

NEWS+NOTES

Go in peace, to serve...

More than a theme; it's a way of life!



Nearly every Lutheran liturgy concludes this way: “Go in peace, serve the Lord.” For Christian disciples, these are marching orders – to put faith to work, beliefs into practice.

This term at Luther House we’ll give particular focus to what it means to be a servant of Christ

and how our little Christian community here can manifest God’s love for those in need, locally and globally.

Turn this sheet over to see what opportunities await us this term – to get our hands and feet dirty for others as we live out our calling as Christ’s servants.

“Service Meets Spirit”

Saturday, January 21, the 2012 OSU Interfaith Community Service Conference will be held in the MU. Its purpose is to initiate meaningful dialog between religious and nonreligious communities under the common umbrella of service. Students especially are encouraged to attend and can register at https://atrial.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9NChmWONDMewimE. Hands-on service opportunities, roundtable discussions, and a festive celebration will frame the free, all-day event.

I look forward to being part of this exciting new initiative both as a learner and contributor. And I really hope you’ll join me. + Pr. Jim.



EPIPHANY: THE SEASON OF SURPRISES COMES TO LUTHER HOUSE

Epiphany has to do with revealing things in a new light and going forward by a new path. The account of the Magi coming to visit the infant Jesus tells of just such an occurrence. When one of our board members heard that students would benefit from having a computer and printer work station at Luther House, a light dawned on him: “I can give my good,



usable computer and printer to Luther House!” And so he did. Set up with an office suite of tools to enable student scholars to prepare for class in the quiet of Luther House, a new resource at Luther House expands our ministry and creates new opportunities for you. Thanks Gary (and Karen) for the gift that makes possible new things in the new year.



CALLING ALL LEADERS



Let Your Light Shine!

It's said a small spark can get a big fire going. Are you that spark?

Some key seniors who've sparked many good ideas during their time at Luther House are preparing to finish their studies and leave OSU. We don't want the fire of their energy to die down or the good programs they've helped ignite to languish. We need you – your fire, your energy, your skills, your ideas, your willingness to work – in order to carry the Luther House torch into the future. We're wondering...

Would you consider joining the Student Planning Team once each month? We usually meet the first Sunday of each month (except January) from 12:15-1 right before eating lunch together at Luther House. It's an informal planning meeting to organize future Luther House events just for students like you. It's a great way to develop your leadership skills and to make sure Luther House is helping you and your peers fulfill your call to discipleship. Besides that, it's fun.

You are crucial to making Winter Term the best ever.

No application to fill out; no waiting for someone's approval. Just bring the fire that burns in you and join us Sunday, January 15.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Look around and you'll see plenty of ways to be God's hands and feet in this world. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

MLK Week Service Op's, 1/14

In honor of this year's MLK observance, the OSU Office of Civic Engagement will be hosting several service projects Saturday, January 14. To see what's happening or to get involved go to <https://surveys.bus.oregonstate.edu/main.aspx?SurveyID=4727&cmd=survey>

"Service Meets Spirit," 1/21

Sign up to be part of the "Service Meets Spirit" conference on Saturday, January 21. Far from just talking about service, this conference will get attendees active and involved in real-life, community needs.

Men's/Women's Shelter Hosts

Join volunteers from Grace Lutheran to host the men's (1/22-1/29) and women's (2/19-25) shelters in Corvallis. See sign up sheets on bulletin boards for details, including times.

Albany Shelter Needs Our Help

Luther House is negotiating with the Albany Men's Shelter about ways to serve in their Saturday feeding program, community garden preparations, or Christmas tree sales program. Watch for details soon.

Corvallis Interfaith Caregivers

A work day is in the works that will give yard care assistance to elderly and homebound people in need. Date, time, and projects will be posted in upcoming GRACEnotes postings.

Calendar

Tuesdays, 11:30-1:30

Come and Go Lunch at Luther House

Thursdays, 6-7:30

QUEST Supper & Discussion

Saturday, 1/21 - MU, All Day

OSU "Service Meets Spirit" Conference

Tuesday, 2/21

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch

Wednesday, 2/22, time TBA

Ash Wednesday Observance

Sundays, 1/15, 2/5, 3/4

Student Planning Team and Lunch

You Can Find Us...

ON THE WEB



It's a long web address but it's the one OSU assigned our student group. You can find us at

<http://people.oregonstate.edu/studentgroups/lutheranstudents/>

ON FACEBOOK



Yes, you can find the Luther House community on Facebook. Just look for Luther

House Campus Ministry, then friend us.

ON INCLUSIVENESS



Luther House is a welcoming community for all people but we

want LGBT friends especially to know they are welcome here. Share the good news.