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Welcome to the Chaplain’s Corner newsletter. If you have a joy or concern you’d like to share with our staff, send an e-mail or give us a call at Ext. 8348. We only share concerns with the campus community, via newsletter or e-mail, with permission. You can view previous and current issues of our newsletter (in PDF format), on the Spiritual Life page of the Lynchburg College website—www.lychburg.edu/spirituallife.

Mistaken Opportunity

My oldest child, Bob, is currently teaching English in Thailand. His computer broke and an American friend, living in Thailand, brought it back to the states earlier this summer while on vacation. The other day I tried texting and calling Shannon to let her know that I wanted her to take back Bob’s fixed computer upon her return. Unbeknownst to me, I had texted and called another Shannon from my contacts list. Imagine my surprise when alumna Shannon Lynch, class of 2013, returned my call. I had not spoken to her or seen her in quite a while. It was so good to hear her voice and learn that she is doing quite well in Seattle, Washington. I felt so happy to have made the reconnection. Wow, how lucky am I to have encountered so many awesome students at LC such as Shannon. The contact mistake made my day!

Shannon, like many students I have known over the years, made an impact at LC and in my life. Besides being a BioMed major, Bonner leader, and a good friend, she was involved with the Catholic Community and spiritual life on campus. We shared our love of Jesus, our Catholic faith, and the need for social justice in our world. Shannon inspired me with her compassion, empathy, and strength to follow her heart and what was/is important to her to change the world. I was never like her at that age?! Wow.

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Blessings, Kaky

By Kaky Bowden
Catholic Campus Minister

More Info...
Linda Clair, Spiritual Teacher, will speak in Lynchburg. Info in Linda available on her website.

• Thur., August 28
  6:30 p.m.
  Lodge of the Fishermen, 4415 Boonsboro Road

Paul Chappell, Peace Leader, is returning to Lynchburg. A West Point graduate who served in the Iraq War, Paul spoke at LC’s Snidow Lecture in 2011. He is the Peace Leadership Director for the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.

• Thur., September 18
  7 p.m.
  First Unitarian Church, 818 Court Street
  Sponsored by The Peace Practice
  3200 Memorial Avenue
  www.thepeacepractice.com

Campus Worship Opportunities

Regular worship schedule for InFaith and Roman Catholic Mass (will resume on August 24, 2014)

Sundays Location Event

10:30 a.m. Center for Spiritual Life
3 p.m. Sydnor Performance Hall
4:30 p.m. Snidow Chapel

Quaker Meeting

InFaith Campus Protestant Worship

Roman Catholic Mass

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

For a list of our regularly scheduled meetings during the academic year, go to the Spiritual Life webpage and click on “Spiritual Organizations on Campus.”