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**Thank you** for making it possible for Lutheran Campus Ministry to continue our ministry caring for, and challenging students as they learn and grow together. We'll share the list of our supporters in our Summer letter. *Gathering Students. Living God's Love.* ❤️

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**Your gift helps Lutheran Campus Ministry** continue to walk with students through these challenging and important years as they make the transition from youth to young adult.

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Winter 2023/2024

## Reflections from Campus Minister, Alicia Anderson

*In these winter months, when the days are short, rituals that remind us of God's light in our lives are especially powerful. Throughout the year Lutheran Campus Ministry gathers students for worship on Thursday evenings, yet this time of year, gathering around candles is especially powerful as night begins early in the afternoon. While the shadows deepen, we sing about Jesus who is the light of the world while lighting candles that both gather and encircle us in the light of God's grace and hope.*

*The week of All Saints, students lit additional candles to remember loved ones and others who have died. As the flames shone brightly, we prayed in gratitude for the light and love of God they had brought into the world and into our lives. We thanked God for their faithful witness, their presence, and for the ways God used their lives to bring light to our lives and the world.*

*Images of carefree college students can make it easy to forget the grief and losses students face. I was struck by the tenderness and time each student spent lighting candles to remember those who had died. Each remembrance candle was lit from the candles that center us weekly in God's presence.. It was a powerful sign that God truly is the source of light in our world and our lives.*

Peace,  
Alicia Anderson, Campus Minister



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**PHOTOS: COVER:** Thursday Evening Worship in Pasquerilla Spiritual Center: Matthew Olmstead, Zack Westhauser, Sydney Robinson, Brooke Sargen, Aunica Groh, and Emily Beauregard **BACK:** Penn State Lion Shrine at night **TOP:** Candles for All Saints Worship this November **ABOVE:** September gathering before dinner: Sydney Robinson, Aunica Groh, Kajsa Andersson, Zane Burris, Matthew Olmstead, Logan Carbaugh, Annika Miller, Emma Strickling, Brooke Sargen, Brynne Szabo **RIGHT PAGE:** Students at 6 pm Worship in 2017: Kevin Diehl, Tyler Trimble, Amy Middleton, Landon Baker, Abbi Ruths

## Changes for Sunday Evenings

**Since its start in the early 2000s**, Sunday 6 pm Worship has been important in the faith lives of many students and Grace Lutheran members. On Sunday, November 12, 2023, we bid farewell and Godspeed to both the current musicians and the 6 pm Service. We are grateful for the campus ministry staff and Grace pastors who led worship and preached, the dozens of musicians who shared their gifts in song, and for the community of faith that formed to sustain both students and congregation members through the years. Worship opportunities will continue at Grace's Sunday morning services and LCM's Thursday evening worship at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center.

**In the spring semester**, Lutheran Campus Ministry will explore new options for gathering on Sunday evenings. Possibilities include monthly dinner and discussion, study breaks with game nights or movies, worship on campus, or ecumenical/interfaith programs. In the ever-changing world of campus ministry, often programs flourish for a season then fade. We give thanks for more than 20 years of Sunday evening worship and look forward to the next opportunity for students to grow in faith together.



## Make a Gift That Lasts More Than A Lifetime

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