



A Word from LCMNU

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern University has been a welcoming space for generations of students. Here they have brought their questions and their doubts, their keen minds and their open hearts, their desire to grow and be challenged, their surprise to discover that their baptism really does have something to do with their daily lives! Here they have been affirmed, cared for, fed, strengthened, educated, and emboldened to dare to live out their faith in their academics, their jobs, their relationships, the world! This is a place where faith grows... beyond this place! We invite you to be a part of sustaining this growth today and tomorrow through your prayers and your financial support.

With thanks for your partnership,
All of us at LCMNU



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For those in Chicagoland: make a meal, invite Ministry Leaders to visit your congregation, come and worship, visit on Wednesday nights!

For Everyone: keep LCMNU in your prayers, contact The Center about students coming to Northwestern, contribute to LCMNU in its formative work and outreach!

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News from the Ministry

LCMNU is a welcoming community experiencing, living and sharing the love of God through scholarship, service, and faith.



Above: LCMNU at Clark Street Beach in Evanston following the Easter Sunrise Worship service.

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“I’ve found an *inclusive* community that welcomes and involves people with all different levels of faith. People who come here, stay.”

— Ashley

Students Elect New Board



The Student Leadership Board had its spring Leadership Retreat at Lutherdale Ministries in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Bible study, conversation, ropes courses, discernment, and planning for fall 2015 all happened in a 24-hour period! We reiterated our commitment to "challenging norms!"

Student Leadership Board 2015-2016

Katie Martini, President
Caroline Magnesen, Vice President
Burke Evans, Secretary
Austin Walter, Treasurer
Emilie Jones, Fundraising Leader
Billy Kobin, Communications Leader
Sarah Van Cleve, Fellowship Leader
Miriam Bohlmann Kunz, Worship Leader
Cameron Jordan, Service Leader
Bethany Ketchem, Outreach Leader
Ashley Jahren, Peace and Justice Leader

A Word from Parents

LCMNU has been such a blessing in Bethany’s life this year. I feel as if I have turned her over to very capable and loving hands and appreciate the ministry’s sincere interest in helping her walk the path Christ has chosen for her during her time at Northwestern. LCMNU has shaped every aspect of her experience and has been absolutely fundamental in her successful transition to college life. We cannot stress the importance of this ministry or thank you enough!

—Carrie and Jim Ketchem
Horicon, Wisconsin

Ministry Highlights

- 2015 is proving to be a busy year! In January and February, Wednesday night discussions included a Bible study series on Job and Ecclesiastes and during 21theo, we discussed denominational identities, expansive language, and wealth distribution.
- A Mardi Gras party and a few game nights have provided some fun fellowship opportunities for all!
- We had a strong response to our fall #commitment campaign, raising more than \$30,000 to help the ministry move toward financial stability.
- Wednesdays during Lent we enjoyed a simplified Supper Worship. Also, each week we invited guests from the social service agencies where we volunteer to join us for a meal and to share about their work. Bible studies followed each Supper Worship relating our baptismal call of "serving all people and striving for justice and peace" to themes of hospitality, shared economics, and a common life.
- Student Ministers will again be preaching during the spring quarter (other students have been co-preaching occasionally with Pastor Deanna on Sundays!), and we're currently in the midst of a Bible study series called "Dinner with Jesus"—examining Jesus' words and actions at meals.
- Through an initiative called “Setting the Table,” we are partners with area congregations in addressing homelessness for young adults in Evanston. Conversations will soon become actions.
- Students continue to tutor every week at a local ELCA congregation and serve monthly meals at a local transitional shelter.
- ELCA connections: Four students will be attending the Metro Chicago Synod Assembly in May. Miriam Bohlmann Kunz, was selected to work with "Lutheran Campus Ministry Builds" at the ELCA Youth Gathering in July, and Sarah Van Cleve will be working at Lutherdale Ministries this summer.
- The LCMNU Board of Directors is creating "Purposes and Possibilities," a think tank composed of a variety of people who can help us dream and plan for LCMNU's immediate and long-term future.
- Sunday, April 12 was truly a special day at LCMNU as Pastor Deanna baptized Katie Martini and affirmed Sarah Van Cleve’s baptism. We were blessed to have several guests and family members present for this important occasion.

Right: Students gather around the new baptismal font after Katie’s baptism and Sarah’s affirmation of baptism.



Left: Pastor Deanna baptizes Katie Martini as Sarah Van Cleve waits to affirm her own.