

Save University Lutheran Chapel at the University of Minnesota

University Lutheran Chapel is a small congregation with a big mission. Our campus ministry has been considered a beacon of faithfulness for 86 years and has grown into a town-gown ministry. Now that light is being threatened and is in danger of being extinguished.

Decision to sell by year-end has been made

The impending sale of the University of Minnesota campus property will evict a vibrant congregation and cripple the campus ministry. In 1947, Campus Pastor Rudolph Norden spoke of these “crippling restrictions” in his push to have this very chapel built. Now the push is to sell the chapel and return to those crippling conditions. The Minnesota South District has approved a resolution to sell the property by year-end for a minimum of \$3,200,000.

Time is short. This is the most desperate situation University Lutheran Chapel has seen in 63 years. We need your help now.

Ultimate consequence: too big of a gamble

This will be a final and complete loss. Post sale, the damage will be done and the decision irrevocable. Without a building, University Lutheran Chapel’s ability to conduct campus ministry will be severely hampered if not extinguished and the permanent physical presence of the LC-MS on the University of Minnesota campus will be forever lost.

Value of ULC

University Lutheran Chapel is important to the congregation, students, and the whole Synod.

ULC is the only LC-MS congregation near the University of Minnesota. It is a flagship ministry that others look to for how faithful and successful campus ministry can be done. It impacts the entire Synod through students who leave it to become leaders in churches throughout the world. It:

- is the only congregation in the city of Minneapolis that has shown consistent numeric growth (members, attendance, and giving).
- provides confessionally faithful and liturgical services to students throughout the year, numerous catechetical opportunities, Bible studies, social events, outreach events, and community service opportunities.
- has become home to many young families throughout the Twin Cities metro area, with a thriving Sunday School, VBS program, confirmation classes, youth group, choir, etc.
- has sent 26 men to seminary over the tenure of pastors Pless and Kind. She has had students become deaconesses, Lutheran school teachers, LC-MS camp directors, missionaries, etc.
- has had students and members who have done mission work in Haiti, Kenya, New Orleans, South America and many other places around the world.
- has worked very hard to become self-supporting and now costs the District less than \$12,100 to operate.

This will be done by year-end. We need your help now. We will use your donations to remain on campus, or close enough to serve the campus.

To donate

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Minneapolis, MN 55414



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