

Fall 2018 News

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Same Logo - New Look!

This summer we updated our logo to share the story of how we understand God calling us share the Good News at Minot State University. We believe that in this busy world where a person can be anything, perhaps as students we should “Just Be” who we are. LCM at MSU offers a safe place and space for people to explore who they are in conjunction with daily life, big questions, faith, and community.



A Note from Anna

Midterms at MSU have just wrapped up, students are relieved and tired, faculty are continuing to work away at their semester plans, and staff are looking at what is just down the pike from now. This place is a constantly moving machine, a system built of people with a common purpose: continuing education that impacts a community and future. This place is no small masterpiece, it is a collage or a co-op of artists all putting their work together under the title “MSU.” It is a privilege to watch this all happen and to take the paint brush handed to me through this call of Campus Minister and add my strokes and vision to the grand piece. I do not take this work for granted; I do marvel at the whole process.



LCM’s call to serve the human beings at MSU is no small thing either. This newsletter will highlight just some of the ways the ministry you support supports people in this place. The past few months the LCM Board of Directors have been working to define our mission and values in an effort to guide our call to serve the people at MSU, to guide our part in this system which equips people through education in ways that impact community and future. I invite you to take some time and really notice the work we are doing to continue organizing this ministry—hopefully this publication will be a helpful guide!



I am grateful for your partnership with LCM! You are welcome here: to pray, to give financially, to participate in our on campus activities, to send students our way, to invite me to come and visit your congregation to share stories. This is your ministry through which you have an open invitation to participate. I thank you for your prayers and partnership! Peace be with you!



LCM Worship update

This year we are trying a new day to gather for worship! Many of the students who come to LCM Worship are also serving in local congregations on Wednesday evenings and so we now meet Thursdays at 8pm in the Multicultural Center on campus. LCM Worship is student planned and a variety of styles are practiced including: prayer around the cross, camp style, and dwelling in the Word (so we can all practice talking about our faith and experiences in light of Scripture). Singing, communion, prayer, scripture, a message, fellowship and snacks make up our Thursday evenings together.

Monday Fellowship & Study

This is a time for students to gather, weekly, at Emmaus House to dig into scripture and topic studies together. Our first gathering was September 24th where we had a bonfire in our new fire pit! Building community is a central aspect of LCM at MSU and so gathering regularly for fun and study is a great way to hang out and get to grow together. Students pick the study topics. We will engage and talk through a few ELCA Social Statements, do an adult confirmation series, and study books of the Bible.



Tuesday Soup is up and serving!

Our most public ministry is Tuesday Soup. This is a free lunch to any person on campus, every Tuesday from 11am to 1pm. There are 16-18 crock pots of soup provided by a congregation; bread, and desserts are often a part of the meal as well. On average 200 people are served weekly! Students are hungry and really rely on this ministry.



There are 9 ELCA congregations that take turns serving soup: Bethany Lutheran, Bread of Life, Christ Lutheran, First Lutheran, Hope Lutheran of Surrey, Norwich Lutheran, Peace Lutheran of Burlington, Saron Lutheran, and Zion Lutheran. Metigoshe Ministries, Camp of the Cross, and Upper Missouri Ministries also provides soup during the year!



Bowls, spoons, and cups are donated by LCM Board Member, Jerry Gooch, and grant money received from MSU Student Government and the ELCA Endowment for ND pays for napkins, peanut butter, jelly, lemonade, and other items as needed. LCM Board Members Carmen Fricke and Sue Robb, along with Jim Robb, are at soup every Tuesday to set up, clean up, and make sure things run smoothly. This ministry wouldn't go without their hard work! **Thank you to all who support this good, vital ministry of LCM!**



Fall Vocational Retreat

Early September nine of us went to Upper Missouri Ministries in Epping for a weekend to learn about vocation! This retreat was funded through the generous grant we received from the Lilly Endowment, which helps support much of our programming. Four of the students attending (Hannah Heisler, Jordyn Clapper, Katie Sundbakken, and Lynae Dobbins) also received \$1,000 scholarships for being MSU students who worked as first year camp staff at one of the four Bible camps in the WND Synod. This is also a part of our Lilly grant. We believe that working at a Bible camp is a foundational experience for faith formation and vocational discernment so giving scholarships to students who give their gifts and services to outdoor ministry is one way we can support them. Those who receive the scholarships are to attend the annual Fall Vocational Retreat; other students are welcome to come on the retreat as well.



This year our new VIP Coordinator, Jeremiah Ramshead, helped plan and lead the retreat. We all discovered and defined more of what vocation means and looks like in our lives, we worshipped, played, hung out, ate, slept, hiked, laughed, cried, and prayed. Paige Dolan's parents, Michelle and Stuart, hosted us for lunch before our drive back to Minot! Thank you for the delicious eats and for welcoming us into your home, Michelle and Stuart! Thank you staff of Upper Missouri Ministries for welcoming us to camp, for providing safe, meaningful space and for tasty meals!



Meet our VIPs! (by Jeremiah Ramshead)

Starting this year off a little early as intern at Christ Lutheran during the summer, Ben Helland, working alongside Pastor Derek Harkins, has been connecting and building relationships with their high school youth, whether this is one on one or engaging in youth activities. Ben has connected with the church and brought the MSU Volleyball team over to share a message and to have a little fun playing!



Adam Barden, who plans to graduate this year, is a third year VIP intern. He will be returning to Hope Lutheran, Surrey for his second year, partnering with Pastor Kim Gifford. Adam and Pastor Kim are excited and thrilled to utilize new tools, ideas and setting goals for what Vocation means. Adam also helped lead the LCM Fall Vocational Retreat.

McAyla Thompson is our newest intern to the VIP program. Currently she is finishing her student teaching at South Prairie. She is serving at Zion Lutheran with Pastor John Streccius and plans to lead a young adult (ages 23-40) Bible study/ gathering for the local congregations. It will be exciting to see in the coming months the type of activities there will be in the community for our congregations' young adults!



Meet LCM's VIP Coordinator, Jeremiah Ramshead! He has a passion for campus ministry, particularly walking with students as they wonder about their life and faith. Jeremiah serves as the liaison between LCM and congregations to place student interns, he also works closely with interns and supervisors to offer support throughout their internship experience. Currently he is employed at Edgewood Vista working in the Memory Care unit. He is married to Melissa Ramshead, Director of Education and Family Ministry at First Lutheran Church, Minot.

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Minot State University Mission:

In Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Lutheran Campus Ministry at Minot State University is about: Building Community, Deepening Faith, Expanding Minds, and Inspiring Service.

LCM at MSU has discerned these five values as integral to our work and service: Partnership, Inclusivity, Wellness, Raising Up Leaders, and Trust.

As the year continues to unfold, and as years come and go, we will use this mission statement and values as a way to guide us as we care for people at MSU through LCM. Thank you to the LCM Board of Directors for taking time to discern and work out these guides for our ministry to MSU! Those currently serving on the board are: Cheryl Nilsen & Jacob Thrailkill (Bethany Lutheran), Carmen Fricke & Jerry Gooch (Bread of Life Lutheran), Sherrie Solper (Christ Lutheran), Dan & Jeri Langemo (First Lutheran), Linda Christianson & Sue Robb (Zion Lutheran), Kim Tiedman (MSU Representative to the Board), Rev. Kim Gifford (Rostered Minister Representative to the Board), Adam Barden (Student Member to the Board), Troy Langmaack (Treasurer), and Deacon Anna Dykeman (Campus Minister).

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH | 5-7PM

LIVE AUCTION BEGINS AT 5:45PM

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LCM at MSU

This Fall LCM has been involved in several MSU events happening around campus. Partnership is one of our values and so when there is opportunity we join in with our time and resources to help serve the students on campus. Here are a some of the campus wide events we have been a part of...



During **Welcome Weekend** LCM provided a spiritual wellness gathering centered in teaching and participating in spiritual practices.



Paige Dolan and Ben Helland helped **Enrollment Services** by welcoming new incoming students at the airport.



Kaitlin Walker gave opening remarks and welcome at **Convocation**.



We set up our LCM booth many times a semester at **Club and Resource Fairs**. This is a great way to meet incoming students and share about who we are and what we are up to on campus.



At the **MSU Homecoming Block Party** LCM again served free root beer floats to all who wanted one. This year the temps were cool and so we could have offered hot chocolate, too!



Emmaus House

Emmaus House is a place for MSU students to live off campus in intentional community. The house is the parsonage that belongs to First Lutheran Church of Minot. LCM and First Lutheran have been in this housing partnership for three years and, together, we see Emmaus House as a shared ministry to students at MSU. When Emmaus House began all five of the Minot ELCA congregations came together to furnish and ready the house so students can live there and have everything they need including beds, kitchen ware, common spaces, etc. This year Emmaus House is full! There are four rooms and four students living there.



We continue to make Emmaus House a comfortable place to live and to learn how to live in community. This summer LCM Board Members Jacob Thraikill and Jerry Gooch bought the house a propane grill for student use. Thank you so much for your generous gift!! LCM bought lawn chairs and a new firepit. We also have created an application, covenant for community living, and lease agreement for students wanting to live at Emmaus House. Thank you, also, to First Lutheran Church for your partnership and generosity in our lease agreement—keeping rent affordable welcomes students and is indeed a housing ministry!



If you know of a student who would benefit from living at Emmaus House, please have them contact Campus Minister Anna! We are always accepting applications.



SPRING BREAK TRIP

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WHEN
March 9-16, 2019

WHERE
Virginia
Washington DC, Fairfax, Alexandria, Virginia Beach

HOW MUCH??
Estimated Cost = \$1150/person
Includes airfare, transportation,
food & sleeping arrangements
Fundraising opportunities available!!!
Total cost may change
Optional activities will be an additional cost

WHAT
LAMB CENTER
-Homeless Shelter
-Worship Center
ELCA ADVOCACY OFFICE
-Intro to Advocacy and Hunger
-Capital Tour
ALEXANDRIA
-Ghost Tour
-Historic Area
-Shopping
VIRGINIA BEACH
-Relax & Debrief

\$100 deposit due to
Campus Minister Anna by
Wednesday, Nov. 21!

Worried about funding?
Don't be! Be in touch and
we'll figure it out.

Mark your calendars and join us for

**LCM's 10th Annual Chili Feed & Auction!
Sunday, Nov. 18, 5pm-7pm
Christ Lutheran Church, Minot**

Live Auction at 5:45pm
Silent Auction items to bid on, too.

Come and eat chili made by local pastors,
meet MSU students, and support LCM's
Spring Break trip to Washington DC.
More details inside!



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