

Lutheran Campus Ministry of Fresno

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Who We Are

Lutheran Campus Ministry of Fresno is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in cooperation with other Christian partners in the Central Valley. We seek to engage, equip and ignite students, faculty and Fresno community members to act justly, love mercifully and walk humbly with God. *-Micah 6:8*

Positive Changes

Dear Friends,

Over the last few weeks the topic of change has been on my mind. Throughout my life, I've been someone who loves tradition and change can be a rather overwhelming experience. Although change is inevitable, certain traditions I hold dear to my heart and am rather hesitant to let go of.

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, tradition can be defined as "an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action or behavior." When I ponder the traditions that I hold close and more importantly why it's so hard to let certain traditions go, the simple answer is that I've been set in my ways for so long that anything outside of those traditions is overwhelming. The concept of change opens the door to the possibility of the unknown and the black hole and void of answers is what scares us the most. Change is intimidating simply because we don't know what we may wake up to the following morning.

Without change or rather the possibility of change there can be no traditions. Traditions are made simply because we opened our hearts and minds to something different. If all we ever do is become tethered to our past, we'll never move forward; we'll never gain new insights, new experiences, new traditions...

My hope with Lutheran Campus Ministry is we can continue to hold the traditions of LCM in our hearts and minds, but we also open the door to a possibility of a newer, brighter and better future.

Shalom,

Autumn Scherf
Ministry Associate

Gratitude

I want to share my appreciation for the work that the LCM board has done over this past couple of years. Our current board of myself, Linda Hurst, Lori Kamlade, Jeff McGrath, and Terry Roberts have been faced with a great deal of challenges as we have worked to redevelop the ministry. It has not been easy but change rarely is. I am grateful for all of their hard work to bring LCM to this point. In the coming months some of the board will be leaving us, which gives the opportunity for some new voices to join us as we reinvent the ministry.

If you think that you may be interested in serving on the board, please consider the expectations that are described below. Potential board members need to be a member of an ELCA church or one of its full communion partner congregations. The board usually meets once a month for about an hour and a half. Occasionally there may be additional meetings, such as a once a year planning retreat. In addition to attending the board meetings, members are expected to help with spreading the word about LCM and supporting the mission and vision of the ministry. Currently we are in need of someone who would be interested in being our treasurer. For more information please go to our website or contact us. I am happy to talk with anyone who is interested in joining the board.

In His service,

Erica Bird
Board President

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." -Micah 6:8

Upcoming Events Young Adults Group

Business Hours

Wondering when we're open? Reference our Business Hours page on our website. Simply click the "When We're Open" tab!



School Supplies Drive

We need your help! To support young adult students in the upcoming academic year, we're kicking off our Young Adult's Group with a school supplies distribution and ice cream social. To do so, we're in need of school supplies donations!

Please reference the list below:

- Binder Paper (college ruled lined paper)
- Spiral Notebooks (college ruled lined paper)
- Binders (various sizes)
- Folders
- Index Cards
- Sticky Notes
- White Out
- Paper Clips & Binder Clips
- Scissors
- Tape
- #2 Pencils & #2 Mechanical Pencils
- Black & Blue Pens
- Highlighters
- Student Planners
- USB Flash Drives
- Earphones (new)

This is also a great opportunity to utilize Amazon Smile! With all purchases made on Amazon Smile, Amazon donates a portion of the purchase back to Lutheran Campus Ministry!

If you would like to contribute to the school supplies drive, but simply don't have time to shop till you drop, let us do the shopping for you! Gift Cards will gladly be accepted. Checks can also be made payable to Lutheran Campus Ministry. In the memo line, please write "School Supplies."



Wish List

The following items would be helpful and appreciated for LCM and the Bulldog Pantry:

- Copy Paper
- Standard Business Envelopes (Size #10)
- Small Giving Envelopes (Size #6 3/4)
- Stamps
- Cleaning Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Indoor Trash Can Bags
- Paper/Plastic Grocery Bags
- Non-Perishable Food

Amazon Smile

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Staff Blog

In case you missed it, check out our new staff blog! Visit our website and click the "Media" tab.



Darcy Jensen Scholarship

Congratulations to Taylor Hohenbrink from Hope Lutheran for being selected to receive the \$1,000 Darcy Jensen Scholarship!

Congratulations also to Brycen Arnold (Christ Lutheran, Visalia), Hunter Xiong (Peace Lutheran, Fresno) and Jacob Slater (Hope Lutheran, Fresno)! Each student will receive a \$500 scholarship thanks to a generous financial contribution from Grace Ministry.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Darcy Jensen Scholarship fund!



Website

Our website has been relaunched! Check out our new website: www.lcmoffresno.org

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Thank You!

A huge thank you to all those who have donated to LCM in 2019!

- Bethel Lutheran Church
- Bethel Lutheran Church Women's Group
- Rev. James and Karen Carr
- Christ Lutheran Church
- Sara & David Dent
- Gary & Trudy Franzen
- Frank and Marjorie Goeddel
- Hope Lutheran Church
- Wayne & Laurell Huber
- Merle & Joan Knapp
- Gary and Mavis Koch
- Ron and Beth Marhenke
- Kenneth & Carol Maul
- Doris McCarty
- Jeff & Judy McGrath
- Robert & Alice Millholen
- Oakhurst Lutheran Men's Fellowship
- Terry and Lynda Roberts
- St. James Lutheran Church
- Sierra Pacific Synod, ELCA
- Craig Soderholm
- Sandra Souther
- Thrivent Financial
- Trinity Lutheran Church MEF Fund
- Trinity Lutheran Church WELCA
- Trinity Lutheran Church (Madera)
- United Way
- Darcy and Bruce Weinberger
- Women of the ELCA



The Bulldog Pantry Corner

A Note From The Bulldog Pantry Student Coordinator

The Bulldog Pantry has been open consistently on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month during the spring semester. We were also able to hold a special fresh produce distribution on the first Saturday of May. Additionally, the pantry will be open for three distributions during the summer, one each month for June, July and August. The Bulldog Pantry is normally closed during the summer, but we have decided to continue distributing food on an abbreviated schedule during the summer to serve the food insecure in our area more constantly. Then in the fall we will resume our regular schedule on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

Our attendance at the distributions has increased with our schedule being more consistent. The Bulldog Pantry used to serve about forty or fifty household units at each distribution. In the spring that number increased to about eighty and we had just about a hundred in May. So, we have helped to feed about 635 households this spring.

In the coming months our plan is to continue to increase the awareness in our area of what the pantry offers. We have recently contacted several groups who work with low income families in the area to share our services with them. We are hopeful that some of those contacts will lead to new partnerships.

Heidy Gonzalez
Student Coordinator



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A huge thank you to all those who have donated to The Bulldog Pantry in 2019!

- Bethel Lutheran Church Women's Group
- Robert & Nancy Bird
- Cheer Force Central Valley
- Nancy Jo Clark
- Blake Dewitt
- Domanica Foundation
- Fresno State Improv. Team
- Fresno State Student Cupboard
- Hertz Rent A Car
- Immanuel Lutheran Church
- Gary & Mavis Koch
- Mary Helen Maul
- Janice M. Simpson
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Fresno
- Trinity Lutheran Church MEF Fund
- Walmart Neighborhood Market #2689
- WELCA Conference 9
- Wesley United Methodist Church



Bags, Bags, Bags!

Did you know The Bulldog Pantry is a "shopping style" pantry? Individuals are welcomed to go grocery shopping at our pantry and hand select items of their liking.

We're in need of paper, plastic or reusable shopping bags! Feel free to drop off donations at the Lutheran Campus Ministry of Fresno building.

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Get Involved!

Join us on July 27th or August 24th, 2019 starting at 8:00AM to help with our distribution. We'd love for you to join us!

#BulldogsFightingHunger