

# The Lutheran Campus Center (LCC)

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

## A message from the Pastor

I have 34 pages of notes in a 6x8" book from the Student Christian Movement leadership training. In 3 days I learned from and with people from Mexico, Canada, Rwanda, Lebanon, Palestine, South Africa, Columbia, etc. I also learned a name I had never heard before: Ohlone, the name of a people who first lived in the land I walked upon in those three days. Moved by the land and the people, I wrote a poem one afternoon as we prayed on sacred ground, now a parking lot.

"Ohlone and the land itself is Sacred"  
by Corrine Haulotte

The bones of ancestors lie beneath this asphalt,  
the food and other marks  
of life once shared by  
the Ohlone people  
all lie beneath  
public parking  
where a BMW left when we arrived, and  
an ecoboost "green car" stayed right there,  
covering the edge of  
this circle.  
Something called me to sit,  
to bring my body as close  
to the memory  
and sacred space  
as the concrete of empire  
allows.

I sat,  
cross-legged, which was called "Indian-style"  
when I was in Kindergarten.  
I placed my hands  
upon yellow, red, white  
and asphalt,  
upon the "O" and the "N"  
of Ohlone,  
a name I learned only yesterday.  
*"You are telling me things I have never heard before."*  
I close my eyes and hear a child's voice ask,  
"Why are people just sitting there, Mommy?"  
I do not hear a response, but there is one just the same,  
of that I am sure,

whether with words or silence or a look, I am not sure.  
And then, after the passing of time,  
I feel the distinct tickle of creation  
on my right hand in prayer.  
I open my eyes and observe  
a tiny ant-  
she weaves her way along the lines,  
journeys over mountain knuckles  
all around  
over and over  
constantly in motion,  
and just when I am connecting  
us  
with creation- the  
Ohlone people, this ant, this rock and me,  
the wind dancing through my hair and around  
my body  
sitting in a parking lot,  
sitting in protest,  
sitting in prayer-  
just when I am  
wondering if I should  
help the ant find his way,  
my brother makes a way  
down the valley of the thumb  
and onto land- the asphalt,  
which makes me think...  
could she find a crack  
and touch Ohlone sacred space  
in a way not even the machines that  
empire would have  
dig three stories for a  
parking garage  
could?  
perhaps.  
maybe.

Aude tells me about the  
paint-  
"It will stay with us."  
"It will stay with us,"  
I say-  
and I hope.  
and we say Ashe.



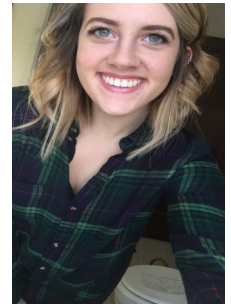
## Student President: Scott Sutter

Our God is a God of justice, and as such, we are called to work for justice in the world. This year at the LCC, social justice has been an integral part of our mission. We've always striven to reach out to the underserved, the oppressed, the unwelcomed, and the suffering in order to provide both a safe space and on-the-ground support. In keeping with this tradition, we as student leaders have taken steps to improve the impact that we have in our community—from revitalizing a student leadership position dedicated to "Peace and Justice" to actively reaching out to the leaders of fellow student organizations dedicated to the fight for minority rights. We've built new relationships with the leaders of other on-campus organizations—like the KEAP (Knowledge-Empowerment-Advocacy-Pluralism) Council and the Muslim Student Organization. It has been our goal to work for peace and to become better allies to marginalized communities on our campus and in our broader community. *It has been my distinct privilege to serve as Student President alongside a phenomenal team of student leaders who are passionate about their faiths and dedicated to making a real impact in our community. Campus Ministry is truly this future of the Church, and I cannot wait to behold the ways in which the Spirit continues to move here at the LCC and in the broader Church.*



## **Student Ministers: Mariah Hoyt & Steven Granquist**

I remember the overwhelming feeling I had when Pastor Corrine announced that the LCC would need new student ministers. At the time I didn't understand what that feeling was, or why Kelly was giving me a funny look. A look that said: "Mariah, apply for student minister." I mulled the idea, but didn't think I was capable or strong enough in my faith to fulfill this grand task. I talked to Pastor Corrine about it, and she encouraged me to apply. She reassured me that my faith is strong and this will only take my faith to a new depth. After my conversation with her, it was clear that becoming a student minister is something I must do. I now know that the overwhelming feeling I had was one of nervousness and excitement to grow. Being a student minister has been amazing. I love digging deeper in my own faith and then discussing it with others further. I feel truly blessed to have been called to this position and even more blessed to have Steven by my side.



Hi all! I'm Steven Granquist, one of the new Student Ministers here at the LCC! I have had the amazing opportunity to dive deeper in my faith through this position and my time spent has been incredible! From leading Bible study with Mariah, to spending time planning and reading the Bible more in-depth, it has been such a wonderful experience! I am incredibly thankful for the gift of this ministry with which the Lord has blessed me. The LCC is such a crucial part in the foundation of who I am, and I would be so lost without it! I will be forever thankful for the impact that the LCC has had on my life, and I know that I am a much better person because of it!

## **A WORD FROM THE BOARD**

As a lay person, I have been involved in a variety of ministries in the wider church, and I have served on a lot of committees and boards. I have never served on a board where all of the board members are so passionate, committed and enthusiastic about their board position as the LCC board. Evidence of this is our willingness to go to congregations to talk about our ministry here and our generosity to "put our money where our mouth is." Each board member signs a covenant that says we will speak publicly about the ministry and will make it one of our top three recipients of financial donations.

I also have never been involved in any other ministry in which I so deeply believe and to which I am so deeply committed. I believe that campus ministry with its open and effusive welcome, in its enthusiasm to share and support people, and in its willingness to learn about and from others is the model to which our congregations must turn. The first priority of our student members is not to find new members, not to grow the offering gifts but rather to share the good news of the love, grace and mercy of Jesus Christ.

If you have not experienced this welcome, I urge you to join us in Sunday worship service or at the very least to stop in at Mugby's and share a cup of coffee with Pastor Corrine and some of the students.

Blessings in Christ,

Shirley Gangstad, Vice President



## Kitchen Update

As Oprah would say, “You get a cookie! You get a cookie!  
Everybody gets a cookie!”

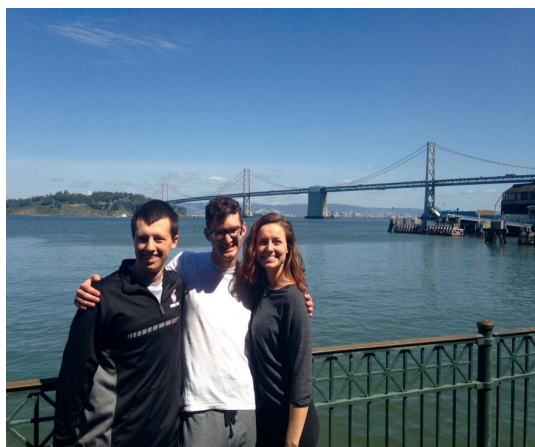
We wish you could have seen our reactions in the beginning of February when we received word that we had reached our goal for the kitchen- (just imagine screaming and whooping and cheering and jumping and laughing and...well....

A LOT OF JOY!)

THANK YOU to all who gave to this project. Because of YOU we be will able to continue feeding bodies, hearts, and minds in the Winona community! We are so grateful!

*Construction will begin mid-May, after students have finished their finals and gone home for the summer as to not be too much of a disruption to our regular routine here.*

*Watch for details on when we will celebrate the grand opening of the kitchen in the fall.*



## Student Christian Movement: Bay Area

I attended the Student Christian Movement Leadership Training Program, March 23-26. The theme for this training was "Resisting Empire." I learned a lot of useful skills in helping create a change for the better. I also met some really amazing people and heard their stories. We talked a lot about how we can make a difference taking the right steps and move forward in helping others. I am excited to use what I learned and make this world better for everyone.

- *Christian Oeltjen*

In the words of speaker Jakada Imani at the Leadership Training, we must start “coming out” as complex and nuanced, forcing the world to face, discuss, and love complexities. As I have been challenged at the SCM Leadership training, I will continue to refuse

to “flatten” myself and others, and practice deep listening as we continue advocacy in our world. - *Taylor Weis*

The Leadership Training Program with the Student Christian Movement-USA was a powerful and deeply enriching experience. I spent the long weekend in an open and affirming place, surrounded by some of the most loving people I have ever met. I left the experience with new perspectives on complex issues and equipped with new tools to fighting injustice. Despite the power of the experience, what I took most to heart was the advice of speaker Jakada Imani to “leave dissatisfied”. It is with a heart dissatisfied—dissatisfied with the systems of injustice that continue to control our world—that I return to Winona. I return ready to put these new skills to work and burning with the desire to resist the empires of social injustice at work right here at home.

-*Scott Sutter*

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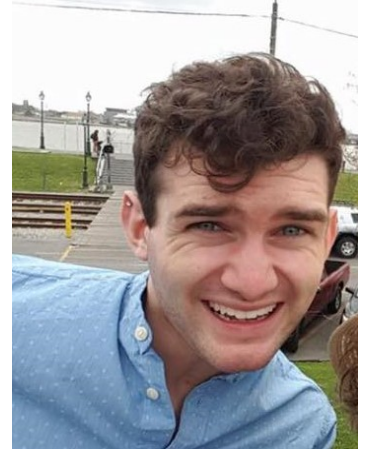


# Graduates



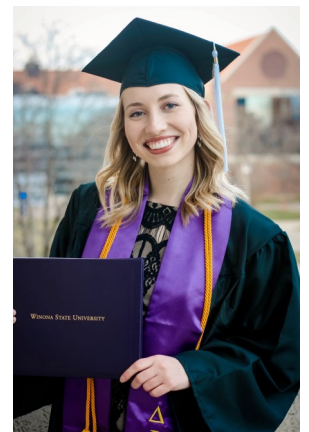
I can truly say that as my college years come to a close, the LCC has made me a more open, faithful, active, and loving human. In this quaint coffee shop location, some of my lowest and highest points of college were experienced. And in all of those stages, I was met with support, listening and understanding from all at the LCC. The LCC has taught me how to love with a Christ-like love, and I hope to carry that love on with me for the rest of my days. This summer I will be interning with Winona County Probation to bring my education to a real-life environment and explore this town I have called home for the past three years. As for the future, I am praying frequently and hope to discern the path to which I feel most called while prioritizing time for Sabbath and exploration.—Taylor Weis

Hey all! My name is Scott Sutter, and I'm the Student President here at the LCC. I'm also a graduating senior. The LCC has been an integral part of my college experience. I discovered it in my sophomore year when I was in the midst of some pretty intense soul-searching. I found a home here when I was spiritually homeless, and I was overwhelmed by the love and the affirmation that I received here. It's unlike any place that I've ever been before. I cannot express how thankful I am for the LCC and for those within it. It has been my place for the past three years. Whether I have happy news, sad news, or a strange anecdote to share, the LCC is where I go. It's granted me a space to grow, change, and mature both spiritually and emotionally. While I'm sad to go, I know that the LCC will leave a lasting impact on my heart, and I know that it will continue to be a home for the spiritually homeless well after I'm gone.



Hello everyone! My name is Claire Woodward, and I am an Exercise Science Major at WSU! I'm so excited to continue my future after graduation as a personal trainer and certified Strength and Conditioning coach. I would love to be able to work with individuals and high school athletes and really make a difference in their personal health and well-being. The LCC has helped me grow spiritually over the last few years, with learning more about the work of kindness and love in the world throughout different backgrounds and income levels. The students and Pastor Corrine have made me a better person and have helped me through incredibly tough times. As I grow after graduation, I hope to stay in touch with everyone here and be able to spread the love from the LCC onto the new people in my life for years to come. Prayers and peace to you all, Claire Woodward

My name is Jenny Gauerke, and I recently graduated from Winona State University this past December. Since graduation, I have been working full-time at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN conducting research in the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department. I am also currently applying to master's programs in Genetic Counseling. While at Winona State, I attended events put on by the LCC as much as my busy schedule would allow. I had the amazing opportunity to travel with the LCC to Holden Village in Washington state over spring break 2016. It was a truly remarkable experience filled with Jesus, joy, and lots and lots of snow. The LCC gave me a place to continue my walk with faith while away at college. I wouldn't trade it for the world! - Jenny Gauerke

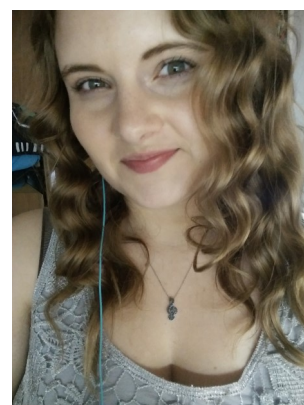


## New Leaders



Hi everyone! My name is Colton, and I found out about the LCC before I even moved to WSU. I had expressed an interest in joining the campus ministry during my college tour here last February; that is how I got on the LCC's email and mailing lists early on. Wanting to get even more involved, I applied for a leadership position; I am now the Peace and Justice Student Leader! In this role, I work on promoting the LCC's mission of social justice and advocacy for marginalized groups. Mainly, I focus on reconnecting with members of the Knowledge, Empowerment, Advocacy and Pluralism (KEAP) Center on campus, which students of historically underprivileged backgrounds call home. My service as a liaison between the KEAP and the LCC helps us foster a renewed allyship with those students. For instance, we often join them in activism against national policies in the United States that threaten their ways of life or members of their global communities, such as the ban on all refugees and some Muslim immigrants or the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). In short, I love my new leadership role at the LCC and look forward to continuing to spread peace and justice in the U.S. and our world!

I am a sophomore studying to be a math education major. I have been a part of LCC leadership for one semester as the Fundraising leader. Overall my main objective in this position is to organize events to raise money for the various activities we do at the LCC. I have found a second home with the LCC and have really enjoyed being able to help out on leadership. I found out about the LCC from one of the current members and have really grown to love the people here.  
—Anna Ramsey



## Independent Theo: Interfaith Study

The Lutheran Campus Center hosted an Interfaith Dialogue on Winona State University's campus with Solomon's Song, a non-profit in Winona; the Muslim Student Association; and the Islamic Center of Winona. The theme for the dialogue echoed the mission statement of Solomon's Song: "We are more alike than we are different." Rather than "watering-down" our faiths, we were able to engage in dialogue that deepens our faiths as well as our understanding of one another. Leaders from Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Catholicism and Lutheranism spoke on a panel; Pastor Corrine represented Lutheran Christians. The rest of the evening included questions for panelists from the more than 100 people gathered as well as conversations and refreshments afterwards.

Following the dialogue, we have been holding space at the LCC for more interfaith conversations. We began with a Tai Chi/Qigong class, which is the physical manifestation of Daoist theology, taught by a community member. We also welcomed two students from the Muslim Student Association we have gotten to know through the KEAP Center (see Colton's bio above) and an ordained Zen Buddhist. We are hoping to also hear from one of our Jewish friends before the end of the semester. These conversations stretch us to grow out of our comfort zones, deepen our faith, and seek understanding of one another in a complex, beautiful world.



*In Winona during the summer? Want to come to LCC worship during the week? Join Pastor Corrine Tuesdays @ 7:30pm for summer worship!  
{ Starting Tuesday, May 16th }*

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