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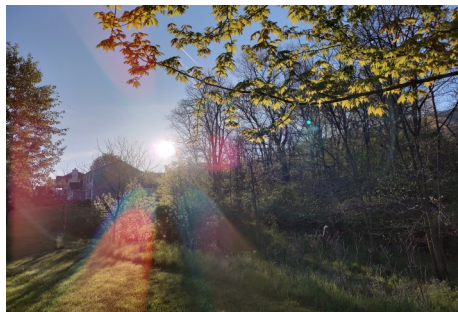
Each Tuesday Lutheran Campus Ministry sends out listserv message to students and other subscribers. They include a link to our calendar, reminders about regular weekly programs, information about special events and opportunities, plus a weekly reflection and prayer. Reflections and prayers are often based on the weekly gospel reading, and sometimes on other topics or issues. Below you will find initial paragraphs from two recent reflections and a prayer. If you'd like to read more, the web address listed will take you to the entire piece on our website. Typically written by our campus minister, Alicia Anderson, these reflections are intended to help students connect with scripture and explore how daily life intersects with their faith.



3 May 2022 | always A couple weeks ago, in John's gospel, we read about the final post-resurrection encounter between Jesus and his followers. Peter and several other disciples go out on the Sea of Tiberius for a night of fishing. Perhaps they go because they need something to take their minds off everything that has happened, or to distract themselves

from their fears. They are surely struggling with Jesus' crucifixion, word that the tomb was empty, Jesus appearing in the locked room, and the threat that the authorities would arrest them next. Maybe they want to just DO something – the physical activity and hard labor will help them as they try to sort out their thoughts and emotions about everything. >>

To read more go to: lutheranpennstate.org/2022/05/always/



10 May 2022 | sunshine I am always amazed at the way the sun can transform my weary spirit! After a few days of cloudy and dreary weather, the sun has brought welcome light and joy. Looking at the brilliant blue of the sky with barely a cloud in sight, something in my chest lifts, my spirits feel lighter, and I can't help but smile. It is wonderful to sit on the deck after dinner while the setting sun bathes the

western sky in a lovely orange glow. Even sitting inside at my desk working is more pleasant when through the window I can see the patterns of sun and shadow in the grass and trees outside. I am a big fan of a sunny day. >>

To read more go to: lutheranpennstate.org/2022/05/sunshine-2/

17 May 2022 | Weekly Prayer: Based on reflection on John 13

God of love,
Your love for me is without restrictions or limits.
You love the people around me that way, too.
Your beautiful love extends to all people, everywhere.
You call us to love each other.

Help me to find the resources I need to love.
Fill me with patience, compassion, forgiveness, commitment, generosity,
restraint, kindness, strength, self-respect and hope.
Help me to be transformed by your love and by loving. Amen

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Summer 2022

Lutheran Campus Ministry Updates!



Here at Penn State, finals are over and spring semester has ended. Our seniors graduated and campus is quiet for a little while. Soon though, we'll see incoming students visiting for New Student Orientation and taking summer classes. All through the rest of spring and summer we'll be getting ready for the fall! This is a perfect time to share some updates!

We're so grateful for your care and support for our work with and among students!

*Peace,
Alicia Anderson, Campus Minister*

Help Make an IMPACT on Students!

Lutheran Campus Ministry relies on your support to continue walking with students in their years on campus.

Your gift can make double the impact this May and June!



The first \$5200 in gifts received through the end of June will be matched dollar-for-dollar thanks to generous pledges from our board and other long-time donors! Your gift of support will have twice the impact on LCM at PSU, AND the lives of students AND the campus community at Penn State!

Visit [Lutheran Penn State](#) on Instagram and Facebook for videos featuring current students and alumni talking about the impact LCM has on their lives!

*You can mail a gift to Lutheran Campus Ministry at Penn State at 211A Pasquerilla Spiritual Center, University Park, PA 16802, or can use the donate button on our website. **Thank you!***

Beautiful Music and More

One of the gifts of ministry on campus is the opportunity to include student musicians in worship, especially for our Thursday Holden Evening Prayer service. Their gifts filled the Worship Hall with beautiful sound, and their participation in the Thursday evening community has always been a gift.

Kelly Hooper has been our weekly pianist for the past three years. Majoring in Music and Psychology, Kelly is from Easton, PA and began playing for our community early in her sophomore year. She artfully managed accommodating the Covid-19 restrictions that banned singing together. In fact, she spent a full academic year playing the piano along with vocals pre-recorded in isolation by members of our community.



Like many pianists before her, Kelly first joined our worship as a musician and became an integral and much-loved part of the weekly community. Kelly said, "At first I thought, 'Cool! I get to make money doing this thing that I love to do.' And then, it's impossible to not have your ears perk up. I think about how much I have (at first accidentally) grown spiritually just by being exposed to the love and the light that is so abundant in that space [during evening worship]."

Kelly's amazing musicianship, quick smile, and enthusiasm for sandwiches or lasagna helped bring the community together. Her willingness to raise questions about God, humans, and daily life have been a gift to the community. After graduation, Kelly and Alicia talked about her time with Lutheran Campus Ministry. "I feel so much more connected and willing to have discussions about faith, and well-versed in the teachings of Jesus. It's very cool to have that knowledge now. To have general knowledge of the Bible is a skill that I never thought I would have and really appreciate. And the fact that you are so welcoming of any questions (and I've brought up many), I have loved that." Blessings Kelly, on all that lies ahead for you!

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PHOTOS: COVER: Kelly Hooper, Sydney Robinson and Zane Burris in the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center kitchen. **CENTER PAGE:** Kelly Hooper at the piano in the Worship Hall in Pasquerilla. **RIGHT PAGE: (clockwise from top left)** Students Andrew Chung, Sydney Robinson, Kelly Hooper and Zane Burris outside the US Capitol, preparing breakfast at So Others May Eat (SOME), traveling on the METRO in DC, and with Alicia Anderson outside the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Explore DC: Spring Break 2022

Covid variants and rising case counts on campus and across the country deterred us from making definite plans for Spring Break travel through the fall semester. By January though, it became clear that we could safely travel and spend a few days in Washington, DC. In cooperation with our United Methodist friends, we put plans together for **Explore DC: A Service and Learning Pilgrimage.**

A small group visited our nation's capital. We volunteered at a breakfast program for food insecure people near Capitol Hill with SOME (*So Others May Eat*) and spent many hours exploring the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the National Museum of the American Indian, and the National Portrait Gallery. Evenings were spent cooking, sharing reflections and meaningful conversations about the things we had seen and learned, as well as some rousing card games to a playlist of amazing favorite songs.



LSC Travel Blog

Going somewhere you'd like to share? We are gathering stories and photos from students, alumni, and friends of Lutheran Campus Ministry for the LSC Travel Blog! Share photos and reflections about your travels with the Lutheran Penn State community via our blog and social media!



For details, visit lutheranpennstate.org/2022/05/lsc-travel-blog-3/