



I cannot put into words how much I love the LCC; it is a place of pure and unconditional love.

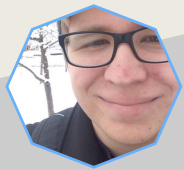
-Taylor Stumo-Langer

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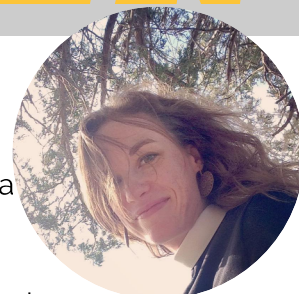
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A LETTER FROM LCC PASTOR

One night as I was preparing a report for a Board meeting, it hit me. We are caring for these students and this community- mind, body, and spirit. Of course I had recognized this prior to a couple months ago, but, based on what has been happening this semester in particular, the realization surfaced anew...



Mind. During Independent Theo(logy), we begin by naming our intentions for the next hour, such as radical listening. By that, we mean: listen not to respond, but to understand. Listen in this moment without expecting ourselves or others to have this same understanding forever. We listen with the expectation that we may be changed and that others may change their minds in the future. We invite people to bring their "2am questions" and to respond to current events, including the ELCA draft social statement on Women & Justice.

Body. For the second time this year SNAP Educator Annette Shepardson offered a hands-on class aimed at cooking healthy on a budget. Alumna Olivia Wulf led mindfulness-based improv for the LCC and RunnerUP, the improv club at Winona State University. Through laughter and games, we explored mindful practices, such as listening, breathing, and showing compassion. Each week we continue to be blessed by many who provide a home-cooked meal for students before worship.

Spirit. In February, my mom came to the LCC with needles and yarn, offering gifts and her wisdom in knitting as another tool for students to de-stress. That same night WSU counselor Eunie Alsaker joined us to lead a discussion on anxiety, depression, and stress. Coming in April, we'll welcome a group of people for a panel discussion on vocation. So often students feel pressed to map out their entire college career before they step foot on campus and then feel like something is wrong with them when that doesn't go as planned. Later, they feel pressed to map out their lives and a career. My hope is that this night will offer them a more holistic and realistic picture of life so that they can get creative and curious to ask: *Where do my greatest passions and joys meet the world's deepest needs?*

These stories scratch the surface of a community steeped in the astounding grace of God in Christ Jesus. And the words "THANK YOU" but scratch the surface of a community steeped in gratitude for all of you. -Pastor Corrine

STUDENT PRESIDENT



Hello everyone! I am Mackenzie Hanson, and I am the Student Leader President at the LCC! I am a junior at Winona State and a teacher in the making! I am from Oakdale, MN and proud aunt of seven beautiful children. (Also, I have a cute dog named Gracie.) My time at Winona State has been such a blessing because of the LCC. Being the student leader president has been one of the greatest joys in my life so far. The students make my heart happy and make me smile every day. I am truly thankful for this ministry, and I've become so much stronger in my faith because of the LCC. I've grown in my leadership skills and have been able to meet so many wonderful people throughout the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. I am grateful for each and every opportunity the LCC has given me and will continue to provide me. Thank you for all the prayers and support to help me grow and help this wonderful ministry flourish!

NEW LEADERS!



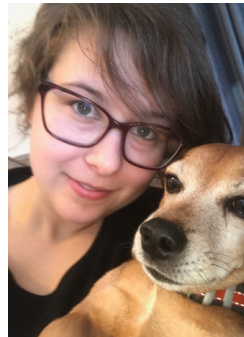
My name is Emily Walberg, and I am the fundraising student leader at the LCC this semester.

I am a freshman studying Elementary and Early Childhood Education here at WSU. I can't really explain how I found the LCC besides that God's hand was directing me to an amazing group of people when I needed it the most. The transition into college isn't always easy, but the LCC has been a place where I can re-center and feel grounded. Upon walking through the doors to the LCC for the first time, an older student immediately greeted me and welcomed me into the place that would become my second home.



I'm Madison Hartman, and I am a freshman at Winona State University. I am majoring in Business Administration and Human Resources. I am the service leader at the LCC.

I found the LCC during the club fair; I was talking to Corrine and thought, *I have to try this out*. I then came to the first worship talked to some of the older students and fell in love with this place. Everyone was so kind and welcoming. I then started coming to Bible Study, Independent Theology, and Coffee Hour. I have found my home away from home.



Hello! My name is Dahlia Garofalo. I am majoring in English Writing with a minor in Sustainability. I am the Peace and Justice representative at the LCC. I love the LCC, because it has given me a sense of community and brought me closer than ever with God.



I'm Megan Martin, and I'm the Student Vice President of the LCC. I am a freshman majoring in Elementary Education and minoring in middle level communication arts and literature and reading instruction. I found the LCC during orientation week in August. At first, I expected it to be similar to a traditional church in which people attend worship once a week. However, what I found was so much more! All of the people I've met through the LCC are incredible, and I am so happy to call them my second family. Transitioning to college can be hard, but the LCC is such an amazing support system. I have learned so much about myself and my faith this year through Bible study, Independent Theo(logy), and worship.

Letter from a Board member

Hello. My name is Dwayne Voegeli, and I am one of the new LCC Board members. I am married to Denine, an 8th grade Earth Science teacher in Plainview. We have two children. My wife is also a part time baker at Blooming Grounds. (She makes excellent scones and bars...which explains the "few" extra pounds around my midsection.) Our son, Tristan, is a junior at St. Olaf College. Our daughter, Danneka, is a freshman at North Dakota State University (NDSU).

I have been blessed to be a Social Studies Teacher at Winona Senior High School for the past 22 years. I served on the Winona County Board from 2002-2010. I am one of the organizers of the Winona Interfaith Council and am involved with a few other community groups.

I was raised Lutheran. I attended First Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. At the end of high school, I left all organized religion. I was turned off by the televangelical scandals and other hypocrisies. When I was attending college in Washington D.C., my eyes were opened to the other and many positive sides of faith through the good work of the Washington Peace Center (founded by Quakers).

I am proud of my Lutheran roots. At the same time, I feel connections with the core beliefs of all the world's faiths. I am a member of the UU Fellowship of Winona. I help coordinate some volunteers for Central Lutheran's Feast and the Winona Warming Center. At times I attend different places of worship. I see overlapping circles all around me.

I am excited to be a part of the Board. There is a unique and special energy that flows through the people and programs at the LCC. I look forward to helping the students and programs.

STUDENT MINISTERS: MARIAH HOYT & STEVEN GRANQUIST

I will student teach next fall, which causes me to reflect on my time here at the Lutheran Campus Center. I never thought I would co-lead a Bible study, independent theology, or be a student leader, but the LCC transformed and challenged my faith in order to fill these positions. Thanks to the LCC, I have grown in faith and as a woman. We are continuing to read *Love Heals* by Becca Stevens this semester to guide our conversation and focus on how Love is the most powerful force for change in the world. I have enjoyed this book, and it has brought out conversation, community, and created a safe space for healing to happen.

The LCC is a place that is constantly alive and changing, we will always have new leaders, new student ministers, new office assistants, new times for weekly events. However, I take peace in knowing that the LCC will never not be a place of peace, community, openness, activism, and a place where God's love shines. **I am truly blessed that I found this holy house.** I am forever grateful to be apart of this loving community. The Lutheran Campus Center will forever be a home to me.



I am currently a junior, studying Computer Science and Data Science. I have been student minister and a student leader at the LCC for the last two years. The LCC has been my home as I continue my academic career away from my actual home. **There is something that happens here in this space, in this community, that is truly incredible.** There is such a sense of fellowship, community, and love here. The LCC has helped me so much in my life; **when I was struggling with school and finding people to surround myself with, the LCC found me. And I am forever grateful.**

This semester, Mariah and I are continuing our Bible study with the book *Love Heals*, by Becca Stevens. This has brought out incredible discussions in our space, showing us how Love heals and does so actively in all parts of our life. It has been a remarkable experience having the opportunity to lead Bible study, and it is amazing to feel so connected to this ministry. The LCC is so full of love and life, I look forward to continuing to be an active part of it, as we show the world the amazing power of God's love. Thank you!

DONOR DINNER!

In January I had the privilege of being invited to a Donor Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Lutheran Campus Center. At the dinner, current students of the LCC served donors a beautiful meal consisting of several courses. While the dinner was delicious, the real treat was the testimony given by the students of what the LCC means to them and how it has positively influenced their time so far at Winona State University. The sentiments expressed by the current students reflected how I feel looking back on my own time at the LCC and the

importance of the relationships I made there with God and the LCC community. It was truly a joy to be invited back to the LCC to see old friends, be in the space I spent so much time in as a student, and witness how my financial support translates into emotional and spiritual support for the students.

-Kayla Scheevel, LCC alumna and 2014 WSU Graduate

(Kayla is pictured far left in the LCC Alumnus picture with Quinn Hobbs and Kelly Bergman, also 2014 graduates.)



GRADUATING SENIORS!

Hi! My name is Morgan Hagen. I am originally from Blooming Prairie, MN and am expected to graduate this May with a major in Accounting and a minor in Management Information Systems (MIS). I started going to the LCC during my sophomore year of college upon a recommendation from my home pastor. The LCC has become an important component of my time spent at Winona State University, and I wish I had started coming to the LCC earlier. Throughout my years here, I have been involved through leadership as the treasurer. **Being a part of leadership at the LCC has been a great experience because of the trust and responsibility given to me and the relationships I have formed.** As many people know, college is full of many experiences. These experiences are a combination of good times and bad times that help shape and define a student after college. I appreciate the LCC, because I can bring both my good and bad times with me and feel truly cared about. Since attending the LCC, my faith has only grown stronger. I feel more complete as a person and look at new opportunities through a different perspective. I am so thankful for the LCC, Pastor Corrine, Kelly, and all of the other individuals with whom I've connected. After graduating, I plan on moving to Austin, MN. I will be starting as an accountant at Hormel Foods.

I plan on incorporating the lessons the LCC has taught me into my next journey after graduation. I know the LCC and all of my friends will always be there for me, and for that I couldn't be happier.



Hi! My name is Morgan Anderson, and I will be graduating this May with Business Administration and Human Resource Management degrees. I got a bit of a late start attending the LCC, as I began regularly attending the fall of my junior year. Instantly I knew that it was the place for me. The people, worship, and the space as a whole were so inviting and loving. It didn't take long for me to realize how meaningful of an organization it is to be a part of, and how supported I am by everyone. I was lucky enough to serve for two semesters as the Outreach Leader. After graduating, I will be working at Mayo Clinic. The connections, lessons and experiences that I have had through the Lutheran Campus Center are ones that I will never forget.

In honor of our graduates...

These young adults have been incredible gifts to this ministry, and we are so excited to send them out into the world. To honor our 2018 graduates, we have created a challenge to raise \$2,018 by May 4th, 2018, (Spring Commencement Day.) If you would like to participate in this challenge, please include, "2018 graduates" in the memo line on your check or in the line provided on our online giving page. Congratulations to all our graduates!

Ways to give the LCC



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