

LCM Schedule

Sunday Worship with Mt. Carmel Congregation

- 8:45 a.m. Traditional Lutheran worship with Sacred Arts Choir
- 10:00 a.m. Congregational Hour with adult classes and Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Casual contemporary worship with Age2Age Praise Band

Tuesday Activities during the School Year

- 7:00 p.m. Free dinner at LCM Center
- 8:00 p.m. College and Young Adult Bible study
- 9:30 p.m. College and Young Adult communion worship service in sanctuary

Upcoming Events

- See inside right of newsletter

Pastor Jana is available for **pastoral counseling** with students.
For more LCM activities, see www.lcmslo.org

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*We're sorry if we missed your name.
Your support is so appreciated!*

Your prayers and generosity keep LCM strong!

Thank you for investing in our students through Lutheran Campus Ministry at Mt. Carmel! Please send donations for Lutheran Campus Ministry to *Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 1701 Fredericks St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93405.*

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans GivingPlus program is no longer active, but Thrivent members can vote online starting this summer (www.thrivent.com/choicevote) for additional donations to benefit LCM. Please go online and vote to support LCM SLO!



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LCM News

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Deepening Faith, Expanding Minds, Inspiring Service

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Pastor Jana's Jots

Last spring, a team from our synod heard LCM's story and told us that this ministry is making a real impact! Their commendation reminded me that we all need to hear our story and celebrate what God is doing in and through us:

Outreach: In 2009-2010, LCM has reached out to over 120 new students who connected in some way with our ministry.

Worship: Between 40 and 50 students regularly worship at Mt. Carmel on Sunday. Tuesday nights, students lead worship with music, prayers, a student homily, and communion.

Study: We are a "Book of Faith" campus ministry, utilizing ELCA resources to help students learn and lead Bible study. This year students have led studies on Genesis, Luke, Galatians, Ephesians, and Philippians.

Training: Pastor Jana and two peer ministers trained other clergy and lay leaders about using Book of Faith resources. At Cal Poly, Pastor Jana trained 720 Week of Welcome student leaders about religious opportunities available to students. She also led an on-campus memorial service for a student who committed suicide.

Service: Students have served as lectors, communion assistants, praise band members, student preachers, youth advisors, and greeters. One student is a synod nominee for the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in 2011, several graduating students have applied for ELCA Global Mission service, and we've reached out to our community in many ways (see inside).

Discernment: We supported students as they discerned God's calling through our Life & Faith retreat, book study on *The Treasure Hunt of Your Life*, and visit from a seminary admissions counselor.

Support: 18 students participated this year in our "Adopt-A-Student" program at Mt. Carmel, and more than 20 students have been part of our "one-on-one" ministry to deepen relationships with one another. Pastor Jana and the Peer Ministers hold weekly office hours to provide support to students.

Fun: We kayaked, played at the beach, had an awesome Halloween party, participated in intramural sports at Cal Poly, and had excellent retreats!

By sharing our story, we give thanks for the good things God's done in our lives and learn more from the lessons God is trying to teach us.

May you find joy in yesterday's, today's, and tomorrow's chapters of our LCM story!

- Pastor Jana



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Walking through Questions in the Holy Land

By Cameron Beck, Peer Minister

Over spring break, I was one of two LCM students that traveled to Israel and Palestine with members of Mt. Carmel and the SLO United Methodist Church. I had so many questions before our journey to the Holy Land:

What is life like in the prayer-drenched birthplace of Christianity?

How do residents find peace, shalom, salaam?

As Americans, what role do we play in the affecting their lives?

Our group discussed these questions as we walked where Jesus walked in the Holy Land. We prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, broke bread on the shore of Sea of Galilee, reaffirmed our baptism in the Jordan River, and participated in the Palm Sunday celebrations in Jerusalem. Our Palestinian Lutheran guide also arranged for us to be in Nazareth for the celebration of the Annunciation, angel Gabriel's announcement of the birth of Jesus.

It was a special time to be in the Holy Land, both spiritually and politically. We spoke with Lutheran leaders and heads of schools, hospitals, refugee camps, and other nongovernmental organizations. All inspired hope and instilled a sense of urgency for the re-commitment to prayers of peace for those living in Palestine and Israel.

May God's peace fill your life in order that peace might be more present in our world.



Exit Interview with Carli Orsi, LCM Peer Minister

Name: Carli Orsi
Major: English
Hometown: Ukiah, Ca

Why LCM?

I found a great sense of trust, confidence, and respect in Pastor Jana's ability to minister to college students and encourage our spiritual growth. She inspired me to see my faith as more than an internal connection with God, one that expanded beyond myself and into the Body of Christ as a whole.

Secondly, I was intrigued by the ability to ask questions. Asking questions was always something that I feared exposed doubt, and I saw doubt as something that reflected disbelief. I loved the way that LCM was coordinated by the students and focused on fulfillment and wholeness through asking tough questions, challenging our faith, and pushing us outside of our comfort zones to let God into all aspects of our lives.

Lastly, my involvement with LCM was sustained by the wonderful connection and integration between LCM and Mt. Carmel. I love interacting with my peers, but I also receive a great deal of pleasure and edification from my interaction with the amazing and wise people of Mt. Carmel. Forming those intergenerational connections and being uplifted by the Sunday praise band fueled and sustained my involvement with LCM.

Peer Minister highlights?

Showing the many ways to destroy all the tough "CoRec/All Male" football teams as part of the LCM Hikers flag football team! We lost almost every game, but we could deliver some pretty mean game faces. Actually, I think we were the nicest and favorite football team of all! Intramurals has been really fun for me over the years, and as a Peer Minister I had the privilege of overseeing and co-coaching some of our teams.

Any difference between you pre-LCM and post-LCM?

LCM has transformed my faith. It has taught me what it means to be Christian and how God is calling me to be in the world. It has given me the ability to be comfortable in my own skin as a child of God. Before LCM, I knew that I wanted to know God more intimately, but I was confused on how to form the relationship that I so desired. LCM taught me who I am in God's eyes, where my true value lies, and that my real name is "Beloved Child of God."

Where next?

I graduate in June, and one week later I am on a plane to Bolivia with seven other students from the Wesley group from the Methodist Church! We will be teaching English, leading Vacation Bible School, and providing tutoring and counseling for students pursuing trade school or college.

As for my plans after Bolivia, I am still waiting to hear back from a teaching credential program with Sacramento State for the fall. God promises to answer prayers and provide for our needs, so my trust and hope lie in the future that He has in store for me.



Don't Miss These Upcoming Events!

Conference Youth Gathering • May 1st Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

Serve as small group leaders for Lutheran youth at their "Caring Community in Christ" conference (cccyouthgathering.weebly.com). Includes a free concert by the dynamic band Lost and Found. Sign up with Pastor Jana.

Relay for Life at Cal Poly • May 15-16 at Cal Poly

Walk with our "LuthRUN" team in this 24 hour relay to remember and support those who have battled cancer. Sign up on the home page of our website: www.lcmslo.org.

Spring Retreat • May 21-23 in Arroyo Grande

Come away for a true "retreat" from school and life pressures. Lots of time for relaxing, worship, and the beach! Contact Cameron to sign up: cameron.d.beck@gmail.com.

LCM Graduation Sunday • June 6 at Mt. Carmel

Hear student preachers and worship leaders at both the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services as they prepare to graduate from college.

National Lutheran College Gathering • August 11-14 in Chicago

Join hundreds of other students from across the country learning to share the gospel in a "2.0 world!" elca.org/ELCA/Events/Follow-Me.aspx



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