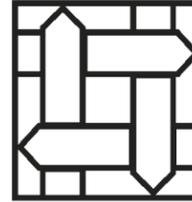


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Pastor's Message

After a quiet summer, we were thrilled to welcome new and returning students to Crossroads for another year. Before the MSU Welcome Week, some of our student leaders participated in Peer Ministry Training at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria. We returned to campus in time to serve breakfast at 10 p.m. on Saturday night during a concert at Myers Field House. That Sunday, we held a well-attended Hawaiian luau. We continue to welcome students to Lunch 4 \$1, weekly worship, social

and service events, Bible studies, and our prayer group.

One highlight in September was Campus Ministry Sunday. Crossroads Student Leaders and Community Board Members enjoyed visiting churches, and sharing news of the ministry. If your congregation has celebrated Campus Ministry Sunday, thank you! If you haven't yet been able to do so, it's not too late.

Another highlight in September was leading

the Bible Study at the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Women of the E.L.C.A. (W.E.L.C.A.) gathering. During the study, we looked at how the Holy Spirit used Paul to minister to Timothy. Timothy's mother and grandmother had sparked faith in Timothy's heart, but this faith needed to be renewed by the laying on of Paul's hands. This is an image that I appreciate because campus ministries are your hands on university campuses.

I hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter. Whether we are collecting food and toiletries for the food shelf and the local women's shelter, handing out cookies in the student union, studying the Bible, eating together, or praying in the Crossroads Prayer Cove, we are striving to live out what it means to be a part of the Kingdom of God. Thank you for helping us make this ministry possible!

Pastor
Tammy Dahlvang

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Crossroads Advocates

Become an advocate for Crossroads! Your job is to give your congregation mailings from Crossroads. This includes newsletters, brochures, and other mailings. Jina Olson, our Office Administrator, will mail you this information, or give it to you in person. Another part of your job is to give this same information about your church to Crossroads so that the students can know more about your church. We want to keep growing relationships between churches, and this is one of the best ways to do it. If you're interested, please call Jina at Crossroads.

Crossroads Campus Ministry is the E.L.C.A. campus ministry for college students at Minnesota State University, Mankato. We also reach out to students at South Central College, Rasmussen College, and Bethany Lutheran College in the Mankato area. If you want to know more about Crossroads, please look at our website or call the Crossroads office. Thank you!

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Pictured above are the Crossroads Student Leaders for this year. In the front (from left to right) are Jennifer Nord, Ashley Kuhlman, Amber Barnick, Mackenzie Otterson, and Levi Janssen. In the back (from left to right) are Ed Szczepanski, Erika Bauman, Connor McVey, and Jason Foster.

Community Board Chair's Message

Greetings! My name is Kevin Elliott, and I currently serve as Chair of the Board here at Crossroads Campus Ministry. I am a marketing professor at Minnesota State University, Mankato. I also serve on the Executive Committee and the Church Council at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Mankato.

Given that I work with college students on a daily basis, it was an easy decision to become involved with campus ministry. I see how hard it is for students to be away from home, apart from family and friends, and looking for ways to

connect with other students, than at Crossroads. There are many things happening at Crossroads, and I am happy to be a part of that. Helping students in any way I can to grow in their faith and relationship with God is why I feel blessed to serve on the Board at Crossroads.

Please feel free to contact me at Kevin.elliott@mnsu.edu if you have any questions or suggestions on how Crossroads can better serve the spiritual needs of students at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Blessings,
Kevin M. Elliott

Crossroads has had Lunch 4 \$1 for a couple of years, and we will continue to do this! It is every Tuesday during the academic year, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We still need some volunteers to help with lunch for the next semester. We have a couple of church groups that always help, but we are looking for more!

This entails a group of people making a main course and dessert. Crossroads provides everything else. Some of the groups have served tater tot hotdish, meatballs and potatoes, lasagna, and tacos.

The students, as well as community members, enjoy this time of fellowship. Some of them even stay for the

Lunch 4 \$1

entire two hours to spend time with each other.

We usually have 40 people who come to Lunch 4 \$1. If you are interested in serving a meal, please call the office and talk to Jina. Thank you!

Facility Update

During the summer, we had a few changes at Crossroads. Downstairs, a new three compartment sink was installed. This will help Campus Kitchen as they extend their program. In the apartment, a new stove was installed. This makes it easier to cook meals for Lunch 4 \$1 and other gatherings. We are grateful to have these and grateful for the people who installed them!

Give to the Max Day

Crossroads has an online giving website, which is www.givemn.razoo.com. On Thursday, November 14, there is an event called Give to the Max Day in Minnesota. This will give you the chance to maximize your gift of giving! Every donation you make to Crossroads will give us the chance to earn more money. Give to the Max Day may give us a chance to win a \$10,000 Supersized Golden Ticket. There will be hourly drawings that

add \$1,000 to a donation, and we hope that Crossroads name will be drawn! During Give to the Max Day, your gift will make a huge difference! If you have any questions, please call the Crossroads office and talk to Pastor Tammy or Jina.



Crossroads celebrated the E.L.C.A. service event, "God's Work, Our Hands" and the E.L.C.A.'s 25th anniversary on Sunday, September 8. Crossroads and Sigma Chi, one of the fraternities here at MSU, joined together in having a food drive. We had many students donate items. We also received items from the neighborhood community. We collected numerous cans of food, toiletries, and boxed food that we gave to ECHO Food Shelf and CADA, a local women's shelter. In the first above picture are (from left to right) Chris Meiers, Jina Olson, Erika Bauman, and Jennifer Nord, who helped with this event. In the other above pictures are just a few of the items that were collected. Thank you to everyone who donated!

Crossroads Events

The school year seems like it's going quickly. We are already into the halfway mark for this semester, and we have many events happening at Crossroads!

We always have Lunch 4 \$1 every Tuesday and Crossroads Worship every Wednesday. There is also Pray and Proclaim in the Prayer Cove every Friday at 1 p.m. and GroupLife every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Tammy is also leading the Prayer Shawl Ministry each Monday morning at 10. After that, she has "The Pastor Is In" table at noon in the student union. As always, if you are interested in attending these events,

you are more than welcome to come!

In October, we will have a Crossroads Movie Night on Friday, the 18th, at 7 p.m. We are also participating in Rake the Town on Saturday, the 26th. There is a chili feed at Crossroads, hosted by Sigma Chi. This is on Tuesday, the 29th, from 5-7 p.m. We will have a Halloween Party on October 31st, as well.

We will have more events throughout this semester. They are posted on our website, under "Crossroads Events." We also post them on our Facebook and Twitter pages for everyone to see.

Donate to Crossroads

We have several ways you can donate to Crossroads. You can send a check through the mail or in person.

You can donate online, using the website, www.giveMN.razoo.com. We have a link to this on our website. You



Pictured above are some of the people who attended the second worship service we had this year, which was on September 4. There were 25 people that attended. We usually have 25 to 28 people that attend worship every week.

Community Board Members Update

Crossroads has a few new Community Board Members, as well as some changes in the leadership roles.

We welcome Pastor Shelly Olson, Nancy Altmann, and Jessica Lanes to the Crossroads Community Board.

Kevin Elliott is our Community Board Chair. Jessica Lanes is our Community Board Vice Chair. Arv Zenk is the secretary and Rev. Dr. Scott Olson is the treasurer.

The rest of the members include Dennis Sandersfeld and Dr. Linda Duckett.

All of these members are part of subcommittees, as well. These include the Facility Committee, Church Relations Committee, Financial Committee, Development Committee, and Personnel Committee.

Each of these members take time out of their busy schedules to help make Crossroads a learning and growing ministry. Thank you to all of you for making Crossroads such a strong ministry!

Thank you!

can also donate to Crossroads using www.goodsearch.com. Goodsearch is a website that anyone can use as a search engine, buy things online, take surveys, and more! If you are interested in using Goodsearch, you need to sign up for it. Then, you can find the nonprofit organization you wish to donate to. If you choose Crossroads as your organization, we will be given a penny every time you login. The more you use it, the more donations we'll receive. If you buy



something online, we will receive an even bigger donation.

Goodsearch sends out checks each November for the amount earned during their fiscal year of October through September.

Crossroads will be given a donation of over \$61.00 with Goodsearch this year. Thank you to everyone who uses it, and continues to use it! If you are interested or have any questions about it, please call the Crossroads office and speak with Pastor Tammy or Jina.