



SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY & SUNY ESF
LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY/STEP CENTER
Expanding Minds, Deepening Faith, Inspiring Service



*This year we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!
Martin Luther was a campus pastor. He moved the church into the future.
What about the next 500 years?*

Save the Date! **OCTOBER 1, 2017**

Upstate New York Synod Campus Ministry Sunday

Support the Gospel mission of Lutheran Campus Ministry in Syracuse serving Syracuse University/SUNY ESF and Onondaga Community College.

Campus Chaplains have access to young adults where they live, work, study, and play. As a campus pastor, I have access to their minds and hearts at a time when they are forming their life-long commitments.

Campus pastors are domestic missionaries in a mission field where the need for God's love is intense...

- Many young people are under great stress and pastoral counseling is a major role of a Chaplain. Many studies have shown the value to a student of religious involvement impacting their overall well-being and their academic achievement.
- Many students are uncertain about their career goals and Chaplaincy provides many opportunities for service and exploration; bringing God into the equation as they struggle to find their purpose.
- Service opportunities provide a very effective outreach to students who are not connected to faith communities providing a direct hands on experience of God's people serving others as Jesus commanded.



Our program this year brought students together for worship, weekly dinners, a Bible study with C.S. Lewis's *Screwtape Letters*, a spirituality group to encourage creativity, tutoring for middle and high school refugee students, an English as a New Language volunteer opportunity, and urban gardening.

With your own eyes, you can see the work this ministry does in a very brief video produced by one of our campus ministry students. View it on our home page, along with more about our ministry at lcmsyracuse.org.

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