Proffitt & Joe Brier
Jon Fulton & Rachael Prada

Funerals and Memorials

Wayne Schultz
Charlotte Decker
Sue Gifford
Gertrude Jacob

Lutheran Campus Ministry Centennial



The hundredth anniversary of Lutheran Campus Ministry nationwide was observed in 2007 under the theme, “100 Years of Lutheran Campus Ministry: Expanding Minds, Deepening Faith, Inspiring Service.” A variety of celebrations across the country recognized this benchmark occasion. Sunday, April 29, Luther House hosted the Oregon Synod observance in the OSU Alumni Center ballroom with more than 200 people in attendance. The youngest was only a week old, the oldest well into their 80’s.

Master of Ceremonies Mark Dickman welcomed guests from near and far to the day’s events. Alums from each decade of Luther House history were present. The fourfold pattern of worship – gathering, word, meal, and sending – gave shape to the day. The musical group “Jubilee” shared their gift of song. Storyteller and pastor Daniel Erlander described the variety of ways Lutheran Campus Ministry shapes young lives. Bishop Paul Swanson presided at communion. Numerous students served as greeters, offering bearers, and communion servers. Even those who couldn’t be in Corvallis for the party celebrated in their home congregations through prayer and song.



“Promise It Forward”

A major part of the Luther House centennial celebration was the “Promise It Forward” Campaign to raise much-needed funding for the furtherance of campus ministry at Luther House and in the Oregon Synod. Of the \$31,000 raised, one-tenth was set aside to support congregational efforts that would reach out to college and university students near them.



Congregations that applied for and were awarded “Promise It Forward” grants included:

- Prince of Life (Oregon City), concert and block party for Clackamas Community College;
- St. James (Portland), student-led Portland State University “Book of Faith” initiative;
- St. Paul’s (Portland), ecumenical meals/discussions at the Spiritual Life Center of PSU;
- Mt. Carmel (Portland), Bread for the World event at Lewis and Clark College;
- Holy Trinity (Portland), “God Save Us from Your Followers” film preview at Reed College;
- Emmaus and United (Eugene), University of Oregon survey of student spiritual needs;
- Zion (LaGrande), midweek ecumenical student meal/discussion at Eastern Oregon University.

Digital Networks, a Wired World

When the OSU Valley Library expansion was completed in 1998, it won the award for being the most wired university library in the nation. These days, when old residence halls and classroom buildings are remodeled or new ones built, up-to-date digital infrastructure is always included. Along with new technology has come unprecedented new ways of communicating and connecting with others.

Words in common currency today include Facebook, Twitter, iPad, iPhone, social networking, virtual community, viral, skype, apps, flip phones, iCam, and others. These were virtually unheard of ten years ago. What was once far off and exotic is now as near and ordinary as a wi-fi connection. Troubles or joys in one part of the world that used to take months to affect the nations of the world, are now experienced in real time through a virtual universe.

Though it's probably not possible to keep up with the rapid pace of technological change, Luther House has increased its efforts to communicate using the tools of the day. Increasingly we rely on electronic means to make connections and deepen relationships. Who knows what advances, innovations, and surprises await us in the coming decade?

Some examples of the ways Luther House has adapted to the world of electronic media include:

- Luther House is online at <http://people.oregonstate.edu/studentgroups/lutheranstudents/>, a site specifically devoted to student use, and at www.luther-house.org for a more general audience.
- We can be found on Facebook at *OSU Luther House*.
- One can email us at info@luther-house.org.
- A secure electronic donation portal allows simple, secure donations to be made online at www.luther-house.org/donate/.
- The quarterly *Luminary* newsletter and the *News+Notes* publications are available in digital format at our web sites.
- A weekly devotional and informational email posting called *GRACEnotes* goes out to our listserve each Wednesday.
- A Creative Ministry Grant from the Oregon Synod will soon make it possible for students to film and upload YouTube spots that tell about Luther House.



Apartment Tenants

Lance Haubrick - 2001-02
Eric Meyer - 2002-03
Carol Powers - 2003-05
Jenny Wiseman - 2005-07
Alina Haberstroh - 2007-09
Darren Forrest - 2009-10
Daniel Peterson - 2009-
Duc Ahn Le - 2010-

Luther House Student Apartment

Imagine a comfortable apartment in a vintage house, modest rent with utilities and wi-fi included, a spot to park a car, located just one block from campus. That's what Luther House provides through its student apartment. For many years this old house has been home to student tenants, some of whom have taken on significant leadership roles within the Luther House community.



Thanks to some special fundraising and gifts of time and materials, in 2009 we were able to make simple modifications to add another bedroom. Now two students can comfortably share the Luther House apartment.

All Are Welcome

“All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.” So says the refrain from the hymn by the same name found in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. After years of on-again, off-again discussion about how to extend a clear, inclusive vision of welcome for any and all who come to Luther House, the Campus Council took up the question again. By January 2011, they developed a welcome statement, solicited student input, contacted Lutherans Concerned/North America and applied to be on the roster of Reconciling in Christ communities that includes congregations, schools, agencies, and campus ministries of the church. Luther House was welcomed into the RIC roster shortly thereafter.

Actually, what the welcome statement now says has been the actual practice of Luther House for years. But having a clear statement and public recognition of this commitment to inclusive hospitality will aid us in telling students, faculty, university staff, and community members they are truly welcome at Luther House.

Wishing to be healers in a broken world, we extend God’s extravagant welcome and a genuine invitation for acceptance and full inclusion to –

People of all sexual orientations and gender identities;

People of every age, class, color, gender and ethnic origin;

People who are single, married, divorced, separated, blessed or partnered;

People who are temporarily-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities;

People of differing theological perspectives;

People from all economic levels; and

People and organizations who rent Luther House apartments or use the house for meetings or social events.

Therefore, we invite those in this academic setting more deeply into Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name.



“Into the Wild”

One characteristic of the religious ethos of the Pacific Northwest is the value many place on their experience of the natural world to make spiritual meaning. This is manifest in those who say they encounter God in creation and among those who are spiritually revitalized by being outdoors in grand natural cathedrals and by those whose stewardship of life is expressed primarily through care of the earth.



Rather than ignore or disdain this value, Luther House has strengthened its programming this past decade by embracing opportunities to encounter the natural world. In 2009 we hosted a conference called “To Swim with the Salmon: Spirituality and Ecojustice in the Pacific Northwest” where keynote speaker John Hart and native storyteller Elizabeth Woody guided the conference in thoughtful consideration of our “sacramental commons” and recalled the ancient “river people” who’ve lived peaceably with nature for thousands of years. They were joined by artists, musicians, authors, scientists, and others in this day-long conference.



Several times field guides have taken student groups “Into the Wild” where they’ve made their own encounters with nature and considered the spiritual connections found there. Watching fall chinook salmon spawn or learning about the source of municipal drinking water in the Mary’s River Watershed have left lasting memories and new respect for God’s spirit alive in creation.

A team of OSU students helped lead the Fall 2009 Oregon Synod Youth Gathering as field guides at Twin Rocks Camp. While they taught about the scientific things they know regarding wetlands, nurse logs, and forests, they also gave witness to their faith and told about how they understand how God is at work in the natural systems all around us.



Pr. Jim was part of a five-year study with pastoral colleagues called “Practicing Our Faith in Salmon Nation.” Its purpose was to explore the unique geographic context of which we’re part and then to apply old and new spiritual practices that deepen our faith and better engage the contemporary culture with the Christian message. A complete set of documents produced by this team can be found on the Luther House web site at <http://salmon.luther-house.org/>.



Still other experiences that have built on the spiritual values found in deep experiences of the natural world include an ongoing commitment to plant native shrubs and trees at Green Island, undertaking projects to assist the Chintimini Wildlife Refuge, participating in Earth Week Challenge activities sponsored by Luther House, caring for the neighborhood around Luther House by organizing periodic Neighborhood Cleanup Days, and by continuing the “Into the Wild” expeditions from time to time.



Other Program Highlights of the Decade

Luther House co-hosted Sir John Polkinghorne, world renowned Oxford physicist and Anglican priest, who spoke to more than 1000 people on campus Fall Term 2001. Professor Ted Peters of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, was also hosted by Luther House for campus lectures in 2003.

A four-session Jewish-Christian Dialog between students of Luther House and OSU Hillel attracted more than 20 participants during Winter Term 2003. From that, a small but growing interfaith library was established at Luther House. "Windows of Faith," a catechetical experience for college students, was used twice as part of our Christian education curriculum, starting in 2005. QUEST, an evening meal followed by discussion of questions asked by students, has had a four-year run. Many themes have been explored and a number of outside guest presenters have enriched each Thursday's time of feasting and learning.

Seasonal Celebrations

Halloween/All Saints
Costume Party
Christmas in a Barn
Epiphany Party and King's
Cake
Mardi Gras Pancake Feast
Ecumenical Ash
Wednesday
Maundy Thursday
Good Friday with St.
Anselm
Easter Potluck Brunch
Earth Day
Pentecost Party

Two student book groups continue to read and discuss theological works ranging from Dietrich Bonhoeffer to St. Augustine to Martin Luther King, Jr. to Thomas a Kempis to C.S. Lewis – and more. Many offerings have been raised and service projects completed, including the assembly of Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. This spring we'll complete 85 kits in honor of the Luther House 85th anniversary.



Leadership

Without strong volunteer leadership coming from numerous area congregations and the wider community, Luther House could not flourish in the ways it does. The Campus Council exercises oversight for Luther House while volunteers contribute by cooking, gardening, teaching, assisting with mailings, light maintenance projects, and more. The Student Leadership Planning Team, a separate but important group, meets monthly to plan programs, activities, and service projects Luther House offers each term.



*Glory and gratitude and praise, now let earth to heaven raise;
Glory and gratitude and praise, these we offer to God.*

John Bell, the Iona Community

Two awards recognize exemplary leadership, financial generosity, or volunteer contributions to Luther House. The “Friend of Luther House Award” was first given in 1987. Since then it has been periodically awarded when the Campus Council wants to recognize a particular person for their outstanding contributions to Luther House. The second, established in 2010, is the “Leading Light Award” presented to outgoing Luther House Council members at the conclusion of their service to the board. This award acknowledges the time, talent and treasures they’ve given in service to Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University.

Friends of Luther House

Hedwig Pardey, 1987
Phil Jacob, 1987
Elin Stetz, 1993
Wanda Parrott, 2001
Pamela Moore, 2005
Debbie Kuehn, 2006
Tom Orwick, 2006
Paul & Mary Swanson, 2007
Lew Nelson, 2008

Leading Lights

2010
Mary Ann Matzke
Larry Burt
Jim Leklem

2011
Art Bervin

Luther House Campus Council

2000-01

Ann Blegen
Sarah Dammen, student
Jack Flachsbart
Carols Gutierrez
Mike Killion
Debbie Kuehn
Shelly Lundahl
Tom Orwick
Matt Perigny, student
Joanne Secrest
Joy Yokum

2001-02

Sarah Dammen, student
Jack Flachsbart
Mike Killion
Debbie Kuehn
Shelly Lundahl
Tom Orwick
Matt Perigny, student
Joanne Secrest
Joy Yokum

2002-03

Sarah Dammen, student
Jack Flachsbart
Mike Killion
Debbie Kuehn
Shelly Lundahl
Tom Orwick
Matt Perigny, student
Randy Schutt
Joanne Secrest
Joy Yokum

2003-04

Jack Flachsbart
Mike Killion
Debbie Kuehn
Shelly Lundahl
Tom Orwick
Randy Schutt
Joanne Secrest
Joy Yokum

2004-05

Heather Duchow
Joy Jorgensen
Mike Killion
Debbie Kuehn
Maarja Mattson, student
Tom Orwick
Carol Powers, student

2005-06

Frank Davis
Heather Duchow
Mark Gourley
Debbie Kuehn
Jim Leklem
Mike Killion
Tom Orwick

2006-07

Frank Davis
Heather Duchow
Mark Gourley
Brennen Guillory
Mike Killion
Debbie Kuehn
Jim Leklem
Mary Ann Matzke
Tom Orwick

2007-08

Art Bervin
Larry Burt
Frank Davis
Heather Duchow
Mark Gourley
Brennen Guillory
Jim Leklem
Mary Ann Matzke

2008-09

Chris Ammon
Art Bervin
Larry Burt
Frank Davis
Mark Gourley
Brennen Guillory
Jim Leklem
Mary Ann Matzke

2009-10

Art Bervin
Larry Burt
Nancy Clough
Netsie Griffith
Bob Hibbs
Jim Leklem
Mary Ann Matzke
Karelia Stetz-Waters
Matt Weeber

2010-11

Art Bervin
Nancy Clough
Netsie Griffith
Bob Hibbs
Joy Jorgensen
Gary Ruppert
Karelia Stetz-Waters
Matt Weeber

Office and Hospitality Coordinators

The supportive role of the Luther House Office and Hospitality Coordinator (once called House Coordinator) cannot be overstated. Often, this is the first contact students or others have to Luther House. They welcome, listen, provide information, correspond, keep records, file, purchase supplies, cook, coordinate volunteers, and keep the house looking presentable for all our guests. Many thanks are due to their fine work over the years!

Betu Herera Idica, 2000-01
Gwen Peachey, 2002-04
Brenda Seehafer, 2004-10
Joanne Johnson, 2010-



Testimonials

I was not eager to leave the steadfast community of my small Christian college where I earned my bachelors degree, but I did trust God would provide me with Christian fellowship. Luther House came as an answer to prayer, a place with thinking Christians where community is an expectation.

- Daniel Peterson, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering



Luther House has been my home away from home while at college, especially during my first year when I was trying to find my place at the university. The community of friends and the home-cooked dinners created a warm and comforting atmosphere that I was drawn into. It has also been the place I have gone to for religious guidance and exploration. My faith and connection with the community have strengthened during my involvement with the Lutheran Campus Ministry.

- Anna Vigeland, Biochemistry and Biophysics



For me, Lutheran Campus Ministry means: a place of acceptance and friendship; a place to expand my faith through discussion, worship, community service and interaction with one another; and lastly as escape from stresses of day to day and the support necessary to make each day possible. It's a home away from home.

- Lynzie Olson, Business Management



Luther House has been an invaluable resource for me. What a comfort to know there is a haven of peace in this frantic world of grades, classes and homework.

- Meredith Anderson-Elliott, Music



Luther House is a second home to me. It is a place where I always feel welcome no matter what time it is and there is always a warm cup of hot chocolate available. Luther House is where Christianity and faith is part of everything we do. I don't know what I would do without Luther House.

- Tristan Hay, Radiation Health Physics

“What Does Campus Ministry Offer?”

1. A place to make friends – some will be lifelong.
2. A chance to meet people who are different from yourself.
3. A safe community in which to ask deep questions, ponder life’s complexities, make decisions or try on options.
4. A laboratory for developing leadership skills.
5. A time to meet God again – as if for the first time.
6. A way to integrate faith and learning.
7. A pause in the hectic rhythm of campus life.
8. An opportunity to be of some earthly good through service projects and volunteer work.
9. A time to discover your vocation (calling in life).
10. A place to receive pastoral care when life is rough or good things need to be celebrated.
11. An involvement in the wider church through Lutheran Student Movement, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Lutheran Outdoor Ministry, and much more.

Growing Edges – Challenges Yet to Come

With so many wonderful things to tell about the last decade – indeed about the entire 85 years of Lutheran Campus Ministry in Corvallis – it’s tempting only to look backwards and reminisce. However, we know that God calls us to the future. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said. To what destination? By what path? Through what dangers? These things are not known. What is known is that God who called this ministry into existence in the first place is calling us to new things in the days ahead.

We know there are probably financial challenges on the horizon. The church is shifting its patterns of support for ministries such as ours. Therefore, we need to be ever-vigilant and exceedingly creative in inviting monetary gifts that will support our outreach to students, faculty, and university staff long into the future.

Our campus ministry center is more than 70 years old, not very energy efficient, and inaccessible to some. That means there will be continuing needs to tend and care for our facility, find ways to make it more inviting, deal with access

issues, upgrade infrastructure that's past its prime, and work to be an example of good stewardship of the earth's resources.

Needs of students and the problems or challenges of the world we live in will change rapidly. What crisis, opportunity, or event will require our faithful response? We may not know specifically, but we can be sure problems or challenges will come.

What if Luther House becomes a laboratory where:

- we remake our old building so it's an accessible, efficient, welcoming, sturdy, model of earth stewardship?
- we equip cell communities of young adults to read scripture together, apply it to daily living, and find ways to live that out in applied service to neighbors in need – all under the guidance of a young, energetic seminary intern?
- we engage more deeply people of differing faiths to build bridges of understanding – especially between Christians, Jews, and Muslims – to better serve the world we share?
- we train congregations that are situated near colleges or universities in the arts of hospitality and community-building so that they can more effectively reach out to young adults and welcome them as Christ's disciples?
- we deploy young students from our ministry to places at home and abroad where they utilize their academic and spiritual gifts to improve troubled situations, learn from global partners, and return to teach us what they've experienced?
- we use social networking tools to help deepen faith, gather communities of believers, inspire service, and reach out with the Good News of God in Christ Jesus?

Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10:10) Throughout the 85 years of Lutheran Campus Ministry at OSU, generations of young women and men have experienced God's enlivening power and then taken that Good News – through their various vocations – to the ends of the earth in order to help those in need and make the world a better place. The foregoing pages



reveal a glimpse of how this has been especially so in the most recent decade. The real proof of this reality, however, is to be found in the day-to-day lives of those students, faculty, and university staff who've been equipped, supported, and encouraged in faith and faithfulness through Luther House and its ministry.

Building on the past, living in the present, and planning for the future, Luther House has a bright future. At 85 we *are* alive! And yet, we have room to grow and things to do. Future generations depend on us. The world is in our hands. God is still calling us for mission. May we have the vision, the will, and the resources to respond with boldness and creativity for the sake of Christ, our strength and our hope.

To God be the glory!
