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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, seeking to engage, equip and encourage students, faculty and Fresno community members to be agents of love in the world.

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Do you know of any young adults headed to or already studying at Fresno State, City College, Clovis Community College, Willow International, Fresno Pacific or any other Fresno area post secondary schools? Or perhaps someone living locally and working?

Please encourage them to get ahold of Pastor Paul, or, with permission, share their email address or phone number with him.

Want to stay more connected to LCM Fresno?

Warp and Weft only goes out twice a year. If you'd like to receive periodic email updates and invitations to special worship experience and events, sign up here:
<http://eepurl.com/bjMeIb>

Warp And Weft*

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*The warp and weft are opposites that are woven together to create a tapestry, just as God merges our varied gifts to produce acts of love.

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LCM's Great Cloud of Witnesses

"Since we're surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us!" Hebrews 12:1

Many thanks to the witnesses that help sustain the important work of LCM Fresno. Your time and talents help provide young adults with a safe place to engage the Gospel by ensuring that there is a Christian presence of grace filled embrace within the Fresno State community.

**These lists are based on contributions made or deposited between Jan 1st and Dec 31st 2015*

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 Whole Foods
 WELCA, Good Shepherd (Fresno)

IN KIND DONATIONS of NEW ITEMS

Nancy Clark— 8 quart programmable Crockpot
 Keith Gibson— Epson Projector
 Jen and Ryan Smith— Dishes, curtains, and other
 Dinner Church accoutrements

SMILE CENTER

Garabedian Foundation



Mmmm... home cooked food!

Every Wednesday night LCM provides a free meal for the young adults that gather for Tapestry. Sometimes these meals are home cooked by Pastor Paul. Other times food is purchased from local restaurants.

In the interest of saving money and providing more healthy, home cooked options, we'd love to partner with individuals, churches, and other groups to arrange for home cooked meals to be provided on a regular basis. If you or your WELCA/Men's Group/Book club/etc., group is interested in providing a meal, please contact Pastor Paul.

The 2016 Spring Line-Up

Lutheran Campus Ministry desires, among many things, to create safe space for the formation of community and to provide students with opportunities to share their gifts and passions. To that end, this semester we introduced a few experimental student run "interest" groups. Each group represents a niche that may prove to be just what a few students at Fresno State are looking for. In addition to **the following regular groups/programs**, LCM will, as always, offer some service projects, a spring break service trip, and a few other random gatherings/events.



BULLDOG PANTRY:

"The Bulldog Pantry is a place where, as a volunteer, I can go to and count on leaving with a smile. Working at the Pantry is always fun thanks to the fellow volunteers, the clients, and the work itself. Families come through the Pantry week in and week out and they are each unique. We get a very diverse group of people who come through but one thing they all have in common is their gratitude. They are always so thankful and always so happy when they get their groceries. Having the opportunity to help a community in need has definitely been a blessing and it's been the most fun I've had working anywhere."

-Troy Castillo,
Fresno State "Scholars In Service" leader



LCM WISH LIST

- ◆ A chain-link gate (to be used for creative, non-gate purposes)
- ◆ Home cooked meals for Tapestry on Wednesday nights (see bottom right corner of the front cover)
- ◆ The use of a cabin/comfortable space within a two hour drive of Fresno for a student leadership retreat (space for up to six people to sleep, cook/eat, work and relax)



Tapestry

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

This is our weekly gathering. We enjoy (an always FREE) dinner together and talk about issues of faith, life, etc.

Dinner Church

One Wednesday a month at 6:30 PM (in place of Tapestry)

This is a unique worship experience centered around a shared meal.

BOARD GAMES

Sundays: Jan 31, Feb 14, Mar 13, Apr 17, May 15 at 6:30 PM

Just a simple way to unwind in preparation for tackling a new week of study!

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Fridays: February 5, 19, and March 4, 18 at 5:00PM

An LCM regular and his friend are leading this group which will meet for some old fashioned dorky fun, hopefully providing students who live on or near campus a safe and fun activity to occupy a few of their Friday nights.



CROCHET

Tuesdays: Feb 9, 23, Mar 8, and April 5, 19 at 6:30 PM

Lead by a student and crochet master, this group will introduce participants to the ancient art of crochet. Folks will leave each group with a few more skills and a small project in hand.

Journey to the Cross

On the day before Ash Wednesday, as I made the long drive home from the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in Anaheim, I was sorting through my many "to-dos" in my head. One of them was quite pressing: I had only 30 hours left to get my hands on some ashes!

Sure, I could use oil, or even skip the ritual all together. We were having Dinner Church, and I certainly didn't want to introduce ashes at the dinner table! But there is something sacred and powerful about the imposition of ashes at the beginning of Lent. They stand as a gritty reminder that we are broken, and to dust we shall return.

As I entered the Grapevine, the podcast I was listening to was interrupted by the melodic ring of my phone. Clicking a button, I connected the caller to my car speakers via blue tooth.

"Pastor Paul, there are a few more things you can have, including a bag of ashes."

The timing couldn't have been more perfectly orchestrated. Yet, there was a haunting subtext to it; the ash that I now would be able to use the following evening was coming to me through a death of sorts. For it was coming from Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Clovis, who had unfortunately chosen to close its doors. The death of a church was granting me the use of a symbol of death.

But death never has the final word. The black smudges we receive on our foreheads at the beginning of Lent represent so much more than death. They also point to the cross by which Christ replaced death with the promise of life.

Lord of Life may have closed its doors; but God's work that started there is far from dead or over. The members of that community will continue to praise and serve God in the new communities of faith in which they settle. And the memory and work of Lord of Life continues on in all those communities, like Campus Ministry, that were blessed to receive some of their tangible assets.

Lutheran Campus Ministry is deeply grateful for the ways that Lord of Life chose to support and bless both LCM and Bulldog Pantry over the years, with gifts of finances, ongoing food collection efforts, and now the sharing of a variety of assets, including but not limited to: banners, communion supplies, a crown of thorns, ashes, a paper folding machine and portable fender sound system (both from our wish list!), a processional cross, a printer, storage cabinets, microphones, chairs, folding tables, a flat screen tv, various paper supplies, ELWs, and a microwave.

May Christ who is The Lord of Life strengthen each of us to carry on his will today and every day. Trust in God, Pastor Paul Clark



Darcy Jensen Scholarship

In honor of the great work done by former campus pastor Darcy Jensen, a scholarship was established after his death. Each year LCM Fresno awards one graduating high school senior a generous award of \$1,000.

Please invite high school seniors in your life who exhibit Christian service and love to apply for this scholarship NOW! Application materials will be sent to churches in late March. Those interested in applying can also contact LCM directly for application materials.