

# The Lutheran Campus Center (LCC)

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

## A letter from the Pastor

Recently I read a post on Facebook by a former LCC student that caused my heart to swell with humble gratitude:

“On my ride home from work today I have been reminded over and over again of my LCC family and how much I miss so many of you. I saw a car with a bumper sticker that said "Ithaca is GORGES" - Adrienne Scarlato. I saw a big old bulldog sticking his head out the window - Alley Vlack. I saw two people in crazy cool sweaters - Olivia Wulf. I saw a mom and her two kids dancing in their car - Corrine Denis. I saw a woman drinking coffee out of a non-travel mug- Kelly Bergman. I just passed a work vehicle advertising Halo Transportation... I see you, God. I see you.”



My hand automatically touched my heart as I read her words, an unconscious act of prayer. This is what I desire to teach and demonstrate for our students—that God is an Incarnate God (embodied and bodied!) and shows up in the least expected and, quite often, the seemingly mundane places of our lives. I want our community of faith to help each other have eyes to see and ears to hear God “in the midst.” In the midst of our brokenness and pain, in the midst of our joy and delight, in the midst of the humdrum, astonishing, and ordinary. In the midst.

... We see you, God. We see you. (And we need to see you.)

With deep gratitude,  
Pastor Corrine

## Student President

Hi! My name is Nikki.

I am the President of the Lutheran Campus Center (LCC). This is my second year as the president of this awesome club. The LCC has been my Winona family for several years now, and I don't know what I would do without them. With the help and encouragement from my friends at the LCC I was able to work at a camp this summer. Working at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer, Minnesota, I learned more about God and developed my leadership skills. This year I look forward to developing these skills even further and making more memories.



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 Ministers

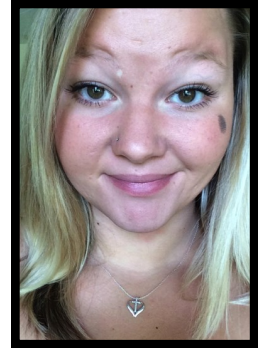
Hello all! I am Taylor (top), and this is my second semester serving as a student minister for the LCC and I am Angela (bottom), and this is my first semester serving as student minister. We are both sophomores here at Winona State University, and the Lutheran Campus Center has been one of the biggest blessings in our lives.

We are off to an exciting start this semester as we prepare for Nadia Bolz-Weber, a unique and passionate Lutheran pastor who will come and visit WSU. As a result, the material for our Fall Retreat on October 23-24 at Good Earth Village will be based on Nadia's newest book, Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People. Angela and I are looking forward to some time with other members of the LCC to strengthen bonds, ask new questions, and reflect on Nadia's visit to Winona.

We have been really excited about Bible study this semester. The theme is based on the book we have been reading as student ministers called Pastrix, written by Nadia Bolz-Weber. At Bible study we discuss the raw truth of the gospel spoken by Nadia

This semester has been full of surprises, with many new faces and amazing people experiencing the love and fun of the Lutheran Campus Center. We are so fortunate to be student ministers at the LCC.

Cheers!



## A Message from the Board:

Dear friends of the LCC,

You will likely be reading this right around the end of October and you know what that means? Halloween! But Halloween, October 31, is also Reformation Day ... whoo-hoo! On this day we commemorate Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses on the Wittenberg Castle Church door in 1517 and, thus, setting in motion the Protestant Reformation. I mention this because Martin Luther, as a pastor in Wittenberg and a professor at the University of Wittenberg, was, as such, the first campus pastor. One of his favorite campus ministry activities was to invite his students into his home for supper and, after eating, they would sit around the table and, (likely with a beer in hand), Luther would speak to the subjects and issues raised by listeners. Fortunately, one of his students, Johannes Matthesius, had the foresight to write Luther's observations down which were later published in volume called TABLE TALK.

The way of doing campus ministry hasn't changed much since then. One of the most popular events, that happens every other Monday at the LCC is "Independent Theo." It is a gathering of diverse minded students who take up topics of interest and share their thoughts in an environment that is safe, non-judgmental, and respectful. One of the "regulars" is a student Pastor Corrine calls "the most spiritual atheist I have ever met." Now I don't know if this "atheist" is ever going to be a Christian, much less a Lutheran, because of these discussions. But I do know that he is learning a lot and others are learning a lot from him and God is at work in the mix.

Thank you, dear friends of the LCC, for making this ministry possible. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. Because of you, the legacy of campus ministry that goes back to the very beginning of the Lutheran church will continue to change lives, heal wounds, and equip leaders for the future.

Jeff Franko,  
President of the Board

P.S. I want to genuinely invite you to come to the LCC for supper and worship on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm when WSU is in session. Meet some of these amazing students and see how God is at work in their lives. I assure you, you will come away with a new appreciation of the precious gift campus ministry is to the church.



## LCC Block Party 2k15!

The LCC hosted another great block party to kick off the school year—complete with walking tacos, giant Jenga, board games, conversation, a photo booth, and way too many selfies! The most incredible part of the evening was realizing that if anyone walked through our doors, they were in. AND anyone walking through our doors would not have been able to tell who was a “new student” and who was a “returner.” We were together—as a community—all in. THAT is what the church is, and THAT is what you support; thank you!



## Family Weekend

We welcomed students and families to the LCC for Winona State University's family weekend on September 20th with coffee and morning worship, followed by lunch. It was wonderful to be able to meet new students and families as well as welcome back a couple of former students—Erin and Cardyn! As students and board members alike recognized Erin and Cardyn, they smiled, laughed, and even cried. Pastor Corrine noted at the beginning of worship: “This is what happens here. We become family. Welcome home, Cardyn and Erin.”



## Fall 2015 Graduates



“Hello! I’m Emily. I am majoring in ecology, and I’m one of the very few pre-vet students at WSU. After I graduate, I hope to get a job doing lab work for a few years and then head off to graduate school to become a veterinarian so I can cuddle puppies for a living. Being a part of the LCC has been such an amazing experience. It really is a great place where everyone is welcome and free to be themselves!”

“My name is Alley Vlack, and I am the Secretary for the Lutheran Campus Center. I have several majors, including Business Administration, Human Resources, and Psychology, along with a Management minor. My hope after I graduate this December is to find a job working with animals, possibly a non-profit. The LCC has meant so much to me these past several years. I remember when I first walked in my freshman year and immediately felt welcome. It is such a fun and loving space, and I have been honored to be Secretary for the past several semesters.”



## New Leaders

“Hi, I’m Claire! I am a Junior at WSU, majoring in Exercise Science. I love to run, play with my cat, hang out with friends and family, read, and watch movies! To me, the LCC means a peaceful place to relax and come together with friends. The past two years that I have been involved with the LCC have eased the pressure of school and with other stresses in my life, and I could not be more grateful to have a place like this to give relief to my busy life.”



“Hello friends, I’m Molly! I am the Vice President here at the Lutheran Campus Center. I’m a 5th year Senior at Winona State majoring in Public Health, minoring in Business Administration. I spend most of my time working on school work, but when I’m not I like to read books, spend quality time at the gym, go to pumpkin patches, and spend time with family and friends. I also really like coffee, so naturally I landed at a campus ministry connected to a coffee shop. I just started coming to the LCC at the end of last year and immediately felt the need to immerse myself in all that the LCC had to offer. By holding this position I’ve been able to discover how the LCC operates and involve myself in the many different aspects of this ministry. I couldn’t be happier with what the LCC has done for me in my spiritual life, and also in my ability to work with others.”

“Hello, again! I’m Emily, I’m the treasurer at the LCC. I’m a senior studying ecology. So it should come to no surprise that for fun, I love doing outside things like hiking and swimming and bird-watching! I also love to read—Harry Potter is the greatest book series ever. Being a student leader at the LCC has been a really great experience. The welcoming attitude and the warmth and friendship of everyone here has meant so much to me, even though I haven’t been here long. This position has already taught me a lot about what it means to be part of a leadership team, and I hope that having this experience will continue to strengthen my leadership skills.”





## #NadiaInWinona

After much preparation and even more social media campaigning, Nadia Bolz-Weber came to Winona—and it was AWESOME! After a long flight to Minneapolis, then a 2 hour car drive to Winona, Nadia arrived in Winona on Wednesday evening. The first of three events Nadia took part in was speaking to Confirmation students about faith post high school. Alongside Nadia, Molly and Kat, two college students, talked about their faith journeys. Molly talked about how much life is after Middle/High School, and Kat talked about how faith is not static and how it changes with you when you grow. The second event Nadia took part in was the pastors' lunch. She spoke to pastors in the Winona Community and astounded her audience by reading from her outstanding new book, Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People. The final event of Nadia's trip in Winona involved a book reading on the Winona State University campus. Hundreds of people were present to hear the spirited words of the New York Times Bestseller.



## 2015 Fall Retreat



“Earth is so thick with divine possibility that it is a wonder we can walk anywhere without cracking our shins on altars”



## Message from Alumni

Hi! I'm Erin, former LCC Student President and Student Minister and WSU alumna. After I graduated from Winona State last December, I took a big chance and moved to Washington, DC to intern with the ELCA Advocacy office. Living in Washington has been a life-long dream of mine, and working for the Church's advocacy branch was an amazing opportunity. It gave me the chance to put my degree in Communication Studies and Public Administration to good use while living out my call to improve the lives of others. I got to grow as a professional and a God's faithful servant through experiences like planning and attending Ecumenical Advocacy Days and by representing the ELCA at congressional hearings. I was even asked to draft a letter from presiding bishop Elizabeth Eaton to Pope Francis (no pressure)!

Although I loved my time in Washington and hope to return one day, I missed my family and decided to move home when my internship ended in May. Now I work (with another WSU/LCC alumna and my best friend) for the State of Minnesota as a Disability Examiner for Social Security. It is a job that challenges me daily and allows me to make a difference in the lives of my fellow Minnesotans. Although I don't miss the stress of being a student, I miss the LCC and my family there every single day.

The LCC provided me with a support network that cheered me on as I moved halfway across the country on my own. The LCC provided me with the leadership skills and critical thinking abilities that made me employable. The LCC provided me with best friends who have become family. Most importantly, though, the LCC provided me with the foundation in faith that has, quite honestly, kept me sane during a year full of big transitions. Although it's rather cliché, I don't know where, or who, I would be without the support and guidance of the LCC in my college years—and today! That's the most beautiful part of this community: you may graduate and move on, but the connections you make and the faith that is formed during your time there are resources you get to take with you and draw on for the rest of your life.



## **“NEW” Sustaining Gift Option!**

We are pleased to announce a new Sustaining Gift option that can provide regular supporters like you with a convenient, faithful way to give with an automatic gift through your checking account or credit card.

You can participate in the Sustaining Gift option by calling 507-452-8316, or go to [www.lccwinona.com](http://www.lccwinona.com), click on the “giveMN donate now” button and follow directions from there.

As a sustainer, you can:

- Choose the amount of your gift
- Choose the frequency of your donations (weekly, monthly, semi-monthly, quarterly, or annually)
- Change that amount or stop your gift at any time. (Your Sustaining Gift will automatically renew each year until you choose to cancel or change it)

### Stories from Sustainers

*“The value, importance, and power of the LCC’s ministry captured my heart to be a sustaining member about 20 years ago. The invitation and welcome, the outreach and mission, the necessity of witness, and the leadership training inherent in this ministry are vital models for our larger church. My philanthropic passion for this ministry continues to grow!” - Shirley Gangstad*

*“Chatfield Lutheran Church seeks out partners through whom we can serve a wider community. Through our sustained giving to the LCC, we make a commitment to university and college student to be with them and for them in Christ as emerging leaders and servants of the world and the Church.”*





# TO THE MAX give DAY

NOV 12, 2015

*It's the most wonderful time of the year! There'll be much Facebook postings and hearts will be glowing with computer screens!*

We are here to help you kick off the giving season with the biggest giving day of the year (and the world!) Give to the Max Day is back on **November 12**, and the LCC is ready for a great one!

Our board and student leaders have pledged for a **matching grant** out of their personal funds!

Beginning November 1st you can “schedule” your gift for Give to the Max Day on the Give MN site: [www.givemn.org](http://www.givemn.org). Scheduled gifts will be put into three pots for a “golden ticket.” Every hour a donor’s name is drawn, and \$1000 is added to that donor’s gift. At midday all scheduled gifts will be put into a pot for a super golden ticket—\$10,000! And at the end of the day ALL donations are put into a pot to be drawn for another super golden ticket of \$10,000!

To make it really easy on you, and because **we cannot thank you enough for your support**, we have included the QR Code to scan on your smartphone, which will take you directly to our GiveMN page:



Or go to [ouwww.lccwinona.com](http://ouwww.lccwinona.com), and click on the “give MN donate now” button. This will take you directly to our Give MN page.

thank you!

In the recent Finance Committee meeting, we noted the **exceptional support from congregations** this year! Last year we were blown away by an outpouring of support from WELCA groups! And we are always *grateful* for gifts from individuals!

Knowing that we face a **\$10,000 decline in grant money** from Lutheran Campus Ministry of Minnesota in the next fiscal year (and likely more the following) we want to extend a HUGE **THANK YOU** for all you do to keep this ministry alive!

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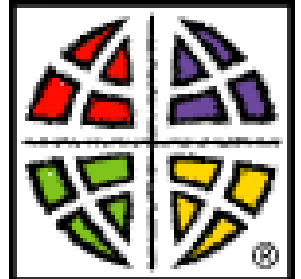


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