

LUTHER HOUSE NEWS



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Expanding Minds, Deepening Faith, Inspiring Service, Building Community

TIME'S ARE A-CHANGING!

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:1

This is the time for change on college campuses: classes have ended, graduation is over, the dorms are packed up, and the summer is unfolding before students, alumni, faculty, and staff. It's a time to be fallow, to recover from the busy Spring semester, and to plan for the next term. This is no different at Luther House!

This year, I plan to participate in a slew of orientations for incoming UNM students, both freshman and transfer students. Every week of orientation, these new faces will have a chance to explore all the student organizations within UNM at something called a Discovery Fair. Under the banner of the Inter-Religious Council, Luther House will host a table (or half a table if the space is tight!) where we can talk to students and their families about who we are and how students can connect with us.

Another way we can mark time by watching our new garden grow! Carefully tended by Xavier and other students, we have planted tomatoes, peppers, onions, several herbs, and more. We would love to have more plants and as well as compost and mulch, so if you want to help grow Luther House, we take in-kind donations from Lowe's, Home Depot, or any garden store too!

Please know you are always welcome to visit Luther House, especially in the summer when parking is easier. I am also traveling to many congregations this season to preach and share the story of why campus ministry in the North New Mexico conference is so vital to our church today. If you don't see me at your place of worship, invite me or ask your leadership to do so! My message is always: have sermon, will travel. Peace to you as God accompanies you this summer!

Pastor Bre Roberts



LUTHER-BURY: A REKINDLED, COLLABORATIVE ECUMENCIAL PARTNERSHIP

If you come to Luther House and see a few new faces, do not be alarmed! There are some very friendly Episcopalians who like to spend their Wednesday afternoons with us Lutherans! Thanks to the collaborative spirit of Pastor Sylvia Miller-Mutia, rector at the neighboring St. Thomas of Canterbury, and her community, we are now sharing space, time, and energy in a similar way that was practiced in the past, but with a new twist as enacted by our two dynamic communities. Every Wednesday at Luther House and every Sunday at Canterbury, there is a meal at 5:00 P.M. followed by worship at 6:00 P.M. and this allows for more cross-pollination between our communities. We had a planning retreat in May with pastors and student leaders from both groups for the 2018-2019 academic year. We have great hopes for our new partnership in sharing the gospel and we welcome your prayers and support.

SAVE THE DATE: PASTOR BRE'S INSTALLATION

On Saturday, August 25, at 10:00 am, Pastor Bre Roberts will be installed as campus pastor of Luther House, Lutheran Campus Ministry at UNM and CNM. All are welcome! Installation will take place at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 211 Jefferson Street, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108. Rostered leaders are invited to vest and process; the color of the day will be green. A reception will follow.

Luther House Summer Schedule

We'll meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesday

June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 8

Dinner @ 5PM, Worship @ 6PM

Regular Schedule Resumes August 22nd!

FROM THE LUTHER HOUSE BOARD

The Luther House Board has been actively engaged in the transition from the ministry of Pastor Anne Morawski to that of Pastor Bre Roberts. We are very pleased that Pastor Bre was available to step into the vacant shoes Pastor Anne left with us. She is rapidly becoming acclimated to her role at Luther House and brings new thoughts and ideas to this crucial ministry. We are eager to support her in this endeavor and to help her get acquainted with the broader campus ministry community within the Rocky Mountain Synod, nationally and with her colleagues in this ministry within New Mexico.

A visit from Pastor Leslie Welton, Assistant to the Bishop for Faith Formation, earlier this year served as a jumping off point for a deeper evaluation of the direction and shape the ministry here should take under the guidance of Pastor Bre. This discussion of our mission, our values, and our future directions continues in the monthly Board meetings.

This is a time of changes and challenges for Luther House and for the Lutheran churches of New Mexico, to say nothing of similar change and challenge in other denominations and nationwide, so the responses developed here may have a significant role much beyond the confines of Luther House itself. The Board welcomes input from all who care about campus ministry as it moves forward.

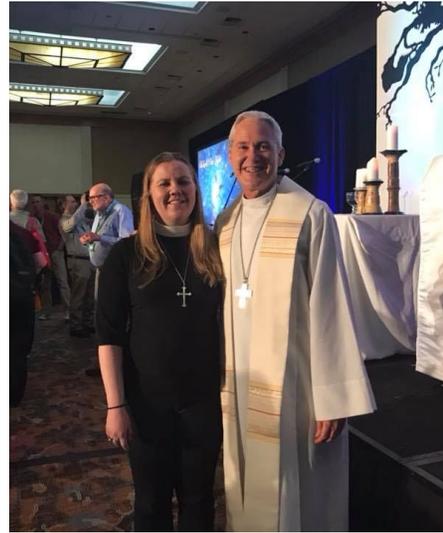
Ed Walters, Vice President

SUPPORT THE LUTHER HOUSE COMMUNITY



Since the idea for a campus ministry located in Albuquerque began in 1960, Luther House has been a place that welcomes students, staff, faculty, and the wider communities of the University of New Mexico and Central New Mexico Community College. It is thanks your generous gifts that we continue to be a thriving place of God's grace. We need your continued support! Do you have questions about how to give, where your gifts of time, treasure, and talents are most needed, or how to make an impact in the future of Luther House with your charitable giving? Please contact Pastor Bre Roberts at (505) 633-5564 or pastor.bre.roberts@gmail.com or our treasurer Rob Evers at (505)321-1222 or revers1954@gmail.com. How can you support the mission of expanding minds, deepening faith, inspiring service, and building community, either by a recurring or one-time gift? We are working to develop online giving to make it easier to give electronically, especially through a new Luther House website. Thank you to all whose abundance supports this ministry for the sake of all those we serve!

PASTOR BRE'S INSTALLATION AT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD ASSEMBLY IN WESTMINSTER, CO



WHY INVEST IN LCM?

Luther House is responsible for interpreting the value and impact of campus ministry, especially within our community of synod, donors, and ministry partners, so here's a quick case:

1. **Our Baptismal Promises:** The church promises to help us grow in faith and follow Christ into adult life and service. The adolescent challenge deepens as young adults leave home and home congregation. Some may attend an ELCA college, and LCM welcomes thousands of others on over 230 state or private campuses.
2. **Seedbed for Vocations:** Lutheran Campus Ministry is often the only grace-centered and truly inclusive Christian ministry at non-Lutheran universities. We help students (and staff and faculty) find their adult path in faith and hear God's call to serve Christ in the world.
3. **Evangelical Renewal:** We are perpetual mission starts, much like Paul at the Acropolis—in the heart of pluralist cultural intersections. This challenging environment requires relationally-intensive public ministry.
4. **Laboratories for Ministry:** Ongoing experiments in ministry are continually tested. Word and Sacrament perpetually renew life and faith at culture's emerging edge.
5. **Investing in New Leaders:** As God's call is heard and comes to clarity in community, we identify, nurture and train leaders to build faith community wherever they go.

From the Region 2 Campus Ministry Newsletter