



## A Crowded Table

*I want a house with a crowded table,  
And a place by the fire for everyone,  
Let us take on the world while we're young and able,  
And bring us back together when the day is done*

**-Crowded Table** *The Highwomen*

The song has been in my head the past couple of days. If you don't know it yet, please take a listen. It is, in my opinion, *the* song of kitchen table theology; the lyrics sing of the hopes and dreams and conversations about life and God and belonging that happen around the kitchen table. Seriously, if you haven't started listening to the song yet, stop and go play this song.

On Sunday night, I set the table for the student dinner at Luther House, adding my hopes and prayers- and a few questions and doubts- to the placemats and silverware. I thought about the blessing this table has been through the years: a place for all the meals and conversations and holy work of life together in Christ. As I have felt many times this past month, I again felt my prayers for the life unfolding here at Luther House joining yours.

## What's Happening At Luther House?

**Student Dinner**  
Sundays @ 7

**Coffee Hour**  
Tuesdays @ 9  
Thursdays @ 11:30

**Evening Prayer Service**  
Thursdays @ 7

**Lenten Tree of Life Soup Supper  
& Worship**  
March 8 @ 6

**Grace Lutheran Church Youth  
& Young Adult Snow Trip**  
March 18 @ Willamette Pass

**Work Party**  
March 25 @ 9

**Alumni Dinner**  
March 29 @ 5  
RSVP required

**Intergenerational Potluck**  
March 5  
Grace Lutheran Church

This is an important time in the story of Luther House. It is a time that we move with purpose and direction into the new life in Christ with students in the community at OSU. We are building relationships, breaking bread, creating belonging, and living the gospel we are called to live in the light and life of Jesus. In the context of campus life- and all ministry with young adults, I believe God is calling us to the most risky and hopeful ministry possible in the life of the Church.

As we "catch the vision" that begins with a crowded table at Luther House, we are grateful for you and your support to Luther House. We are astounded by your faithfulness in God that continues into this new season of life in campus ministry. We are ready, with all of you, to set the table for the ministry of radical hospitality at Luther House again.

With joy, peace, and gratitude,  
Hallie Parkins



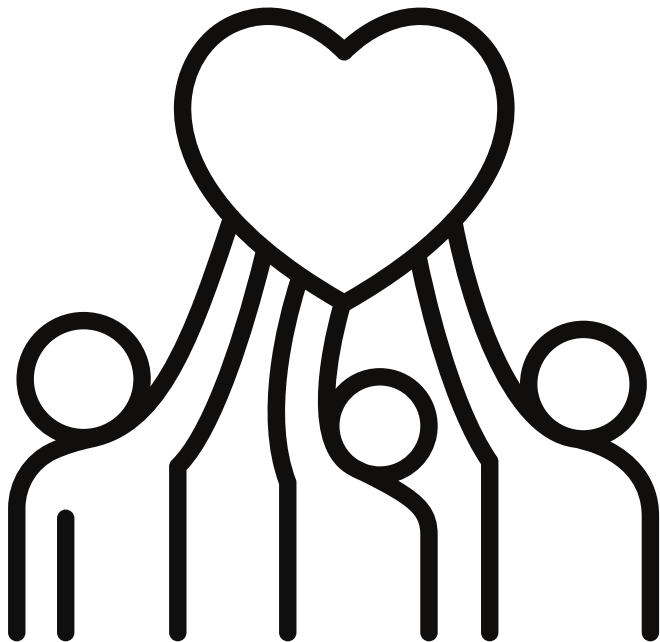
*Luther House students Anika and Gabby and  
their friend Francis*

**Luther House is incredibly grateful for your support.**

Your generosity has been the key to sustaining our ministry. Thank you for your continued support as we begin a new chapter at Luther House.

**70%**

*of our budget comes from private donors. Electronic giving is easy and secure.*



**There are many ways to give.**

Whether you want to cook dinner for students, prepare care packages, or take a leadership role on our council, there is a place for you at Luther House! Contact Hallie, Kristin or Melissa for more information about volunteer opportunities.

