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"See, I am about to do a new thing, now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?"
Isaiah 43:19

It seems like everything at the Edge House is new this semester.

Yes, you read that right--semester. The university has transitioned to the semester model and we're all adjusting. There continues to be anxiety on campus about the change and its implications, but mostly folks are settling in and doing the work of school.

At the Edge House itself, we've completely remodeled the kitchen away from its 1930s limited-counter-space look to a modern, user-friendly space. We even revitalized the butler's pantry that had been turned into a bathroom--it is now our new Brewery for the brand-new espresso machine and tea service. The whole space is a great blessing and has been used extensively for our regular hospitality events. Check out the photo on the other side of this newsletter or come by and visit!

At the Connor home, we have a new addition, seen below. Jackson Ambrose arrived weighing 11lbs 2oz and is healthy and happy. He's taken to giggling lately which makes all the late nights worthwhile. The students at the Edge House love his bright eyes, though maybe not his crying.

These new things and many others point us towards our God who is constantly moving, constantly doing new things. God invites us into this constant movement, asks us to cultivate the Creation as well, caring for it and one another as though we were precious. How is God calling you to cultivate the Creation?

Peace, **ALICE+**



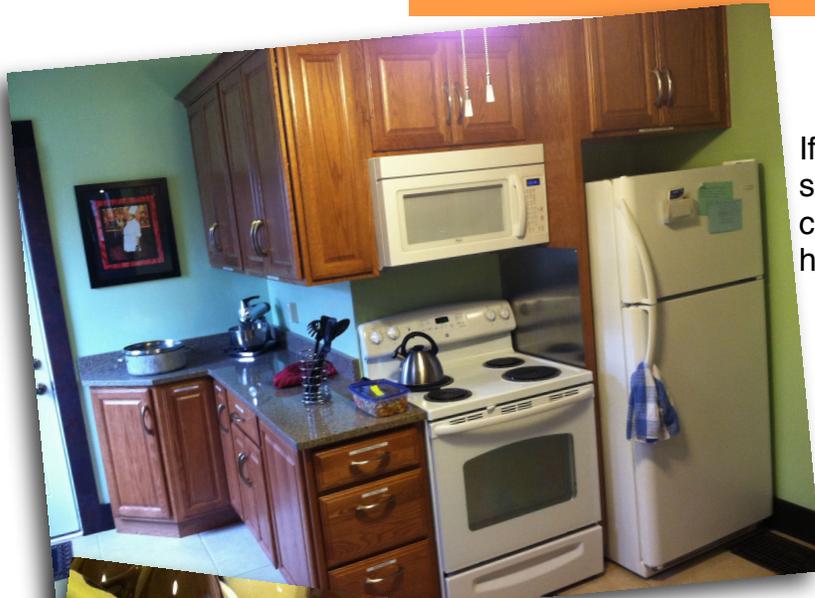
left: students work on a community garden during Alternative Spring Break in Cincinnati



right: Jackson Ambrose Connor

As long as I can remember the church has been in my life. I grew up in the Episcopal tradition and kept going back because each week the hope I have in humanity and my love for God was restored through my faith community. When I moved to Cincinnati for school I was not eager to find a new church. The church I attended meant so much to me that I feared my ability to find a replacement. When I found the Edge House, I realized that in finding a place to talk about my faith (and doubt) I could grow my faith community without replacing a single person I loved. Since then, the Edge has helped me to understand that I need to take the initiative to participate in my faith and the benefits I have gained from doing so are priceless. I have joined small group discussions, drunk coffee, sung, taken part in the Eucharist, gone on trips, engaged in our Clifton community, taken naps, done homework, played board games, met remarkable people, and much more. The past three years have had many ups and downs but the friendships I have gained and this truly emotional safe space I know I can go to have stayed by my side. For me, this is an astonishing example of God's grace and love and a living reminder of how I can act as a Christian in my daily life.

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- regular prayer for our missions, for our students, for the UC campus
- a check made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with "campus ministry" on the memo line
- an in-kind donation-- suggestions can be found on our website at www.edge-uc.org

Many thanks for your generosity.

pictured: two views of the new Edge House kitchen

Mission

Have you read any of Sarah Miles? You should. She's great. She sees the connection between what we do in church--meal at a Table, bathing at the Font--and what we do out in the world--serving and feeding others in pantries and the like and helping to clean up this crazy world we live in.

Her writing has been challenging us at the Edge House to consider those connections as well. We're wondering what it looks like if we take Jesus at his word and offer ourselves to our brothers and sisters out in the world regardless of whether they deserve it. What would it look like if we really committed to the mission of the church--making disciples--and what does that really mean? It doesn't seem to mean primarily people in the pews and the students feel it means integrating faith into all our actions, recognizing God's actions in everything we're part of.