

# May LuMinary

### **Easter Blessings**

(photo from Easter Vigil 2025)

Christ is Risen!

On the holy night of vigil, we gathered together to remember Jesus moving from death to life. Students *creatively* retold stories from the Hebrew Scriptures (though our Taize chants were interrupted by loud EDM house music next door). We remembered our baptism together with water, and celebrated communion in the promises of life we trust in God-as-close-as-humanly-possible.

With light and stories, water, bread and wine, we proclaimed Christ's death and resurrection, shared God's goodness that flows into our lives, stood witness to the story from which our lives flow.

We stood in solidarity this Easter, too, with students at Oregon State who had been stripped of their visa status and denied due process rights, and others whose lives continue to be fractured by the unjust policies of the Trump administration. We continue in campus ministry to share the gift of faith and give words to a deeper trust in our lives. We share this blessing with you in the power of truth which is love:

May the power of God which raised Jesus to new life strengthen you in love and hope, enrich you with the love of God, and fill you with joy



### **Reading Group**

This term, students and faculty are switching gears from Bonhoeffer to Tim Snyder's *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century.* Until recently, Snyder was a history professor at Yale who specialized in the history of authoritarianism in Europe. *On Tyranny* is comprised of 20 short chapters that each offer a lesson on how to live with purpose and integrity within a tyrannical political system. For extra credit, here is a YouTube of Professor and authoritarianism scholar Ruth Ben-Ghiat's <u>History Professor Answers Dictator Questions</u>.

Date and time tbd; students, please contact Pr. Hallie for more information.

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### **Church in the Wild Pilgrimage**

(photo from the North Santiam river)

On May 3rd, our church in the wild pilgrimage will take place along the North Santiam River on a rafting trip as we explore the storied waters we are baptized into. Students, thank you for rsvp'ing for the trip! As we explore the land- and water- people make home on and with, we continue to learn more deeply about what it means to sojourn together as a people of faith in this particular place.

### **Weekly Dinner Church**

Luther House hosts a weekly Sunday Night dinner. Students are invited to join us at 6 pm for an evening of community, connection, and conversation around faith and belonging.

With a grant from the Calvin Institute for Creative Worship, we are excited to offer more locally grown, organic produce as we explore our connection to the land, food systems, and stories of place and belonging.

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## **Maker's Space**

(Paschal candle 2025 art created by student Siena)

On **Tuesday** evenings from **6-7:30 pm** at Luther House, students are invited to create together (instead of scrolling & consuming). We value the process over the outcome. Craft-of-the-night changes each week. Works-in-progress are welcome, too.

If you have a craft or creative process you'd like to share with students at Luther House, reach out to Pr. Hallie.

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### **Gather: Rivers of Mercy**

**Young Adult Pub Theology** is happening! All young adults (not just those in college) 18-35 are invited to dive into the **Queer Catechism** this month on Monday, May 12th from 6-8 pm at Block 15 Taproom. Pr. Hallie will lead this month's pub theology conversation.

### **Upcoming Events at a glance**

May 3rd- church in the wild pilgrimage 8 am

May 11th- Mother's Day and Student Dinner 6 pm

May 12th- pub theology 6 pm Block 15 Southtown

May 15th-18th - "Hay Fever" play feat. student Lydia Dapkus

May 17th- OSU fashion show feat. student Nate Olsen

Memorial Day Weekend- no student dinner; Luther House closed Monday

May 29th- June 1st- Oregon Synod Assembly in Portland

#### **Luther House MAY Hours**

The office will be open **Wednesdays 9 am - 1 pm**. Pr. Hallie is available by appointment on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Luther House is always available to students from 8 am to 10 pm; please contact the Luther House office for a building access code.







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