

November Newsletter



The Story is Being Told

A seasonal surprise in the Canterbury House garden

You might have seen "Lutheran-Episcopal" pop up in different places around the newsletter- it's a hint to something that has been happening in the campus ministry for well over a year. With lots of conversations, curiosities, and blessings, the Lutherans and Episcopalians are partnering in campus ministry at Oregon State University.

You might be wondering, "what does this mean?" (a good of Martin Luther question for you wizened Lutheran catechumenates).

Well, we're figuring it out!

There's a lot we have in common as progressive, inclusive communities of faith and traditions based in liturgical flow. We have a lot in our histories, practices, values, and spiritual formation that is compatible- and uniquely salty. All over the country, you can find Lutheran-Episcopal campus ministries who have been partnered for years and years. Here, in Corvallis, at Oregon State University, we're working on finding good language for a shared identity and horizon for what a Lutheran-Episcopal campus ministry is all about.

You still might be wondering, "what does this mean?"

In straightforward terms, we're sharing resources to support a full-time pastor. We also continue to use Luther House for ministry AND we get to grow the ministry in Canterbury House, the Episcopal campus ministry house on NW Arnold. The board leadership includes both Lutherans and Episcopalians. The board is in process of exploring names that reflect shared a shared identity of being spirit-led, table-oriented, welcomed by light and warmth, and engaged in God's creation and justice-seeking callings. Above all, the campus ministry continues to be a place of belonging and celebration for all students, staff, and faculty where we build relationship and community as people of faith in the way of Jesus. All really does mean all in the radical hospitality of God who is as close as humanly possible to us.

Some of you may still be wondering, "what does this really mean?"

I am right there with you, in the trust of the process and Holy Spirit, with Oregon Synod and Episcopal Diocese of Western Oregon leaders, and board leadership. I trust that it is good, and will continue to be good. The best of my work in campus is creating and growing community with Episcopalian and Lutheran students, and *especially* not-quite-sure students who are seeking and

exploring their story in connection with the larger story of God in the scriptures and creation.



from a "Liturgy of Lamentation and Jubilee for Creation" (created by students)

As we wrapped up our program year, students submitted works of art, poetry, and liturgy from the pilgrimage hikes, vocation retreats, and Sunday Dinner Church in the **Liturgy of Lamentation and Jubilee for Creation**.

Uniquely young adult, uniquely rooted in the Pacific Northwest, this book offers one ever-changing community of faith's reflection of learning stories. It marks the beginning of a renewed Christian practice to discern the next steps in our work to care for Creation and steward our unique gifts, energy, and resources towards healing and wholeness with the earth.

A digital copy is available below. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the office at lhouse@peak.org

Click to read the Liturgy of Lamentation and Jubilee for Creation



Fall Leadership Retreat 2025

Even with snow and a power outage, we had a great time on retreat this year.

Thrift store trips, naps, homework, nature walks with Celtic spiritual blessings, and contemplative prayer made for a lovely weekend together. See you next year!



House Updates

If you are stopping by the neighborhood, you might notice that Luther House is a new "whale migration" blue color. A big thank you to the National Lutheran Campus Ministry Foundation and match from Grace Foundation in Corvallis for the fresh update!

With thanks to the Energy Trust of Oregon, Luther House is now the first **Off-Site Cooling Shelter** in the state. With a new ductless heat pump on the first floor, we are ready to open a clean air and cooling shelter for students and neighbors in the warmer months.



Sunday Dinner Church

Weekly Sunday Dinner and worship continues this month!

Take a break, refuel, and recenter, and join us every **Sunday 6–7:30 PM** in November for a free dinner followed by a time of worship and reflection — open to all college students!

Come hungry (physically + spiritually)— vegetarian, vegan, dairy-free, and gluten-free options will be available. Many thanks to our volunteers from Grace Lutheran for providing meals to students the third Sunday of the month! For other dietary accommodations, please contact Pr. Hallie.

November 2nd: 6 pm dinner, 7 pm "All Saints" candlelight and music at Good Sam; you are invited to bring photos of loved ones who have gone before us (pets and people) for the service

November 9th: 6 pm dinner with guest Professor Amy Koehlinger

November 16th: 6 pm Dinner, 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer **November 23rd**: 6 pm Dinner, 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer

November 30th: 6 pm Friendsgiving potluck, 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer

Hosted at Luther House (211 NW 23rd), there's no need to sign up — just show up. See you Sunday night!





Maker's Space

Looking for a cozy, creative way to unwind? Come join us for **Maker's Space Tuesdays in November** from **6–8 PM**.

Students are invited to chill with friends, make something awesome, and connect with community.

Hosted at **Canterbury House** (2615 NW Arnold Way), bring your creativity (and maybe a friend!) — we'll bring the craft supplies & soup. Let's make something beautiful together!

Note: no craft night November 25th (Thanksgiving week)



Western Oregon University

Do you know a student at Western Oregon University? We do, too! We have a number of students this year at WOU, and we are looking to support our students in an affirming, inclusive community of faith (and seeking) in Corvallis and beyond.

We are planning a gathering in Monmouth on **Wednesday, November 19th at 6 pm** for curious and interested students. More details to come!



Hunger Ministry/Free pantry

With a special shoutout to Glenn and Janet, we put together food bags to support students and neighbors through our free pantry. Thank you to Thrivent Action Team grants for making this ministry possible, and inspiring us to live generously!



Young Adult Faith and Climate Gathering!

Emmaus Campus Ministry in Montana is hosting a region Faith and Climate retreat this spring- and the Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry at OSU is invited!

<u>Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes</u> (an expert in ritual and eco theology from Union Theological Seminary) and <u>Gwen Lankford</u> (an indigenous climate activist from Missoula) will be our presenters and guides for thoughtful discussion and meaningful ritual.

When? April 17th-19th, 2026

Where? Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Who? Open-minded and curious young adults (no religious affiliation required) How much? \$150 per person (plus travel expenses; travel scholarships available)

For more information, talk to Pr. Hallie and check out Emmaus Campus Ministry's page https://www.emmausmontana.org/faithandclimateretreat

November hours for Luther House and Canterbury House

The office at Luther House (211 NW 23rd St) will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. Luther House is always available to students

for study space, pool, free laundry, and gatherings/meetings from 8 am to 10 pm; please contact the Luther House office for a building access code.

In general, Pr. Hallie will be at **Canterbury House** (2615 NW Arnold Way) **Monday** and **Wednesday 9 am - 11 am.** During the school year, she is often out and about with students- please email or call ahead if you would like to meet with her.







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