New Year, New Excitement on Campus!

The new academic year has brought new students, new opportunity and new excitement in campus ministry. Through Welcome Back BBQs, retreats, study, worship, dinner, conversations, and lots of coffee we’ve been working to be a part of what God is doing on campus. Find out all about our fall semester inside!

Peace,
Pastor Zach
LCM @ CU Alumni & Friends Gathering

On the eve of the big CU-CSU game alumni & friends of both schools gathered at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Denver to reconnect and socialize. Start getting ready now for next fall’s Alumni Gathering!

LCM @ CU Alumni News

In addition to a good time, our alumni event brought the chance to find out what some of our alums have been up to.

- Andrew & Kelli (Hamil) Riley ('06) have recently returned to the Denver area following law school in the twin cities. Since returning Kelli has passed the bar and joined the LCM@CU Board!
- After seeing Sara Bury ('09) at the alumni event I can report that she is still in Boulder, working as a chemical engineer.
- Diana Johnson ('10) is working with the Greeley Dream Team to help middle & high school students who are either 1st generation to college or low income understand what their options are after high school.
- Following graduation Andrea Haselmaier ('12) headed to Portland for grad school in speech pathology.
- Kirsten Walter ('12) is now in Washington DC, working for the state department and that's all she can tell you.
- Connor Knutson ('12) is now working in Denver as an investment analyst.
- Roger Kleen (late '60s) made it down to the alumni event. He now lives in Avon, Colorado, where he has enjoyed teaching his grandchildren to ski!
- It wasn't too hard for Justin Nickel ('05) to make the alumni event, as he continues to serve as the pastor of Centenniel Lutheran Church in Englewood, CO.

LOST SHEEP

Cara Calabrese
Williamsville, New York

Marybeth & Alan Candland
San Diego, California

James Liu
Joe Lopez
Seattle, Washington

Timothy Morgenthaler
Michael J Penka
Lakewood, Colorado

Lee Peterson
Santa Clarita, CA

Michelle Prout
Lyons, Colorado

Jackie Ross
Seattle, Washington

LCM Football Parking

Football parking at Grace continued this season. Students parked cars to earn money to use for LCM retreats and trips! All in all, the Buffs in the parking lot had a better season than the Buffs on the field. Remember to swing by the church when you come back to campus to check out the Buffs!
Advent Greetings from Pastor Zach

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion.
- Philippians 1:6

Advent is one of the few times when the academic and liturgical calendar intersect. As the church waits and prepares for God’s promise to be fulfilled on Christmas, students wait and prepare for the end of the semester.

Last Sunday students participated in this place of intersection and prepared for the beginning of Advent by constructing a mobile that will hang in the sanctuary until Christmas. Students wrote their hopes and prayers for the end of the semester on small pieces of paper and stuffed them inside of clear, glass ornaments. Now the hopes and prayers of students hang suspended, awaiting the time in which they might be fulfilled.

Paul’s words to the Philippians proclaim the promise that our hopes are not unfounded. Rather the hope of Advent is hope found in the God who has come to us time and again. We wait in anticipation that our hopes might be fulfilled, because that’s what God has done for us before. As we anticipate the future, we look to all that God has done in the past.

We now expectantly await all that God holds for us on campus because of how God has been at work among us this semester. On Sunday nights we’ve had innovative and spirit-filled worship. Over our weekly dinner students have shared their joys and concerns. Our Tuesday night study group has engaged in insightful bible study and tackled interesting topics like Lutheran exorcisms in Madagascar, faith & genetics, and ‘What makes a place holy?’ Weekly Wednesday lunches in the Center for Community are a growing place for students to plug into our community. Freshmen and upperclassmen have been knit together into a new community. Throughout the semester I’ve been impressed by the faithfulness of our student group who are so eager to understand and be a part of what God is doing in the world and on campus.

But our hope this Advent season also rests with you. Our alumni and friends have been a strong and faithful source of support for LCM at CU throughout the years. This history, this way God has worked through you to ensure that this critical ministry happens, is a source of hope as the fall semester draws to a close and we look to the future.

Our programming budget is dependent on your gifts. Each cup of coffee, each cookie on a Tuesday night, each gallon of gas that takes our students on retreats comes from the gifts returned in the enclosed envelope. I encourage you to read through this newsletter, see all that God is doing through our ministry, then decide how you can be a part of this important work.

The enclosed envelope will allow you to designate your gift. We can also set up a bank transfer, an option many are choosing as a way of making regular, monthly contributions. Our website (www.lutheranbuffs.org) has an electronic donation option.

In hope & thanksgiving,

[Signature]

Upcoming Events!

Exam Week Studying at Grace | Dec 13-20th
Grace will be open for students to drop in and study throughout exam week. Get the door & internet code from Sunday night’s announcements.

Cookie Project V | Dec 10th | 8-10am
The last week of class we’re giving away cookies and coffee at the College Ave underpass, as we ask passersby an Advent question, “What are you waiting for?”

Farewell & Godspeed | Dec 16th | 5pm
On our last Sunday of the semester we’ll be wishing our graduating students farewell and godspeed as they head out into the world! Don’t miss it!

Students play election night bingo, while watching the returns.

Gathered: December 2012
The group prepares to head back to Boulder after a relaxing retreat.

A Freshmen Perspective
Natalie Walter, Parker, CO
I’m a freshman at CU living out my first few months in Boulder, which are also the first few months that I’ve ever lived anywhere but my family’s home in Parker, Colorado. To me, LCM has been a place of growth and consistency while I am learning to adjust to a busy university life.

The retreat we took to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in September was an extension of this experience. We spent a weekend learning about stages of faith, which was incredibly helpful at a time in my life when I am transitioning not only in my role as a student but in my role as a follower of Christ. Learning this among the gorgeous, changing aspen trees was especially fitting, and I loved the opportunity to become closer to the other students at LCM in such a beautiful context.

Having a consistent place and group of people with whom I can worship and share a real meal has meant, for me, greater inner peace, spiritual growth, and certainty in a time where I don’t know what my life will look like from one week to the next. As the college life presents us with so many different paths to take, LCM gives us solid ground where we can put our feet in the meantime.

Fall Retreat 2012
In late September a group of six LCMers travelled to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp for a fall retreat. Over the course of the weekend we discussed James Fowler’s *The Stages of Faith*. We managed to squeeze in plenty of hiking, relaxing, got to see the incredible fall colors at their peak, and (believe it or not) a little bit of homework. Thanks to Sky Ranch for hosting us!

Graduating Thoughts
Andrew Steger, Denver, CO
A few days ago I began what can only be described as “The Process.” No, it isn’t the process of figuring out exactly what I’m gonna do when I graduate in twenty days. “The Process” is a much bigger task... cleaning my room. While cleaning out my papers and textbooks scattered about from my four and a half years of college, I realized that most of what I’ve learned here I’ve already forgotten. Gone are the days in which I could do a partial derivative with my eyes closed. It got me to wondering, what am I going to remember about my days at CU? What am I going to take with me?

Slowly I began to realize that while I may not remember the nuances of the milankovich cycles, my memories of LCM are still vivid. One event in particular brings back the nostalgia of community and grace that are so often experienced as a part of campus ministry. It was a warm spring day when I get a text from Hunter, one of my LCM buddies. He seemed even more excited than usual, which is quite a feat considering his eccentric character. “LCM friends, meet outside the UMC in 15 minutes! You’ll regret it if you don’t,” is all it said. When we arrived at the UMC, we were suddenly immersed in a cardboard tube battle with over 100 of our fellow students. I would’ve thought that we were knights in combat, except the benign tubes did little more than elicit giggles when thrust into the belly of an unsuspecting opponent. I looked over to Hunter and he gave me a quick smirk before landing an inward slice at some freckled kid with glasses.

This is what the kingdom of heaven is. Though far from your standard “angels playing lutes” scenario, Jesus can manifest in many ways, even through your standard toilet paper roll. This experience is one of many from LCM in which I not only learned of, but also felt the community, love, and grace of God in ways I hadn’t previously imagined. Though I may be graduating, I’m so grateful that I can take these pieces of the LCM community with me. Thank you all so much.

Melanie (Jr, Broomfield) enjoys a moment of retreat at Sky Ranch.
Sunday Night Dinners @LCM

The dinners that follow our Sunday night worship are the heart of our campus ministry community. This semester we have been blessed with meals provided by a variety of groups who have joined us in worship and prepared the meal. Many thanks to the following people who provided a dinner this semester!

Carol Codrescu & Diana Anderson  
Grace, Boulder

Deb Grenzke  
Trinity, Boulder

A Joyful Noise  
Grace, Boulder

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Jane Lahman  
Bethlehem, Longmont

Donald & Andrea Lee  
Faith, Longmont

Paula Nichols  
A Moment for Moms  
Atonement, Boulder

Mikki Matheson  
Grace, Boulder

Hannah Parris  
Dorothea Steinke & Millie Williams  
Atonement, Boulder

Youth of 1st Lutheran, Longmont
Youth of Bethlehem, Longmont

If you, or a group you know, would like to provide a meal for our students, please contact Pastor Zach at (303) 786-7137 or lcmpastor@colorado.edu.

Stay Connected to LCM@CU All Year Long!

Be sure to check out our website at our new easy to remember domain name, www.LutheranBuffs.org! Connect with our social media sites, or make a donation online.

Make a Donation Online!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS WHO SUPPORTED LCM OVER THE PAST YEAR!

David Abel  
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A Strategic Planning Update
Over the past two years LCM has been engaged with Grace Lutheran in Boulder to envision ways we can more faithfully do ministry together. We were sad to see Pastor Ron Roschke leave Grace this August, but we were excited to see that he would now serve as the synod staff person relating to campus ministry! At its September meeting the LCM board came up with three points to guide us as we move towards fleshing out a reimagined model for campus ministry with Grace:

1) Campus ministry has a unique identity.
2) LCM requires staffing to meet needs in accordance with the demands of this unique identity.
3) LCM values and seeks to maintain its historic and symbiotic relationships with local/conference congregations.

With these values in hand, we look forward to working with Grace to dream of the ways God is calling us to engage in the work of the gospel on campus and in Boulder. I look forward to sharing a potential vision for campus ministry in our spring newsletter!

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans’ Thrivent Choice program is becoming a significant source of funding for LCM at CU. Through the program members can help choose where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable funds each year.

By directing Choice Dollars, you can request funding for Lutheran Campus Ministry, ELCA, Boulder, Colorado, in the Campus Ministry category. Potential designated Choice Dollars amounts range from $25 to $500 for each eligible member.

If you are eligible to direct Choice Dollars, you can direct them right now. If you are uncertain about your eligibility, visit www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice, or call 1.800.847.4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” at the prompt.

We need your EMAIL!
We are growing our collection of email addresses of our alumni and friends in order to communicate with you in a more cost-effective and environmentally efficient way. You can add your email to our list by:

- Submitting your email via the form on the www.lutheranbuffs.org
- Including your email on the enclosed envelope
- Emailing us at lcmpastor@colorado.edu

What can your gift do?
$50: One week’s cost for our pianist at our Sunday worship
$50: Pays for one weekly dinner for 10-15 students
$200: Subsidizes the Spring Break Service Trip for one student.

Need a Preacher or Speaker?
Pastor Zach would love to preach or speak at your church or group (WELCA, youth, men’s group, church councils, etc) to proclaim the gospel, talk about college life, and tell the campus ministry story. Contact him at: lcmpastor@colorado.edu or (720) 505-1653.

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The Cookie Project!

On the last day of the spring semester students set up a table at the college street underpass, between campus and University Hill. On the table, we offered free cookies (courtesy of the bakers at Grace) and coffee to students on the way to class. Students could have as much as they wanted, so long as they answered our question, “What do you hope the summer brings?” The results were entertaining and heartfelt. Answers ranged from relaxation to money to peace to Godzilla! We’ll be back on the street in late December for the next edition of...the Cookie Project!

Thoughts on Dr Marty’s Visit to LCM

Chris Ayala (So. - Glenwood Springs)

I was asked to give a tour to a gentleman coming to visit campus. The only description I had been given was that he was “a really smart guy” and a “notable Lutheran.” There he stood, with a perfectly tied bow-tie that complemented both his humble smile and properly hung pocket watch. He introduced himself as “Dr. Marty,” and carried himself like a truly educated man. Dr. Marty could easily fill his own library, publishing over 50 books, and he continues to travel around and spread his knowledge.

I’m very proud of our campus, and it was a privilege to show him around. I spent the first part of our tour educating him on my school’s five Nobel laureates, unsuccessful football team, and other notable attributes. He smiled and seemed to enjoy most of the information that I had to share. I had spent the last half hour giving information to a man who has published over 50 books, and majored in history, yet he seemed to hang onto every word I had to share.

Then we made our way across campus and up to the top floor museum of Old Main. As we looked at a list of notable graduates from CU, a list I had never bothered to read, he began to share what he knew. And he knows a lot. He recognized many of those honored CU alums and had personal stories to share about experiences with several of them. He spoke smoothly and was a joy to listen to. I understood then why Pastor Zach described as “The guy who knows pretty much everything, about everything there is to know about.” The worst part of the tour was having to leave for my French class. Dr. Marty is the purest version of a gentleman, the kind seen in those 40’s based films. He was quick to listen, and even quicker to share a kind compliment. It’s clear to see why Dr. Marty has been so successful in his ventures, certainly a man who, despite being much older in age, I can look up to.

Martin Marty Visits LCM

In October we were blessed with a visit from Dr. Martin Marty, noted author, scholar, and one of the foremost interpreters of religion & culture. In addition to a lecture on the relationship between the university and the church, students showed Dr. Marty around campus, ate together, and engaged one another in conversation!

Gathered: December 2012
Check out all that Lutheran Campus Ministry at CU has been up to this Fall!

The LCM/Grace Oktoberfest (including an oompah band)

Passing the peace on a Sunday night.