

Faith & Vocation Fellowship

2023-2024 Program Information

What is a Faith & Vocation Fellowship?

Faith & Vocation Fellowships at Lutheran Campus Ministry are service-learning positions in which students:

- Serve in partner congregations and organizations, exploring the diverse ways that Christians serve neighbors
- Reflect on their own gifts and interests and how God is calling them to utilize them in daily life
- Are a part of a small group of fellow student leaders who gather regularly to explore how faith relates to daily life and life in community

Where and how will I serve?

Each fellow will work approximately 8 hours per week in a ministry site outside of LCM. LCM will help the vocation connect to a ministry site and an on-site mentor who will help students go about their service work in the congregation or organization and meet weekly or every other week with the fellow. The schedule will be determined by the ministry site and fellow.

There are ample opportunities in the local community to focus on the following service areas:

- Children & youth
- Older Adults
- Food Insecurity & Basic Needs
- Advocacy & Social Justice

- Ministry with immigrants and racial minorities
- Ministry to the homeless
- Ecumenism / interfaith work

What will I explore and learn with other student leaders?

Student Ministry Interns and Faith and Vocation Fellows meet about twice per month during the academic year. The meetings will take place on Tuesday evenings, normally from 7pm to 9pm.

Each meeting includes:

- A check in time for group conversations and reflection on issues and topics related to daily life
- Conversation on topics related to God's calling in daily life, especially the call to community life
- A short time for meditation on scripture and/or contemplative spiritual practices such as meditation, prayer, etc.

Time Commitment & Stipend

The Faith & Vocation Fellowship program is a year-long commitment of approximately 10 hours per week throughout the academic year. Fellows must commit to:

- Spend about 6-8 hours per week in their partner ministry site
- Attend Thursday night worship and dinner regularly, missing no more than 2 weeks per semester
- Participate in a 2 hour cohort meeting every other week during the academic year

Faith & Vocation Fellows receive a monthly stipend of \$400 per month September - May (9 months).

2023-2024 Meeting Dates & Other Required Events

The cohort will meet on the following Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm. Fellows are expected to miss no more than one meeting per semester.

Fall Semester: Spring Semester:

September 12 January 23
September 26 February 6
October 10 February 20
October 24 March 5
November 7 April 2
November 28 April 16

In addition all participants are expected to participate in:

- A fall leadership retreat held Tuesday, August 29 to Thursday, August 31 at a retreat center located about an hour outside Madison (transportation will be provided)
- Thursday evening worship and dinner at LCM during the semester, missing no more than two weeks per semester
- An end of year celebration held on April 29, 2024.

Application Process & Timeline

Interested students should fill out an application and talk to Pastor Emily about their interest. Schedule a 30 minute interview at: calendly.com/lcmmadison

Applications Available Monday, February 13
Applications Due Thursday, March 2
Interviews February 27 to March 6
Decisions Thursday, March 9