

Prince of Peace Lutheran Campus Ministry

Submitted: Sebastian Los

A major part of Prince of Peace's unique character and mission is the important role Utah State University, and our other local postsecondary institutions, play in the life of the congregation. Prince of Peace's Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) serves as a space open to all students, faculty, and staff to actively engage and share in that character and mission.

Summary of Activities

- During the spring of 2017 LCM was reestablished as an official organization under USU's Student Association. Under the moniker *USUSA Lutheran Campus Ministry* this allows LCM to enjoy the privileges of being a campus organization such as the ability to advertise on campus, to hold events in USU facilities, and to apply for small amounts of funding. USUSA organizations must renew every year at the end of the spring semester and this was done in April of 2017 for the 2017-2018 academic year.
- In early August 2017 a dozen students, faculty, and staff met for a dinner meeting, hosted at the Waite's home, to plan activities for the upcoming year.
- In late August 2017 USUSA LCM participated in USU's Day on the Quad, the largest single USUSA event of the year. The LCM booth featured a red door where passersby could write answers for the prompt "What still needs to be reformed in the world today?" This generated significant interest, discussion, and thought provoking answers. Around 30 students signed up for the LCM email list.
- In September LCM members helped serve the Loaves and Fishes Community Meal.
- Also in September, 9 LCM members participated in trail maintenance in Right Hand Fork as part of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday.
- During October a dinner church was held at Prince of Peace with 15 students, faculty, staff meeting for meal, fellowship, and prompted discussion.
- During November another dinner church was held at Prince of Peace with 8 attendees.
- Each month at least one LCM member attended the monthly USUSA meeting in the Taggart Student Center as per USUSA requirements.
- During the winter activity slowed until planning for the annual Desert Retreat began in January.
- In February, over President's day weekend, LCM held its annual Desert Retreat at Capitol Reef National Park with the theme of Vocation. Pastor Scott and 9 LCM members enjoyed a renewing and enlightening few days of worship, discussion, and community on the trails of the park and in inspiring accommodations just outside of Torrey, Utah.

In April Sebastian as club president will attend the April USUSA meeting to renew USUSA LCM for the upcoming academic year. LCM looks forward to further defining its purpose in both the congregation and on campus. Much potential exists for LCM to more actively serve as an open, inviting, and inclusive presence on campus and to expand upon Prince of Peace's unique connection and relationship with higher education.