

Our Mission: Engage, equip and ignite students, faculty and Fresno community members to act justly, love mercifully and walk humbly with God. -Micah 6:8



Spring 2024 Newsletter

Renewal

The summer is almost here. It is a great time to pause and slow down a bit to allow for time to think and refresh. LCM has been through a great deal of change this academic year and we are all happy for the chance to slow down and refresh ourselves. In the coming year there will be big changes in how the ELCA funds ministries like ours. We are not exactly sure what that will look like, but we need to be ready to continue on with even less. Our traditional funding base that we have relied on is changing and that creates concern and stress. Thank goodness for summer and the chance to pause a bit to ready for the challenges that lay ahead. We pray that the coming summer bring times rest, relaxation and renewal for you as well.

In His service,
Erica Bird
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New Board Members

We are looking for interested board members. Please let us know if you think that you or someone you know would like to help us.

Thank You to all those who have financially contributed in 2024!

LCM:

Please see our website for a complete up to date list.

Scholarship:

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Bulldog Pantry:

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Synod Assembly

The Bulldog Pantry is honored to be one of the organizations receiving offerings from this year's assembly being held in Fresno. We are proud to be able to shed some light on this ministry of ours that has been changing countless lives for over 16 years. Sharing information to the wider Lutheran community about the humble work of the pantry is a privilege that we do not take lightly.

Darcy Jensen Scholarship

It is that time of year again where we accept applications and select our recipient of the Darcy Jensen Scholarship for 2024. We are proud of all the applicants and the graduates for all of their accomplishments. We celebrate with all of you.

Bulldog Pantry



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A Story From the Pantry

Recently a guinea pig was spotted in the back patio area of the Bulldog Pantry one day. The next Saturday was a food distribution and again the guinea pig appeared. It was all alone, hungry, and scared. I found some carrots and celery to give it that it was grateful for. Then with the help of Heather from the Central California Food Bank, who happened to be visiting, we were able to get it safely contained in a box. That guinea pig, Haven has been given a new safe place to live. I would never have imagined at the start of that food distribution how it would turn out. We helped to provide food for 210 families and one guinea pig that day. We are here to help our neighbors in need, even the unexpected ones. That is how we are working to make the world a better place with each and every life that we touch.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; its those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." Desmond Tutu

Meet our new Student Coordinator. My name is Michelly Garcia, and I am 19years old. I am a cognitive science major and am in my second year of college. I am not sure what career I want to pursue but want to help people in whatever way I can. I enjoy volunteering my time at the bulldog pantry and meeting the new people that stop by.

Michelly has done a wonderful job in her first semester with the Bulldog Pantry, and we are looking forward to continuing to work with her in the future. So far in 2024 the pantry served 1,622 households while working with about 50 young adult volunteers a month. We are looking forward continuing our food distributions through the summer with help from some great volunteer partners such as the Girl Scouts, Big Brother Big Sisters and missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The only way any of this is possible, is through many generous people who have donated money, food, household goods, and time. We could not do it without all their help and the help of our donors. We truly appreciate all the support that allows us to love our neighbors in need.

Donations Needed

We are currently looking for any nonperishable food donations. We are seeing many more families at our distributions, and we do not want to send anyone away empty handed. Please look for these announcements for specific ways you can help the pantry thrive for many more years to come. Of course, you can always make a financial donation.

Walmart Gift Registry

The Bulldog Pantry has a gift registry list at Walmart. It can be found under Registry For Good: Lutheran Campus Council of Fresno. Check it out for more ways to help us out.