

Constitution of the Lutheran Student Fellowship of the University Lutheran Chapel, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Preamble: In order to avail ourselves of the facilities of the University Lutheran Chapel and Student Center and of the pastoral ministrations provided by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, for our edification, encouragement in the performance of Christian duties, and the fostering of Christian fellowship and mutual helpfulness, we, the members of Lutheran Student Fellowship of the University Lutheran Chapel, herewith adopt the following constitution for our government.

ARTICLE I

Name: The name of this student group shall be the Lutheran Student Fellowship of the University Lutheran Chapel, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

ARTICLE II

Doctrinal Standard: This student group accepts all the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and the only infallible authority in all matters of faith and life; also, all the declarations of the Lutheran Church, contained in the Book of Concord of 1580, as a true and genuine exposition and declaration of the Word of God.

ARTICLE III

Mission Statement: Lutheran Student Fellowship of the University Lutheran Chapel is a fellowship of Christian students nurturing friendships and providing spiritual support while encouraging one another to become more active members of the Body of Christ within the Chapel and to be Christ's ambassadors while at the University and throughout our lives.

ARTICLE IV

Membership: The membership of this Lutheran Student Fellowship (LSF) group includes the following:

1. LSF members are those university students who attend the University Lutheran Chapel and are active in its ministry.
2. Members support the mission and ministry of LSF through devotion to and participation in worship, Bible study, prayer, and service. Members are encouraged to serve as voters, officers, and chairs or members of boards and committees.
3. Upon joining the organization, all members agree not to undermine the purpose or mission of LSF.
4. **Removal of members:** Termination of membership happens by self-exclusion, or by both 1) a consecutive year of absence at LSF meetings and 2) a termination of student status.

ARTICLE V

The Office of Pastor: The Pastor with the responsibility of serving the University Lutheran Chapel shall be invited to attend the meetings of Lutheran Student Fellowship and shall have voice and vote.

ARTICLE VI

Government: All matters of doctrine and of conscience shall be decided only by the Word of God; all other matters shall be decided by a majority vote of those present.

ARTICLE VII

Location: Meetings will be held on the property of the University Lutheran Chapel, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

ARTICLE VIII

Synodical Association: Lutheran Student Fellowship is recognized by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

ARTICLE IX

Ratification and Amendment: This constitution may be ratified or amended by a three-fourths majority vote of those present at an LSF meeting, provided a copy of the proposed changes is posted in a

conspicuous place in the University Lutheran Chapel or is sent to all members prior to the meeting in which such vote is to be held.

ARTICLE X

Unalterable Articles: Articles II and X shall be unalterable.

ARTICLE XI

Nondiscrimination Policy: Lutheran Student Fellowship is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status in its membership or activities unless permitted by university policy for gender specific organizations.

ARTICLE XII

Leadership: Student leaders may serve as social or spiritual ministers to other members and are responsible for coordinating events and communicating with University Lutheran Chapel staff and council members.

1. **Selection of Leaders:** Leaders are appointed by fellow members via acclamation during meetings. Prior to such meetings, leadership positions shall be advertised to all LSF members.
2. **Removal of Leaders:** Leaders may be removed if their membership is terminated (See Article 4 section 4).
3. **Leadership Positions:**
 - a. **President:** Responsibilities include communicating with University Chapel staff and council members, organizing and coordinating activities, and reaching out to new members.
 - b. **Treasurer:** Responsibilities include maintaining and monitoring LSF's financial accounts and expenses, making payments to vendors, processing and fulfilling reimbursement requests, and preparing annual budgets.
 - c. **Social Chair:** Responsibilities include posting announcements on LSF social media pages and coordinating and planning activities.