

Ongoing Tuesday Nights

Free Dinner, 7 p.m.
Bible Study, 8 p.m.
Worship, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship

Traditional, 8:45 a.m.
Contemporary, 11:00 a.m.

LCM "Hikers" Intramural Football at Cal Poly

Sunday Nights, 5 p.m.

Provide Dinner for Maxine Lewis Homeless Shelter

April 23

Lutheran Student Movement Regional Retreat

April 24-26, Yosemite

Children's Church in Sta Maria

Sunday afternoons, April 19 & May 24
Help lead Children's Church at Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz in Santa Maria

LCM Relay for Life

May 16-17, Cal Poly

LCM Sunday at Mt. Carmel & Graduation Recognition

Sunday, June 7

Finals Week Food

BBQ, Sunday, June 7, 12 noon
Midnight Pancakes, June 8

Fall LCM Program Begins

Tuesday, September 22

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Pastor Jana's Jots

"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." - James 1:17

So much changes around us all the time, yet an unchanging God directs and guides much of that change. Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) at Mt. Carmel has undergone much change this past year, and we are grateful that God's hand has been guiding it!

- **Our physical meeting space changed** last summer. Students and volunteers from Mt. Carmel remodeled the LCM House, enlarging the main room doorway, repainting, installing new lighting and furniture, and hanging beautiful photos of God's creation. The result is a much more welcoming space for students. (See photo on inside, top right)
- **LCM has a fantastic new website!** Check it out: www.lcmslo.org.
- **Our LCM t-shirts changed** this year to something eye-catching! As you can see in the photo below, the shirt says "Sin boldly . . ." on the front. On the back of the shirt, this quote by Martin Luther continues, ". . . but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly." It's a great reminder that the more boldly we believe and rejoice in Christ, the less we'll sin!
- **Our approach to Bible study changed** this year. We implemented the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's *Book of Faith* initiative, which guides us to look at scripture through four lenses: historical, literary, devotional, and Lutheran-theological.
- This summer also brings some very big personal changes for me. **I'm becoming a mom!** My husband and I will travel to Seoul, Korea, to receive our son sometime between late May and August. I will take several months of maternity leave and look forward to introducing our little boy to LCM when I return to work. A retired LCM pastor from Los Angeles will cover for me during my maternity leave, and our peer ministers are well-equipped to lead in my absence.



Cameron Beck shows off the new LCM t-shirt.

This year's changes have both challenged and strengthened Lutheran Campus Ministry at Mt. Carmel. Thank you for your support in the midst of our changes—you are God's presence to LCM!

- Pastor Jana Schofield

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Chili Supper & Line Dance



Dancing the "Reformation Polka"



Free Sunday BBQ

Mt. Carmel Members Enjoy LCM's Hot Chili and *Hot Line* Dancing

by Tyler Pearson

In January, LCM hosted its first-ever Chili Supper & Line Dance to raise money for our spring break trip to Texas. As part of the evening, people who donated money traced their feet on paper and wrote their names on the cut-out feet. The students took these "feet" with them as a sign that the entire Mt. Carmel community is serving as Christ's hands and feet in the world.

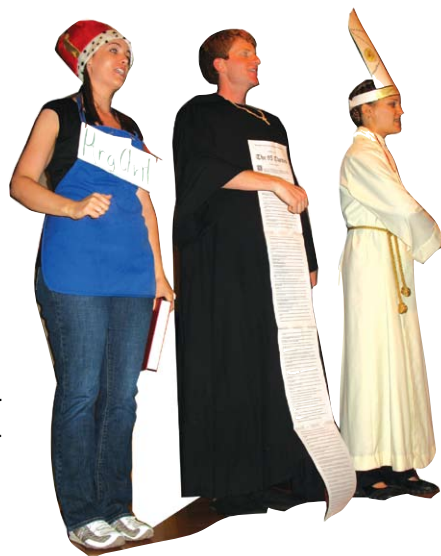
Thanks to wonderful Mt. Carmel cooks and volunteers, the dinner was delicious: chili, cornbread, and ice cream sundaes. After everyone had their fill, we cranked up the country music for some line dancing lessons! *YEE HAW!* Some of the college students taught line dances, including the Electric Slide, Cotton-Eye Joe, and Tush Push. Everyone did a great job and had fun learning some new dances!

Martin Luther Appears at Reformation Fest

by Cameron Beck, Peer Minister

Who knew the Reformation was so much fun? In October 2008, LCM helped one hundred people from Mt. Carmel and the broader community celebrate the Protestant Reformation. During the Reformation, Martin Luther protested indulgences and other practices of the church establishment, while his brew-mistress wife supported the family by selling her beer! Mr. and Mrs. Luther as well as Johann Tetzel were present for the Reformation Fest, with Tetzel trying to sell his indulgences to the arriving guests.

While students served an authentic German meal, guests were entertained and educated about the Reformation. The evening included an excerpt of the movie *Luther*, a slideshow of historical sites in Germany, and the "Chicken Dance." Everyone's spirits lifted and laughter was plentiful. The big finale of the night was "The Reformation Polka!" Performed by students, this polka tells the entire story of the Reformation in four minutes. Check out the YouTube clip on our website for the performance.



Back: John Stolpestad, Erik Brockman; **Front:** Pastor Jana Schofield, Allison Meier, Kaitlyn Kennett Holding the "feet" of the Mt. Carmel members who joined their efforts in prayer and financial support.

LCMers Spend Spring Break Serving Hurricane Victims in Texas

by Carli Orsi, Peer Minister

Eight students and Pastor Jana took a life-changing trip to Houston, Texas, during Cal Poly's Spring Break. Our goal was to serve as Christ's hands and feet in an area devastated by Hurricane Ike in September 2008. Our tasks included cleaning up a cemetery, helping LINC (Lutheran Innercity Network Coalition) organize a strong base for future volunteers, and helping a man rebuild and recarpet his house.

The trip was made possible by many donations from family members, home churches, and members of Mt. Carmel. We took with us actual tracings of the feet of these individuals as a reminder of the many who supported this effort. We trust that our time in Houston helped victims of the hurricane regain faith and hope.

One day, our Lutheran Campus Ministry group joined up with another group from Ohio clean an old, run-down cemetery and brush left from Hurricane Ike. Many of us got to experience using weed whackers for the first time, raking so long our hands blistered, and hauling wheelbarrows full of debris. The conversations, laughter, stories, and good company kept the day moving quickly and made our hard work worth all the effort. The City of Houston complimented our work and said what we accomplished would have taken them one year to complete. A little hard work and sweat really goes a long way!

Our time in Texas was a great opportunity to serve God and grow in our own faith. We heard from others about how the disaster affected them and how they can find God in all of the mess. We listened amazing people tell incredible stories about following God to live well and fully. We worked as a team, cooked meals together, lead devotionals, and prayed together. These opportunities allowed us to humble ourselves in service, build strong relationships, grow in our faith, and deepen our understanding of God's abounding love.



Pastor Jana



Peer Ministers in the remodeled LCM House



Midnight Pancakes

Favorite LCM Activities

by Megan Wright, Peer Minister

LCM always has a wide variety of events for you to attend! Below are my top ten, each of which is fantastic. Consider, for example, **Pancakes at Midnight**. At the end of each quarter, LCM members make all types of pancakes: plain, mango, Reese's Pieces, and pretty much anything you could imagine. At midnight, LCM opens its doors to all Cal Poly and Cuesta students for a fun and filling finals week snack break. The pancakes are delicious, and the late meal is an excellent opportunity to meet others and form friendships.

Check out the events mentioned below at www.lcmslo.org. I look forward to seeing you at these activities in the future!

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| 1. Pancakes at Midnight | 6. Intramural Soccer, Volleyball, and Football |
| 2. Reformation Fest | 7. Game Night |
| 3. Quarterly Retreats | 8. Free BBQs |
| 4. Relay for Life | 9. Christmas Caroling |
| 5. Join Hands Day | 10. Scavenger Hunt for Food Drive |

Weekly Bible/Book Studies Feed the Soul

by Carli Orsi, Peer Minister

Each quarter we want to ensure that we are spending time together in God's Word, breaking bread together, worshiping, and challenging one another in our everyday lives. LCM's two book study opportunities are one way we do this.

LCM holds a Bible study every Tuesday night, followed by an intimate worship service with singing, prayer, holy communion, and a homily. We begin the evening with an amazing home-cooked meal prepared by two wonderful couples from Mt. Carmel. Breaking bread together is a great way to get to know one other and ensure a safe environment to grow with God. Our study during the winter quarter looked at "Sex, Love, and Relationships" in I Corinthians. This quarter we are looking at "Food for Your Hunger: Faith Building," which involves studying the Word and learning about forgiveness, prayer, dealing with stress, and hospitality.

Pastor Jana offers another study opportunity every Thursday during University Union Hour at Cal Poly. Last quarter we read a book titled *Real Sex: The Naked Truth About Chastity*, by Lauren F. Winner. This quarter, we are reading *Forgiveness: Following Jesus into Radical Loving* by Paula Huston.

Spending time together and discussing how to live out our faith, pray, feed our spiritual hunger, and hear from God are wonderful opportunities for us both as students and as members of Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church.

