



## Talking Points for Newberry College Sunday in the South Carolina Synod

### **Newberry College Overview**

Located in Newberry, South Carolina, Newberry College is a small liberal arts college founded in 1856 and affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The student body is 1,242 strong, representing 32 states and 23 countries. Three in four students are from South Carolina. There are also five graduate students currently enrolled in the College's first new master's program, Organizational Development and Leadership.

### **'Building the Berry'**

This spring, Newberry College breaks ground on three major construction projects, benefiting every aspect of the College community. On Feb. 21, the Nursing & Health Science Center began, an 11,000-square-foot facility with state-of-the-art classrooms and simulation labs. On March 12, the second phase of renovations to the athletic stadium began, bringing new east-side spectator seating and an 18,000-square-foot field house – including locker rooms for football, lacrosse, and field hockey; coaches' offices and more. On April 29, the College will break ground on its ninth residence hall, designed to house 104 upperclassmen, next to the Alumni Music Center.

### **Newberry College's Graduate Program**

In July 2021, the College announced its first new graduate program, an online Master of Science in Organizational Development and Leadership. Classes began last fall, and the first class of graduates will receive their degrees in August 2022. The program is headed by Dr. Kelli Lynn Fellows, dean of online and graduate programs. Newberry College has offered graduate degrees before, however, awarding 54 degrees between 1885 and 1928, in subjects including mathematics, philosophy, physics, Latin and Greek.

### **Coffman Becomes Campus Pastor**

The Rev. David W. Coffman became Newberry College's campus pastor in December 2021. He returns to his alma mater after serving in hospice care since 2013. Coffman is a 1997 graduate of Newberry College and a 2001 graduate of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. He will be formally installed on May 4, 2022, in Newberry College's Wiles Chapel.

### **Newberry College Sunday**

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