

May 1, 2007

Dear Parents,

The peace of the Lord be with you.

You have had a most difficult parenting task these last few weeks following the tragedy on our campus. We can only imagine what it was like for many of you to drop your student off at a dorm or an apartment and drive away from Blacksburg when classes resumed on April 23rd. We were glad to see the students filling up the Tech commuter lot and riding the busses to class.

Lutheran Campus Ministry at VT is committed to providing the spiritual support of our students. At the present time we are caring for the students by providing opportunities for fellowship, conversation, prayer, and respite away from campus. We realize that in a few days the students will disperse for the summer. The affects of April 16<sup>th</sup> will be lasting and students will feel the pain for some time to come. In an effort to help you help them, we are sending you this classic entitled "Good Grief". We hope that this will assist your family in taking small steps toward healing.

We are already planning for the fall when the students return to campus. We feel that this will be a particularly difficult time for the students and faculty in the healing process. Please know that we will make every effort to reach out to students and make opportunities known. If there is a particular need that you are aware of that we can help you address please contact one of the campus pastors.

As your student returns to your home, it is our hope that the summer will be a time of rest and renewal. We will look forward to greeting you and your student in the fall. Please join us for worship on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> or any other Sunday that you visit in Blacksburg.

In Christ,

Bill and Joanna