

Episcopale Lutheran Campus Ministry (ELCM)

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This year in ELCM we've continued the model for student leadership that we've had in the past; ELCM has a team of peer ministers (me, Stacy Krost, and Jackie Fielder) who collaborate with the pastoral leadership (Pastors Greg, Geoff, and Andy) to organize weekly Bread and Belonging gatherings, plan retreats, and organize social events.

Bread and Belonging (B&B) is one of the most critical roles of ELCM at Stanford. In addition to a normally all-vegetarian meal, over which the members of the organization can have social fellowship with one another, it features a variety of after-dinner activities where we can explore our relationship with God. The discussions topics range from Bible studies to current event issues to the history of Christianity to even just how we experience God in our day-to-day lives. However, it is not uncommon to engage in other ways of getting to know God, such as holding Holden Evening Prayer or Taizé services.

In addition to B&B, ELCM holds an on-campus Eucharist service at Memorial Chapel every Thursday at 12:10, known as "20 Minutes of Peace". This represents a time for quiet reflection, peace, and communion toward the end of the week, when the mounting pressures of school start to exhaust the students.

In addition to Bread and Belonging, we host a handful of one-time events and service projects throughout the year. Last year, a handful of us attended a meeting with AHA, Stanford's group of Athiests, Humanists, and Agnostics, to have a conversation about points of similarity and contrast in our worldviews; we brought in Rev. Becca Stevens, the founder of Thistle Farms—an organization that provides support for victims of human trafficking—to speak at the annual Ascension Day service; and we wrote letters to LGBTQ convicts, who have been marginalized by society not only because of their orientation, but often also because of their record.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to get involved with ELCM, you are more than welcome to contact one of the peer ministers—Jackie Fielder (jackie4@stanford.edu), Stacy Krost (skrost@stanford.edu), and Tim Dozat (tdozat@stanford.edu)