

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP)

In the letter to Hebrews it says, “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” At the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, our calling is to show hospitality. Whether we are actually entertaining “angels” is debatable some times, but we feel all the students who come to the Center are gifts sent to us to cherish and nurture. This year has been a challenge as we fondly bid farewell to Pastor Joe Boomhower in December and welcomed a different pastor from the Indiana-Jefferson Cluster each week for worship for the Spring semester. It’s been exciting to have our guests from the various congregations come with a meal to share with the students and then join them in worship. We thank God every day for the support that we receive from all the congregations in our area.

We are especially thankful for the time and support that Bishop Jones has given our Directing Committee and staff. Kim Esslinger, our PEER Minister has worked hard to hold the students together with weekly contact and provided leadership for a Lenten Bible Study. Thanks also to Tedd Cogar who has provided a “big shoulder” for many students to lean on in times of joy and tears. Trudy Taylor office staff, coordinates weekly meals and worship and does the general office work.

We also thank the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Southwestern PA Synod, West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod and the Northwestern PA Synod, congregations and generous alumni and friends who support our ministry.

We pray that as we go forward that we will still be able to offer the hospitality to the “angels” that come our way. We ask for your prayers too!

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