

THE CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Uptown New Orleans Episcopal and Lutheran Campus Ministry 2016 Report to the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana

Within days of our annual Episcopal Convention this year, we will enter into the 500th year anniversary of Martin Luther's memorable effect on the Church. The Chapel of the Holy Spirit, on Broadway in New Orleans - across from the Newcomb Campus of Tulane University - will join ELCA Lutherans everywhere as we commemorate what we recognize as the official commencement of the Reformation. Already, we will have begun our academic year by observing Anglican's annual Michaelmas - wedding the feast day of St. Michael and All Angels to a new semester, a new year. And St. Francis and All Creatures, as well, of course. We will wait until Pentecost to celebrate our patronal feast day and crack out the crawfish.

On Sundays, the 10 a.m. Eucharist is followed by camaraderie and some sort of sermon discussion no matter the time of year. During the school year, dinner follows the 6 p.m. Eucharist. During the week, the Chapel can be a very busy place. We serve as host to a STAIR mentoring program in which Tulane students tutor third-graders; the Anonymous Fellowship and an amazing Chinese student ministry have called the Chapel home for many years. A variety of student and faculty enterprises have used our space - everything from sorority functions to French department concerts and drawing exercises for students from the Tulane School of Architecture. KidCam held camp at the Chapel this past summer, filling our space with laughter and summer adventures.

Having John and Tait Kellogg in the Canterbury House this past year has been our blessing. Graduate students abound in connection with Tait's doctoral program; Diocesan Young Adults have made our space their own. Maeby, their wonderful dog, is a neighborhood treat.

Candles stand near our narthex. When the weather permits and we are willing to give up the indoor music, we have Communion on the altar outside. 50 years may be a drop in a 500 year-old bucket, but this lovely Italian marble in our garden holds 50 years of Chapel sacraments. Restored to standing, it bespeaks the gift of holiness we are given and of which we are steward.

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