

# Crossroads Connections

## Greetings From the President

Greetings from Crossroads! We started the new semester and the New Year in warm spirits, despite the cold weather! Our Student Chair from last semester, Sara Rendall, is spending this semester studying abroad in Spain with another student from Crossroads, Amber Barnick. We are keeping them in our thoughts and prayers. Many of the activities that we had last semester have carried on, with the exception of yoga on Monday, which we had to discontinue for now. Our Lunch 4 \$1 on Tuesday

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. is still going strong, with an average of 35 to 40 people enjoying a delicious home-cooked meal.

With the new semester, we have an extraordinary range of Bible studies available for students wanting to learn more about a vast range of religious issues. *Our Neighbor's Faith*, where students can learn more about the other religions of the world, is led by Chris Meiers and Connor McVey, on Thursdays at 6 p.m. Jina Olson, our new office specialist at

Crossroads, leads *The Kingdom Experiment* on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Pastor Tammy leads *Bulletproof Faith* every Thursday at noon, while Sarah Shoff, one of our residents, has a Fellowship/Social Hour at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, right after Lunch 4 \$1. Of course, Matt and Josie Lust still lead GroupLife on Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

For our worship services, now starting at 8:30 on Wednesday nights, Pastor Tammy has made the focus to be "Tough Ques-

tions." Every Wednesday on campus, we have a table in the Student Union or at Carkowski Commons. Passers-by who would like to answer questions that deal with church, death, salvation, etc. get a cookie for their time! We explore these questions and people's answers at the service to help us see what views each of us have of faith, and why. Our worship attendance remains strong, and the number of students that go on church visits has increased. If you

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The Crossroads band plays during Ash Wednesday. Pictured (from left to right) are Dustin Johanson, Levi Janssen, Chris Meiers, Nick Hager, Hilary Geesman, and Jason Foster. Sarah Shoff is not pictured.



Mackenzie Otterson, Tyler Schwab, Connor McVey, JT Thompson, Sarah Shoff, and Chris Meiers join in fellowship during Lunch 4 \$1.

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would like to invite us, we would love to come!

Last year, we started Week of Work, which takes place after the college finals in May. During this week, we help out local churches and charitable organizations in Mankato and the surrounding areas. It was a lot of fun last year, and we are pushing ahead with full power already to prepare for this year!

Myself, and all the others at Crossroads are truly thankful for your support of us, whether it is in donations or prayers, or both. Through you, we are able to serve our campus and our community, and spread God's love.

God's Blessings,  
Edward Szczepanski  
Student Board President



In February, we visited three churches in Rochester, MN. In this photo, we are at Hosanna Lutheran. Pictured in the back (from left to right) are Pastor Tammy, Ed Szczepanski, Connor McVey, and Jina Olson. In the front (from left to right) are Chris Meiers, Sarah Shoff, and Mackenzie Otterson.

## “What do I like most about Crossroads?”



*“I like the fact that so many of the people that I see regularly feel like family to me, and they have become one of my families away from home.”*

Mackenzie Otterson

*“I love that Crossroads is such a friendly, fun, open, non-judging, and rejuvenating place for us students.”*

Allyssa Rasmussen



## Tough Question #6: “How do you pray when you’re in a situation where you don’t know what to do?”

*“I ask God to show me the way out and guide me to the best solution. I pray to God because I believe that He can solve every problem we face.”*

Anonymous

## Events at Crossroads

- Connect and Center in the Prayer Cove is Monday through Thursday at 8:30 a.m. with Pastor Tammy.
- Lunch 4 \$1 is held every Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with Sarah Shoff's social hour afterwards.
- Worship is at 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday, and we invite everyone to join us!
- WorshipBand Fest will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at Crossroads.
- Week of Work will be May 10-17!