

New NAIT Chaplain!

Lutheran Campus Ministry-Edmonton is pleased to announce that Dana Rayment has been contracted to serve as Lutheran Volunteer Chaplain at NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology).

Dana (B.A. Psychology) completed two years of studies at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, and served a year of internship at Hope Lutheran, Edmonton. She has a degree in dance from MacEwan University and is a playwright and producer of theatre. She is also a certified Pilates Instructor.

You can contact Dana with student referrals or questions at: drayment@nait.ca

P.S. Dana also brings loads of experience, having assisted Rev. Richard Reimer (not in an official capacity, but vitally!) with Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Alberta in Edmonton since 1991!



Intentional Christian Community at Martin Luther House

Each year Lutheran Campus Ministry-Edmonton invites students to consider Intentional Christian Community living at Martin Luther House.

What is that?

It's a household where residents learn, study, play and grow by bringing together faith and academic life.

Applications are now invited!

To find out more details, or to apply, contact: Rev. Richard Reimer, Lutheran Chaplain at: rfreimer@ualberta.ca

Or visit our website for details and an online application at: www.lcmedmonton.ca



2019-20 Intentional Christian Community at Martin Luther House

(left to right) Kalie Keays, Andrew Hohm, Hayley Mueller, Markus Nielsen, Juanita Hohm



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Treasurer's Update



My name is Ryan Anderson, and I'm Treasurer of Lutheran Campus Ministry - Edmonton (LCM-E). But my journey with LCM-E began nearly 20 years ago as a U of A student. The LSM community was an important part of my university life, two years of which I spent as a resident of the Lutheran Student Centre. LSM kept me connected to my faith over those years, and I am still friends with many of the students I met during that time.

During my first few months as Treasurer of LCM-E, I was anxious at how we were stretched thin financially. We had to ask the Synod to advance its monthly funds ahead of schedule to prevent cheques from bouncing. Some months, frankly, we were broke.

Then an unexpected blessing: we were informed that Beverly Boren had named LCM-E in her estate.

LCM Council began to strategize on how best to steward this gift and put it to work to support God's work.

Our first priority was to repay a pension and benefits debt to our chaplain. We also decided to hold three months of operating funds as a buffer to manage cash flow. As a lasting legacy, Council decided to establish the Bev Boren Lutheran Campus Ministry Fund with the Edmonton Community Foundation—the same foundation from which we receive a generous annual disbursement from the Augustana Lutheran Continuing Ministry Fund. Though these funds are now inaccessible, property of the foundation, they provide us with 4% annual interest in perpetuity to fund operations. Another major priority with remaining funds was to complete overdue maintenance on Martin Luther House.

Lastly, Council is allocating Boren funds to sustain the new campus ministry at NAIT, and potentially at MacEwan University. It is exciting to imagine how God's work will touch the lives of more students across Edmonton in the years to come.

Though we've been blessed to receive these funds, dear Friends of Lutheran Campus Ministry, I want to stress that we continue to rely on all of our donors to sustain and grow campus ministry. Thank you!

Lutheran Campus Ministry Council of Edmonton 2019-20

Rev. Kathie Schmitke— *Chair & Clergy Representative*
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Ryan Anderson— *Treasurer*
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Hayley Mueller— *Martin Luther House Liaison*
Emma Steiner— *LSM Liaison*
Rev. Richard Reimer— *Chaplain, University of Alberta*
Dana Rayment— *Chaplain, NAIT*

House Renovations Update!

by Kari Heise, Project Manager



This past year has seen major improvements to Martin Luther House. Everything started on track in the spring with our priorities, the roof and eavestroughs being replaced. Then things started to snowball.



This was a great year for planting sod, but a horrible year to be building a deck!



The large amount of rainfall created such a mud-pit (or shall we say swimming pool) in the back yard, that work on the deck and fence were delayed multiple times.



Replacing the deck, another priority, resulted in a deck twice the size as the original one, but all on one level. The deck also has new planters and two large picnic tables with seating for 20.



The water table was so high that the new pilings installed at 5 feet deep, with concrete, sunk! The new deck which was level the day before, was now 3 inches shorter on one side. And staining the deck was another major issue.



Another story involved discovering that the master suite on the upper floor had no insulation in the walls! It now has new insulation in the walls, around the windows, and in the knee wall of the ceiling and a new coat of paint. And new lights were installed in the bathroom.



Bishop Larry offered a prayer of dedication and he and I cut the ribbon officially opening the deck for LSM's 'Welcome to U' BBQ!



This year will see further projects to replace five windows, fix the inside stairwell treads and bannister, insulation in the ceiling improved, and whatever other snowball that starts to form!

Lutheran Student Movement 2019-20 LSM President's Message

As we wrap up another year of the Lutheran Student Movement, I would like to tell you all about what made this year great. Our theme for this year - "Food and Faith" - led to some great conversations about our relationships to each other and to our Creator through food. Notably, one of our speakers was Pastor Craig Wentland from the Augustana Chaplaincy, who came up one Tuesday to share both his stories of growing up on a farm with a constant connection to Creation as a source of food and his homemade gelato!



Some may know that Richard has had the misfortune of dealing with a slew of medical trials this year but if there is a silver lining to this, it would be that our LSM members have really stepped up to share Richard's job of welcoming people to the house, leading Bible studies, and ensuring the well-being of the community. Amidst the busyness of university, it is easy to lose sight of God, but not on Tuesday nights when He makes Himself known in the smiles, hugs, and presence of each LSM attendee. Thanks for another blessed year!



It was LSM-Edmonton's turn to plan and "host" the Young Adult Winter Retreat at Camp Kuriakos this year, so we brought our theme to share with folks from Camrose, Calgary, and Regina. The retreat was well attended, and a great weekend of rest, getting some fresh air on the lake, gathering for worship and fellowship, and learning from our guest speaker, Pastor Tim Wray, about faith through the lens of farming.



To me, the greatest part of this year was the strength of the current LSM community. We have had quite a few new people join our group this year, as well as many returning students who attend regularly. The sense of community, connection, and friendship has never felt stronger.

LSM Executive, 2019-20 (left to right)

Annika Calkins, Fundraising; Kyra Henkelmann, Activities; Tom Kunz, Spiritual Life & Treasurer; Emma Steiner, Secretary; Juanita Hohm, President & Rev. Richard Reimer, Chaplain; Missing: Hayley Mueller, Member-at-Large