



South Dakota Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Dear South Dakota Synod,

Your ministry to our students at our colleges and universities is awesome! The Good News is shared and great things in the name of Jesus are happening at each site:

The University Lutheran Center at South Dakota State University is a strong & vibrant faith community reaching beyond the campus because of your support. This fall we've worshiped, celebrated a baptism, prepared and served a meal for 125 at a local church, visited St. Dymas, welcomed youth from Pine Ridge, hosted international students, talked theology, carved pumpkins and cooked our own Thanksgiving feast and much more. We are a place of grace where all are welcome. The university evaluates students based on what they do. The ULC values students as beloved children of God whatever their performance. We take pride in training future church leaders. Pastor Bob Chell, bchell@hotmail.com, 605-692-4880

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Black Hills State University offers students unique AsUR worship Sunday evenings: an evening of emergent Christian music, spiritual messages from Bear Butte Conference pastors, followed with a soup supper and fellowship with BHSU students and young adults. Our Adopt-A-Mom program pairs student moms with a community member for emotional support, networking, and monthly socials. Free childcare is provided during finals. We also host bi-annual Blood Drives, participate in Make A Difference Day in Spearfish, assist with the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Belle Fourche, and are part of the All-Ministries BHSU Campus Christmas event. Kris Garlick, krisgarlick@yahoo.com, 605-210-3108

Collegians In Christ's Service at ***Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northern State University*** had a great fall. We began with our annual ice cream social and welcome packets for new freshman. We worship on Wednesdays, on most Sundays and at our partner congregations in the Aberdeen. We started new daytime Bible studies to accommodate more student members. LCM is very active in the community: Grown Up Christmas List - Day of Community Service, the Empty Bowls project, Safe Harbor, the Salvation Army, and many senior citizens at three nursing homes in Aberdeen. We have a hard working Peer Ministry staff and great new activities. Our group is looking forward to providing special music in the Aberdeen congregations this spring. We will go on a retreat at camp NeSoDak in January, and conduct our Annual Celebration Banquet & Silent Auction on April 6th. Ashley Geist-Cusick, cic@northern.edu, 605-216-3925

Pastor Andy Nelson is the new campus pastor at ***The Luther Center at the University of South Dakota***. Imagination, faithfulness, and the promise that God in Christ is at work in our lives have been the major touchstones of life and worship this fall. On Wednesday nights we gather for a homemade soup and bread supper. Drawing on the newly created Narrative Lectionary, we take up a new thread, a new character, or a new element in the great unfolding story of God's relationship with humanity as told in scripture – looking to discover where God is making *us* a part of this great narrative. Affirming our place in God's family – Christ's body – we end each of these Wednesday gatherings at the Communion table. This spring, as the Luther Center community continues to strengthen and grow, we will expand our outreach and service to the wider community of USD, particularly through increased opportunities for service. Pastor Andy Nelson, pastor@luthercenter.org, www.luthercenter.org, (605) 624 -2834

Lutheran Campus Ministry at the School of Mines is thrilled to announce that we have recently leased a house near campus - Luther House. This has been a long standing dream of Lutheran Campus Ministry. A place to call our own has revitalized the ministry among students in many unexpected ways. The students are eager to invite friends and new students to Luther House. There is pride in caring for the space and making it a welcoming place for everyone. The Board has taken a significant step of faith with the leasing of Luther House. We are convinced that this is the perfect place to continue to grow and deepen the faith lives of a growing number of students. Yvonne Steindal, ysteinday@hotmail.com , 605-342-9302

The ministry at our universities could not happen without your gracious support. We thank you for your fervent prayers and your financial gifts! If you are currently not supporting Campus Ministry, please prayerfully consider doing so. We rely very heavily on your gifts to us. Contact your nearest Lutheran Campus Ministry center and ask them to pay a visit to your congregation on a Sunday. Please help us contact your students by providing us their names. Your ministry at our campuses often provides the spark to students to be moved by the Holy Spirit to become future church leaders.

Continue to love the risen Lord Jesus!

Pastor Patrick Hahn
Support to Ministries Committee