

CROSSROADS

Lutheran Campus Ministry MSUM

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Sending Graduates with our Blessing



There is indeed much to rejoice and be glad about on this day as we reflect on the work God has done through the ministry of Crossroads MSUM, and through your generosity this year.

Join us in blessing Maret Otterson, Bethany Newquist, Lauren LaForce, and Emily Pekkas as they transition to the next chapter in their journey.

May the Lord bless and keep you, may the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor, and grant you peace.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! - Psalm 118

Student Spotlight



Jenna Lee
(Secretary of the Crossroads
Student Leadership Team)

Major: I am a Junior at MSUM majoring in Elementary Education and minoring math.

Hometown: Brainerd MN

Summer plans: I will be working at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria this summer as a faith formation leader!

What inspires you to be a part of Crossroads? I really love that Crossroads is both welcoming of everyone and has a Lutheran foundation. I am super excited to meet other people and spread god's love with everyone on campus next year!

Leadership Retreat

Meet the 2021-2022 Leadership Team! These students gathered at Good Shepherd in Moorhead for a visioning weekend in April. They prayed, planned, and came together as a team around their 2022 mission to join in God's work to ignite relationships with God and create friendships – a diverse and family-like home away from home - on MSUM's campus. God is up to good things through these students.



Giving Hearts Day

Friends of Crossroads, you blew us away with your generosity on Giving Hearts Day! Our goal was \$8,000 and thanks to YOU we raised \$11,000, allowing us to further our impact on campus. Your gifts provide:

- Chaplain services on campus
- Inspiring worship
- A home away from home at the Blue House
- Meals ministry
- Opportunities for students to grow in faith, leadership, and vocation



Celebrating New Ministry!



International Meals

Remember the first time you experienced homesickness? What were the things you missed most? One of them was likely your favorite home-cooked meals. International Meals ministry started as a way to share God's love by hosting international students at the Blue House to gather around the meals they missed the most. This ministry has become so much more and each meal has left us thinking, "this is what the Kingdom of God is like!" This experience has brought people together from multiple countries under one roof to learn and grow together. We learned not only how to cook one another's food, but about one another's culture and religion. God worked through this experience to create a diverse and family-like community on campus.

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Faith & Mental Health

We are proud to announce that the Crossroads Student Vice President, Tirzah Sandoval, founded a new campus organization this year titled Dragons' Mental Health. The last two years were a challenge for everyone. The need for mental health tools became increasingly clear. One of the ways Crossroads and Dragons' Mental Health collaborated was on a book study of Pr. Emmy Kegler's book, All Who Are Weary. Thanks to a grant from St. John Lutheran Church in Fargo, we were able to invite Pr. Emmy to join us on zoom as we dove into relationship between faith and mental health with the author herself.

Campus Chaplain

There is a lot to be thankful for as we celebrate the conclusion of MSUM's first year with a campus chaplain! As a result of this contract, Pr. Dominique was able to serve campus by providing free confidential conversations and spiritual care, spiritual wellness opportunities, and interfaith education. We look forward to another year of partnership with MSUM!



Worship & Meals



Crossroads serves a free home-cooked meal each Thursday at our worship service. Do you, your family, or does a group at your church love to cook? Students request comfort food - hotdish, spaghetti, soup, etc. - and providing a meal is a huge blessing to this ministry. Sign up to serve a meal once or on a regular basis next fall: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4DACA822A0FE3-meals>

If you aren't able to join us for worship, dropping the meal off ahead of time is also an option.

Wish List

- Corn hole/bean bag toss outdoor game
- Gift cards to Sam's club or Walmart for event supplies
- Fire wood
- Curtain and rod for the pantry
- Silverware (especially forks, spoons, steak knives, and chopping knives)
- In the fall: Coffee, tea, boxed muffin mixes for Crossroads Cafe



Ways to Financially Support

- Give online as a one time or re-occurring gift at <https://crossroadsmsum.ddock.gives/>
- Send in checks to:
619 10th St. S
Moorhead, MN 56560
- Thrivent Action Team Grants
- Thrivent Choice Dollars
- Meal ministry: provide a meal or the funds for a meal:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4DACA822A0FE3-meals>



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