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hometown, she receives regular status reports on six water purification and health training projects that Arc manages at schools in Mogadishu, Somalia.

As much as she would like to live abroad again, Boettcher said, the arrangement makes sense, and not just because Mogadishu is still a dangerous place. She’s observed that projects go more smoothly when locals are entirely responsible for maintaining their own water systems and hand-washing stations. Community ownership is crucial in a country that’s seen so many foreigners come with aid and then go.

The schools nominate students, who might be 8 or 10 years old, to receive certification in hygiene and pass on what they know to their peers. Again, Somalis provide all of the training. Boettcher’s main job, as director of program excellence and strategic partnerships, is to make sure that the projects provide their expected benefits over time. So, when the readings from a water meter at one site dropped dramatically, she deduced that a set of taps had not been connected to the purification system. Without realizing it, a school that had clean water available was choosing a contaminated source instead.

Now, Boettcher is working on a new training program to help women in Somali refugee camps protect themselves and their families from water-borne diseases. Most people in the camps fled from the south, where the militant group Al-Shabab is strongest.

In the future, she hopes to see more communities take steps to cooperate around the issue of water, for example through water committees with representatives from the various groups that rely on a well or a natural spring.

“There’s also a lot of potential and hope that water can be used for peace-building,” she said.

To read blog posts by Erin Boettcher and learn about the work of Arc Solutions in the Central African Republic, Gaza and Somalia, visit www.ilovearc.org.

Boettcher in South Africa: Her Cal Lutheran semester abroad set her to thinking about a career in international development.
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Toes high on the wall to relieve Achilles tendons, ankles over knees to stretch hips, and knees to chest on what looks like a march through a bog, the Kingsmen offense and defense take turns in the Grace Hall frontyard pool. Except for people who tan during heat waves, the dorm residents have cleared out, allowing strength and conditioning coach Patrick Holmberg ’03, Ed.D. ’11, to turn the five-foot pool into a workout pit.

This is Sunday, the biggest day for Kingsmen and Regals to recover, if not rest. It may also be the biggest day on campus for aquatic therapy, which student-athletes use to address injuries and to “get their legs back” after games. For football, the full-team Sunday aquatic recovery therapy has been around for two seasons. It became mandatory this year for players who take the field on game day.

Running a college sports program takes a lot of water. Check that. Everything important we do, including keeping young folks’ pain and swelling down after competition, requires plentiful fresh H2O.

With three tall machines making ice flakes, the room that head athletic trainer Kecia Davis commands in Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center is Ice Central. Davis can’t say how many bags of the stuff she and her assistants tape to students – 25 a day during football season? This is one rough measure of hurt.

“I’ve never played football, but after a football game, the next day, you don’t feel very good. You’re sore all over.”

As Davis is talking, a defensive back who tweaked his ankle during the week stops by. For the first couple of days after the injury, he applied cold water to his lower leg in a small “extremity” whirlpool. Then, for four to six weeks, the typical rehabilitation period for soft tissue, Davis will have him doing contrast baths in side-by-side, hot and cold whirlpools, one set above 105 degrees and the other below 60.

“We’re messing with the circulatory system,” she says. “In the heat, you get the increased blood flow which increases the range of motion” that the athlete can allow himself without pain. “Then the cold so it doesn’t swell any more. Back and forth.”

In the first week of pre-season soccer camp in August, Davis guesses, players turn on about 65 whirlpool baths. The training room has extremity whirlpools, full-body whirlpools and Big Mama, which looks like a single-basin stainless-steel sink for a giant’s kitchen.

The resistance of water is great for strength training in the whirlpools and the Samuelson Aquatic Center swimming pool. At the urging of Davis’ staff, a tender-footed cross-country runner might jump into the big pool for an “aqua jog” with a flotation device strapped around the waist.

“You’re always doing something in the pool that you would normally do on land, but you don’t want as much stress on the joints or on the body,” Davis says. “We’re not going to aggravate the injury.”
In an example of how our sports teams use H₂O to heal, 20 guys at a time run in place on a Sunday in a shallow dormitory pool. The athletic trainers call this spectacle aquatic recovery therapy. This season for the football team, it’s mandatory.

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Ullman Commons: New and open to change

The $15 million dining facility and gathering spot is transforming the campus and showing once more what people crave: routines and ways to break out of them.

From the first busy days at Ullman Commons, when most students arrived in fall, lines have been seen at the Mongolian grill and the build-your-own-sandwich deli. Routines are taking shape. One professor heads down the steps toward Memorial Parkway with a salad from Ullman To Go, while another holds “office” hours over hummus and pita bread on the east balcony overlooking Kingsmen Park.

In evenings, as shrimp and more fish for dinner appear upstairs, public lectures and career workshops get going in the downstairs conference rooms. Starbucks, one of the largest in the region with seating for 65 indoors and 50 on Jack’s Corner patio (named for the late donor and former regent Jack Gilbert), closes only from midnight to 7 a.m.

The rhythms of campus life are changed because of the $15 million, 20,000-square-foot hub newly installed at the center. According to Tom Visvikis, who oversees Ullman Commons as Cal Lutheran’s new director of auxiliary services, efforts to drive students to the new facility’s eateries have worked so well that other venues will probably have to be reimagined. (No longer the modern place to eat on campus, the Centrum Café suddenly feels removed from the center of things. It may ultimately be converted into a branded franchise or a similar concept within the repertoire of Sodexo, Cal Lutheran’s food services contractor.)

With his experience with strategic planning for kitchens and caterings at large companies including Microsoft and Amgen, Visvikis can guess what his younger and hungrier clientele is now about to demand.

“Whenever you have a locked-in audience: it’s change,” says Visvikis, about seven weeks into the semester. “The Ullman Commons is great, but in two more months, it’s, ‘OK, now what have you done for me?’ And I’m already starting to hear that.”

To stay ahead, he says, management will have to be flexible and keep improving the menus. Sodexo has brought in full-time culinary talent equal to the task: a head chef from Four Seasons hotels, a sous chef from Amgen, a catering chef from UC Davis, and a regional chef from Seattle for large events.

So while the Mongolian grill may be Mongolian for now, its large cooking iron could also become the centerpiece of a Greek, Italian or Japanese station. If the vegan offerings don’t do well, they’ll be revamped and possibly moved forward to a more visible spot. Breakfast, meal plans, sauces in the Asian wok: everything is subject to change.

For water savings, Ullman Commons has aerators on faucets, trayless food service, dual-flush toilets and a pulping machine that squeezes water out of waste before composting. About 90 percent of the water from trash goes back for treatment.
Visvikis plans to take opportunities to pursue themes like heart health and international cuisines, and to introduce unfamiliar ingredients. In moving from corporate food services to a university, he wanted to be part of a community that would push the envelope on locally sourced, organic and sustainable eating and on water and energy conservation. 

“Give (students) an educational experience,” he says, “not just a dining experience.”

At the official dedication on Oct. 17, student body president Ally Ruggles and George “Corky” Ullman Jr. ’76, a Cal Lutheran regent, sound the dinner hour. The Ullman family’s foundation donated $2 million for the new dining commons.
Conflicting laws and perverse incentives drive farmers and other Californians to use more water, particularly when we have less to spare. “Yeah,” says a Cal Lutheran economist, “it’s messed up.”

By law, owners of California farms have the right to “reasonable and beneficial” use of the water underneath them. But they’re entitled to that water strictly for use on the same land. They can’t, for example, sell the water to a nearby town.

And there begins a tale of woe. That is, it’s a sad situation if you’re trying to find ways to manage demand for water so that the state can protect the resource, says Matthew Fienup (pronounced FEE-nup) of Cal Lutheran’s Center for Economic Research and Forecasting (CERF). Agriculture is responsible for most of the state’s water use – at least three-quarters in Ventura County – so conservation efforts will have to address the economics of farming and ranching.

At first, it might sound like a good thing that growers aren’t allowed to profit from water that comes to them at little cost. But think about it, says Fienup, who recently co-authored an op-ed on the drought with CERF director Bill Watkins.

“That literally creates an incentive,” he says. “You better just draw the thing down to the bottom, because the aquifer under your parcel is the aquifer under the parcel next door, and if you don’t draw it down to the bottom, your next-door neighbor’s going to.”

Under the current scenario, farms do in fact profit from the water under the ground – they sell it in the form of, say, berries – but they’re given little incentive to preserve water resources over time.

The prohibition on transferring “overlying” water rights is just one twist in a maze of policies and regulations that
contributes as much or even more to California's water woes than the lack of rain. And the problem only gets worse during a drought. According to Fienup, a new faculty member who's becoming a specialist on local land use issues, the emergency water ordinance for Ventura County encourages growers to use their water quickly (before steeper surcharges are phased in) and to plant thirstier crops (which have higher water allowances).

Fienup and Watkins have a proposal that, they believe, cuts through the maze of issues. They are aware, however, that it can't succeed without extraordinary political leadership and multiple changes to California law.

They want the price of water to go up – by a lot. Fienup thinks that something on the order of a 10-fold increase will be necessary in Ventura County. As things stand, he explained, residents of Orange County pay more than 13 times Ventura’s water rates, due largely to distribution costs.

The CERF economists conceded that a water price hike would punish low- and middle-income families, and so, for fairness' sake, they propose a minimum allocation of free (or very cheap) water for everyone. That allowance wouldn't hold down demand for water or the price.

To prevent the price hike from driving growers out of business, Fienup clarified, each one would have to be given a fixed allocation of water to use or to sell.

Think of what high prices for water would do:

- To cut costs, more homeowners and businesses would switch from lush green lawns to gravel, succulents and other low-water plants.
- More cities would follow San Diego and begin desalinating ocean water.
- With changes to laws and water infrastructure, treated wastewater would become more attractive for use on farms and yards.
- Cultivation of and consumer demand for very water-intensive crops would begin to drop. (California alfalfa, Fienup notes, is a vehicle for exporting the state's fresh water to places like Southeast Asia.)
- The water used to produce meat would also be better reflected in higher prices.

Sounds popular, right? Actually, when discussing the price-hike proposal with taxpayer groups, attorneys, water purveyors and water officials, Fienup has heard positive responses. Or, at least, he has seen his listeners nod before shrugging their shoulders.

“People all agreed with the message, but nothing’s gonna happen,” he said. If the United Water Conservation District tried to raise local rates by itself, “everyone would sue.” (As a necessary first step, Fienup welcomes litigation to clarify water rights.)

Still, necessity has been known to move quixotic proposals forward. If rainfall does not alleviate the supply problem, the state will increasingly look for new ways – beyond fines and education programs – to manage demand for water. “And nothing coordinates demand like prices,” Fienup says.

As an economist and citizen, he admits he hardly knows what to hope for these days: “If it rains, we may not fix any of this. We might just skate by.”

Cal Lutheran’s Center for Economic Research and Forecasting made water the theme of its annual forecasting event on Nov. 14. Among other presentations, Fienup and Watkins attempted to model the economic costs of overdrawing aquifers.
Clean-water evangelist

Minnesota’s bragging rights as “the land of sky-blue waters” have a staunch defender in Jenn (Cline ’08) Radtke. A water resource educator for the Washington Conservation District in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, Radtke gets the word out to residents, businesses and elected officials on addressing issues like water pollution and wastefulness.

“I love working in this field,” says Radtke, who graduated in environmental science and is now on a mission to take care of the Earth’s most precious resource.

The Twin Cities area gets more than 70 percent of its drinking water, as well as water for lawns, parks and other landscaping, from groundwater supplies. Water levels in local aquifers have dramatically declined in recent years, as residents noticed the too-dry ground and record-low levels in nearby White Bear Lake.

One remedy that Radtke and her colleagues encourage is replacing lawns of thirsty grass with native plants, a practice that also reduces water pollution. Grassy lawns tend to be treated with copious quantities of fertilizers and pesticides — poisons that, when it rains, get swept away in stormwater. Stormwater also carries pollution from driveways, parking lots and other dirty sites — all of it running down storm drains that directly feed into the Twin Cities’ lakes, streams and rivers.

Native gardens aren’t only more practical, says Radtke, but they’re more beautiful and vital than grassy patches.

“Lawns are ecological dead zones,” she says, “while native plants are home to bees, butterflies and birds.”

Rain gardens, specially designed to act as holding tanks for rainwater, are a solution favored by Radtke to the problem of polluted runoff. Rain barrels can be enlisted to collect water for later use in the garden.

Radtke presents numerous workshops in the community on the benefits and how-to’s of rain gardens. She’s particularly pleased with the blossoming of rain gardens at local churches, something she has played a key role in through her agency’s Green Congregations program. In a recent issue of the newsletter she writes for the program, she reminded dog owners to clean up after their pets to avoid “sending fecal coliform bacteria and E. Coli into the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers whenever it rains.”

The church Radtke attends has a rain garden, as well as a mission that provides sanitary drinking water systems for communities in Africa and Iraq.

“In many countries, having ‘running’ water means running a mile or more to get it and bring it back — and oftentimes it’s not even clean,” Radtke said. “How incredibly lucky I am to wake up in the morning, turn on my faucet and have clean water.” ●

Wastewater and antibiotic resistance

Using a $5,000 Swenson Science Summer Research Fellowship, Danielle R. Montoya (left), a senior biology and global studies major, tested local waterways for the presence of genes that may contribute to antibiotic resistance in bacteria. With drug-resistant pathogens now a global public health concern, Montoya is studying the possible role of wastewater treatment in amplifying and introducing these genes into the environment.
Outdo learning spaces aim for water savings

Two collections of native plants to be added in the coming year will expand laboratory space for students and show Cal Lutheran’s neighbors ways to save water outside. The projects are part of a shift away from grass around campus.

Right where Cal Lutheran’s main campus meets the neighborhood to the east, groundskeepers will install native plants in a teaching garden designed not just to save water, but also to offer choices for homeowners who are ready to remake their yards.

With a $33,000 grant from California American Water, the local water purveyor, Cal Lutheran this winter will replace a block-long strip of grass on Mountclef Boulevard across from the Pederson and Thompson residence halls. In place of a sidewalk, Director of Facilities Management Mark Jacobsen envisions a path of decomposed granite that meanders through the plant life. The idea is a little botanical garden with nothing exotic in it – just some of the ground cover that lived in California before our lawns did.

Jacobsen and his crew also plan to assist with a separate project immediately outside of Ahmanson Science Center: the creation of a laboratory for studying coastal sage scrub plants, the plant community found in the hills surrounding campus. Bryan Swig ’00, Ph.D., a specialist in marine wetlands who coordinates the science laboratory on the second floor of Ahmanson, won quick approval for his idea to expand lab space outdoors for students in botany and other biology courses.

Both of these educational projects fit in nicely with efforts by Facilities to replace as much grass as possible on campus and with other water-saving measures that were instituted before the drought started, ranging from low-flow showerheads and toilets in the dorms to irrigation controllers that track the weather. While also trying to prevent cracks in the ground where student athletes run and where summer campers play, Facilities has allowed many patches of grass simply to go brown.

Drought-tolerant plants (not all of them native to California) are gradually becoming the dominant ground cover on the main campus, excluding sports fields and a few event venues.
event venues such as Kingsmen Park. Ryan Van Ommeren, the associate vice president for facilities operations and planning, says that the conversion to lower-water plants will take at least another three years to complete.

Landscaping that includes California lilac, Mexican sage and hummingbird sage, as well as gravel and other xeriscape, can now be seen, for example, outside of Preus-Brandt Forum, at houses used for office space and student services along Pioneer Avenue, and by the Swenson Center and Samuelson Chapel. Milkweed was put in around Nygreen Hall expressly to attract monarch butterflies, Jacobsen said.

A conversion such as this inevitably comes with trial and error. At his own home, Jacobsen lost native plant material when he turned on his drip irrigation system last summer. “The native stuff – it’s not used to having ‘wet feet’ during the summertime,” he explained. He also learned that the best time to put in native plants is during fall and winter, in order to get them established before the hot months when they “want to shut down.”

At the coastal sage scrub laboratory planned by Swig, students will have the opportunity systematically to work out what makes buckwheat and sagebrush feel at home, and also to test the plants’ limits by over- and under-watering and controlling exposure to sunlight. The local sage scrub plant community also includes some brush sunflower, prickly pear cactus and yucca.

“What makes this special,” said Swig, “is we’ll be able to have natives that we can actually manipulate and experiment on in a classroom setting without disturbing a natural environment” such as the Rudy Edmund Living Laboratory located past sports fields to the north. “How can we manipulate these to see what conditions they thrive best in?”

Recent freshman classes have done such a thorough job of cleaning up the Ventura River bottom that this year’s incoming students were sent instead to local parks for beautification projects. Cal Lutheran President Chris Kimball, at right, joined students at Olivas Adobe Park in Ventura.
Bronze statues of the 1971 national championship moment in football, with coach Bob Shoup and players, by David Spellerberg (right), and of the rancher, Richard Pederson, who deeded the land for Cal Lutheran, by Paul Lucchesi, went up almost simultaneously this fall next to Rolland Stadium and south of Memorial Parkway. Both bronzes were based on photographs that are iconic to us. In the case of the football champions, it was the shot of Shoup being carried off the field by players.

Members of the Class of 2018 participating in this year’s Telios Urban Adventure spread wood chips at Cal Lutheran’s Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley. Pictured from left are freshmen Rachel Lapp, Jeffrey Roberts, Morgan Mantilla, Blake Parham, Erica Berge, Amanda Slider and Jessica Schoew, with community service coordinator Karen Schomaker.

Sir Patient Fancy (1678), a farcical Restoration comedy by Aphra Behn, the first Englishwoman to make her living writing plays, finishes its run at Preus-Brandt Forum on campus Nov. 20–22 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 23 at 2 p.m.

Helping hands at PLTS

Full-dress farce’s final fling
Jerry Slattum began teaching art at Cal Lutheran in 1962, one year after classes began, and retired more than four decades later in 2004. Voted Professor of the Year multiple times by students, he will be remembered for being easygoing and outrageous all at once, like his collection of neckties.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Betty Jean (B.J.); five children: Kevin ‘81, Erik ‘85, Karl ‘87, Nils ‘89 and Kirstin (Slattum ‘93) Shulleeta; and 15 grandchildren. His son Sven, Class of 1985, preceded him in death.

Slattum fed his love for art and education with numerous trips, often accompanied by students, to Central and South America and Europe. The following tribute has been adapted from remarks delivered at Slattum’s memorial service by Dave Watson ’78, who later worked at Cal Lutheran in the admissions office and served on the Alumni Board and the Board of Regents.

‘I was changed. Jerry was Jerry.’

By Dave Watson ’78

I don’t remember Jerry Slattum ever introducing himself. When he walked into a room, you … already knew him, were introduced to him or introduced yourself. The summer between my junior and senior year, I was working at the front desk of Cal Lutheran’s library. One morning he entered, looked at me and said, “We’ve met before, haven’t we?” I said yes (we’d met at freshman orientation). He said, “Your name is David.” I said yes. He then said, “David, you need to come with me to South America in January!”

Six months later we were at 10,000 feet in the Peruvian Andes checking into a little hotel in Huaraz. He noticed I was holding a camera and asked, “Do you know how to use that?” I said, kinda. “Meet me in the lobby at 6:30 tomorrow morning. Bring the camera.” He showed up at 7:15 a.m. and said, “Let’s go.”

Halfway down one of the streets, he said, “Here,” and we sat down on the curb. Across the street was a sidewalk and, behind it, an eight-foot wall painted white. He checked my camera and instructed me to bring the white wall into focus and set the light meter. We waited and he explained that Quechua Indians do not like to be photographed. They believe it steals their souls. A few minutes later, an Indian woman approached, dressed in textiles and a bowler hat, carrying a large bundle on her back. “When she is directly across from us, raise the camera and take the picture.” I did it. “Good.”

And then he said, “Most of the group are going to record their trip by taking pictures of themselves and the others in front of different sites. Don’t do that. With your photography, capture what you are experiencing.” That was my first and last photography lesson from Jerry.

Prior to this trip, I was a good boy from Norwalk, California, about to finish my senior year at a small private liberal arts college. Thirteen days later, I’d been portrayed as a spy, experienced a riot, spent time in a jail cell, was tossed out of a restaurant and spent a night near Jerry on the hotel kitchen floor (because he hadn’t booked enough rooms). I was newly fascinated with cultural anthropology and wanting to engage people anywhere and everywhere to understand their experience. I was changed. Jerry was Jerry.

For the next 20-plus years, Jerry and I hung out together, which usually involved a conversation with somebody. He did not like “chit-chat.” If a conversation wasn’t going anywhere in my presence, Jerry would say, “Do you know my friend Dave Watson? Dave and I slept together in South America!” For some reason this line always brought down any barriers, and Jerry never explained it.

I can imagine all of us are here today because of meaningful conversations with Jerry. We have all passed in front of the white wall, and Jerry has a photograph of our soul. From up here looking out at all of you, I see a painting. Stepping back, I realize it is Jerry’s self-portrait.
Margaret (Marge) Barth Wold
March 6, 1919 – Aug. 13, 2014

Margaret Wold, an educator and pioneer for women in the church, died at age 95 in Anaheim, California. Her roles at Cal Lutheran included lecturer, professor, senior mentor and benefactor.

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Memorials may be sent to the Margaret and Erling Wold Scholarship Fund, University Advancement Office at Cal Lutheran.

Lorraine M. Olson
March 12, 1930 – Feb. 25, 2014

Lorraine Olson retired in 2009 after more than 40 years of service managing the campus bookstore and then the telephone switchboard. She remained a beloved member of the Cal Lutheran family until her death from pneumonia at age 83.

Olson and her husband, Palmer, moved to Thousand Oaks from northern California in 1963, and she began working at Cal Lutheran four years later. She ran the bookstore for 26 years and was switchboard operator until her retirement.

Along with her husband, who worked at the university in maintenance and security for 43 years, Olson was a staunch supporter of the Cal Lutheran football team and a longtime member of Ascension Lutheran Church and the Pi R Squared Square Dancing Club.

In addition to her husband of 66 years, Olson is survived by son Dan Olson ’74, daughter Diann (Olson ’80) Savage, 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Another son, David, preceded her in death.

Olson, second from left, with student employees at the bookstore (from the 1971 yearbook)

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Serious illness hasn’t stopped Dylan Roslauski from playing goalie on his Newbury Park American Youth Soccer Organization team, the Piranhas. The 8-year-old cancer survivor has a passion for the sport.

Dylan also is an honorary member of the Kingsmen soccer team. At home games, he mingles with players during pregame warm-ups, high-fives starters as they’re introduced on the public address system, and fires up the huddle by leading the chant, “One, Two, Three – Kingsmen.” At practices, he keeps players loose with his impish antics and enthusiasm.

The unusual arrangement is the result of efforts by Robb Bolton ’96, a former Kingsmen soccer player and founder of the nonprofit Cancer Fit Inc. Dylan is one of the first participants in the organization’s MVP Sports Draft program, which matches childhood cancer survivors with a high school or college sports team for a season. “It’s really fun,” said Dylan, a young man of few words who added, when asked what he likes most about being a member of the team, “Everything!”

Bolton and his wife, Elle, both of whom are cancer survivors, started Cancer Fit Inc. this year to help adults and children bounce back physically from chemotherapy and radiation. MVP Sports Draft focuses on children in the first five years after treatment ends.

“We want to place kids in a positive supportive environment that takes them away from the world of cancer,” Bolton said. “The team supports the child and provides him camaraderie and mentoring, while the team also benefits by gaining a different perspective on what adversity really is.”

Without question, Dylan knows what adversity really is. When he was just 6, his parents, Rob and Christa Roslauski, noticed a bump on his head. They didn’t think much of it at first, but when the bump didn’t go away, they took him to the doctor. A biopsy and further tests revealed Dylan had B-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma, a rare type of cancer of immune cells that usually strikes children.

Dylan endured weekly chemotherapy treatments for the first 10 months following his diagnosis, causing his weight to drop from 60 to 45 pounds and sapping him of all his youthful energy. He underwent two years of chemotherapy in all, forcing him to miss third-grade classes at Maple Elementary School and do his lessons at home. He also lost his hair.

The good news is Dylan’s cancer is in remission and he’s gained back his weight – and then some (in September, he scaled 75 pounds). His hair’s back, too, and he’s in school.

When Bolton broached the idea of Dylan’s joining the team, men’s soccer coach Dan Kuntz M.A. ’01, Ed.D. ’11, said he’d leave it up to his players. “I asked them what they thought about it, and they all raised their hands and said, ‘We’re in!’” Kuntz said. “They loved the idea.”

Dylan was introduced to the team and coaching staff at a Draft Day signing ceremony held at Rolland Stadium in August. He received a certificate and team photo signed by his teammates as well as goalie gloves signed by the goalies.

During practices, Dylan loves showing his “nutmeg” technique to unsuspecting Kingsmen players. That means he kicks a ball between their legs when they’re not looking. If he’s successful, the player is required to do 20 pushups.

“Yeah, I’ve been a victim. I think everyone on the team has been a victim and some have had it done to them a couple of times,” said team captain Alex Wardle, a defender who also serves as a liaison between the team and Dylan’s parents.

“Everything about Dylan being with us has been positive,” Wardle added. “His energy really brightens our mood.”

Dylan has joined his teammates for lunch on occasion, and he regularly shares Instagram photos with players and communicates with some of them on Facebook.

But he lives for game day. When Cal Lutheran opened the season by hosting the Kingsmen Kickoff Classic, Rob Roslauski said, Dylan was “all ready to go” at 3:30 p.m. for a 7:30 evening game. He wore the gold jersey given to him by Kingsmen players, with black shorts, orange shoes and green goalie gloves.

“We’ve definitely seen a change in his disposition since he began the program,” said Dylan’s mother. “He’s become more confident and his strength has increased a lot.” She added: “In a short period he has become more of a leader on his own team,” the Piranhas.

“It’s great to see how much Dylan is absorbing from our players,” said Kuntz, who as athletic director is interested in seeing the MVP Sports Draft program spread to more teams at Cal Lutheran. “I love it. I love the personal connection I’m seeing. And Dylan’s given them a whole new perspective on soccer – that this is a game, this is fun.”

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Before a home game in September, Dylan Roslauski and his Cal Lutheran teammates enjoy some time on the sidelines. To learn more about the MVP Sports Draft program, visit www.cancerfitinc.com.
There are holes in our buckets.
Everything you can do to save water helps, as long as you start with the big things, explains Andy Pattison, a visiting instructor in the Master of Public Policy and Administration program. The sustainability consultant and board commissioner on the City of Ventura’s Housing Authority has been fly-fishing in each of the contiguous 48 states.

As we move into a fourth year of drought in California, what drives you nuts about how people respond?

Being someone who spends a lot of time outdoors, I notice where river levels are and where reservoir levels are. I’m really into fishing. I spend more time than most people thinking about water levels.

It doesn’t necessarily drive me crazy, but it is strange that it doesn’t bother most people.

Is that all?

It drives me crazy to see someone outside using a hose to wash off their car. I saw that the other day – my neighbor. But what drives me more crazy is that most people don’t understand these giant lawns use more than that.

Even more is the water footprint of our food. Many people talk about food having a carbon footprint, but food also has a water footprint. So it drives me crazy that that’s not part of the typical conversation.

To put this in perspective, what will happen if we don’t save water?

As these aquifers become empty, the ground is collapsing, and that’s scary for so many reasons. No. 1: It can lead to flash flooding, because now the ground is so dense it can’t absorb
I’m not saying we shouldn’t have lawns or that people shouldn’t get to water. But if you think you’ve solved the problem by switching from 10-minute showers to five-minute showers, it’s a drop in the bucket, pun intended.

If you could ask people to do just one thing, what would it be?
If you have a lawn, the No. 1 thing you can do is to reduce the amount of water that lawn requires — whether that means not watering as much or changing what your yard is made of.

If you don’t have a lawn and you have zero outdoor watering, then yes, five-minute showers make a difference. Turning the water off when you’re not using it makes a difference.

And if you’re the kind of person who likes your shower scalding hot and your shower is nowhere near the water heater, then keep a bucket there and collect the water, and use it for something else, like outdoor plants.

What about diets? You mentioned that some foods have big water footprints.
That’s a tough one. Maybe you say, “I’m taking a stand not to buy rice products from California.” That’s something I’ve been doing for 15 years, long before I moved here. Any time I pick up a rice cake, I just flip it over, and if it’s from California I don’t buy it.

What difference is that making? I don’t know. It doesn’t impact my water bill. It likely doesn’t impact my city’s water infrastructure in the slightest. It makes me feel a little bit better about myself (laughs).

The point is that understanding your water footprint doesn’t just mean knowing what your water usage in your house is. It also means knowing where you’re getting your crops and meat and other products from and how much water went into them.

In a culture of water awareness, there can be a connection between not buying product A and buying product B instead, and reducing your shower time, and also changing your lawn over to xeriscape.

“Zeroscape”?
Xeriscape. That just comes from Greek for “dry,” xero or xeri.

Oh. Drought-tolerant plants can be expensive, right?
Fake grass and even gravel cost a lot to put in.

There’s a turf buyback program in many California cities. Basically, they give you a certain amount of money per square foot to rip up your water-thirsty grass and replace it with something else. The “something else” you figure out for yourself, but they give you enough money to potentially close that gap between wanting to do it and not having enough money.

Do you see Californians making much progress on saving water?
I feel like there are people talking about water all around me, more so than the last time I was in a drought, which was in Colorado and not nearly this bad. So I guess I’m encouraged.

You can’t change what you can’t measure. I would encourage everyone to understand how much water they use, and if they live in a city that’s called for a 10 percent reduction, to at least meet that. That presupposes people know what their water usage is, which is probably something most people don’t know. People who rent sometimes never see their water bill.

What government policies are we going to see if this drought, or a future drought, goes on and on?
I don’t know when the breaking point is, but my guess is that we’re going to have a conversation about the water footprint of certain crops. Our cities are taking a slightly bigger chunk than they were 30 years ago, but agriculture is still the biggest water consumer. Certain cities up north are being told now they have zero allocation from the state water project. Sooner or later, that’s going to be a city of 100,000 people or more.

And what are you going to do, tell a city of 100,000 people that they get no water while we grow food out here that may or may not get exported? It’s probably true that some poor farmers are going to get hurt disproportionately.

“We believe strongly in Cal Lutheran’s mission to educate leaders for a global society who are strong in character and judgment, confident in their identity and vocation, and committed to service and justice. Every word in that mission was chosen carefully and we see Cal Lutheran living out that mission in so many ways,” say Orville Dahl Society members Steve and Julie Herder.

Julie graduated from California Lutheran University in 1989 and is currently a special education teacher for the Conejo Valley School District. Steve is a pastor at Ascension Lutheran Church and enjoys many connections with Cal Lutheran’s students and faculty.

“The day we completed our estate plan was a day filled with great joy, knowing that our legacy gifts to Cal Lutheran and our other ministries will be gifts that keep on giving. We know that the educational seeds planted by the Pedersons, and watered through more than 50 years, will continue to grow as God blesses this excellent institution of higher education.”

In particular, it is exciting for Julie and Steve to see the emphasis that Cal Lutheran and its students have placed on educational experiences abroad. Julie knows firsthand from her experience studying in Wales and from their family’s eight missions to Peru, how important an experience like this can be to the growth of a student.

“We hope that every Cal Lutheran supporter will experience the joy of becoming a part of the Orville Dahl Society.”

Discover how you can help the university live out its mission by including Cal Lutheran in your estate planning. Call (805) 493-3166 or visit www.clugift.org for more information.
Pumping wells like this one in Oxnard are huge drinking straws plunged straight down into the Earth, says Jim Evensen Jr. '86. It's still easier to draw water from aquifers than to put it back.
n top of California’s deepest concern

During dry years, farms and cities depend even more than usual on sources of water far beneath our feet. Graduates of Cal Lutheran’s geology, MBA and public policy programs are working to keep fresh water in the ground now and for the future.

By Judy Lin

News photos of dry, cracked riverbeds and parched fields stretching off into the horizon serve well to depict the distressing impact of California’s worst drought in memory. But the picture would be more accurate if cameras had X-ray vision. Their lenses pointed down toward the center of the Earth, they would capture images of a sprawling underground network of natural reservoirs, manmade aquifers and everything in between. Some of these deep-down resources are drying up as thirsty California communities grow increasingly dependent on groundwater.

“We have probably 10 times as much groundwater storage capacity below ground as we do surface water storage capacity in California,” says Jim Evensen Jr. ’86, a hydrogeologist and co-founder of The Source Group Inc., an environmental consulting firm headquartered in Thousand Oaks.

That massive underground storage capacity notwithstanding, Evensen adds, nobody knows for sure how much water is down there, since the state has had no systematic monitoring in place. What’s for certain is that increasingly aggressive pumping from wells is taking its toll. Aquifers, which are estimated to supply 30 to 40 percent of the state’s water in years with average rainfall, are supplying closer to 60 percent during the drought.

With rivers and surface reservoirs visibly at record lows, Gov. Jerry Brown last January declared a drought state of emergency and called for an immediate 20 percent decrease in water use. In September, he signed a package of three bills that lays the groundwork for statewide regulation of pumping from underground aquifers. The new laws promise to be tough on farmers and municipalities alike, with fines and other penalties for violators. The drought remained in political focus...
as this magazine went to press and Californians voted on $7.5 million of bond funding for water-related projects.

**Edgar Terry ’81, MBA ’83,** a fourth-generation farmer in Ventura County, feels the impact of the drought every day as president of Terry Farms Inc., keeping watch over 1,800 acres of strawberries, bell peppers, celery, lettuce and cilantro. “The drought situation in California is very real, and scary,” says Terry, who has had to use more pumped-in groundwater from local wells. “The peppers are beautiful, doing just fine,” he says, but the strawberries are suffering: Salt levels build up in the dry soil and the plants can’t produce their usual abundance of plump berries.

**Things could get a lot worse** for growers if winter rains elude California again this year. Water levels in local aquifers are already at record lows, says Terry, noting that Ventura County has long been diligent in monitoring its wells, something that’s not always the case in the state’s many farming communities. “We record our water uses on every well every day so we know where we’re at.”

But the county’s farmers face a new challenge: In response to the depleting aquifers, the water management agency recently changed the methodology for calculating how much water any particular crop requires. Allotments are very tight, Terry says, and growers who pump more than their allotted water will have to pay fines.

Observes Terry, who is also a part-time lecturer in finance and management in Cal Lutheran’s MBA and Bachelor’s Degree for Professionals programs, “So now we’re in this sticky wicket of being required to use less water and facing fines if we don’t, but still trying to operate our business. It’s that proverbial ‘perfect storm’ – and it’s the same for growers up and down the state.”

**Scott Rigg, M.P.A. ’99,** closely watches water supplies in the City of Vernon, where he is superintendent of the Department of Public Works and Water. Near downtown Los Angeles, Vernon is home to 1,800 businesses and very, very few residents. The almost 100 percent industrial zone includes everything from meat packing companies to apparel factories to manufacturers of hospital medical supplies.

Keeping all that commerce flowing requires plentiful water – 2.8 billion gallons annually distributed via a complex network that includes eight wells, six ground-level reservoirs, one belowground reservoir and an elevated tank. Water is pumped into the system from other sources. “We basically rely on the water we pump out of the ground – 90 percent of our supply is from groundwater,” Rigg says. “We have what we call ‘adjudicated rights’ to pump out of the central water basin” operated by the Central Basin Municipal Water District, which also feeds 25 other nearby communities. The city also has a direct connection to the Metropolitan Water District, which provides a supplemental source and emergency supply of water.

**That water doesn’t come free.** For every acre foot, about 326,000 gallons, Vernon pays $268 to the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, which supplies 43 cities from local sources as well as the Colorado River basin. “We have procedures in place to use minimal water, and our business owners operate their facilities very efficiently,” Rigg says.

Still, Rigg recently led efforts to cut usage in accordance with the governor’s drought state of emergency, which required municipalities to put tougher water conservation rules into place and back up their progress by providing data on monthly water use.

In August, Vernon announced rules such as 15-minute, three-times-a-week limits on the irrigation of landscaping and a 72-hour time frame for repairing plumbing leaks, breaks and other malfunctions.

Rigg’s department is prepared to notch it up if the drought continues. While he’s hoping they won’t be necessary, he says, “We have additional phases, up to Phase 4, that become even more stringent.”
Meanwhile, Evensen has been busy helping municipalities and companies forecast and analyze their water use to reduce their water footprint – something that “the drought’s been pushing a lot of people to do,” he says. (His father, the late James M. Evensen, a four-time Professor of the Year, helped to found Cal Lutheran’s geology department in 1965 and was still teaching when Jim Jr. earned his bachelor’s degree. At the firm he co-founded, Evensen works alongside fellow Cal Lutheran geology alumni Karl Bowers ’92 and Mark Labrenz ’86.)

The Source Group has also been enlisted to help with the rollout of the state’s water management legislation, by taking inventory of water supplies and studying the hydrogeologic structure and storage capacities of underground basins in places like the agriculture-rich San Joaquin Valley.

The state has not been doing well at managing its water basins, says Evensen, noting that a large portion of wells aren’t metered to keep track of how much water is being pumped.

“That’s why this new legislation is in place,” he says. “It’s not to hammer the farmers because, obviously, they want to be able to pump as much as they need to make their business work, but there’s just a shortage of water, period. And what, ideally, what these regulations would do is allow everybody to understand more about how much is there and how we can better manage it.”

Evensen is also pushing for making more strategic use of the state’s massive groundwater storage capacity. Basins that currently have very low water levels or are even completely dry present a potential opportunity to store millions of acre feet of water. While it’s a lot simpler to pull water out of the ground than it is to put it back in, engineering is going on every day to make it easier, he says.

“It’s protected from a lot of things – biologic things like bacteria and viruses that don’t like living in groundwater – and from evaporation,” he says. “It’s safely tucked away and you can use it for – I guess it’s a terrible term – a rainy day.”

Rainy days would be greatly appreciated by people like Rigg and the City of Vernon.

“We’re in pretty good shape right now,” he says, what with the city’s stricter conservation measures helping to keep problems in check.

But if the drought persists?

“It would certainly not be a good situation,” Rigg says. “If we can’t secure water, we’re in potentially big trouble.”

In Ventura County, Terry and his fellow growers are praying that it will rain this winter and making plans for what they’ll do if it doesn’t.

“If we have a good year, which would be greatly loved, we could get some water underground back into the aquifers,” he says. But to completely replenish the aquifers would require five straight years of average rainfall – 15 inches every year.

“That’s not unheard of,” he says. Meanwhile, he’s puzzling over which crops would be best given tight water allotments and whether he’ll take the momentous step next year of leaving some of his land fallow.

“I think everybody’s waiting till the end of the year to make a decision on what to farm and what not to farm,” Terry says. “We’ve got to figure out how to make it work -- and by gosh, we will.”

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SCOTT JOHNSON
Men's Track & Field
Class of 1977
As a sophomore, Scott Johnson broke the Cal Lutheran pole vault record of 14 feet, 2 inches, and repeatedly broke his own record during the next two years. In 1976, he qualified for both the NAIA Division II and NCAA Division III Track & Field Championships. His vault of 15 feet, 2 inches at the NCAA Championships earned him All-America honors and stands 38 years later as the school record.

MARK SPEARMAN
Men's Tennis
Class of 1984
Mark Spearman capped a successful tennis career at Cal Lutheran by claiming the 1984 Golden State Athletic Conference Men's Singles Championship and finishing as a finalist in doubles. He was nominated to the All-GSAC team all four years and was voted All-American in 1984. He finished his senior year ranked No. 7 nationally and carried the Kingsmen to a ranking of 19 at the NAIA National individual tournament.

DORIAN STITT
Football
Class of 2001
In four years as a running back, Dorian Stitt set career marks on the Cal Lutheran football field that still stand today. He holds the career record for all-purpose yards at 4,032. He is second in total scoring with 236 and 35 rushing touchdowns. He was a four-time All-Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Association honoree.

SUMMER (PLANTE-NEWMAN) TIGERT
Volleyball
Class of 2009 and 2012
Outside hitter Summer (Plante-Newman) Tigert is one of the most decorated players in Cal Lutheran volleyball history. In 2007, she was named American Volleyball Coaches Association Division III Honorable Mention All-America. She was named Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Association Freshman of the Year in 2005, First Team All-SCIAC from 2006 through 2008, and 2009 SCIAC Female Scholar Athlete of the Year. As an assistant coach in 2010, she helped lead the team to the SCIAC Tournament Championship and an NCAA Sweet 16 appearance.

HEATHER WORDEN
Women's Cross-Country and Track & Field
Class of 2006
Heather Worden compiled an impressive record as a two-sport athlete at Cal Lutheran. In cross-country, she was twice named First Team All-Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and All-West Region. Heather became the first Regal to earn multiple All-SCIAC First Team honors. In track & field, she claimed conference titles in both the 800-meter and 1500-meter in 2005 and in the 1500 the following year. She qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championships in the 1500 both years and was an All-America selection in 2006.

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Bruce Wilcox ’69, Oxnard, California, and daughter Adrienne Wilcox ’04, St. Paul, Minnesota, visited the Poulnabrone portal tomb in the Burren, County Clare, Ireland, last January. The Bronze Age structure was constructed between 4000 and 3000 B.C. and is the oldest manmade object in Ireland.

Lee ’72 and Valerie (Fulks ’72) Rehrer, Chandler, Arizona, visited major cathedrals in London, Canterbury, Rome, Barcelona, Paris and Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain (pictured) during a five-week European trip last summer. The trip was part of Lee’s sabbatical from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, where he is pastor and Val is music director. The church received a grant that enabled Lee to participate in the 2013 National Clergy Renewal Program funded by the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment and administered by Christian Theological Seminary.

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Cameron Goetz ’69, Mauston, Wisconsin, enjoys standup paddle boarding with first mate Miss Dior Cherie, a retired champion Schipperke. Cameron, who retired from the Wisconsin Dells school district four years ago after 40 years of teaching, rescues retired Schipperke show dogs. He has traveled and researched the 1912 Yellowstone Trail, the oldest highway in the U.S., and won many awards at antique and old car shows with his ’55 Chevy Surf Rod with restored 9-foot fleet lite surfboard on top. Cameron bought the board from his roommate, Mark Eichman ’71, in 1966.

Paul Egge ’75, from left, Kris (Grude ’75, MBA ’82) and Mike ’76 Kirkpatrick, Kathy (Dreis ’75) and Bob ’75 Nelson, Michelle (Lopes ’76) and Odus ’75 Caldwell spent a week together in Scotland in June and “had as good a time as we did when we all met at Cal Lutheran nearly 40 years ago!” Here they display the Cal Lutheran flag in St. Andrews.
Mark Ledebur ’85, left, and Bob Fish ’85 enjoy a game of golf on Bob’s home course in Bellingham, Washington. Both are in flooring – Bob has worked for Shaw Industries since 1985 and Mark works for his family’s retail store in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Glenn Fischer, MBA ’84. Flower Mound, Texas, was elected to a two-year term as chair of the Board of Directors of the National Institute for Animal Agriculture. He previously served on the board as treasurer and vice chair. Glenn is senior vice president at Allflex, the global leader in animal identification. He has been with the Dallas firm for more than 30 years.

Ingrid Anderson ’81 and daughter Annika Weber ’14 are all smiles at Annika’s graduation in May. Both live in Denver, Colorado.

Southern California residents, from left, Jan Wagner, MBA ’07, Newbury Park, Carol (Maytum ’79, M.S. ’82) Roberg, and John Adair ’02, MBA ’13, Ventura, are pictured at Chalk Sound on Providenciales while enjoying a visit to the Turks and Caicos Islands with their spouses. The couples have vacationed together to foreign destinations multiple times. The Robergs and Adairs celebrated their 30th wedding anniversaries on this trip.

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Mel Fleeman, Bakersfield, California, was appointed as assistant executive director of the Kern County Employees’ Retirement Association in July.

Richard Hahn, Campbell, California, completed the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) Certified Paralegal examination and is now entitled to use the CP professional credential. He is one of 1,192 paralegals in California to have attained this goal.

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As we complete the celebration of our university’s first 50th class reunion, it is remarkable to think of how much Cal Lutheran has grown since these pioneers made the bold decision to attend school at a small, unproven Lutheran college surrounded by ranch land.

These pioneers planted the seeds that have been tended to and nurtured by each student, faculty member, administrator, staffer and friend of Cal Lutheran as we have grown into the comprehensive university we are today.

Our 2013-2014 Annual Report is now available online. I encourage you to review it and join us in celebrating our progress as a community.

Chris Kimball
President

For more details on our year, as well as the Honor Roll of Donors, please visit CalLutheran.edu/annualreport.

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Patrick Chamberlain ’07 (holding flag) and his wife, Jessica Cox Chamberlain, visited a refugee camp in Guiuan, Eastern Samar, Philippines, after super typhoon Yolanda. Jessica, who was born without arms, is the subject of the documentary Rightfooted. She and Patrick were invited to visit aid projects run by Nobel Prize-winning NGO Handicap International. Jessica helped spread the word on news outlets about the ongoing need in the country.

Reneé (Airington) Rock, Moorpark, California, a senior lecturer in entrepreneurship in the School of Management, participated in an intense five-day Massachusetts Institute of Technology Global Entrepreneurship Bootcamp in August. Reneé pitched her group’s idea for a startup targeting the fashion industry, and the judges awarded it first place. One of the venture capitalists on the

The Cal Lutheran Alumni Board of Directors has honored Wyant Morton with the Honorary Alumni Award. Morton, a professor of music and the director of choral activities at Cal Lutheran, has set a high standard for musical education and performance since he joined the faculty in 1992. Serving as chair of the Music Department from 1998 to 2013, he helped to launch a series of New Music Concerts featuring major composers and in 2009 founded Areté Vocal Ensemble, the University’s professional chamber choir.

He oversees the CLU Choir and other choral ensembles, teaches conducting and supervises the voice faculty, all while maintaining an active schedule internationally as a guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator.

Highlights in his career include conducting at Lincoln Center’s Avery Fisher Hall during a 2008 CLU Choir tour and at Carnegie Hall on a similar tour in 2011. He has also conducted in major cathedrals in Europe including the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican. In 2015, the CLU Choir will perform in German venues with connections to Martin Luther and J.S. Bach.

Morton was voted Professor of the Year by his students in 2001 and presented with the CLU President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2009, in addition to receiving Positive Impact Recognition and Masters of Mentoring awards. In 1995, the University of Arizona School of Music presented him with an Alumni Award for Excellence in Performing and Teaching. He is a member of many professional organizations and has served as president of the Western Region for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.

Morton lives in Thousand Oaks with his wife, Sarah, and their two children.
panel offered to invest on the spot. Renee was one of 47 participants from 22 countries selected from more than 5,000 applicants. Her teammates were from London; San Francisco; Brisbane, Australia; Miami, and Juarez, Mexico. She founded her first company, Khanillion Cosmetics, at the age of 22 and went on to start two more companies. She has taught in CLU’s undergraduate and MBA programs since 2007 and is a visiting professor at the University of Berlin and Woodbury University. She is president of her own startup mentoring company and develops business plans for growth-stage companies.

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Heather (Hunter) Hendricks, Palmdale, California, teaches at Life Source International Charter School in Lancaster.

Angelo Meleandez, Litchfield Park, Arizona, earned an MBA from University of Phoenix in May.

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Evelyn Schultz, Thousand Oaks, California, was promoted to CEO of the Conejo Simi Moorpark Association of Realtors in July. She has been with the company for four years.

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Candace (Kay) Meadows, Maricopa, Arizona, was promoted to finance supervisor at US Foods in Phoenix in January. She has been with the company five years.

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Paul ‘03 and Elissa (Jordan ’04) Francis, Thousand Oaks, California, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary at the Grand Canyon.
MILESTONES

BIRTHS

Brycen Fall on Feb. 9, 2014, to Brandy (Newton '09) and Nate '03, M.S. '11, Fall. Thousand Oaks, California, with son Brycen born Feb. 9.

Natalie Grace Foxworth on Oct. 4, 2013, to Kate Rubke-Foxworth '01 and Brian '00, M.Div. '09, Foxworth.

Alexander Ronan George on March 3, 2014, to Leah (Juergens '04) and Johnathan George.

Charlee Jane Gibbs on April 18, 2014, to Kendal Lee '04 and Jake Gibbs.

Liam Alfred Skelton on Feb. 26, 2014, to Rosalyn (Sayer '07) and Cassidy Skelton.

Noelle Blair Steffy on May 3, 2014, to Emily (Peters '04) and Bill Steffy.

MARRIAGES

Jessica Blackshear '08, M.S. '13, and Navid Rashid on Sept. 1, 2013.

Nicole Hackbarth '03, M.S. '05, and Jason Candle on June 28, 2014.

Mike Kaczowka '04 and Elizabeth Shafer on March 8, 2014.

Alex Klein '12 and Jake Kaija '12 on Aug. 10, 2014.

Carly Sandell '05 and Jared Lepore on July 12, 2013.

Marty Sanchez '01 and Emily Cutting on Nov. 22, 2013.

Alexandra Hope Simpson '07 and Carolyn Amole on July 26, 2014.

Evan White '06 on July 12, 2014.

DEATHS


Margaret Siegeler, M.S. '91, on June 13, 2014.
Wei-Kei Liao, MBA ’04, and Yi-Ting Lee, MBA ’09, took the flag river tracing at Wulai Falls, New Taipei City, Taiwan, in June.

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Sergio Villa, MBA, Goleta, California, is president and senior financial advisor at Alliance Wealth Strategies in Santa Barbara. The company received the 2014 Spirit of Small Business Award for “Minority-Owned Business” at an awards luncheon in August. The Pacific Coast Business Times and the Los Angeles District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration created the awards in 2003 to recognize the regional outstanding small business community.

Gavin Gobuyan ’08, Los Angeles, and Juana Tapia ’08, Santa Paula, got engaged in June in front of Santa Paula High School. Juana is executive director of CLUE-VC (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice-Ventura County) and Gavin is an IT technician at American Apparel.

Andrew Brown ’09, Editor, Bunim Murray Productions

From the first five dollars he gave to Operation Smile in elementary school, Andrew Brown ’09 has made giving back a way of life. “I’ve always known that giving is required of those whom much has been given,” said Andrew, a former Cal Lutheran student body president who now is one of the youngest CLU Annual Fund Fellows. He encourages fellow graduates to get into the practice of giving back in order to help current students look forward to their futures. According to Andrew, the longer you give, no matter what the amount, the greater the impact.

“Every gift the CLU Annual Fund receives helps me continue my education and personal growth at Cal Lutheran,” said Dalia Flores ’16. “Scholarships allow me to stay here, and the Annual Fund inspires me to work hard so that one day I can give back to support students too.”

Your contribution to the CLU Annual Fund supports student scholarships, study abroad, lab equipment and much more. Give online at CalLutheran.edu/give or call (805) 493-3829.
Paul Benz ’08 (front row, right), Everett, Washington, is a Peace Corps volunteer stationed in Uganda. He is an education officer assigned to Nyakaina Primary School in the southwestern district of Rukungiri.

Erin Hedrick ’13 has served as a Young Adult in Global Mission in the U.K. during the past year. She and her dad, Harry Hedrick ’78, from Eagle Point, Oregon, are pictured in front of Stonehenge during a family visit last Christmas.

Francisco Dorame, Ed.D., Santa Maria, Calif., began a new position as dean of counseling at Mount San Antonio College in July. He previously was director of College Achievement Now at Allan Hancock College.

Brittany Labbe. Sheboygan, Wisconsin, became the assistant softball coach at Lakeland College in August.

Noemi Tomasetti. Oxnard, California, is pursuing a master’s in guidance and counseling at Cal Lutheran.

Mason Hill. Tacoma, Washington, entered an online contest sponsored by the medical supply company MDF Instruments last summer. The person whose video received the most “likes” on Facebook won a trip to anywhere in the world for a medical mission. Mason, who majored in exercise science, hoped to travel to Gambia in West Africa to provide manual therapy techniques and strength building exercises to low tone children in hospitals in the capital and surrounding areas. He didn’t win the contest but commented on Facebook: “...I now have the confidence to know that I really will be the change that I look for in the world.”
Open A Book,
Open Your Mind

Join us for Cal Lutheran’s new book club, Books & Brew. All members of the community are welcome to attend. Jacqueline Lyons, assistant professor of English, will serve as host and moderator for lively discussions on the written word.

Bookmark Now:

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Ullman 100
Poetry: The Way They Say Yes Here by Jacqueline Lyons

Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Ullman 100
Fiction: Claire of the Sea Light by Edwidge Danticat

Visit CalLutheran.edu/books-brew for more information.
This series is sponsored by Cal Lutheran Alumni and the English department.

Brittany Walker ’12, left, and Toccoa Kahovec ’12 spent two weeks in July teaching at Hope English Medium School in Madanapalle in southern India. They taught English, Bible, mathematics and phonics and helped the school prepare for its second annual Sports Day. Toccoa teaches first grade at Trinity Classical Academy in Santa Clarita. Brittany is pursuing a master’s in educational technology and leadership at California State University Los Angeles.

Alex Klein ’12 and Jake Kajia ’12 (holding flag) were married Aug. 10 in Tacoma, Washington. Cal Lutheran alumni attending the wedding included, from left, Britney Zamora ’13, Brian Dwyer ’13, Karli Adkins ’12, Quinn Smith ’12, Mimi Harbach, class of ’15, Zach Kajia ’14, Alex Hacker ’12 and Gannon Smith ’12.
Save the date:
Homecoming & Family Weekend
Oct. 9-11, 2015
2014 Highlights

Thank you for making this year’s Homecoming & Family Weekend the most exciting one yet! From the dedication of Ullman Commons to a new Alumni Art Exhibit and the first 50th Class Reunion, the campus was filled with purple-and-gold pride.

7,488 MILES
Farthest distance traveled by an alumnus
Reflections on liquid

My real connection to water comes through my use of glass. Glass is my medium, and water is its mate.

By John Luebtow ’67

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My senses are my most valuable source. Of water, I ask, what does it do to my sight, sound, touch, taste, smell? How does it affect me? When I submerge myself in it, when my body is “in touch” with it, when my eyes are filled with the infinite shades and tones of its sounds, textures and colors, when my senses are “in tune” with what it is … what, then, does it make me feel?

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Free degrees for veterans
Cal Lutheran is working with the government to cover all tuition and fees for an unlimited number of qualified veterans.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill covers a maximum of $20,235 a year for veterans attending private colleges. Through the Yellow Ribbon Program, universities and the Department of Veterans Affairs can provide additional funding. Last year, Cal Lutheran covered $2,500 and the VA matched it. That program was limited to 45 undergraduate and graduate students.

Now, Cal Lutheran is contributing 50 percent of the tuition and fees not covered by the GI Bill, and the VA will match that to cover the full amount.

In September, Cal Lutheran ranked third among regional universities in the West in the U.S. News & World Report’s Best Colleges for Veterans list. A series of videos with veterans at Cal Lu is available on the Web.

CalLutheran.edu/veterans/testimonials

Alumni Art Exhibit
Coming Home
Through Thursday, Jan. 8
William Rolland Gallery of Fine Art

See the work of career artists educated at Cal Lutheran, in a variety of styles and media.

Located in William Rolland Stadium, the gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. 805-493-3697 CalLutheran.edu/rolland

Beach Painting by Samantha Fried '06, oil on canvas, 20 by 24 inches

A wall-mounted glass and stainless steel sculpture by Luebtow and works by 18 other alumni artists are on display now (see the exhibit “Coming Home” at right).

Christmas Festival Concerts
O Great Mystery
Friday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6 and 7, at 4 p.m.
Samuelson Chapel

Welcome the holiday season with the CLU Choral Ensembles and University Symphony. Doors open one hour before the concerts. Note the new Saturday concert time. 805-493-3306 CalLutheran.edu/music
EXPAND THEIR PERSPECTIVE.

Cal Lutheran senior Dan Chell aspires to teach English in Mongolia as part of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program and eventually to work for an international aid organization or the State Department. He’s getting his start by expanding his global perspective through study abroad opportunities in Uganda and Thailand.

“My experience abroad has allowed me to develop greater awareness of the world around me, openness to different lifestyles, and personal confidence,” said Dan. “When you support study abroad scholarships, you provide more ways for international experiences to enter our academic dialogue and expand the perspective of the whole campus.”

INSPIRE NEW LEADERS.

Support the Study Abroad Endowment and Cal Lutheran’s initiative to increase the number of undergraduates who study abroad by 50 percent before the end of the decade. Thanks to a $1 million endowment, more than 125 students have received scholarships to travel abroad over the last three years.

“We live in a global economy,” said MBA alumnus Sasan Nikoomanesh, a vice president at Bank of America and a member of the Board of Regents. “Leaders in any position have to have a core understanding of other cultures in order to make effective business decisions.” Sasan was part of the Cal Lutheran Alumni Board that led the way in raising $1 million for study abroad scholarships. “If we want to have successful students and graduates representing the Cal Lutheran community in the future, we have to give them the right tools – including the opportunity to study abroad.”

STUDY ABROAD ENDOWMENT

By supporting the Cal Lutheran Study Abroad Endowment, you can help more students broaden their global perspective. Learn more at CalLutheran.edu/giving.