

# The Retreat Center

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AND INFORMATION FROM  
THE CREIGHTON  
UNIVERSITY RETREAT  
CENTER.

## Through the Trees

*By Amy Hoover*

The trees have been speaking to me this winter. Last week, in the midst of a January thaw, I saw naked trees resting in the sun, holding the promise of spring. It prompted the thought: How am I resting in the promise of new life? This week, clothed in the beauty of snow, again with the sun reflecting, I heard “not yet.” This reminded me of the description of the Kingdom of God as “already ... but not yet.” Other messages from the trees this week include “Be Still,” “Be strong, yet vulnerable” and “Reach for God.” I invite you to sit for a moment among the trees and observe: How are the trees speaking to you this winter?



## Join Us for LifeSHIFT

Life is about managing change: career, personal, family and spiritual. This retreat, set for March 6-8, is an opportunity to reflect on life and faith while considering new career, job, work and/or retirement possibilities.

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Ignatian Retreat Begins May 28

Our eight-day silent, directed retreat, set for May 28 through June 6, is a time of being (rather than doing), a time of entering more deeply into one's relationship with God. Directors will be third-year Christian Spirituality graduate students from Catholic and varying Protestant denominations trained in the evocative-contemplative approach of spiritual direction.

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## Around the Grounds

Work on the **Loyola Dining Hall** is continuing. We hope to see the structure going up by our next newsletter! Our next cabin upgrade will be to remodel the kitchen in the **Brebeuf Cabin**. The cabin is our most requested, so finding time to make some improvements has been a challenge. We were able to replace the carpet last fall; the kitchen remodel is next on our list.



## Thank You

Thank you for your continued, generous support of the retreat center. We enjoy meeting newcomers and connecting with those who return year after year.

A special thanks to **Doug Marsh**, who donated a new cruet set for Mass; **Bill and Linda Ebbinga** for the new outside chapel lights; and our many volunteers around the grounds and in the library.

If you or your group would like to help with maintenance or trail work, please don't hesitate to contact Director Amy Hoover at 712.778.2466 or [amyhoover@creighton.edu](mailto:amyhoover@creighton.edu). Thank you to all who are helping to bring our dreams of renovation to fruition. You can contribute online [here](#). *(Fill out your information, then scroll down to Gift Designation. In the "Other Designation - Specify Here," type in Creighton Retreat Center.)*



### About the Retreat Center

The Creighton Retreat Center is located at 16493 Conrail Ave., Griswold, Iowa, 51535. The center offers eight- and 30-day Ignatian retreats upon request. Accommodations can be made based on your individual schedules. Please contact [Terri Lou](#) for more information.

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### Questions?

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