



When I dare to be powerful,  
to use my strength in the service of my vision,  
then it becomes less important whether or not I am afraid.

—AUDRE LORDE

Whew, it's been a year!  
I hope you enjoy this glimpse of  
what we've been up to.  
Love, Deacon Anna



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First, I would like to thank you for your continued support of Lutheran Campus Ministry both through your prayers and donations. You are all vital to our work at Minot State University. LCM, with leadership from Deacon Anna, remains very active both on and off campus. Deacon Anna continues to represent LCM on many campus committees. The students have regular meetings and activities. Of course, because of COVID19 there have had to be some adjustments made to activities, but both Deacon Anna and the students have adapted amazingly well!

LCM has had a busy year despite the Coronavirus pandemic. The board of directors has continued to meet monthly via Zoom and this fall we did a hybrid retreat meeting with Deacon Dr. Melissa James. She has been helping us plan the financial future of LCM. There is an article with more information about our strategic development plan found in this newsletter. We continue to look for ways to support our programs at Minot State. LCM was blessed with a generous estate gift this fall; that gift, along with our previous endowment and other financial gifts helps to provide avenues for the future of this ministry.

We missed being able to connect in person with so many of you at the annual Chili Feed last fall and we are hopeful to gather again in the future. Tuesday Soup at Minot State has continued with quite a few changes to comply with COVID19 guidelines. Students continue to live in our housing ministry, Emmaus Dwellings.

I would like to encourage each of you to check out our new website at [www.lcmminot.com](http://www.lcmminot.com), follow us Facebook and Instagram and see what we are up to. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any board member or Deacon Anna.

Lastly, LCM would like to extend our thanks to outgoing board member, Jerry Gooch, for his many years of service. He is a great friend and supporter of this ministry.

Blessings and Peace,  
Carmen Fricke, LCM Board President  
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## MISSION STATEMENT:

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.

## VALUES:

We have discerned these give values as integral to our work and service -  
Partnership, Inclusivity, Wellness, Raising Up Leaders, Inspiring Service



For the 2020-2021 school year, I was asked to be a peer leader for LCM by Deacon Anna. At first, I was just grateful to have the opportunity to engage with LCM at a deeper level. But after serving as a peer leader for one semester already, especially during COVID times, I have found the experience to be exhilarating and totally worthwhile. The Minot State University campus is typically a thriving, vibrant, place; this year, it has been quieter. Even so, as a peer leader, I have tried to bring a bit of that vibrant state back to campus by planning fun events and trying to connect with other people on campus. I feel like my time as a peer leader has been personally impactful because it has taught me flexibility. For the past semester, I had to be flexible and adaptable when planning LCM events, because we did not know whether we would be able to gather in-person or would have to shift to an online platform to meet. (As the fall semester turned out, we had to do a bit of both.)

Even with all the craziness going on, I found that being a peer leader has helped to bring a sense of stability and normalcy to my life. It helps give me a reason to push forward, and Lutheran Campus Ministry has been a beacon of light in an otherwise dark year. I have been able to connect with my fellow LCM peers and worked to reach out and check-in with them. I think one of my favorite parts about LCM and being a peer leader is the connections I can form through this position. Between meeting people at church visits, planning LCM nights with Deacon Anna and Trent, my fellow peer leader, and just gathering as a group (either in-person or online) has allowed me to grow both in my faith and as a person. I am learning how to listen and think more deeply and working to engage with others on a more regular basis. LCM has given me a great number of opportunities to expand my faith and connect with others, and I look forward to what the rest of the semester will bring.

Elizabeth Nolan  
Peer Leader for LCM  
Minot State Student



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## MINOT STATE UPDATE

Minot State is back in the swing of things for the spring semester. We are thankful for the current decrease in Covid cases on campus, in the city, and across the state...it offers a bit of hope for an end to this difficult period. This year, students and faculty discovered new ways of learning, teaching, and connecting with students. It hasn't come without its share of difficulties and struggles, but most are now somewhat fluent in online learning. I think for most faculty and students, they would prefer the face-to-face options and community, but they are also thankful to make use of technology when needed. The MSU community awaits the return of soup and other familiar communal rituals. We are thankful for LCM's presence and thoughtful ministry on campus. Please join us in prayer for campus health, ministry opportunities, healthy enrollments, and favorable state budget plans for higher education.

Ryan Stander, Associate Professor of Art



## COSTA RICA UPDATE

When I was learning about the Costa Rica trip I was so excited to discover all the activities we would be doing and all the experiences we have the opportunity to encounter. The culture we will be immersed in and the opportunity to travel is what is keeping me excited to go on this trip, even though COVID has now postponed it twice. I want to thank all of the foundations and donors that have given us the opportunity to eventually go on this journey!

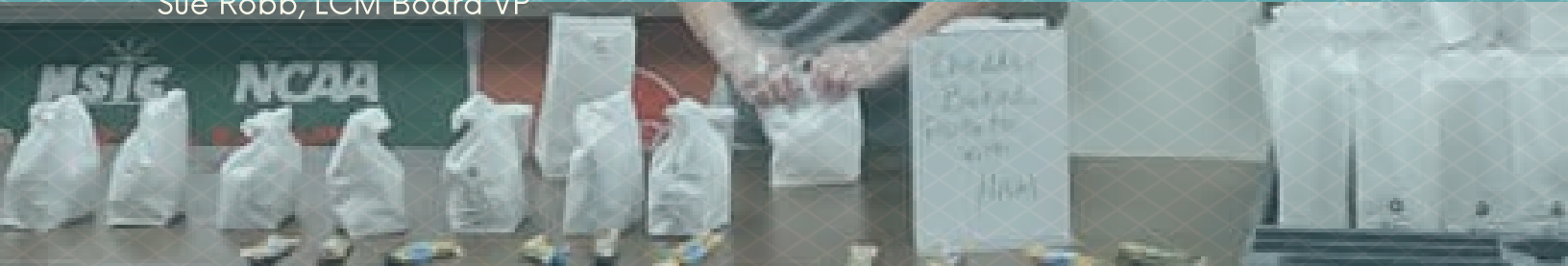
Deann Rasmusen, Minot State Student

Good news: we are still headed to Costa Rica!! LCM, the Department of Social Work, and the Office for International Programs has secured our travel dates for this awesome service learning trip - May 14-23, 2022.



Wow, what a difference in our soup days compared to previous years! This year we are unable to have any of the delicious homemade soups or goodies for our Tuesday soup. Everything has to be pre-packaged and made on campus and students are not allowed to sit and congregate to eat soup as they did in the past. As a result, we have had to think outside the box on how we would do that. We are serving a brown bag lunch with prepared package soups. We fill a bag with a covered 16-ounce bowl of soup, a cracker, a granola bar (a rice krispy bar with gluten-friendly soup), spoon and napkin. Fall semester we worked out of the concession stand at the Dome which was a great place to prepare the soups as everything was in one place. This spring we are back at the Atrium in the Student Center. We will continue to provide our Soup-to-Go bag lunch as long as the University allows us to do so during the pandemic. Students are so grateful that we are able to still feed them on a weekly basis and express this each week! It is very gratifying to be able to continue this ministry!

Sue Robb, LCM Board VP

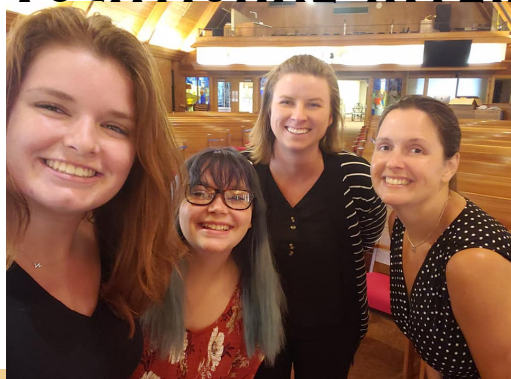


Since this year was quite strange overall, so was running and using the Minot State Food Pantry. Fortunately, we were able to have the pantry open in the Wellness Center throughout 2020. This past year we had over three thousand pounds of donations from different people in the community as well as different churches that helped to bring in bigger amounts of food. We are so thankful for all of the donations big or small that helped us to feed the students, staff, and faculty of Minot State University. If you are wanting to donate any amount of food, toiletries, or nice clothing please bring donations to the front desk in the Wellness Center on campus. Tell whoever is at the desk that you have a donation for the food pantry, and they will take care of it from there. Thank you again for all the support in making sure this community is fed!!

Paige Dolan, Food Pantry Intern  
Minot State Student



## VOCATIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



As I look back over the last year, I'm amazed at the ways each Vocational Intern, their contexts, and their supervisors adapted and lived into new ways of living into VIP in the midst of the pandemic. It has been a challenging year, but everyone has persevered and continues to be committed to learning more about faith and vocation.

All of the 2020-2021 interns are returning interns from last school year. Paige Dolan started her second year as MSU Food Pantry Intern, Jordyn Clapper is serving at Christ Lutheran Church, Trent Hunsakor is serving at First Lutheran Church, Macee Sortland is serving at Bread of Life Lutheran Church, and Shelby Bauer served at Zion Lutheran Church for the fall semester of 2020. With all interns having an interest in preaching, we added a time for "Preaching Perspectives" to our cohort meetings. For the first hour of the meeting students are invited to engage in conversation with guest speakers via Zoom. In the fall students were able to learn from Rev. Karoline Lewis, Professor of Biblical Preaching and The Marbury E. Anderson Chair of Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. and Rev. Lamont Wells, Program Director for Campus Ministry in the ELCA

It's incredible to see how LCM's VIP continues to take shape and be formed. I am excited to continue envisioning and dreaming about the future of LCM's VIP.

Deidre Wall, VIP Coordinator



This past year the LCM Board of Directors applied for and received a Campus Ministries Theological Exploration of Vocation (CMTEV) Sustainability Grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. so we can continue the work of our Vocational Internship Program. It is hard to believe how fast time has gone, that our original CMTEV Grant through the Lilly Endowment Inc. is coming to an end! The purpose of the Sustainability Grant is to offer funding for our Vocational Internship Program while we plan and budget for total sustainability (not Lilly funded) over these next five years. We are confident that we can faithfully do this, thanks especially to the generosity of donors. We believe that providing opportunities for students to explore their vocation - faith and daily life, in a focused way and context, is well worth our effort and dollars. We are walking with students as they explore calls to Christian ministry and service.



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## FROM DEACON ANNA

2020 has been, for the LCM Board of Directors, a year of financial strategic planning. The dollars we have received from generous givers and groups, and grants from institutions that want to help ministries like this one succeed have revealed to us the work God is calling us to at Minot State: to continue to be a safe place for spiritual wellness and growth for students, faculty, and staff. We recognize that we are called to faithfully steward the dollars given us. So, for the 2020-2021

academic year we are working with Deacon Dr. Melissa James, a financial strategic developer who has experience working with campus ministries. She has worked with us on thoughtful planning and engaging new donors in new ways. We are gearing up for our first ever Spring Campaign (more info will come your way soon!).

In the midst of this planning, we received an unexpected gift from the Estate of Mr. Victor Lemke (Bismarck). He was a generous man who cared much about supporting ministries that live out the gospel of Jesus, including LCM. We did not know Mr. Lemke but he took time, in his financial planning, to consider ELCA ministries that would benefit from his stewardship of the gifts God had given him and his wife, Doreen. This legacy gift has made it possible for us to start a second endowment for LCM. Now there are even more ways your financial gifts to LCM may be stewarded well!

### Every dollar adds up to help sustain our programing:

+Our weekly LCM gatherings, where we talk theology, ask questions, dwell in God's word, enjoy community, partake in communion, and be curious.

+Our Vocational Internship Program where students are placed in congregations and other agencies to discern their vocation, practice their gift, and even safely learn how to fail.

+Our food ministries of Tuesday Soup and the Minot State Food Pantry. Caring for people's basic needs will allow them to focus on school and faith!

+Our intentional living community, the Emmaus Dwellings, allows for six LCM students to live safely and affordably off campus while learning what it means to be in intentional community: the good, the bad, and the ugly.

+Our partnership with Minot State - we collaborate with many different campus groups and clubs to offer fun activities, community, pastoral care, service learning, and spiritual wellness opportunities.

I think people should support the LCM MSU because they're constantly finding ways to make a positive impact in the MSU and Minot community!

Rachel, MSU student  
class of '22



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- Rev. Taryn Strauss



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## LCM Teams

Our ministry has had different focus areas over the years, and even though we are living in a global pandemic that doesn't mean our work stops. This year we have four active teams comprised of board members and friends of LCM. Feel free to ask them about what we are up to!

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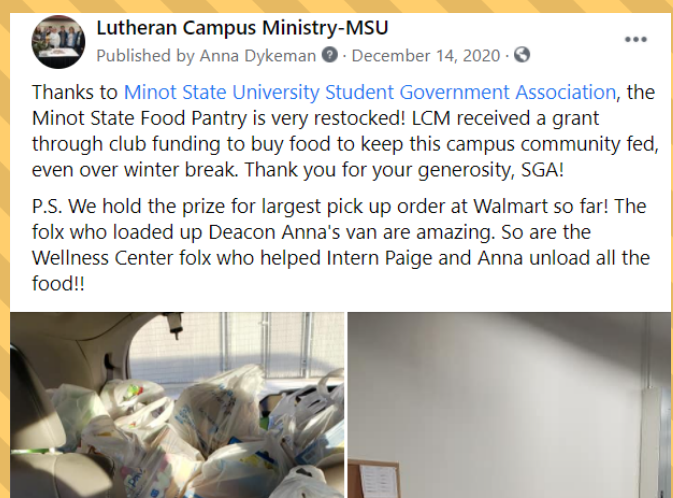
### Web Design & Social Media

Rev. Rachel Simonson, Elizabeth, Deacon Anna



# COLLABORATE

We've learned how to pivot and adjust during this pandemic. One way we are able to thrive is to partner with other groups to offer things campus wide. We offer our deepest gratitude for our continued partnership with Minot State University! Check out a few ways we've collaborated this year:





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