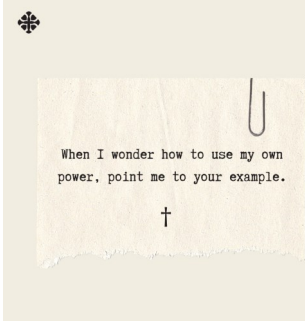


## Summer Listserv and Social Media!

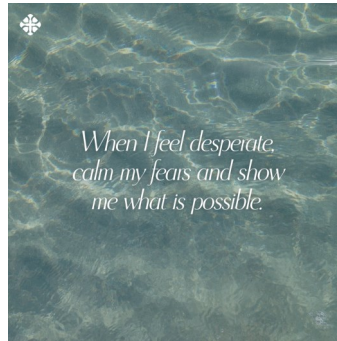
**Even while students** are away from campus through the summer months, Lutheran Campus Ministry continues to reach out via listserv and social media. Students far from campus receive weekly reflections and prayers alongside updates and invitations. Below are the beginnings of a few summer reflections : you can use the url to read more.

**If you would like to receive** our weekly emails, visit our website landing page and add your info at the Friends and Supporters email signup!



**God's reign** (16 July 2024) There are some wild stories in the bible. No real surprise there – since the bible tells the story of God's journey with God's people, it is reasonable to expect sometimes they found their ways into some outlandish situations and circumstances. This week we hear that John the Baptist was put to death by Herod because his wife was angry that John had criticized their marriage. It is a troubling and graphic story from the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mark's gospel that would need a trigger warning on social media. [Read more >> lutheranpennstate.org/2024/07/God's/reign/](https://lutheranpennstate.org/2024/07/God's/reign/)

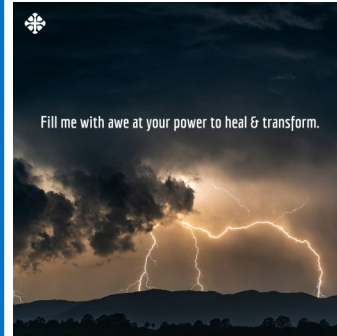
**desperate hope** (2 July 2024) Jairus was a leader in the local religious community and his daughter was terribly ill. Perhaps he'd seen Jesus in person, teaching and healing. Maybe Jairus had only heard others talk about Jesus and his power to heal. There aren't any clear cues in the gospel passage to tell us what led Jairus to come to Jesus, falling at his feet and begging Jesus to come heal his daughter. We just read that this important man set aside dignity and decorum to beg for help.



An unnamed woman had heard about Jesus. She had been ill with bleeding for 12 years. After the long, desperate (and expensive) years of suffering and seeking help, just hearing about Jesus power to heal was enough. She made her way through the crowd until she was close enough to touch Jesus' cloak (his outermost garment).

[Read more>> lutheranpennstate.org/2024/07/desperate-hope/](https://lutheranpennstate.org/2024/07/desperate-hope/)

**storms** (26 June 2024) I generally like storms. There is beauty in the strength of the winds as they push tree branches and other growing things around. In my Midwest childhood, there was plenty of thunder and lightning, so it doesn't worry me to hear powerful sounds from the sky or see the bright flashes of light. A torrent of rain can be soothing or even healing as it refreshes the earth. Of course, I feel quite differently when I am driving through a powerful storm. The winds will push the car around as I work to stay in my lane, and the sheets of rain make it hard to see the road and obstacles around me. Sometimes it is easy for me to face storms without fear, and other times it is much harder.



In the gospel reading this week, Jesus has been teaching about God's reign while healing people from illnesses and demon possession. He's been pushing the boundaries of religious observance, including people who were typically outsiders, and arguing with religious leaders. After a day of teaching with parables, Jesus and his disciples head across the Sea of Galilee, encountering an unexpected storm. [Read more>> lutheranpennstate.org/2024/06/storms-2/](https://lutheranpennstate.org/2024/06/storms-2/)

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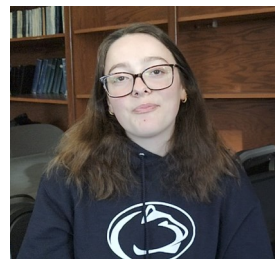
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## Student Reflections



Students juggle many different demands each semester. Classes and academic work are at the heart of college, but extra-curricular activities, roommates & friends, jobs & internships, families & self-care are all part of the mix. Lutheran Campus Ministry and Lutheran Student Community provide a safe, welcoming place where students can step away from the stress, share joys and struggles, explore questions of life and faith, and be reminded of the endless love of God. Here are some reflections from a few of our students.



**Sydney Robinson** | *Global & Internat'l Studies and English* | *Frederick, MD*  
 "Lutheran Campus Ministry has meant a lot to me throughout college. It's something I make sure to do every week because it helps center me and helps me feel more connected to my community to myself and to God as I get through this crazy thing called college."

**Emily Beauregard** | *Business and Psych major* | *Lancaster, PA*  
 "Lutheran Campus Ministry is a place where I've found many friends on campus which made a huge difference in my life here. It also is a place where I can find people who have similar views as me and all come from different places."

**Logan Carbaugh** | *Pharmacology* | *Gettysburg, PA*  
 "Lutheran Campus Ministry has been such an impactful experience. I've met people who I'm sure our relationships will last long after college. It is extremely nice to go to worship & dinner on Thursday night and just get away from the hustle and bustle of college and really feel the presence of God. Before Lutheran Campus Ministry I had a tough time at Penn State seeing God's presence, but since joining I've been able to really just see God's light everywhere on campus."

**PHOTOS: COVER:** Students after Thursday worship in Pasquerilla Spiritual Center: Zack Westhauser, Aunica Groh, Logan Carbaugh, Emily Beauregard, Zane Burris, Emma Strickling. **MAILER:** Old Main Tower at Penn State, **INSERT:** Weekly Instagram posts for LCM. **INSIDE LEFT PAGE:** Patee-Paterno Library. Sydney, Emily and Logan at Pasquerilla. **RIGHT PAGE:** Fall 2024 Thank You Magnet.

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### Young Adult Voices

**PSU & LCM Alum Libby Baker-Mikesell** and Alicia Anderson created a virtual workshop with young adults sharing thoughts and experiences from churches and other faith communities for the Lower Susquehanna Synod Edification Day in May. Pastor Libby Baker-Mikesell is a 2020 graduate of Penn State serving at St James Lutheran in Gettysburg. If you or your faith community would like to use this resource to hear from these young adults or the young adults who participated in a similar workshop in 2023, contact campus minister Alicia Anderson at [ara2@psu.edu](mailto:ara2@psu.edu).



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