



Lutheran Campus Ministry at Minot State University!

FALL 2010

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What a joy it is to be a part of Lutheran Campus Ministry - a program providing wonderful opportunities for young adults the first time they are "on their own" at college and in the community. Traditional Christian beliefs are shared with students of all faiths. I can't help but think back to my own college days - striking out far from home and searching for those things that would make me who I am today. I rebelled in some fashion but my childhood religious training combined with exciting new friends and wonderful Christian opportunity in programs like LCM helped redefine and confirm my belief in Jesus Christ. At all points in our lives, we have opportunity to travel in different company and direction; LCM is a wonderful occasion to share with others, learning and understanding their commitments and re-affirming ours. Individuals, in our world, do not all see everything the same, but we are obligated as Christians to "proclaim and witness" through programs like LCM. Jesus brought joy and life into our world. By sharing opportunities such as soup luncheons, spring break mission trips and Bible studies, we as students, pastors, LCM board members, and local congregational members confirm and renew our commitment to our Lord and Savior.

Bonnie J. Ripplinger
LCM Board Member

Your Partnership with LCM is more important than ever before: While the giving in the ELCA continues to go down Lutheran Campus Ministry at Minot State University continues to be a presence on campus! The ministry continues to make connections with students, and grow our Tuesday Soup and Thursday Night Alive weekly programming - but we can not do that without your help. Students continue to seek out LCM and the commitment to this ministry is great. In order to continue to support these students we need your help. On behalf of the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Minot State University we say thank you and again ask you to prayerfully consider giving \$250, \$100, \$50 or what you able to give to continue this important ministry.

Staff:

Kari Williamson
- Campus Pastor

Katherine Berg
- LCM Intern

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Weekly Events:

Tuesday Soup
11:30 - 1:30

Thursday Night Alive
8:00 - 9:00

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Thoughts from the Lutheran Campus Intern - Katherine Berg

Hi! My name is Katherine Berg and I am the new student intern for Lutheran Campus Ministry. I am a senior at MSU and will be graduating with a degree in Spanish Education this coming May. I am excited at this great opportunity to work with LCM and Kari. I first became involved with LCM in March. I was a transfer student and decided to go on the Spring break trip to Washington DC. On that trip, I made some great friends and had an unforgettable experience. There is nothing like working with other college students to fight against homelessness. It really gave me a greater appreciation for my life and the gifts that I have been given. Lutheran Campus Ministry is really important to me because when I transferred to MSU, it was a great way for me to make new friends and continue to grow in my faith. I really enjoy going to the Bible studies each week because they help me take time away from homework and spend time with friends. It is also a part of my week that I can focus on God and see how He is working in my life. I am so glad to be a part of this ministry and to be working with Kari. I know that there are great things to come through this ministry! Thank you so much for all of your help and support! Without you our ministry would never be able to reach out the way that it does.

Spring Break 2010 - Washington, D.C. -



The time I spent with the homeless in Washington D.C. was one of the most humbling and eye-opening experiences I've had in my life. I volunteered to go on the Spring Break trip with the desire to make a difference in the lives of those in need; little did I know that a needed change would be made in my life. I became increasingly aware of the devastating and often overlooked effects of homelessness—particularly that of the working poor, those who may have jobs yet still live below the poverty line, unable to afford their daily necessities. Not a day was wasted as we cleaned apartments of residents otherwise at risk of homelessness; handed out care packages to those on the street; participated in an insightful homelessness simulation; and helped fix up the Steinbeck Center, where we stayed during our visit. We exchanged warm smiles and life lessons over hot meals and board games with those all too familiar with poverty. Fourteen volunteers began as strangers and left as a family, not only sharing powerful experiences but also sharing seemingly endless laughter and forming lifelong relationships. Never would I have imagined that one week could have been so impactful.

- Joe Davis



- Thank you to individuals and congregations who helped make this experience possible!

- Spring Break Trip 2011 - Holden Village in Washington State.

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Thursday Night Alive - 8:00 - 9:00 - Multi-Cultural Center on MSU Campus

I've always been involved in a pretty involved faith community. In high school I was part of LYO and helped to organize the annual LYO conventions. The conventions were exactly the kind of atmosphere I wanted: an atmosphere of people who were loving and full of Jesus.

Then after my freshman year I started working at Camp of the Cross, which was ten times what LYO was. God was everywhere and there was no separation between my day and the part of my day that I let God be a part of. There was God in every minute. I love that, but camp is only a summer thing. It's only 3 months long.

Now during the school year, thanks to Thursday Night Alive, I have a taste of camp and of that great loving atmosphere every week. I am so thankful for the time that I get to spend at Thursday Night Alive. It is some of the most important time of the week for me because it helps me to reconnect what matters: letting God into all aspects of my life.

Thursday Night Alive and the other aspects of Lutheran Campus Ministry at Minot State University is how I'm staying involved in a great faith community during the school year. I'm so thankful for that. Max Buchholz - Junior at MSU

Tuesday Soup Lunch

Tuesday soup lunch is something I look forward to every week. The soup is always delicious and is a great break from classes, work and everything else!
– Vanessa Grier

Thank you to local congregations who provide soup for students every Tuesday! Your partnership makes this happen!



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