

Meeting Basic Needs at The Keep

Most of us don't think of basic needs insecurity as an issue that affects students on campus, but research informs us that **more and more students are going hungry** and becoming homeless during their college years. Research from The Hope Center (hope4college.com) tells us that 1 in 3 students will experience food insecurity during their time at school.

When Luther Memorial Church began dreaming about renovating a space in its basement, two ideas began to develop: a food pantry for hungry students, and some kind of outreach project that would help the congregation connect with students. These two ideas came together in a new ministry called **The Keep**.

The keep is the safest place in a castle - likewise, The Keep ministry seeks to provide **a safe space on campus where basic needs may be cared for**. Keep is also a term that is used to describe the basic necessities of life - food, clothing, and shelter. In addition to caring for students, The Keep mentors and **equips student organizations** that are working on projects related to basic needs insecurity.

The Keep Food Pantry is open weekly to hungry students, staff, and faculty from UW, Edgewood, and Madison College. Overseen by a team of volunteers from Luther Memorial Church, it provides non-perishables, fresh fruit, vegetables, and dairy, and frozen prepared foods and meat.

In addition to the food pantry, The Keep houses **four student organizations**. Each of these groups is provided with a physical space and is assigned a mentor / advocate who helps the group carry out its stated mission.

As another school year begins, we are excited to see how God blesses this ministry and allows it to nurture young adult leadership and continue to bless the lives of others. You can learn more about The Keep by going to www.thekeepmadison.org



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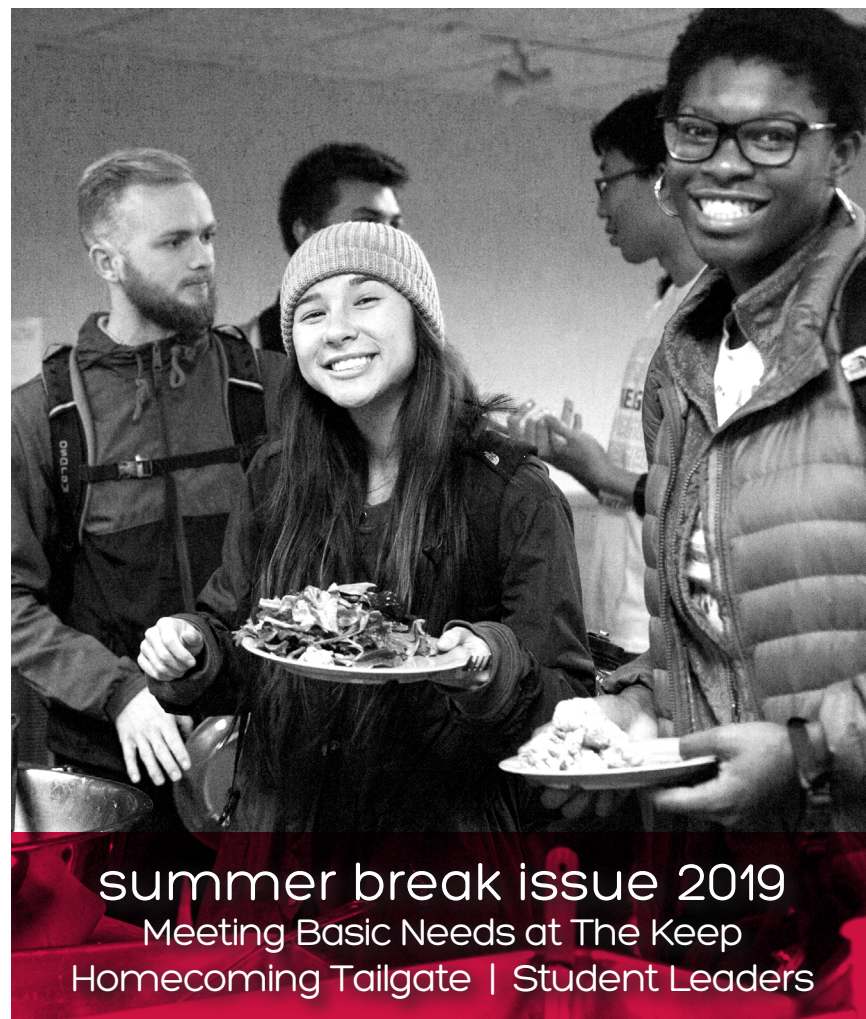
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A Radical, Wild Goose

The Wild Goose Festival (Hot Springs, NC) is named after the Celtic belief that Holy Spirit of God is not a docile dove but a radical and wild goose. My amazing experience at The Goose was just that, radical and wild. Anyone who knows me well, knows I'm not a nature person. But somehow even so far out of my comfort zone camping in the Smoky Mountains I was so comfortable wrapped up in the just and loving mercy of

God. My experience can be summed up in the words said by the communion servers at closing worship on Sunday morning. "The body of Christ for your freedom from shame," followed by, "The blood of Christ for God's love for you." The Goose invited me to show up 100% as I am and let go of whatever is standing in the way of good relationships with myself, with my neighbor, and with God. A full feature will be posted on the ELCA Young Adult Blog soon. <https://blogs.elca.org/youngadults/>

-Claire Embil, English-Creative Writing '21

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Enriching Ministry with Student Leadership Programs

Last year, Lutheran Campus Ministry embarked on a holy experiment, gathering our **first cohort of Faith & Vocation Fellows**. Each student volunteered with a partner organization or ministry for 10 hours per week during the academic term. At their volunteer site, they were connected with a mentor and encouraged to reflect on their experiences regularly. In addition, the four fellows also met on a weekly basis for two hours - engaging in facilitated reflection on their recent experiences in their ministry sites and in their life in general, sharing spiritual practice related to the monthly theme as well as hearing from presenters on a topic of faith.

This past year's **fellows expressed gratitude for the small ways that their mentors cared for them and enriched their experiences**. For example, Rylie was overjoyed when her mentor at the Bethel Food Pantry, Cheryl, took the time to take her to visit Second Harvest Food Bank and help her learn about the distribution network for food pantries. At the end of the year, Addison remarked, "Pastor John is going to take me out to lunch! It's so nice of him."

This year, we're blessed to report that **our student leadership program is expanding**. Once again, we'll have four Faith & Vocation fellows who will serve local ministry sites. In addition, five new Student Ministry Interns as well as one Grad Student/Young Adult Ministry Coordinator will reach out to other students, organizing programs here at Lutheran Campus Ministry. These student leaders will gather twice per month for intentional prayer, reflection, and spiritual formation.

We are grateful to the Siebert Lutheran Foundation, the Bethel Lutheran Foundation, and to many individual donors for making these programs possible. Each student leader receives a stipend, which allows him or her to dedicate time to growing in faith and serving others. Read more about them at lcmmadison.org/blog. and support them by donating at lcmmadison.org/giving.

Save the Date

HOMECOMING TAILGATE

Friday, October 11 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Alumni, donors, and friends of LCM are invited to celebrate homecoming weekend with current students and staff.

Visit lcmmadison.org for more information and to RSVP.

Thank You, Amy!

After six years, Amy Hartsough is ending her third stint serving as Music Director for Lutheran Campus Ministry. In the 80s and 90s, Amy grew up visiting campus center as her mother, Alice Hartsough, directed the choir. During her time at UW, she studied organ and vocal music and participated in campus ministry. After graduating, she answered the call to support worship and music at Lutheran Campus Ministry on three separate occasions, while simultaneously performing, teaching voice and piano, and serving local congregations. Amy now serves as the Director of Music at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison. We will deeply miss Amy's heartfelt and beautiful piano music in our worship services, as well as her kindness, humor, and encouragement for each student she met at campus ministry. Visit lcmmadison.org/blog to see some throwback photos of Amy and her involvement at LCM through the years.



2019-20 STUDENT LEADERS

Fellows



Addison
Ag Business Management '20
 Youth Ministry at Luther Memorial



Logan
Biomedical Engineering '21
 Chaplaincy at UW Hospital



Sarah
MATC Liberal Arts Transfer '20
 Chaplaincy @ Oakwood



Jaret
Neurobiology '20
 Church Music

Grad Student / Young Adult Ministry Coordinator



Garret
Civil Society & Community Research PhD Candidate

Interns



Sami
Environmental Sciences '22



Claire
Journalism '20
 Outreach & Hospitality



Jenna
Biochemistry & Russian Literature '22
 Food Insecurity



Delilah
Music Education '22
 Contemplative Prayer



Tess
Textile & Fashion Design '20