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Welcome, Pastor Deanna Langle!

Alumni and friends,

Thank you for the notes and emails welcoming me to ULC, sharing the various ways this ministry has been a powerful influence in your lives. It is obvious and heartening that the reach of this ministry is far and wide. Many of you, being aware of transitions at ULC and significant changes in campus ministry in the ELCA, had questions about my background and what's going on at ULC. Let's start with my introduction:

My family home and heart are in South Dakota, where I've been living with my family for the past six years. I visit as often as I can, living out my favorite life-role of aunt to three amazing kids. While residing in SD, I commuted to Fort Worth, TX, where I earned a PhD in Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Counseling at Brite Divinity School/ Texas Christian University. My campus

ministry experience includes completing my internship at the Lutheran Student Center in Lincoln, NE; serving as Campus Pastor at Luther College in Decorah, IA; and most recently, serving as Campus Pastor at the Lutheran Campus Center in Winona, MN. At these placements, my passion for campus ministry--and appreciation for its challenges--grew. A campus ministry is an ever-changing landscape, serving a fluid population of students. It's a unique challenge that presents the opportunity to be creative in collaboration with students and board members as we build a vibrant ministry that addresses the spiritual needs of students. I look forward to sharing my experiences with ULC and Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern University during my two-year term call, as

students and Board members discern what this ministry needs at this time and place to be relevant, contextual, missional, and meaningful to the students, faculty, and staff at Northwestern University as well as the larger church.

It is definitely a time of change at ULC: the flux of leadership, financial challenges, creating new infrastructure, and the work ahead to identify and articulate this ministry's vision and mission ... all these paint a vivid Lenten picture of a wilderness experience, begging the question: "Why is the Holy Spirit leading us to a wilderness?" The temptation to give in, to give up, and to deny that there is a purpose for this ministry is real. Yet also very real is seeing new students responding to the invitation to

"come and see" and discovering a community of faith; the ULC Council recognizing that its congregation's population and needs are changing; a Board of Trustees



reforming a ministry and learning new roles and responsibilities in leading the ministry; and volunteers from local ELCA congregations getting involved and serving on Board committees. It is in these tensions that we feel in the "wilderness" that our identity and purpose are not only challenged but also clarified. In the "wilderness," we live in God's promise, not our own. In the "wilderness," we live knowing the Spirit makes the path with us.

Heartened by the hope and new life of the Easter promise, I am eager to see how and where the Spirit will make the path with us, opening new possibilities and new stories that we haven't seen or written before. I am grateful to each and every one of you that you journey with us, too.

With thanks, Pastor Deanna

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shari Holmer Lewis, President, Board of Trustees, LCM/NU

Among the songs featured prominently in the recent tributes to Pete Seeger was “Turn! Turn! Turn!” The past year has shown abundantly that there is a time for every purpose under heaven and that these turns and seasons are blessed by God.

Less than 12 months ago a small group of six gathered to form a founding board for Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern University (LCM/NU). With changing times the prior formal structure no longer served the ministry well, and the decision was made to move the board closer to the NU ministry to better support the work and mission of the ministry. In the intervening months, LCM/NU has been officially incorporated, the parsonage has been refurbished and its kitchen renovated, the interior of the Center has received a facelift, issues of mechanicals in the

two buildings have been addressed, committees formed and, most importantly, a new pastor called and installed. You can read about many of these developments elsewhere in this newsletter. But even with all of those goalposts behind us, the work is just beginning.

“For everything there is a season.” The congregation based within NU’s Lutheran campus ministry turns 40 this spring. Much has changed in those four decades. Although the needs for ministry to and within the NU community are no less pressing than they were for their baby boomer predecessors, the students of today inhabit a different world. The landscape has not stood still on campus any more than it has in local congregations. If anything, it is changing faster, and it is an ongoing challenge to reinvent ministry to make

it relevant and accessible to each new generation.

As has been noted by far wiser individuals than I am, we are always only one generation away from losing the faith. Each of us has been handed this incredible gift by the generation ahead of us. Now we need to ensure that it is passed along again as the seasons turn.

I invite you to partner with LCM/NU in this ministry with your prayers and support in discerning and living out the mission. It is good to know that in the midst of changing times, the means of grace abide and we can move forward trusting in God’s sustaining love. As we look forward to spring, so I also look forward to a new time to plant and to grow Lutheran campus ministry at Northwestern.

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ULC CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Philip McPeek, President, and Caroline Magnesen, Secretary

These first few months of 2014 have brought new faces, energy and direction to University Lutheran Church and its leadership. We've added members to church council, appointed several new committee chairs, and gotten more people involved on our committees. In February, we were thrilled to have Deanna officially installed as our pastor here at ULC! We've started having a weekly discussion called 21theo, where we talk about the relevance of theology in different

aspects of our modern lifestyles. We continue our commitment to service by preparing dinner at Hilda's Place transitional shelter in Evanston, tutoring elementary school students, and serving at Skokie Lagoons forest preserve. We continue to welcome new undergraduate and graduate students into our twice-weekly worship. We give thanks to God for all of our blessings, and we trust that he will guide us as we continue this journey together!



Council Members left to right: Philip McPeek, Brittany Bogle, Austin Walter, Melissa Mason, Lydia Ramsey, Caroline Magnesen
Not Pictured: Burke Evans

WELCOME HOME CAMPAIGN

A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some ... fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold. (Luke 8: 5, 8)

I write to you today with deep gratitude for your partnership with Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern University (LCM/NU) through the Welcome Home campaign. Much has been accomplished over the past 18 months because of YOU.

YOU have provided the seed that has allowed a rebirth and rejuvenation of campus ministry at Northwestern. We have tried to be good stewards of your gifts, and they have multiplied.

Over \$27,500 has been donated to fund capital expenditures for the ministry's parsonage and Center. Using those seed funds as a base, LCM/NU has received over \$20,000 in donated professional services, over 100 volunteer hours from a local congregation, and nearly \$20,000 in designated gifts. The ministry has also been able to apply for and receive a matching grant of nearly \$30,000. LCM/NU has truly been blessed – because of YOU!

What has been accomplished with your partnership? Work on the Center is on-going, but YOU have provided the means for the ministry to move forward in creating a more welcoming and functional space where students and others can gather to learn and serve. In addition to work to care for the grounds, the Center has received needed interior repairs and fresh paint in some of the first floor space. A new dishwasher has been purchased. Plans are underway to address heating in the building, both to ensure a safe and comfortable environment and to save on future heating bills.

The parsonage, a critical base for the pastor and, at times, a necessary retreat, has also seen many needed repairs. The major work, however, was the total renovation of the kitchen and updating of the electrical system. Like the work on the Center, the work on the parsonage is an investment in the future of the ministry, ensuring that the pastor can be close to campus and in touch with the students, staff, and faculty the ministry serves.



Before

After

Parsonage Kitchen

There are visible signs of YOUR partnership throughout the facilities that support campus ministry at Northwestern University, and we are very grateful.

YOUR gifts of over \$20,000 toward operating expenses have also been very valuable. We were delighted to welcome the Rev. Dr. Deanna Langle as the new campus pastor in October 2013. Her call could not have gone forward without the gifts to both the capital and operating components of the Welcome Home campaign. Under her leadership, new students are being welcomed to LCM/NU and served. And we are seeking opportunities to expand programming supported by outside grants. The seeds that YOU have provided are bearing fruit.

Thank you again for your support of LCM/NU through the Welcome Home campaign. As we move forward, we hope you will continue to be our partners in ministry and prayer. And we look forward to being able to welcome YOU home at LCM/NU.

With gratitude,

Shari Holmer Lewis, LCM/NU Board President
On behalf of the Board of Trustees, LCM/NU



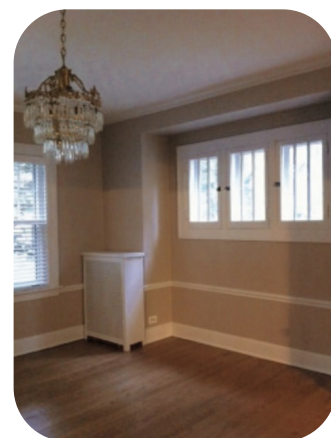
Before

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Parsonage Bathroom



Before



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Parsonage Dining Room

Welcome Home Cornerstone Campaign donors (February 2012-February 2014)

Thank you to the following alumni and friends of ULC for their generous gifts to the Welcome Home Cornerstone Campaign.

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Renovations at ULC



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P = Parents & Alumni Fund
E = Endowment Fund



Students meet and talk with Bishop Wayne Miller.



Students serving dinner at Hilda's Place.



Students spend Wednesday nights at ULC, worshipping, studying and sharing a meal. Students also held a game night to get to know new students.



Meet the New Students!



My name is **Lydia Ramsey**, and I'm a junior here at Northwestern. I'm studying journalism and Middle East and North African Studies. My hometown is Park Ridge, IL, where I attend St. Luke's Lutheran Church. I found out about ULC earlier this year while studying abroad in Jordan. Upon my return, I met with Deanna and began getting involved in worship and music. Now, I'm a member of the church council, serving as the head of the worship committee. I'm excited to be a part of this congregation, and I can't wait to see the direction it takes during the next year!

Hi! My name is **Haley De Boom**, and I am a freshman Computer Science major in Weinberg. I'm from Long Beach, California and am part of Bethany Lutheran Church back home. I go to ULC because I realized I can't win at life without God – not only is it barely possible but it's incredibly more stressful. I enjoy attending church on Sundays so I can reconnect and learn more about my faith.



My name is **Melissa Mason** and I'm a Freshman at Northwestern studying Biology on the pre-med track. I come from Muskego, WI, where I attend Atonement Lutheran Church. I discovered ULC before arriving at Northwestern through an e-mail. I attended worship the first week I arrived and I felt so welcome that I knew I wanted to be involved. I am now serving on church council as head of the stewardship and membership committee. I am excited to continue to work with the other students at ULC and share my faith with others.

My name is **Burke Evans**, and I'm a member of the Class of 2017 from Cincinnati, OH. I have not yet declared a major, but I am considering economics, math, and history. My home congregation was Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland, OH. I joined ULC because I love the community and fellowship present, and the copious amounts of coffee! I serve as the treasurer of ULC, as well as the social ministry chair.



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ALUMNI UPDATE

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***Tony ('98) and Jana ('97) Koppula** of Playa Vista, California: Tony finished his Cardiology Fellowship at UCLA and is halfway through an Advanced Imaging Fellowship. Jana is applying for a Masters in Music Therapy. Their sons, Gabriel (7) and Michael (6) are enjoying 2nd grade and kindergarten.

Ohio, was promoted to Full Professor at Wright State University. Scott and Lori's daughter, Amanda, graduated from Utah State University with a BS in Exercise Science and started graduate school (Doctor of Physical Therapy) at University of Dayton.

Chicago-themed Short Stories on Amazon Kindle. The story "It Happened in Warsaw" is set on campus.

***Scott Watamaniuk ('90)** of Dayton,

***William Geuss ('63)** of Evanston published *Finding the Way Home*:

***Lowell Lohelani Kalapa ('71)** of Honolulu passed away on December 30, 2013. A service celebrating his life was held in Hawaii at Diamond Head Memorial Park on January 22, 2014.

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Thank You!

We are grateful to all who support this ministry through their time, skills, and labor, especially members of our local ELCA congregations.

Volunteers:

- Joan Geuss and Marge Wold (Immanuel) - sorting through the archives
- Jarrold Gaither (Grace) - many hours of cleaning the ULC
- Chris House (Trinity)- installing Quickbooks
- 20+ members of Trinity - spent the September 8th Big Day of Serving cleaning and landscaping the parsonage and center

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- Patty Moyer (Holy Cross, Libertyville)



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