

Our Mission: Engage, equip and ignite students, faculty and Fresno community members to act justly, love mercifully and walk humbly with God. -Micah 6:8



April 2019 Newsletter

Moving Forward

There have been many changes taking place at LCM to start off 2019. Some of these changes have been larger than others but they all effect the way we minister to young adults and our surrounding neighbors. The biggest changes were related to staffing. At the end of January, we said goodbye to Pastor Paul and thanked him for all his service. Then in March we were able to welcome Autumn Scherf as a Ministry Associate. She will be running our student and young adult group. We are also in the process of redeveloping and rebranding the ministry. Soon you will be seeing a newly designed website as a part of this effort.

In His service,
Erica Bird
Board President

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Welcome

Dear Friends,

Please allow me to introduce myself. As Erica mentioned, my name is Autumn Scherf and I am the Ministry Associate at Lutheran Campus Ministry of Fresno. I'd like to start by saying thank you to the support you have already given not only to our recent staff changes, but Lutheran Campus Ministry of Fresno as a whole during this time of transition.

By spending my time at LCM, I've come to discover that LCM is the next step and newest challenge in my career in ministry. While I grew up in the church and was involved in the Sierra Pacific Synod Youth Committee as well as the National Youth Core Leadership Team my journey through ministry did not stop when I transitioned into my adult years but instead, furthered my call to ministry. In the summers of 2014 and 2015 I served at Mt. Cross Ministries in Ben Lomond, CA both as Summer Staff and Leadership Staff after I devoutly committed to a three-year Jr. Counselor program at Mt. Cross while in high school. For just over the past two years, I have worked at Trinity Lutheran Church as the High School Coordinator in Student Ministry.

As part of our transition, I've begun to ask the question of who we are as LCM and what message we want to send to the Fresno community. In doing so, I've rebranded who we are and in part, you may have noticed we have a new logo! My goal is to reestablish the foundation of LCM and thus, I've updated our mission statement, created a vision statement as well as consciously and purposefully developed the overall goals of LCM. My hope is that during this continued transition, you can open your arms to Lutheran Campus Ministry and help us rediscover what it means to have Young Adult Ministry in the Fresno area.

Peace and Blessings,
Autumn Scherf

Who We Are

Lutheran Campus Ministry of Fresno is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of 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.

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Bulldog Pantry

The Bulldog Pantry launched in the Fall of 2007 by a group of students from Lutheran Campus Ministry and leadership from Fresno State University. This group were concerned for their community's need of food assistance and were inspired to start up a food pantry. One especially unique attribute is that the Bulldog Pantry is student run! Not only is the pantry providing food services to fight hunger, it is also serving as an extension to the classroom, providing a hub where students can have hands on experience in service learning, community engagement, civic duty, and leadership skills. In the 2017-2018 year the Bulldog Pantry was able to serve a total of 2,127 clients and volunteers completed over 469.25 hours of community service!



To learn more about Bulldog Pantry, call (559) 224-9052 or email thebulldogpantry@gmail.com

Wish List

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

- Copy paper
- Standard business size envelopes
- Small regular size envelopes
- Clorox wipes
- Indoor trash can bags
- Shelf stable for food for the Pantry
- Plastic grocery bags

Darcy Jensen Scholarship

In honor of the great work done by former campus pastor Darcy Jensen, LCM established a scholarship after his death. Each year LCM Fresno awards one graduating high school senior a \$1,000 scholarship. Any high school seniors who exhibit Christian service and love should apply. Interested students can receive the application packet from our website or by contacting LCM directly. **The deadline for applications has been extended to May 15th.**

Thank You to all those who have financially contributed in 2019!

LCM:

Margie and Jack Back
Bethel Lutheran Church
Bethel Lutheran Church Women's Group
Rev. James and Karen Carr
Christ Lutheran Church
Frank and Marjorie Goeddel
Hope Lutheran Church
Gary and Mavis Koch
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Bulldog Pantry:

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