

LUTHER HOUSE NEWS

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Expanding Minds, Deepening Faith, Inspiring Service, Building Community

LUTHER HOUSE: 2017 & BEYOND

WOW! 2017 was quite a year for Luther House -- the planning and preparation for Pastor Anne's retirement party, hiring Pastor Chris Heller, who was between calls, on a part-time basis to assist us during the transition, the retirement celebration on Saturday, June 17th, hosted by St. Luke Lutheran in Albuquerque. Serendipitously, this is when we had the opportunity and privilege to better get to know Pastor Breonna Roberts. She and her husband Ryan were co-pastors at St. Luke, and both agreed to participate in Anne's celebration of fifteen years of service to Luther House. Pastor Ryan presided at the worship service with Bishop Gonia. Following the service and dinner, Pastor Bre spoke at the program honoring Pastor Anne; and it was during her talk we learned what an impact campus ministry had on her life while she was in college.

Following Pastor Heller's leaving Luther House in October for a call in Arizona, an unexpected set of circumstances occurred: Pastors Bre and Ryan left St. Luke and the Rocky Mountain Synod announced a new Assistant to the Bishop for Faith Formation, Candidacy, Outdoor Ministry, and Campus Ministry, Pastor Leslie Welton. She visited Luther House in early November, first meeting with Pastor Bre and our Board President to discuss the possibility of having Bre as our pastor. On November 10th the Luther House Board met with Pastor Welton and Pastor Sarah Moening (Assistant to Bishop). It was agreed we would extend an eighteen month term call to Pastor Breonna Roberts. The term call can be, and we hope will be, extended in the future. This agreed upon term call was approved by the Bishop and later ratified by the Synod Council in early December. Pastor Bre worked part-time at the end of 2017 before starting the full-time position February 1st, 2018.

The Holy Spirit does work in miraculous ways. It is with great joy, that we introduce to all of you Pastor Breonna Roberts - see below for more information about Pastor Bre! The board voted unanimously to extend a call to Pastor Breonna Roberts,

as her passion for campus ministry, her enthusiasm, her energy, and her strong faith should and will help us move Luther House into the future. Pastor Bre will be installed at the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly in early May. A second installation will be here in Albuquerque at Saint Timothy Lutheran Church at a date yet to be determined. Once that date is established, we will let all of you know. We welcome Pastor Bre, Ryan, and their children to the Luther House family. Congratulations!

Peace,

John Adolphi, President
St. Paul Lutheran Church

Ed Walters, Vice President
St. Luke Lutheran Church

Robert Evers, Treasurer/Secretary
St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Mary Beth Jordan
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Bruce Molde
Cross of Hope Lutheran Church

Pastor Chuck Exley
St. Luke Lutheran Church

MEET PASTOR BRE!

Pastor Bre came to Albuquerque in April 2016 to serve at St. Luke Lutheran Church with her husband Pastor Ryan Roberts. Prior to this she served as Associate Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Baltimore, Maryland. Pastor Bre is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California and the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. Having been



fostered in the faith and discerned her call to become a pastor in campus ministry while a college student herself, Pastor Bre is very excited to have a chance to shape the vocations of those who are part of Luther House. Pastor Bre is also a mom to two PKs (pastors' kids) who show up on the occasional Wednesday for dinner and bible study. She also serves on the boards of Ecumenical Institute for Ministry and Young Clergy Women International and works to serve the church broadly. Please stop by Luther House to meet Pastor Bre or she can come to you or your church to help make those connections to campus life and your world!

LUTHER HOUSE FINANCIAL UPDATE

To the donors and supporters of Lutheran Campus Ministry at UNM: The Board of Directors extends our appreciation for your generous support during the past year. During the past year we did not reach our donation goals, but since we employed a part-time pastor from August 2017 to January 2018 (before we made our call to Pastor Bre Roberts who started as our full time campus pastor on February 1, 2018), we still finished last year in the black. Our spending plan (budget) for this current year totals \$111,165. 85% of our spending plan supports the employment of our campus pastor (salary, benefits, worker's compensation insurance, professional travel, and professional continuing education). 15% of our spending plan is to operate the ministry and to pay utilities and upkeep at Luther House. The Rocky Mountain Synod and the churchwide office of the ELCA support our ministry with grants and awards which total \$51,094. We will need to raise \$60,071 locally from local congregation support, individual donor support, and rent and parking fees at Luther House. We pray that you can support us generously so this ministry can grow and thrive.

Robert Evers, Treasurer

RMS CAMPUS MINISTRY WINTER RETREAT AT RAINBOW TRAIL IN FEBRUARY



We look forward to more opportunities to spend time with our fellow campus ministries in the future!

CAMPUS MINISTRY AROUND THE SYNOD

Lutheran Campus Ministry serves students, faculty, staff and others on college campuses; it's NOT just a ministry for Lutherans. Seven sites are here in the Rocky Mountain Synod, offering opportunities for worship, Bible study, service, retreats, leadership training, community building, and more!

Pastor Zach Parris, Boulder, CO
Pastor Deb Abbott, Greeley, CO
Pastor Paul Judson, Fort Collins, CO
Pastor Bre Roberts, Albuquerque, NM
Pastor Jared Carson, Las Cruces, NM
Pastor Scott Thalaker, Logan, UT
Pastor Nathan Keith, Laramie, WY



JOIN THE LUTHER HOUSE COMMUNITY

Luther House residents are exploring intentional Christian community in order to support the ministry of Luther House to expand minds, deepen faith, inspire service, and build community. Residents also help make Luther House a welcoming place and serve as leaders in the UNM-Student Christian Movement, the UNM Luther House Student Group. There are three large bedrooms at Luther House. In recent years two students have often shared a room. If you would be interested in talking with others about becoming part of the community at Luther House and living on campus next fall, please contact: Pastor Bre Roberts at 505-633-5564 or get an application from Rob Evers at 505-321-1222 or revers1954@gmail.com. We also still have some parking spaces that are for rent available. Sign up now! We gather for worship, study, conversation, good food, fun, service in the world, and action for justice and peace.

WE ARE A RECONCILING COMMUNITY



ReconcilingWorks is an organization seeking to “embody, inspire, and support the acceptance and full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities and expressions, their families, friends and allies, within the Lutheran communion and its ecumenical partners.” As such they created a program called Reconciling in Christ (RIC) for Lutheran communities that publicly welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. Luther House is one of those communities that has a statement of welcome that explicitly includes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We are always working to deepen and expand our welcome in all ways so all who enter Luther House are seen, recognized, and loved. For more information, please visit: www.reconcilingworks.org/ric