

## weekly collection

Our weekly collection will be given to the Campus Ministry International and Domestic Service Immersion Trips. Each week, we will highlight one of the six trips that will be offered this fall, spring and summer. All proceeds will be distributed among participants, each of whom are responsible for their own fund-raising to cover travel, accommodations, meals and a donation to the service site.

Trips:

**Spring Break:** Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge

**Summer:** Cardinal Kelvin Felix Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, St. Lucia

Wind River Indian Reservation, Wyoming

Carmen Pampa Fund, La Paz, Bolivia

### Wind River Indian Reservation Wyoming

A group of students will head to the Wind River Indian Reservation, where they will work with Sr. Teresa Frawley, OSF at 3 different parishes in the Wind River region.

Neumann students have been traveling to serve with Sr. Teresa and the Shoshone and Arapaho tribes in Wyoming for almost 15 years. At the three parishes, they will help sister with various upkeep projects including yard work, painting, cleaning and organization. Participants will also have the opportunity to experience cultural practices of the Arapaho and Shoshone tribes.

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?



Stop by Campus Ministry  
or contact Patrick McKenzie  
(mckenzpj@neumann.edu)

and Maria Marx (marxm@neumann.edu) for more  
information about being baptized or receiving your  
Sacraments.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**



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## this week in campus ministry

November 27, 2016

As we begin Advent, we light one candle in the midst of all the darkness in our lives and in the world. It symbolizes our longing, our desire, our hope. Three "advents" or "comings" shape our desire. We want to be renewed in a sense that Jesus came to save us from our sin and death. We want to experience his coming to us now, in our everyday lives, to help us live our lives with meaning and purpose. And we want to prepare for his coming to meet us at the end of our lives on this earth. So, we begin with our longing, our desire and our hope.

When we wake up, each day this week, we could light that candle, just by taking a few moments to focus. We could pause for a minute at the side of our bed, or while putting on our slippers or our robe, and light an *inner* candle. Who among us doesn't have time to pause for a moment? We could each find our own way to pray something like this: "Lord, the light I choose to let into my life today is based on my trust in you. It is a weak flame, but I so much desire that it dispel a bit more darkness today. Today, I just want to taste the longing I have for you as I go to the meeting this morning, carry out the responsibilities of my work, face the frustration of some difficult relationships. Let this candle be my reminder today of my hope in your coming."

Each morning this week, that momentary prayer might get more specific, as it prepares us for the day we will face. And as we head to work, walk to a meeting, rush through lunch, take care of errands, meet with people, pick up the phone to return some calls, answer e-mail, return home to prepare a meal, listen to the ups and downs of our loved ones' day, we can take brief moments to relate our desire for the three comings of the Lord to our life. If our family has an Advent wreath, or even if it doesn't, we could pray together before our evening meal. As we light the first candle on the wreath, or as we simply pause to pray together our normal grace. Then, as we begin to eat, we can invite each other, including the children, to say something about what it means today to light this first candle. Perhaps we could ask a different question each night, or ask about examples from the day. How am I getting in touch with the longing within me? How did I prepare today? What does it mean to prepare to celebrate his coming 2,000 years ago? How can we prepare to experience his coming into our lives this year? What does it mean for us now, with our world involved in so much conflict? How are we being invited to trust more deeply? How much more do we long for his coming to us, in the midst of the darkness in our world? In what ways can we renew our lives so we

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Reflection adapted from Creighton University's Online Ministries -

"The First Week of Advent"

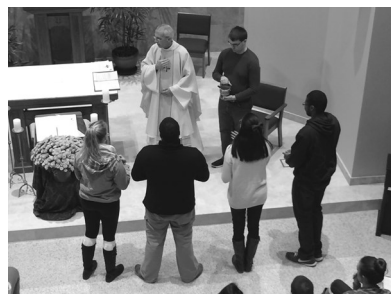
Interested in writing a reflection for this weekly newsletter? Talk to Maria or Patrick or email [campusministry@neumann.edu](mailto:campusministry@neumann.edu)

# what you may have missed...



## Service Immersion Trip Commissioning

Last week, 31 NU students were commissioned to serve in Louisiana, South Carolina, Wyoming, Bolivia and St. Lucia. These students will now begin their formation process which will lead up to their trips in the spring and summer.



## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanks to the generosity of Neumann students, faculty and staff, we were able to donate abundantly to both St. Katherine Drexel Food Cupboard in Chester and the Ministry of Carin g in Wilmington.



## Reading reflection continued...

might be prepared to greet him when he comes again? Our evening meal could be transformed this week, if we could shape some kind of conversation together that lights a candle of anticipation in our lives. Don't worry if everyone isn't "good at" this kind of conversation at first. We can model it, based on our momentary pauses throughout each day, in which we are discovering deeper and deeper desires, in the midst of our everyday lives. And every night this week, we can pause briefly, perhaps as we sit for a minute at the edge

of the bed. We can be aware of how that one, small candle's worth of desire brought light into this day. And we can give thanks. Going to bed each night this week with some gratitude is part of the preparation for growing anticipation and desire.

*Come, Lord Jesus!  
Come and visit your people.  
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.*

# ...what you CAN'T miss

## Monday, November 28

### Operation Hunger—1:00PM in Campus Ministry (BMB 137)

Sign up online for our first service experience of the semester! Come make a PB&J for the families of Catholic Social Services in Chester.

## Tuesday, November 29

### Gratitude on Tap—8:30PM in the Student Multipurpose Hall

Come hear Fr. Thorne, Laura Strubeck, and Stasha Whitfield share their stories of gratitude for life's blessings. Food for all, wine and beer for those 21+!

## Wednesday, November 30

### Assisi House—1:45 meet in Campus Ministry

Spend an hour visiting some sisters of St. Francis at Assisi House!

## Friday, December 2

### Volunteer Opportunity: Aston Township Tree Lighting—5:00PM -10:00PM

Help with children crafts, refreshments, and the Santa line! 5PM-10PM, Aston Township Community Center - 3270 Concord Road, Aston. Email Maria Marx (marxm@neumann.edu) to sign up.

## Sunday, December 4

### Mass—4:30PM (There will be NO 7PM Mass) Sacred Heart Chapel

### Greccio—6:00PM, Mirenda Center Lawn

After Mass, enjoy a Franciscan tradition—the living Nativity—with a festive reception to follow!

# Giving Tree!

Take an ornament from the Christmas tree right outside of the Sacred Heart Chapel, and purchase the gift requested on the ornament. We are requesting hats, gloves, blankets, and \$5 gift cards to Wawa and McDonald's. These gifts will then be distributed throughout the winter by NU students to the homeless in our community. Gift cards can be dropped off in Patrick's office (BMB 135) or in Maria's office (BMB131), hats, gloves and scarves can be left, unwrapped in the box beside the tree.

