



LCM Newsletter

Holy Trinity Lutheran Campus Ministry, Raleigh, NC

Greetings from Pastor Beverly

My call to serve as Lutheran Campus Pastor in Raleigh began March 1, 1985.

That is 25 years ... a full quarter of a century! As this anniversary fast approaches I'm finding it hard to grasp this fact. But even I can do such simple math.

Over those 25 years so many students have come to our Lutheran campus community with that freshmen glow. So many students have moved on with degrees in hand ... the rest of their lives to unfold. Their faith stretched and deepened.

How much has changed since my first coming to Raleigh!

In 1985 the student body at N. C. State University was predominantly male. And their majors mostly some type of engineering. The student body of NCSU is more balanced these days. The school of engineering remains the largest on campus but other majors are gaining ground. And the number of women enrolled hovers around 45%. You go girls! Our Lutheran campus community has been enriched by these changes. We need both male and female voices to thrive. We need the voices of other majors to keep the engineering students somewhat in touch with that other side of their brain. The side that "thirsts" for a few more of those dreaded liberal arts courses.

Yes ... there were computers 25 years ago, but they weren't the essential items they are today. Since 1985, we have been enveloped (engulfed?) by a virtual world called the internet. As with all technology there are gains and losses. Faculty, staff and students are wired, hooked-up, and plugged-in. With laptops, net books, cell phones (miniature computers) and Wi-Fi everywhere, you can stay "in touch" at all times and in all places.

... Meaning that you can also be *always available...always "on."*

I used to think that wrist watch alarms going off in worship was intrusive. We're way beyond that now! Wonder how that "still small voice of God" is supposed to get through to us these days given such all pervasive and shimmering competition.

Which is why some things about our sojourner Lutheran campus community have not changed over 25 years. We still gather around the Word, the Sacraments and good food ... lots of good food. Thanks to the many good cooks in the congregation of Holy Trinity. We stay "in touch" with real face-to-face conversations about our joys and concerns. There will never be a worthy substitute for that kind of communication as students struggle to discern the spirits swirling about their choices of vocation.

As we so keep the faith we find that the faith keeps us. Some folks have jokingly (?) asked me, "*ready for another 25 years?*"

Don't think that's biologically or mentally possible! I'm going to have to let God decide how many years may be left for me in this "call."

Until then ... I move on ... we move on ... trying always to keep Jesus in sight. We trust that he will never lead us astray or leave us behind.

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Holy Trinity LCM Alumni
Association – Raleigh, NC

Student Update

By *Molly Peacock*, NCSU Sophomore

Each week we gather multiple times at the student center for various fun and activities!

On Monday nights, we come together for a simple - but delicious - soup supper and faith talk with Pastor Beverly. Wednesdays are our main meetings: we get together to plan activities and enjoy a tasty meal prepared by volunteers from the congregation.

But don't worry, we do more than eat! About once a month, we have a Game Night on a Friday evening. On those nights, we eat *and* play games. The current favorite game is boys vs. girls Trivial Pursuit, which the girls are definitely dominating due to their knowledge in categories other than just "Sports and Leisure". We have to watch Pastor Beverly during these games, because she just loves to give away answers to both sides. It seems that she's so thrilled to know "the answer" from time to time She can't help herself!

Spring Break is just around the corner! While everyone is looking forward to a break, some students are looking forward to an amazing trip to San Ramon, Nicaragua! A group of LSM students are leaving on Saturday, March 13 and will return to Raleigh on Sunday, March 21. We thank Marcus and Berthalina Woodling for all they have done to make this trip possible! We know that we will see and learn much.

The countdown is on for our spring beach retreat, kids' night out, and of course, graduation! This May, we say congratulations to Allison, Collin and Riley graduating from NCSU and Whitney graduating from Meredith.

Recent graduates in our community have been launched into a tight job market. One of the ways the campus ministry committee has helped is by establishing a network with Holy Trinity members who provide pertinent career advice and connections. We have already had two "table talks" with members of the congregation who gave us tips on job searching and networking. Who knows what doors might be opened by "working our contacts?" Thanks to new committee member Ann Thomas for this bright idea!

Lutheran Campus Ministry in Raleigh ... it's happening!

LCM Alumni Association

We are pleased to announce the formation of the **Holy Trinity LCM Alumni Association**. The purpose of this association is to foster fellowship among students - past and present – parents, and congregation members.

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