

Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry
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ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Crossroads is a non-profit ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The ministry, in some form, has served the campus for 100 years.

What We Believe

- That God is the source and goal of life.
- That God, the wholly Other, has been made known in Jesus Christ.
- That the Scriptures, read with discernment, reveal God in our midst today.
- That the Holy Spirit makes Christ present and invites us to grow into the mystery of God.
- To love God and neighbor is the basic calling of each person.
- That our lives now, and after death, are held securely in the gracious hands of God.



Staff



In October of 2023, we called a new pastor to join us at Crossroads! Pastor Jenna (PJ) Couch accepted the call as Campus Pastor and is excited to be a part of our ministry. Pastor Jenna and her husband Mike look forward to moving to the Mankato area! They have two children, Kayleigh, age 5 and Spencer, who will be 3 in February. If you need to get a hold of PJ you can call her at 507-200-8096 or email her at pastorjenna@gmail.com.

We are thankful for our office manager, Teri Herder-Blahnik, and appreciate all she does to keep Crossroads thriving. Her attention to detail and organization are great assets to our ministry! If you have other questions about day-to-day operations, building rental, or donations, please email Teri at crossroadsadvocate@gmail.com or call the Crossroads office, **507-625-6779**.



We are also grateful to our custodian Kent Paulson, who will be ending his employment with us at the end of January 2024 after 6 years of faithful service. We will miss his kindness, cheerful greetings, and the excellent work he did for us! And we are in the search for a new custodian. If you know someone who may be interested in this position, please let us know!

Board of Directors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>
Pastor Janet Adams	President	Pastor Jacie Richmond	at Large
Jane Hanson	Secretary/Treasurer	Ray Wicks	at Large
Pastor Roger Haug	Past President	*Ben Geer	at Large
Becky Menk	Campus Cupboard Coordinator		

(* indicates those who were on the board at some point during 2023 but are not currently board members)
 We are in need of a few additional board members. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jenna.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Lunch For-a-Buck

Five local ELCA congregations, Bethlehem, Christ the King, Epiphany (Eagle Lake), Grace, and Messiah (North Mankato) – along with their 40 volunteers – prepared, provided, and served lunch to Minnesota State University-Mankato students and faculty on 31 Tuesdays during Spring and Fall Terms in 2023. Crossroads Campus Ministry’s Lunch For-a-Buck program saw increased numbers in 2023. A total of **1,430** individuals were served lunch while the volunteers also collected **\$1,365.77** in donations that were used to purchase salad supplies, beverages, and paperware. The numbers above represent a 57.5% increase in attendance and 44.5% increase in donations compared to 2022, when 909 individuals were served lunch, and \$945.12 in donations were collected.

Hunger and food insecurity are real on the campus of Minnesota State University-Mankato. We are grateful for our partnerships with area congregations who support the students and the ministry at Crossroads. We would not be able to feed the Lord’s sheep without them.

Respectfully submitted,
Teri Herder-Blahnik, Crossroads Office Manager

Food Support – Campus Cupboard

Campus Cupboard food pantry provides food to any student with a current ID from MSU-Mankato, South Central College, or Bethany College. It is open Tuesdays, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Thursdays, 12:00 PM to 5:30 PM. In an average month, the Cupboard serves 374 households and distributes 13,451 pounds of food.

- In the summer of 2023, we moved Campus Cupboard to the main level of the Crossroads building. Campus Cupboard is now housed in half of Crossroads’ gathering area, which is an excellent use of space, allows us to serve more students at the same time, and offer a wider variety of products. We averaged 974 visits per month and gave away a total of 161,413 pounds of food. This is an increase from last year! We served students, their children and in some cases their parents.
- In addition to our regular visits, we co-hosted a Farmers Market each fall and spring semester with MNSU, where we distributed more than 4,000 pounds of produce to over 500 students in 3 hours.
- Much of the food was purchased from the Second Harvest Heartland food bank. We also participated in food rescue with Cub Foods West, who provided about 33% of the food we distributed without charge.
- We cannot express how great our appreciation is for the on-going support of civic groups. We were blessed to receive two nights of food donations from the Kiwanis Holiday Lights, totaling more than 1,300 pounds. And our heartfelt thanks to the SE MN synod, for your faithful support as well.
- We depend on grants and donations to do the work that we do. We appreciate your support!
- We want to thank all of the volunteers that work so hard to make this mission possible:

Becky Menk, Coordinator
Kathy Sallstrom
Kris Norland
Wendy Paulson

Pat Lueck
Barbara Glass
Sharon Chatleain

Worship with Holy Communion

Worship is held Sunday evenings at 5:30pm at Crossroads. We are using the Dinner Church format, where worship and a meal are combined into a one-hour service. **ALL ARE WELCOME** to attend. If you are interested in providing a meal for Dinner Church, please contact Pastor Jenna at 507-200-8096 or pastorjenna@gmail.com.

Facility Rental:

The facility was rented on five occasions during 2023, with a \$75 janitorial fee for use of the space. The five events included a spaghetti dinner, high school theater workshop, high school graduation reception, and two pancake breakfast fundraisers.



*We thank you for all of your prayers, support, and kindness.
We are grateful to have faithful ministry partners like you
to walk with us as we serve God's children at
Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry.*

FINANCIAL REPORTS

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY ELCA- CROSSROADS

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets

Petty Cash	10.00
U S Bank Checking (9092)	24,834.81
U S Bank Money Market (1504)	35,482.43
Mission Fund CD	20,000.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 80,327.24

Total Current Assets

\$ 80,327.24

Fixed Assets

Building and Contents	1,585,000.00
Prepaid Benefits	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,585,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS

\$1,665,327.24

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Federal Taxes (941/944)	0.00
MN Income Tax	-52.00
Total 24000 Payroll Liabilities	(52.00)
Accrued Liabilities - Campus	
Cupboard	\$ 14,710.00
Accrued PTO	\$ 262.50
Damage Deposit Apartment	300.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 15,220.50

Long Term Liabilities

Long Term Loan	\$ 187,928.78
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TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$ 203,149.28

Equity

30000 Unrestricted Fund Balance	1,462,177.96
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1,665,327.24

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY ELCA- CROSSROADS

Statement of Activity

February 2023 - December 2023

Revenue		Expenditures	
INCOME		200 Operations Expense	
1 External Income		5020 Fund Appeal	334.86
2030 Partner Congregations	23,117.15	5026 Insurance (Multi-Peril & W/C)	2,901.60
2037 Ministry Support / Congregation	10,048.76	6025 Janitorial/Kitchen Supplies	70.29
2038 Grants	0.00	6040 Office Supplies	2,848.36
2039 SEMN Synod ELCA	23,913.00	6050 Postage.	705.00
2041 ELCA Chicago	4,841.42	6060 Computer and Software	683.88
2049 Thrivent Choice	223.00	6001 Student Communications	450.00
4039 Individual Donors	10,230.12	9010 Accounting	320.00
Total 1 External Income	\$ 72,373.45	Total 200 Operations Expense	\$ 8,313.99
2 Internal Income		300 Personnel Expense	
3010 Interest	12.09	4022 Staff Mileage Reimb.	138.88
3020 Parking Lot	1,750.00	4030 Office Specialist Staff	12,425.00
3025 Campus Kitchen	1,423.33	4031 PTO Expense	577.50
3027 Lunch for \$1	1,286.67	4040 Payroll Taxes	1,475.36
3028 Space Rental Donation	375.00	4070 Pastor Salary	2,119.98
3030 Rent Apartment	3,320.00	4071 Pastor Housing Allowance	7,500.00
3042 Other Income	9.43	4072 Pastor Social Security	735.96
Total 2 Internal Income	\$ 8,176.52	4080 Employer Retirement	1,035.60
3 Campus Cupboard Income		4085 Employer Health	0.00
3110 Churches	3,372.00	4090 Employer Basic Group Life	82.86
3115 Individuals	6,298.87	4098 Employer Disability Benefit	93.21
3116 Grants	36,028.37	5040 Janitorial Staff	4,635.00
Total 3 Campus Cupboard Income	\$ 45,699.24	Total 300 Personnel Expense	\$ 30,819.35
Total INCOME	\$126,249.21	400 Program Expense	
		410 Churchwide Participation	
		7009 LCMM Conf / Mtg Fees	655.00
		Total 410 Churchwide Participation	\$ 655.00
		420 Other Programs	
		3035 Apartment Expense	6,015.46
		3036 Pest Control	279.83
		7030 Events and Programs	0.00
		7043 Lunch 4 \$1	701.90
		7075 Worship and Music	198.25
		Total 420 Other Programs	\$ 7,195.44
		Total 400 Program Expense	\$ 7,850.44
		700 Campus Cupboard Expense	
		7110 Food Cost	50,466.66
		7115 Publicity and Advertising	410.00
		7121 Other Expenses	4,648.41
		Total 700 Campus Cupboard Expense	\$ 55,525.07
		Total EXPENSE	\$ 126,824.02
		Total Expenditures	\$ 126,824.02
		Net Operating Revenue	(574.81)
100 Facilities Expense			
110 Repair & Maintenance			
5000 Equipment			
5021 Snow Removal/Lawn Care	810.00		
5032 Repairs and Maintenance	6,451.47		
5036 Building Improvements	3,295.00		
5050 Depreciation Expense	0.00		
Total 110 Repair & Maintenance	\$ 10,556.47		
120 Utilities			
5038 Water Machine- Culligan	226.90		
5041 Gas -Center Point Energy	3,458.13		
5043 Waste and Recycling- Waste Mgmt	2,145.12		
5044 Water - City of Mankato	1,075.03		
5045 Electricity- Xcel Energy	5,390.85		
6020 Internet and Phone- Charter Com	1,462.67		
Total 120 Utilities	\$ 13,758.70		
Total 100 Facilities Expense	\$ 24,315.17		