



## June LuMinary

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### Vocation

*(video created by one of our discernment interns, Lydia Dapkus)*

This week, amidst the last week of the spring term, and finals and final projects, we will gather at Luther House to bless and send our four graduating seniors, and three students going abroad in the summer and fall. The video

above, created by one of the graduating seniors, captures the deep importance of creative worship in camp and campus ministries for our students.

Campus ministry is vital for the church- but you don't have to only take this campus pastor's word for it. In February 2025, the ELCA released a [strategic recommendation report](#) compiled by data from Fuller Leadership Formation and Barna Group that recommends the following:

- 1) Cultivate congregations that are warmer, more inviting and more invitational in nature.
- 2) Enhance ELCA-wide efforts to nurture and strengthen faith and spiritual formation.
- 3) Tangibly and significantly incorporate and empower young people in all levels of the Church's life.**
- 4) Provide greater empowerment, equipping and tools for lay leaders to carry out the work of ministry and be the Church in the world today.
- 5) Rethink, refocus and reorganize the ELCA's educational systems and structures to serve the current (and rapidly changing) needs of the ELCA.

**Campus Ministry is mentioned 17 times, both in ways that the church is *already* doing things well and as well as place to invest further resources.** If you're part of Lutheran faith communities and circles, it's worth a read and conversation (in our humble opinion).

## Tree of Life

*(photo from mural painting in Luther House basement, original art by student Siena)*

Here's a sneak peak of a colorful mural adding life to the basement of Luther House. The scripture passage below from Job will accompany the tree of life:

*But ask the animals and they will teach you or the birds in the sky and they will tell you; or speak to the earth and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you.*

*With of these does not know that the hand of God has done this?*

*In God's hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all humankind.*

## Reading Group

*(photo from student organized community art project/crativism, asking students to put their hands together in what they would like to tell the current administration)*

This week, we are wrapping up our anti-fascist reading group on 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.



## Church in the Wild Pilgrimage

On Tuesday June 3rd, students are invited to help plan summer hiking and exploration. With a number of students in town over the summer, we plan to continue our church in the wild pilgrimage pilgrimages we explore the storied waters we are baptized into. 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.

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## Weekly Dinner Church

Sunday June 8th (Pentecost!) will be our final Sunday night dinner of the term. We will bless and send our graduates, and celebrate a wonderful year of ministry together!

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## Maker's Space

*(photo from sewing workshop- many thanks to volunteer Holly from Good Shepherd Albany for all her help and creativity!)*

Tuesday June 3rd from **6- 7:30 pm** at Luther House will be our final Maker's Space night of the term. We'll finish up our 2025 Luther House scrapbook, and continue to value the process over the outcome.

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## Gather: Rivers of Mercy

**Young Adult Pub Theology** is on pause through the summer. Stay tuned for more young adult gathering and updates in the fall.

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## Upcoming Events at a glance

May 29th to June 1st- *Oregon Synod Assembly, Portland*

June 8th- *Pentecost; blessing and sending of graduates at Grace Lutheran; last Sunday dinner of spring term + blessing and sending at Luther House*

June 13th- *spring term ends*

June 24th to 27th - *Lutheran Campus Ministry Conference in St. Louis, MO*

June 30th- *Pr. Hallie summer sabbath begins*

*\*\*\*(Pr. Hallie is supply preaching in Lutheran congregations around Oregon every Sunday in June and August! If you're interested in hearing more about campus ministry in your congregation in the fall, please reach out now.*

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## Luther House JUNE 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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