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Tee Family on a Mission

by Pastor Megan Tee and Tee Sieng, ELCA missionaries, Tokyo, Japan

Happy Easter from Tokyo!

He is Risen, Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

My name is Pastor Megan Tee, and my husband is Tee Sieng. We are missionaries serving Tokyo Lutheran Church through the ELCA's Global Mission, Service and Justice Unit.

We have been living in Tokyo for five months now; and we would be honored and delighted to share a bit about what life and ministry in Tokyo are like!

Tokyo Lutheran Church (TLC) is part of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church. It is unique in that it is one church that worships in two languages. I am pastor to the English-speaking worship service. My colleague Pastor Matsumoto, serves the Japanese-speaking worship service. My husband Tee has been called by ELCA Global Mission to do outreach ministry.

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Lutherhill has All My Love

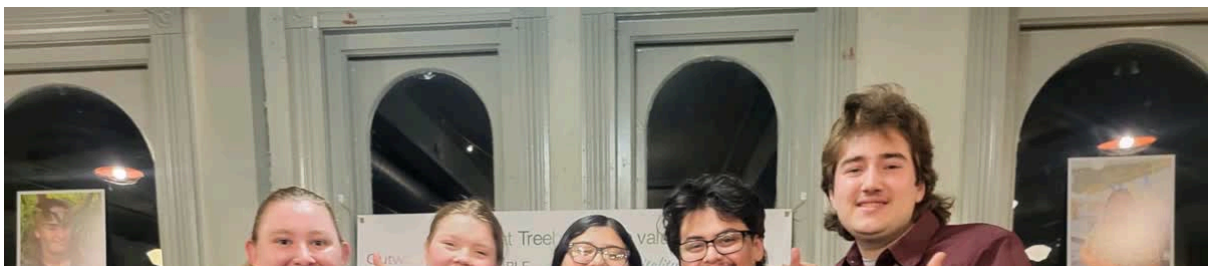
by Gavin Gillar

I cannot possibly overstate how important Lutherhill is for me. It's where I first discovered God outside of the walls of my church, it's where I grew closer to my siblings and family, it's where I've worked three summers, it's where I've made my closest friends, and it's where I've laughed and cried and sang and loved and everything in between. There is not a single corner of a single building at Lutherhill where I don't have a billion and one fond memories.

I don't actually remember a time where Lutherhill wasn't in my life- I started coming when I was two years old, and now I'm twenty two. To put that into perspective, the first building many people walk into at camp is Carby Chapell; this was still under construction then. I remember a time when there were no "big cabins", no Broesche Family Center, and certainly no Retreat Center. The nicest place you could stay at was a dilapidated giant cube monstrosity called The Arc, and man was I jealous of the families that got to stay at The Arc.

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In [last month's](#) TLGCS Connections, we reflected on how campus ministry across the Gulf Coast Synod supports students during formative seasons of faith, transition, and discernment. This month's reflection from Treehouse continues that story, offering a glimpse of how belonging, baptismal identity, and space for honest questions shape student life in community. Together, these ministries reflect our shared commitment to walking alongside young adults across diverse campus contexts. Learn more about campus ministry in our synod at the [Gulf Coast Synod Campus Ministry](#) page.





Rooted in Belonging, Renewed for the Future

by Angela Fleeger, [Treehouse Ministries](#)

What a year it has been at [Treehouse Ministries](#), one marked by both transition and tradition. Even in the midst of change, we continue to see a community deeply rooted in care, curiosity, and connection.

It has been just over a month since our Rooted and Renewed Gala, and I am still filled with gratitude. The outpouring of support for this ministry was incredible, and the dedication of our board leaders continues to inspire and sustain this work.

Even more moving are the students we encounter through Treehouse. Their voices and testimonies remind us why this ministry matters. A common thread runs through what they share—both at the Gala and in our regular gatherings: the importance of having a space where they are free to ask questions and feel they truly belong.

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Lisa's Pieces: Creation Care Tips from the Synod Lutherans Restoring Creation Team

by Lisa Brenskelle

The mission of [Lutherans Restoring Creation](#) is to promote incorporation of care for creation into the full life and mission of the church, working in five areas: worship, education, discipleship, building & grounds, and public ministry/advocacy.

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May & Early June Creation Care Events

- [Living the Change](#) – ongoing thru May, dates/times individually scheduled, online
- [Cool Congregations Cohort](#) – monthly on the 4th Monday at 7 p.m., online (January-November)
- [Justice Advocacy Event](#) – Sunday, May 3, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd., Houston, TX 77005
- [Pocket Prairie & Great Grow Out Workshop](#) – Sunday, May 3, 2 – 4 p.m., Deer Park Prairie Education Center, 1222 E. Purdue Ln., Deer Park, TX
- [Stewarding the Wilds with Faith](#) – Sunday, May 24, 2 – 4 p.m., Coastal Heritage Preserve, Galveston
- [The Preserve – A Nature-Based Solution](#) – Sunday, May 31, 6 p.m., online
- [Interfaith Justice Advocacy Workshop](#) – Sunday, June 7, 2 – 3:30 p.m., online

Contact gcs.lrc@gmail.com for details on any of these events.





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