



LCMNU welcomes Trinity Lutheran's High School youth group for Ash Wednesday supper and worship

Help the Center be a Good Neighbor

The Center's been called a "home away from home" by generations of students, the current ones included. It was the home of an early president of Northwestern. Its Queen Anne-style fits well with the primarily single-family homes in the neighborhood. But this treasured place the ministry calls home is currently something of a poor neighbor.

In our neighborhood of neatly-kept homes, The Center is standing out for its badly peeling paint that's noticeable from the foundation to the roof. Fortunately, the gutters were replaced this fall to keep the house from deteriorating further, but painting must be done this spring/summer to further protect the structure. LCMNU would love to be a good neighbor as well as a good representative of the church.

Can you help? Funding for this \$25,000 project and \$15,000 for restoration projects from long-deferred maintenance is beyond the current budget. Your donation in any amount will make the outside of the building as welcoming and enduring as all that goes on inside! **Thank You!**

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Evanston's transitional shelter

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“I was a member of several different organizations on campus, but LCMNU stood out because it was consistently the best in terms of providing support for students. LCMNU provides so many opportunities for people to come together, to build strong friendships, and to reach out in to the world: that's why I will always support LCMNU.” — Alex Hurd, LCMNU and NU, Class of 2011

It's About Bold.Faith

- ◆ Students were preaching during Lent, using the gospel texts for a series: **Embracing Our Discomfort**. Each homilist worked with Pastor Deanna to study and wrestle with the lesson, finding its challenges and applications to contemporary life, and God's good news for such discomforts as “Saying No,” “Not Being the Best,” and “Accepting Grace.” *It's Bold Faith* that faces vulnerabilities - and preaches about them. Student sermons can be found at <https://www.lcmnorthwestern.org/student-sermons/>



Senior Miriam Bohlmann-Kunz preaching on “Embracing Our Discomfort of Newness and Change”

- ◆ Focused learning about “**Talking Across Differences**” (race, gender identity, culture) is taking place, with students first learning how to talk, listen and disagree respectfully with each other and then interacting with others at Northwestern. Using an ELCA social statement, Bishop Eaton's call to confront racism, and the One Book-One Northwestern 2014-15 selection *Whistling Vivaldi* as foundations, students dove into conversations that can be uncomfortable as

well as divisive. *It's Bold Faith* that challenges prejudices and complications while also respectfully listening and staying together through conflict.

- ◆ LCMNU support continues for Evanston's Bridges to Home plan with at-risk emerging adults and Hilda's Place Transitional Shelter suppers, as students held fundraisers and actively volunteered. Winter clothing for recently-arrived refugees was collected and delivered. Tutoring is provided each Monday at Immanuel Lutheran, Chicago. *It's Bold Faith* that ignites passions to serve and connect and resist the pressure to prove one's worth by studying harder, longer, more.
- ◆ A huge Thank You to outgoing LCMNU Board Members (Patty Moyer, Randy Otte) and Student Leadership Board Members (Katie Martini, Caroline Magnesen, Miriam Bohlmann-Kunz, Burke Evans and Ashley Jahren). Both Boards have recently elected and installed new members. *It's Bold Faith* that encourages this commitment to providing leadership for current and future ministries and trusts God's gifts of time and resources.
- ◆ On April 17th Board members and students visited NE Conference churches, saying thanks, making connections, talking with high schoolers, providing education and spreading the very good news about campus ministry at Northwestern. *It's Bold Faith* that welcomes and supports mutual ministry with college-age adults.

- ◆ Supper, cookie baking and Christmas Candlelight vespers settled everyone with peace on December 2. It was a perfect and welcome break in the frenzy of pre-finals. *It's Bold Faith* that counts on being reunited with God and each other in worship.



Christmas Candlelight worship was preceded by a festive supper, music, and enthusiastic cookie baking.

Thank You for Your Support!

There's been a great ongoing response to the work of the ministry during 2015: \$50,000 from churches and individuals compared with \$40,000 in 2014. As LCMNU's fiscal year closed on January 31, 2016, a \$12,500 year-end challenge grant provided by the Board of Directors was met and exceeded. \$13,471 was received, for a total of \$25,971! Continuing supporters were joined by many new donors in meeting the challenge. The students and the Board say **Thank You** for your generosity - *your Bold Faith* in the mission of LCMNU is inspiring and vitally important!