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Spring Break Service Trip to Denver, CO



In March we braved Kansas, winter storm Triton, and even a flat tire on our spring break service trip to Denver, CO! As a group of six women passionate about social justice, we worked with several fantastic organizations in Denver focusing on homelessness and hunger in the area. With Family Promises of Greater Denver, we helped two local churches serve as an emergency shelters for homeless families. We met Aiden, the spunky four year old who taught us how to be teacher's helpers and also Dakota, the intelligent high school student who shared stories of his Dakota Indian heritage. With Denver Urban Gardens, we prepared the plots of two city gardens so they could provide a place for neighborhood families to grow fresh produce. This involved a lot of shoveling and compost, but also a lot of fun! At the Jeffco Action Center, we learned about their amazing food pantry, clothing bank, and counseling for families in need. We also sorted mountains of donated clothes for their clothing bank--with some occasional modeling to help us out! Last, but not least, we worked with the City Sprouts Farm to harvest sunchokes with the help of a third grade class from the Green School. Before heading back to St. Louis, we made a trip north to Dillon, CO where we skied Copper Mountain and relaxed in the cozy condo. Although our time in Denver only lasted a week, it will always remain in our hearts. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers!

by Alyssa Whitworth, SLU '13



Pastor Rebecca's Ministry & Fundraising Update

Thank you,
ALL our
Donors and
Friends!

Dear friends--

Endings and beginnings are constant reminder of our ever-changing world. Every single semester we welcome new friends but must also offer goodbyes to others. Please read some of their stories inside this newsletter ☺

We are incredibly grateful for the profound generosity of the St Louis area congregations, individual donors, Thrivent Choice /matching funds, and 66% salary support from the Central States Synod. We have exceeded our "18K in 2013" fundraising goal already!

Each week I hear more stories from young adults hungry for connection, meaning, and purpose. Thank you for supporting our campus ministry as we provide opportunities for service, fellowship, worship, and deep conversation. God continues to breathe in and around our college campuses in creative and wonderful ways!

This summer, I'm offering a new presentation to churches about ministry with young adults. I'd LOVE to visit with you and hear how you already are engaged in this essential ministry for the future of our church!

Peace, *Pastor Rebecca*



Our Hospitality Wish List:

Coffeepots:
Mini or Keurig
Large tubs
Office supplies
Wheel Barrow
Shovels
Work gloves
Corelle dishes
Serving Dishes
Tupperware
Rice cooker
Snacks/soda



People-needs:

Gardeners
Bakers
Drivers
Cooks
Painters
Board member
Advocates
Dreamers
Fundraisers
musicians
Prayer-ers!

Meet our Graduates!



Alyssa Whitworth

Hometown: Collinsville, IL

St Louis University, B.A. in Biology and Classical Humanities, Latin

My dreams for the future involve non-profit work in the areas of environmental outreach or hunger issues. I know I want to serve the community and maybe even the world! For now, I will stay in St.

Louis and work at Payless until I find my "big girl" job. While I have so many favorite LCM memories from our numerous late night talks and the overwhelming love in our community, the memory that sticks out the most is one from my first spring break service trip to Guatemala. We worked with Constru Casa to help build houses for families in need. At the end of the week, the families and the CC staff threw a fiesta to celebrate our work. One of the fathers gave a speech saying, "People always talk about how they worry for the future of the world and the new generation of young people. But, I do not worry because there are people like all of you living in this world. Only God could put these hearts into you". This is one of the "life moments" that will follow me forever.

Philip Heslin

Hometown: Louisville, KY

St Louis University: B.S. in Flight Science, Minor-Meteorology

PLANS: is to work for the NTSB in Accident Investigation My favorite LCM memory is the crazy musical instruments during worship!



Chelsea Jaeger

Hometown: Menomonee Falls, WI

St Louis University, Honors B.S. in Public Health, Minor in Biology

Future plans: In mid-July I begin a year of volunteering abroad in Ecuador (see right sidebar). I have deferred my admission to Emory University Rollins School of Public Health where I plan to pursue a Masters degree in Epidemiology beginning Fall 2014. In the future I hope to work in

women's reproductive health research and disease prevention, both in the United States and abroad in low-income countries. Favorite LCM memory: Too many to choose just one! I think I have to say...deep, meaningful conversations that result from living and working with the very special people on LCM spring break service trips. The dinners and pillow-talk that lasts for hours stays with me long after that.

Steve Schrum

Hometown Flanders, NJ

Washington University in St Louis, Ph.D in History

Dissertation: Regulation and the Economic Development of England and the Dutch Republic in the 1690's Future plans: College professor.

My Favorite LCM memory: Easter lunches at the LCM house. My first Easter in St. Louis was the first time I couldn't spend Easter with my family and it meant a lot to me to have someplace to go and be with people to celebrate.



Rachel Lewis

Hometown: Richmond, KY

Washington University in St Louis, B.A. in English, Minor in Political Science

Plans: In the immediate future, I plan to work at a nonprofit or think-tank researching/addressing poverty and/or criminal justice reform. My favorite LCM memory was our last day of spring break 2012 in Guatemala—sharing with Chelsea, Angie, and Kate the joy and pain of leaving the family we had worked, laughed, and played with, knowing their lives would continue to be a struggle, but that we had helped make it a little easier.



Trivia night 2013 was a huge success!

We had lots of laughter, 21 tables and raised \$7000+ dollars! Thanks to our fantastic teams, volunteers, and the matching of 4 Thrivent chapters.



Our lovely LCM readers preparing for the Good Friday Tenebrae.



Chelsea Jaeger's Year in Ecuador

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

~Margaret Meade

Before I began my college career at Saint Louis University, I did not believe this quote could apply to me. I thought that changing the world was for a few extraordinary individuals, those who would someday win the Nobel Peace Prize. I am grateful that my experiences with my Jesuit institution, the city of St. Louis, and Lutheran Campus Ministry have proved me wrong. We are all called to play a role in changing the world. The next steps of my journey take me to Guayaquil, Ecuador. I am participating in a one-year volunteer opportunity through the Catholic sponsored organization Rostro de Cristo ("face of Christ"). In July, I will travel with 13 other young adults to this city of over 1 million people in order to transform ourselves and those around us. We will live in intentional community, with seven people in each of two houses, and will develop loving relationships with our Ecuadorian neighbors. Our full-time volunteer placements will be discerned once we have arrived in Ecuador, as we explore the numerous partner organizations of Rostro de Cristo. Some of the opportunities include working with HIV clinics, Leprosy hospitals, street children, and schools. My four years with Lutheran Campus Ministry have been integral to this discernment process. I chose a college whose mission is to "create men and women for and with others," but LCM's service-oriented community was even more important. Annual spring break service trips, volunteer opportunities around the city, and weekly community time have comprised the most important parts of my college years. Lutheran Campus Ministry aided in my growth as a woman and gave me the courage to seek this international volunteer opportunity for the next year. If you would like more info, please check out my website: <http://chelseajaeger3.wix.com/chelsea-in-ecuador>