

SUMMER EDITION 2024

LUMIN ST. LOUIS

ECUMENICAL CAMPUS MINISTRY SERVING THE ST. LOUIS AREA

TRANSITIONS & HOPE

BY PASTOR TINA REYES

Grace and peace to you all from God, the Creator, Redeemer, & Sustainer. Amen.

In four years of campus ministry, I've learned that planning is important and then to hold those plans loosely. Campus Ministry is an ever-evolving program as Seniors graduate and Freshman enter our family, addressing the questions students have with new programs, and meeting the students where they are in their faith walk. No student's walk is the same. These transitions are rewarding and challenging.

This fall, we're mixing up our schedules and adding programs that allow students to explore who they are as Christians in an election year. First, we will meet on Tuesday nights to engage in a study of election issues and faith statements. Second, we are embarking on a year of racial justice learning. This is a three pronged plan of learning skills, engaging in cohort learning, and then an immersion week of St. Louis in March.

The students are in transition - growing into the gifts and skills and creativity that they have been given. And what works one week may not work the next (though ice cream sandwiches and coloring pages seem to be grounding things on Sunday nights). I find myself amazed at their capacity for learning and their desire to grow in their faith.

All of this brings hope - for a future that is the beloved kin-dom that Jesus talks about in the Gospels. There is hope for community rooted in love, in whatever capacity that looks like in the moment.

In Peace,
Pastor Tina she/her/ella

ECUMENICAL CAMPUS MINISTRY WITH THE METHODIST CONFERENCE

LuMin St. Louis and Grace UMC celebrate the renewal of our ministry covenant for a fourth year. Together, we are stronger as faith partners with the university and young adult communities in St. Louis.

Through this relationship, LuMin St. Louis also is able to seek campus ministry grants through the Methodist Church. Last fall, we were awarded \$10,000 Next Gen Grant to support the work that we do as a shared ministry.

YOU & CAMPUS MINISTRY

TRIVIA NIGHT 2025

Saturday, February 8 at 6:15PM

Bethel Lutheran Church

7001 Forsyth Blvd, 63105

This fun night of trivia and fellowship is back with limited seating. Mark your calendars to register in January so you don't miss out.

GIVE STL DAY

Many thanks to those of you who donated on May 9 during Give STL Day, powered by the St. Louis Foundation. With bonuses, we raised **\$2353.63!** This helps us cover our summer expenses and sets us up for fall welcome.

2025 GiveSTLDay is May 8, 2025.

NEW RESOURCE SOFTWARE

We did it! Last February, we went live with a new software program (Bloomerang) to help us stay connected with you and the support you give to LuMin St. Louis.

We also upgraded our accounting software (Quickbooks) at the same time. Both of these new systems will help LuMin St. Louis to use your gifts in a most efficient and faithful way. Thank you for your continued support.



December 2023 Grads

Markos Wester-Rivera graduated with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Geospatial Studies. Markos can be found with his family in Colorado. Jamison McCarty graduated with a degree in Aviation Management and a minor in business He's currently working in Washington State.



Fall 2023 Events



Spring 2024 Events



From top left to right: Fall Retreat with Rockwell House @ Camp MoVal; Hallo-s'mores on a cold night; Holiday decorating at the campus house; Friendsgiving with Rockwell House; Study breaks at St. Louis Zoo Lights & Missouri Botanical Garden Glow



Refer a Student



The LuMin Network, the campus ministry network of the ELCA, has a link to share your college person's info with the campus ministry or congregation where your person attends. Please share the link with all the college students you know.



LuMin St. Louis Wish List

From top left to right: Imago Dei Retreat SLU; Trivia Night; Palm Sunday with Palms & Sundaes; the ELCA Pastors at Trivia Night; Ignatian Q at SLU (PT was chaplain); PT with folks from Fordham University

Support LuMin St. Louis with the following:

- waffle iron
- toilet paper
- outdoor jenga and cornhole
- propane grill & tank
- unscented laundry detergent & dryer sheets
- grocery gift cards (Aldi or Schnucks)

LuMin St. Louis Covenant Churches: Bethel Lutheran, University City & Grace UMC, St. Louis **LuMin St. Louis Partner Churches:** Atonement, Florissant; Christ Community, Columbia; Christ Lutheran, Webster Groves; Family of Christ, Arnold; Gethsemane, St. Louis; Holy Cross, Creve Coeur; Holy Trinity, St. Louis; Hope, St. Charles; Living Lord, Lake St. Louis; Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd; Lutheran Church of the Living Christ, Florissant; St. Mark, Belleville; St. Mark's, Clayton; St. Philip's, St. Louis; Trinity, Chesterfield; Trinity, Kirkwood; Unity, Bel-Nor; Zion, Ferguson