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Dear Friends of LCM,

Greetings! We are deeply grateful for your faithful generosity in supporting campus ministry. As I visit congregations around our synod, it's no surprise young adults are rarely seen in the pews. Fear not, and remember that you ARE investing in young adult ministry in the ELCA when you support ministries like us! Lutherans and Episcopalians continue to be the few mainline denominations on our STL campuses—the need to share Christ's inclusive love story is more important than ever.

Summer Community

We have a wonderful group of students staying in St Louis for the summer: they are busy with internships or summer classes (like Organic Chemistry or Gross Anatomy—YIKES!). Consequently, we've decided to continue our Sunday night community. Sharing dinner and worship weekly is a valuable way we continue to welcome new friends and support one another. For fun, we're also playing Co-ed Kickball, fruit picking, tending our vegetable garden, and given our house some fresh coats of paint.

THANK YOU

Trivia Night 2014 was another HUGE success—thanks to ALL our participants, donors, and volunteers. We hope to see you again! *Peace, Pastor Rebecca*



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The "Blessed Ballerz" LCM Summer Kickball Team

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Students enjoying dinner on our front lawn :-)

LCM Loves Spring in St. Louis!

After our long winter—we were all ready to get outside and have some new adventures! Here are some of our favorite moments of the semester:

Community Building

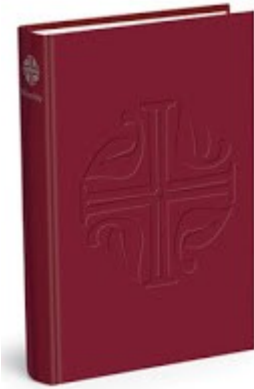
Kayaking at Creve Coeur Lake
Study breaks and free snacks at the LCM House (**Thanks, St Mark, Belleville**)
Reading “Day-treat” at the Mercy Center in Ladue
Goodbye BBQ sending off graduates: Katie Sauer and Wassef Dabboussi

Worship & Faith Formation

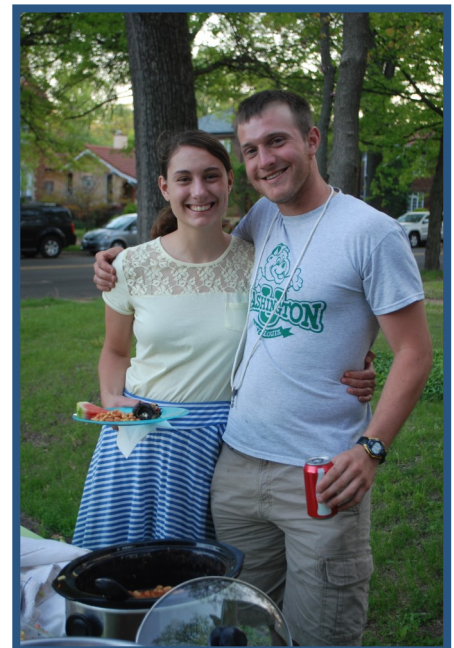
Sunday nights (dinner and Candlelight Worship)
Meaningful Holy Week with over 60 students participating
Starting to plan our Pilgrimage to Taize, France, in May 2015

Service to Others

Collecting 200 lbs of food for Operation Food Search
Joining 20 other Wash U groups in the “Poverty Trap Simulation”
BUCK-A-CHICK: sponsored 75 chicks with Lutheran World Relief for Easter
Raising \$18,000 and helping to build two homes for families in Guatemala



We’ve REALLY enjoying owning our own hymnals for the first time! It certainly has enhanced worship and expanded our musical range. **Won’t you help “sponsor” the last 8 hymnals? They are \$25 each.** We will include a special bookplate in honor of you or the person of your request. Thanks!



THANK YOU, WAMHOFF ACCOUNTING, for underwriting this color newsletter!



Our LCM Team pictured with the masons and Construa Casa Staff

Although many of us had travelled abroad, this travel experience was definitely more meaningful than the previous ones we'd had. It was a joy to explore Antigua, a beautiful colonial city! We walked along cobblestone streets, haggled for fresh produce in the Mercado, admired the brightly colored buildings, and listened to live music. We even tried our hand at making traditional Guatemalan foods like salsa roja, pepian, plantains, and chili rellenos.

One thing we noticed about this beautiful city were the barriers. There were bars on windows, all driveways were gated, and interior courtyards were hidden behind the painted stone walls. Even amidst all the beauty, it was impossible to ignore the impacts of the cycles of poverty and conflict that tore apart Guatemala for decades. Every night we came together to talk through the divisions we saw, confronting our role in this inequality as Americans. As Christians, we challenged and supported each other as we worked through the concept of accompaniment.

At our worksites, we had an opportunity to put our theory of accompaniment into action. We acknowledged the language and cultural barriers, and with a good sense of humor and lots of gesticulation we were able to form some very unconventional friendships. It wasn't always easy, but we saw God in the moments we shared with our families and masons: understanding a joke in Spanish for the first time, figuring out how to open an avocado without a knife, learning the family tree from Abuela, playing with the family pets. We saw God in pickup games of soccer with local children, we saw Him in breathtaking landscapes and bright blue skies, and we saw Him in each other. We left Guatemala with new friendships and definitely with more questions than answers. This trip was one of the incredible experiences I've ever had, and I can't wait to go back and visit nuestra familias in 2016!

Celia Hensey, WU Class of 2016



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- ♦ **Washington University in St Louis Fall Events**
8/21 (all day @ the South 40 clocktower) Freshmen Move-in
8/22 **WELCOME OPEN HOUSE @ LCM 2-4 PM**
9/3 Fall Activities Fair in Brookings Quad 4:30-6:30 PM
- ♦ **Saint Louis University Events**
8/26 8-10 pm Ministry Fair outside Eckelcamp
8/27 11-2 pm Activities Fair @ Quad

Do you know a college student in the St Louis Area?

We'd LOVE to meet them! We have students in our community from MANY schools, not just SLU & Wash U. Please call or email Pastor Rebecca with their contact info :

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\$25:

buys 2 books for a discussion

\$40:

provides candles for Worship

\$75:

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\$1000:

pays for an entire retreat!