

# The Lutheran Campus Center (LCC)

Serving the Campus Communities of Winona State University, St. Mary's University, and Minnesota State College Southeast Technical

## A letter from the Pastor

### *Coincidence or Not?*

"I haven't been invited yet," Steven told his dad one night. Steven, a freshman at Winona State University, made it through his first semester of college wondering where he fit in, clinging to familiarity of classmates from home. Slowly he recognized that he desired something more-real community- where he could be himself and be challenged to grow. His dad kept asking if he had found a church yet, and one night Steven realized what he had been waiting for- an invitation. The very next day Mariah, another freshman at WSU and a regular at the LCC, approached Steven. The two had been in the same speech class their first semester and had said "hello" a handful of times since. But this day was different.

"Hey, I've been meaning to tell you that I thought you were really brave to share your favorite Christian hip hop artist in Speech last semester. I don't know if you've found a campus ministry yet, but I go to the LCC and love it. You should come on Sunday for dinner and worship." And he did. Because Steven had finally received what he had been waiting for- that invitation. When we met for coffee a couple days later, Steven and I knew Mariah's invitation was more than mere coincidence; it was the work of the Holy Spirit. It was Christ working in and through a young woman who had found that for which Steven and so many students search—a real community where they can be themselves and be challenged to grow.



I am humbled and grateful each time a student comes to the LCC and finds that "real community" at such a pivotal time of their life. I am in awe of the way the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, equips, and sends these dear students. And I am filled with joy to share this ministry with you, our supporters, because this is *real community in Christ that you perpetuate.*

With joy & gratitude,  
Pastor Corrine

## Student President

Hello! My name is Nikki, and I am the President of the LCC! I hail from the northern suburbs of the Twin Cities, a city called Anoka. This is my third year of school and being a part of leadership at the LCC. The LCC has been a huge part of my life throughout my time in college. Everyone here has become my family, friends, and greatest supporters.



Help us update our records! Are you an alumni, parent or grandparent of a student or an alumni?

Email us: [lccoffice@hbcu.com](mailto:lccoffice@hbcu.com)

**If you know any students at the three campuses the LCC serves in Winona, please tell them about the LCC!**

**Or if you have permission, you can provide their contact information to the LCC ([pastorcorrine@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcorrine@gmail.com)), and we'll be happy to contact them. Thanks!**

## Student Minister

Greetings! I am Taylor, and I am a second-year student at Winona State. With my current path being that of a Criminal Justice major, I hope someday to go to seminary and become a pastor! This is my third semester as a student minister at the LCC and my first semester flying solo! Although I miss working with a partner, the extra responsibility has forced me to dive even deeper into my position.

Our bible study this semester was entitled, "What Just Happened?", in which we explored crazy stories of the Bible alongside similar stories from other cultures. We dug deep into the creation story and the flood story, had an impromptu study about Jonah and the fish led by Corrine, and heard from a WSU professor about the history of the prophets! We will finish the semester with the stories of the valley of dry bones and the resurrection.

It has been a blessing to be in this leadership role at the LCC, and I have learned and grown in my faith by drastic measures. I can account for many others that feel the same way. We look forward to what the future holds! Have a blessed and sun-filled summer!



## A WORD FROM THE BOARD

Some of you know me and some of you don't, so for those of you whom I've never met; let me introduce myself and tell you a little bit about me and my role as the President of the LCC Board. First of all, my name is Jeff Franko and I'm a retired pastor (although I've learned that it's a challenge for pastors to ever truly retire). I served the ELCA as a parish pastor for thirty five years and twenty two of them as an Army National Guard chaplain. It was the work of a campus ministry pastor while I was a student at Winona State that helped me figure out what to do with my life and led me to take this path of ordained ministry. I have to say that my career as a pastor was filled with a lot of joy and satisfaction ... more than I deserved; I was very blessed. So when I retired I wanted to give back to campus ministry for all that campus ministry had given, me and it wasn't long after that when I became the Board President. (By the way, campus ministry is always looking for committed, passionate volunteers ... just in case you're interested.)



As the President of the Board I essentially run the show. I, by no means, do all the work; I feel like my job is to make sure that "the left hand knows what the right hand is doing". Like a band director, I orchestrate the board, (tending to the administration, finances, and direction of the ministry), the pastor, (tending to the spiritual care, faith formation, and leadership development of the ministry), and the students, (tending to the programs, the growth, and the operations of the ministry) and make sure we are all playing off of the same sheet of music in concert with one another.

Being the president has introduced me to some amazing young adults and it has brought me in touch with some passionate and generous supporters. I've made some good friends whom I will cherish for the rest of my life in my fellow board and committee members, the staff, and one of the best pastors any ministry could ever wish for. But most of all, what inspires me about the LCC is that the Holy Spirit is so visibly at work in this ministry that I am humbled to play a small part in the work God is doing here.



## Welcome: Kelly Bergman

Greetings and well wishes to you! My name is Kelly Bergman; I am a 2014 Winona State graduate and an alumni of the LCC. It is with a joy-filled heart to share with you that I have accepted the new position at the LCC as the Director of LCC Relations. I have always had a passion for this ministry, and it is such a blessing to be involved here again. As I mentioned, this position is brand new, so there will be a lot for all of us to learn as we explore and move into the future with this position. It is clear, however, that one of the most important parts of this job will be to connect with congregations, Women of the ELCA groups, and various organizations to share what the LCC is all about. I am very excited for this opportunity and to meet all kinds of new people!

Cheers!

Kelly Bergman, Director of LCC Relations  
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## You're invited!

You are warmly invited to the Installation of Kelly Bergman as the Director of LCC Relations on April 10th at the Lutheran Campus Center (location address: 451 Huff Street, Winona, MN) at 4:30 pm. Refreshments will be served, of course, and a favorite Winona band, Wildflower, will be playing! Come join in the festivities as we celebrate campus ministry!



# Spring 2016 Graduates

Hello all! I'm Molly James. I'm a Public Health: Community Health Major with a Business Administration Minor. I enjoy napping, shopping, and drinking coffee. I have only been going to the LCC for about a year, but having that spiritual presence in my last year at Winona made a huge difference in my life. There are many stressors that college students deal with on a regular basis and to have the LCC for support helped a lot! The people are so great and seeing them on a regular basis made a huge impact on my life. I plan to find a job in health promotion Minneapolis and cannot wait to use my experiences from Winona to help people live healthier and happier lives!



Hi, I am Nikki Wahl, and I am a senior. I will graduate this Spring with a degree in Criminal Justice: Corrections. After graduation I have an internship at House in the Woods in Delevan, WI. The LCC has been an incredible part of my college experience. The amazing people here have been my family for three years now; I am sad leave them, but also excited to see what God has in store for me next with this family's encouragement.

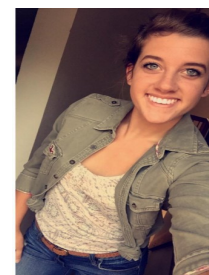
## New Leaders

My name is Christian Oeltjen. I am a freshman majoring in Movement Science. I am originally from Jefferson City, MO and grew up in Lake City, MN. I am the Service Leader at the LCC. I started coming to the LCC because my faith has helped me through a lot of rough spots in my life and has helped make me who I am today. I really enjoy how it is more relaxed and not as formal, it's nice to know that when I go I don't need to act a certain way. I have really enjoyed meeting people who share the same faith, and I can't wait to see new students join in the future.



Hello! I am MacKenzie Hanson, and I grew up in Oakdale, MN. I am the youngest of 5 and an aunt of 7! I am majoring in Elementary Education and hope to be a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher! I am the Communications Assistant and the LCC treasurer! I run the LCC Facebook page, website, and other accounts of communication. I found out about the LCC before I started going to Winona and I have loved it ever since! I met amazing people at the LCC, and I look forward to dinner and worship every Sunday and all the other fun events at the LCC!

My name is Mariah Hoyt, I am a freshman at WSU. I'm from Springfield, MN and am studying Elementary and Early Childhood Education. At the LCC I am the head of fundraising. I love going to the LCC, because it is a small close-knit community, and the services are very intimate.



My name is Joeli Arnoldi, and I am from Springfield, MN. I am a freshman majoring in Elementary Education. My position here at the LCC is the secretary. I found out about the LCC because a friend of mine has relatives from around here that have heard about it. I love that it's in a close place to campus and everyone is so friendly and welcoming.

Hey! I'm Scott. I'm the Student Vice President here at the LCC. I'm currently a junior, studying Spanish and Public Relations. I'm originally from the Milwaukee area, but I've fallen in love with Winona. The LCC is essentially my second home. (I probably spend more time here than at my actual home). I love how loving and affirming everyone here is. Since becoming the vice president, I've fallen more in love with the space and the people who inhabit it. I've had the pleasure of collaborating with passionate, driven peers to create a warm, open community in Christ, and I couldn't be happier!





## **Service Trip 2016: Holden Village**

A team from the Lutheran Campus Center went to Holden Village in Washington. Here are their stories...

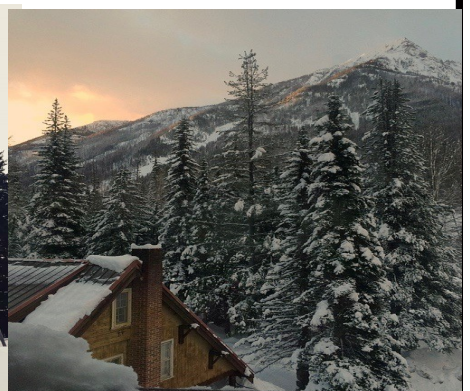
“Holden Village was incredible. I loved being reminded of just how magnificent and mighty God is when looking at the mountains and, through the Holden community, I am reminded just how close God is. I also loved being in the company of some people that I barely knew, but within a couple of days, we were best friends. Holden also taught me what it means to rest (Sabbath) and take time for myself and commit to self care, which is radical and contrary to our culture and mindset.”—William Cook

"Holden Village was an experience like no other. To be surrounded by God's beautiful scenery, children, and scripture was just the breath of fresh air I needed. I never thought I could learn so much about the world and myself in one short week. It truly is a little slice of heaven on Earth!"  
—Jenny Gauerke

“God made so many things, it is no wonder that God needed a day of rest. I was able to see the bountiful beauty that is God's creation in the people of Holden Village, the people I traveled with, the mountains that surrounded us, as well as the appreciation of the Creation that everyone in Holden exhibits.”— Nikki Wahl

“Holden Village was beyond amazing! The mountains were breathtaking, and the people were so friendly and loving! God truly was with me on this trip and with the people at Holden. They showed so much grace and love and I will truly miss them! I am so grateful and thankful to have been able to go on this trip! God lead me on this trip to meet amazing people and see his beautiful creation! “—MacKenzie Hanson

“On our fourth day in the village we were blessed with “Stop Day”, which is exactly what it sounds like— a day to stop. No one in the village works; instead people sleep, create music, take pictures, hike, play, simply be. Three of our group members hiked up Copper Ridge with a village guide that afternoon, and as we were getting near the top, I turned to take in the mountains. Snow fell gently on us, and I realized I wasn't as tired as I anticipated after hiking on top of six feet of snow. It was in that moment that I felt so clearly God reminding me, “You are stronger than you think...because I have you. You are mine.” —Pastor Corrine



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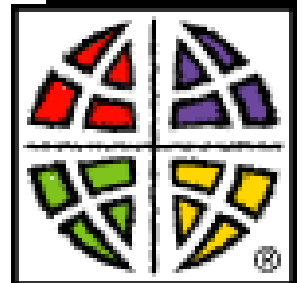
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