

the Luminary



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The 90th Anniversary Celebration Continues...

On April 26 we marked the 90th birthday of Lutheran Campus Ministry at OSU with birthday cake. October 29 features a Homecoming Reunion Party at Luther House. And February 26 will culminate our celebrating with Lutherfest 2017.



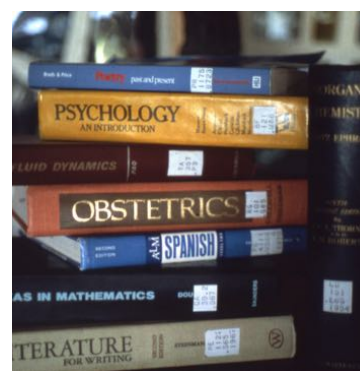
Question: What goes well with fall, football, and fan frenzy? *Answer:* The Luther House 90th Anniversary Homecoming Reunion and Tailgate Party, of course! And YOU are invited to the festivities. Will you come?

Already there's an air of excitement at Luther House where current students, alums from across the years, and local friends of Luther House will gather Saturday, October 29, three hours before kickoff between the OSU Beavers and WSU Cougars for this free and fun get-together. If you join us you can count on grilled brats and burgers (including a vegetarian option) with all the trimmings, Luther House tours and trivia, games, prizes, and so much more. Current Council members will be on hand to greet you. And parking hosts will be stationed at Grace Lutheran Church, just three blocks away at the corner of Kings and Harrison. A \$10 game-day parking donation is appreciated as part of our ongoing game-day parking fundraisers to support Luther House programming

throughout the year. It goes without saying, your friends and guests are welcome to join us too.

Even if you're not going to the game, this is an opportunity to reconnect with people you know from the time you were a student at OSU, plus it's a chance to meet other people connected to Luther House, including some current students active at Luther House. No RSVP required, just join us.

Refer a Student



Do you know any students attending OSU, LBCC, or WOU this fall? If so, please tell us so we can invite them to be part of the Luther House community and give them a complimentary "Welcome to Campus" gift bag.

Email their name and how to contact them at info@luther-house.org. We'll be glad take it from there and welcome them warmly.

New This Fall...

An active Student Leadership Team and a cadre of loyal volunteers are making things ready for an exciting, fun and faith-filled Fall Term. Here we feature three of the initiatives underway to welcome new and returning students.

“Welcome to Campus” Gift Bags



Thanks to a generous grant from Thrivent Financial’s incentive program called Care Teams, Luther House volunteers have again worked hard to create and fill “Welcome to Campus” Gift Bags for new and returning students who want them. Each orange cinch bag is imprinted with the Luther House logo and contains useful, informative, and zany surprises – a “Live Generously” t-shirt compliments of Thrivent, information about ways to get involved at Luther House, a coupon for free Tuesday “Come and Go” lunch, snacks and beverages, and a whole lot more. What a fun and useful way to introduce Luther House to the campus community. We look forward to sharing them with all who want them.

Lutheran Student Movement, Region I Retreat



Our very own Erika Cook was elected Region 1 representative to the national Lutheran Student Movement Council last December at the New Year LSM gathering in Chicago. Among her duties, she was asked to help reactivate the Pacific Northwest chapter of LSM. She’s contacted the other Lutheran campus ministries in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana and determined that October 22-23 is the best weekend for a student gathering that focuses on fun, fellowship, and faith formation. St. John’s Lutheran Church, Chehalis, has graciously agreed to host us. Hopes are high for forging new relationships and finding new ways to collaborate for ministry together. Thanks, Erika, for all your efforts.

New Student Preview Lunch and Panel Presentation



OSU Welcome Week is the time new students settle into their residence halls, navigate the maze of new information that introduces them to campus life, and become busy making new friends and forging good relationships. The Luther House Student Leadership Team is offering a new student preview lunch and panel discussion on “keeping priorities in college” as our contribution to Welcome Week. Free grilled burgers and brats is the featured lunch, with tours of Luther House, informal conversation about what we offer students, and an interactive presentation led *by* students *for* students will fill the hour-and-a-half session. We hope this initiative becomes a regular feature each new school year.



It Takes a Team

There really is no such thing as a solo effort. A quarterback may get the acclaim but he couldn't win without the team. A surgeon uses her skill to

heal but she couldn't succeed without the medical assistance others provide. Professors are typically the star attraction in any classroom but they wouldn't have a podium without a vast array of people to make

a university run. The children's song says, "I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together." Together. We're in this together. Whether it be public life, family, faith community, or campus ministry, we rely on each other. The gifts of each are needed for the benefit of all. How grateful I am that Luther House exemplifies teamwork through student leaders, campus Council, supportive alums, and seasoned staff all working together. If Luther House is to flourish it takes us all. Thanks for being a team player in this truly important work on campus. - Pr. Jim

Friends of Luther House



Periodically the Luther House Council designates those who demonstrate extraordinary support for campus ministry as "Friends of Luther House." This year three people were given that distinction – Joy Jorgensen for many years of service on the Luther House Council, Georgine Thompson for her work to promote inclusiveness for all people, and Peter Hoelter (pictured above with spouse Jenny and son Owen) especially for his creative and technical assistance designing and maintaining the Luther House website. On behalf of the board, Pr. Jim presented the "Friend of Luther House" certificates to recipients at their home congregation. Congratulations all!

LH Communicators



Telling the Luther House story is crucial so many can know about and benefit from the ministry we offer the campus community. Helping us in this effort are congregational communicators who share the news of what we're doing and encourage students to connect with campus ministry wherever they go to school. As a fairly new method of outreach, we're still learning how best these local advocates can help. We're grateful for their support and thankful to each one – Nancy Clough, Bob Hibbs, Dave Mattson, Marilyn Tyler, Art and Marilyn Bervin, Jerry Jeffries, Mary Sabatka Gamet, Ron and Virginia Mohr, and Peter Hoelter.

Fall Football Parking



Providing parking for fall football fans has become a staple of Luther House fundraising. We couldn't do it without the help of many volunteers and loyal fans. Each home game the Grace Lutheran parking lot opens three hours before kickoff. For a \$10 donation we provide a great place to park within walking distance of Reser Stadium. The bonus benefit is your parking fee helps support Luther House programming throughout the year. Park four times and get the fifth one free. 2016 home games are September 17, 24, October 8, 15, 29, November 19 and 26. Spread the word. Tell your friends. Plan to park with us this season.

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Why support a ministry like Luther House? Matt DesVoigne, OSU and Luther House alum (pictured here helping at last year's Lutherfest event) answered that for his home congregation (Bethlehem Lutheran, Sedro Woolley, WA) by saying, "I wish to leave a legacy in my schools, church, and community." Then he went on to share why supporting Luther House is important. "I support financially the OSU Lutheran Campus Ministry where I found refuge during my graduate study there so that students who attend OSU and may be away from home for the first time may be able to enjoy the same hot lunch and conversation on Tuesdays that I enjoyed there 16 years ago." Every month his gift comes, regular as clockwork. Thank you, Matt, and all our generous donors. Indeed, you are leaving a legacy that lasts. We are grateful.

5th Annual Beer and Cheese Pairing, Sunday, February 26, 2017



The Lutherfest planning team is busy organizing this year's Luther House beer and cheese pairing benefit. We'll be at the same location as last year, the Boulder Inn Center in Lebanon, Oregon. Doors will open about 1:30. The program runs from 2:00-4:30 p.m. Caterers will serve the six courses of artisan cheeses and local microbrews. Guests will celebrate the 90th anniversary of Luther House and commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. OSU fermentation science and cheese production experts will teach us about craft brewing and cheese-making in Oregon. Tickets will again sell for \$50 each; a table of 8 sells for \$350. Sales will start after Thanksgiving. Please mark your calendars, spread the word, invite your friends, and plan to join us for the best Lutherfest yet.

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