

MTC STUDENT MINISTRIES

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MARCH 2017



UPCOMING

MAR 5 FUN PEARL STAYCATION 12-3:30PM

**SUNDAY
NIGHT
LIVE**

San Antonio is a pretty great city. And one of the cool highlights of our city is the old Pearl Brewery which, rather than being demolished, was renovated into a lively little community! After late service, we'll drive down to the Pearl to grab lunch at [Bakery Lorraine](#), browse the Farmer's Market, check out the Riverwalk, and maybe grab some [Lick ice cream!](#)

MAR 24-25 SERVE SPRING SERVE

WHERE: Word of Life Fellowship (213 Coy Lane, Cibolo, TX)

WHEN: Arrive at Word of Life on Friday, March 24th at 7:30 PM
Parent pickup on Saturday, March 25th at 2:00 PM
If you would like to carpool to/from church, make arrangements directly with DCE Laura in advance!

TO REGISTER: Complete the registration form (available on the DCE Office table or by email)

SERVICE: On Saturday, students will be sent out to serve in the surrounding Cibolo Area (3+ service hours).

THEME: "Go Teach"

Remember to check the Packing List on the registration form!

*Spring
Serve*

MARCH SCHEDULE

SUN 05 SPRING SERVE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

9:45am Education Hour

11:00am Student Ministry Leadership mtng {library}

12:00-3:30pm SNL FUN {off-campus}

SUN 12 9:45am Education Hour (combined Confirmation+HS class)

Spring Break is March 13-17. Are you free and want to grab lunch? My treat! Just shoot me a text (512-350-8130)!

SUN 19 9:45am Education Hour

FRI 24 7:30pm Spring Serve drop-off {Word of Life Fellowship}

SAT 25 2:00pm Spring Serve pickup {Word of Life Fellowship}

SUN 26 9:45am Education Hour

Picture of the Month

SNL EDU

Silver Ring Thing at Concordia Lutheran



FROM THE DCE

Walther League & MTC Student Ministry

This article is a continuation of a series on my philosophy of youth discipleship. This month, we're going to explore how methods of youth ministry may continually change & yet the purpose remains the same!

Have you ever even heard of Walther League? I certainly hadn't. Not until college, that is, when we studied the roots of youth ministry in the LCMS.

Founded almost 125 years ago, Walther League was a synod-wide youth organization (like LWML for teens).

Now what does this have to do with Mount Calvary's Student Ministry? First, to backtrack, Jeremy Hanson (one of our Mentors) recommended a book to me that I've been slowly reading... anybody else have that terrible habit where you read half a dozen books all at once? So I'm reading along and all of a sudden I come across this official Walther League statement: **"The purpose of this association shall be to help young people grow as Christians through Worship, Education, Service, Recreation, & Fellowship."**¹ Notice anything familiar!??? The Mount Calvary Student Ministry purpose statement shares these *exact* same elements: Worship, Education, Service, and Fun/Fellowship!

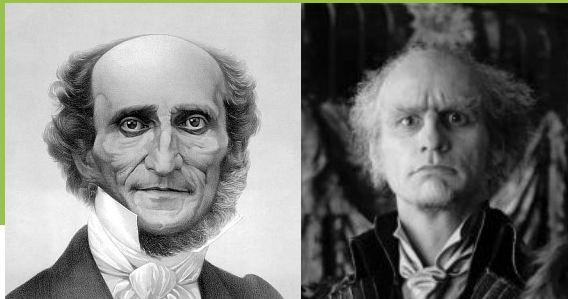
I just about fell out of my seat.

See, that's the cool thing about being a disciple of Christ. Even though our methods may change (I'm sure that first Walther League group didn't go to a trampoline park and they certainly didn't talk about cyberbullying), our purpose remains the same! **God's Law & Gospel are timeless.** That's the beauty of serving an unchanging God in a constantly-changing world. It's *still* about Jesus.

Left: C.F.W. Walther (first president of the LCMS)

Right: Jim Carrey as Lemony Snicket

DOES ANYONE ELSE NOTICE THE UNCANNY RESEMBLANCE???



¹ Oberdeck, John. *Eutychus Youth: Applied Theology for Youth Ministry*, 76.

THREE WAYS TO STUDY SCRIPTURE THIS LENTEN SEASON

ONLINE



Facebook Discussion Group | How to participate:

- 1) Pick up the Lutheran Hour Ministries Lenten Devotional "From the Cradle to the Empty Grave" at church
- 2) Join the Facebook Group **MTC Lenten Devotions 2017**
- 3) Check in daily to like or comment on the daily post—this keeps you accountable throughout the season!

SUNDAYS

Education Hour HS Class | This class meets every Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45am. Beginning February 26th, we will be doing a seven-part series on the life of Christ. Topics include Jesus' temptation, His earthly ministry, miracles, and the events of Passion week.

MIDWEEK

Pastor Mark's Bible Study | This class will meet every Wednesday over dinner in the gym, 5:30-6:30pm. Beginning Ash Wednesday, we will be studying 1st, 2nd, & 3rd John. Bring your Bible!

The bible is the cradle that holds the Christ, without him it is nothing more than wood and straw.

Martin Luther