NEWBERRY COLLEGE'S 2022 REPORT TO THE SYNOD

How are the Wolves? The Wolves are well! As a college, we approach the concept of an interconnected community. When one hurts, we all hurt. When one wins a conference championship, we all win. We are interconnected as the faculty, staff and coaches, making a difference in the lives of our 1,300 students. We are meeting combatting food insecurity on campus through the Wolves Pantry, and helping Polish Lutherans tend to Ukrainian refugees. We are connecting with students' spiritual journeys with a spring emphasis on prayer life. We sincerely thank our church partners for their continued support, including \$34,476.80 in synodical giving last year. May we continue to see Jesus in each other.

- The Rev. David Coffman '97, campus pastor

Wolves Pantry seeks to relieve food insecurity on campus

Approximately 29% of students at four-year colleges nationwide report experiencing food insecurity. Through a combination of financial insecurity, demanding schedules and lack of transportation, just to name a few, food insecurity and inaccessibility exist on campus. In September, Campus Ministry and Student Affairs partnered to open Wolves Pantry in the College's Weber Campus Ministry House. The pantry served over 60 individuals in its first three months. In March

2023, the pantry gratefully received \$1,100 from the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Newberry, S.C., providing reusable cloth bags and three months of breakfast and snack items. To give directly to Wolves Pantry, scan the QR code or visit newberry.edu/campusministry.



Newberry adds second master's program, new undergraduate majors

Sport management & leadership will become the College's second graduate program. Like the M.S. in organizational development & leadership, the new online program can be completed in as few as 12 months, equipping students to succeed in professional sports, education, recreation and more. The College plans to add master's degrees in criminal justice, education and public administration in coming years. On the undergraduate level, the College will launch majors in nutrition and special education this fall.

Newberry helps Ukrainian refugees find work in Poland

Through financial contributions, members of the Newberry College community have helped the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland's parish in Radom in their refugee relief efforts. The church provides free Polish language classes to Ukrainian refugees to allow them to find work and support their families for as long as they are there. Newberry College sophomore Kornelia Rudkowska calls this parish home. Donations collected and sent through Newberry College have directly allowed the program to add a third class to meet demand. Nursing program enters two clinical partnerships

Last summer, Newberry College signed partnership agreements with Newberry Hospital and J.F. Hawkins & Springfield Place. The hospital has funded and will operate a 1,200-squarefoot urgent care center to adjoin the Darby Nursing & Health Science Center, now under construction. The daytime clinic will serve students, employees and members of the surrounding community, while giving nursing students hands-on experience without leaving campus. The partnership with J.F. Hawkins & Springfield Place will offer students experience in geriatric care settings for the first time and with a community-oriented element.

SCWELCA supports nursing education with scholarship

In July 2022, the South Carolina Women of the ELCA established an endowed scholarship for nursing students at Newberry College. The organization pledged to raise \$10,000 to start the endowed award by last year's convention. When all was said and done, the group had more than doubled its initial goal, now with \$25,285 in the fund. The funds will hopefully alleviate the shortage of qualified nurses in South Carolina, the fourth largest deficiency in the nation.

Students to visit Holy Land in 2024

Next January, Newberry College students will have the opportunity to journey through the Holy Land, touring biblical sites and seeing the work of the Lutheran World Federation. If you would like to lessen the cost for students with scholarships, scan the QR code above or visit newberry.edu/campusministry.

Synodical gifts support Lutheran education

As your Lutheran college, we greatly appreciate the prayers and support of our partner churches, rostered leaders and individual Lutherans. As a tuition-driven institution, the generous financial support of our church family is instrumental in helping Newberry College provide a quality liberal arts education rooted in our Lutheran values. If you would like to make an individual gift, please visit newberry.edu/giving, or contact Whitney Mitchell '09, assistant vice president for institutional advancement, at Whitney.Mitchell@newberry.edu, or at 803.321.5694.