

## **LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Spring break for many people conjures up images of college students in bathing suits lounging on the beach during the day and partying at night.

For 12 students at Lutheran Campus Ministry – La Crosse, Spring Break was spent helping clean up the mess left by Hurricane Katrina. The group spent the break cleaning out a house, helping with reconstruction, cutting and hauling debris from a wooded area, and cleaning up home sites after the FEMA crews had finished. They also waded in polluted streams and adjacent salt water marshes to clear the debris from at least 6 houses.

In addition to working, the group found time to play, worship and reflect on their experience. The group has already committed to returning to Ocean Springs to help out the residents in our companion synod in whatever way needed. As the group found out, spring break is not all partying, but it is a time to serve the Lord by helping our brothers and sisters in need.

Reaching out with the Gospel to students at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Viterbo University, and Western Technical College, Lutheran Campus Ministry has seen a large increase in student participation and interest in the past 5 years. But there are challenges ahead in funding this most important ministry. Please keep them in your prayers and thank you for your continued support and gifts. Now, more than ever, Lutheran Campus Ministry needs our support!  
Thank you.

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