

Campus Lutheran Church

Ministry Highlights August 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022

Living. Sharing. Transforming.



A Life of Faith & Service: Craig Busseau

We gratefully remember the life of faith and service lived by our Director of Discipleship and Family Life, Craig Busseau. Although he was called to his heavenly home on June 14, his impact on the future of Campus Lutheran Church will be seen for decades to come.

He once mentioned that coordinating family ministry was like weaving a beautiful tapestry. It takes numerous threads in a variety of hues to create something new. From the most vibrant gold to the muted dark tones, each has their place. Every individual makes a vital contribution.

Busseau certainly did. He dedicated his life to the Lord's service and spent the last seven years at the helm of our Christian Education program. He championed the "Transforming Our Campus for Christ" Campaign, and eventually served as project manager over the expansion of our facility. Busseau conceptualized and led the launch of our GRACE Road ministry filling those added halls with new families.

He worked behind-the-scenes in a multitude of ways, which we are still discovering today. We are thankful to have been blessed by Busseau's service to God and others. Please help us continue to remember Craig Busseau, a sincere listener with a humble spirit lead by his Lord and Savior.



Craig Busseau | 1957-2022

"Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord." -Psalm 102:18



60 Children and their families learned about the empty tomb at the Easter Egg Hunt.



The Alaska Mission Team lead Vacation Bible School **44** children in Anchor Point.

By the Numbers

Bible Study & Small Groups **25+**

343 Baptized & Communicant Members

16 Associate Members **9** New Members

4 Baptisms Confirmed **1** First Communion

179+ Non-Members Attending Worship

Online Viewers for Sunday Services **50+**

176 Donors Gave **\$606,248**

\$145,275 Paid Toward Principal

Building debt reduced to a little over

\$1.1 million

Go. All. In.

Together, Campus Lutheran members and friends embarked on a spiritual renewal process, encouraging members to GO ALL IN. The aim was to recognize our mission, vision and purpose as faithful stewards who serve our community in the name of Christ.

We celebrated this new way of life and ministry to others in a grand way. Commitment Sunday, held April 24, helped foster new connections with a progressive luncheon, scavenger hunt and games designed to introduce individuals to others who they might not have met yet.



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." –2 Corinthians 5:17-18

The Community Life Center received upgrades with new sound dampening panels. They are a first step at improved sound quality, and they add colorful décor. Donations allow continued improvements. Please consider making a gift to ensure Campus Lutheran facilities serve our community well for years to come.



ONWARD
in faith

With gratitude we give to our God who has promised to do more than we can ask or imagine. We commit ourselves to "Living and sharing the transforming love of Christ" as active participants in the mission of God at Campus Lutheran Church.

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____

I am committed to the **vision for Campus Lutheran**: Making disciples from all nations in this generation and the next... as followers of Jesus are disciplined for living as new people in Christ and sharing His life-transforming love with others. (Matthew 28:18-20)

I am committed to **Worshiping Together (UP)**: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2:42)

I am committed to **Loving Others Well (OUT)**: "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35)

I am committed to **Serving My Church (IN)**: "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)

I am committed to **Giving** financially in support of the ministries of my church. "Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)



All those in attendance on Commitment Sunday were invited to share what role they wanted to play in transforming our community for Christ—committing to the vision, worshiping together, loving others well, serving Campus Lutheran Church and giving financially in support of ministries. Thanks to all who are living out this commitment each and every day, that is how Campus Lutheran is able to do so much for the Lord in our community and around the world.

Gathering. Giving. Sharing.



14 youth, **4** shepherds (adult leaders) and **3** YAVs (Young Adult Volunteers) traveled to Houston for the LCMS National Youth Gathering. They ran into friends serving in ministry across the world, including Erin Mackenzie, a missionary in Latin America that Campus Lutheran helps support.

A combined total of **500+** pounds of food was collected by **3** different Campus Lutheran groups for the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri.

\$110 raised by youth to "Adopt a Monkey" at the St. Louis Zoo. They adopted a Cotton-top Tamarin.

Youth floated their boat (or tried to!) as a way to raise funds for the Food Bank, which feeds people in a **32** county service area.

For **40+** years the Dorcas Guild has decorated stockings to share with children attending the Christmas Eve Service.

19 Christmas meals delivered for Circle of Friends members.

51+ shoeboxes given for Operation Christmas Child.

40 gift cards collected for Coyote Hill totaling **\$1,000+**

Countless **Blessing Bags** stuffed and shared within the homeless community.



*"If what I do helps strengthen the faith of just one Christian, it is worth the effort. I am incredibly thankful for Campus Lutheran's support of our college ministry, and it has allowed us to bring Christ into the lives of so many people."
-Tyler Kroenke*



Giving Support

To further the Lord's work around the world, Campus Lutheran supports a seminarian student, both financially and through our prayers. Colby Howell completed his education at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis this spring, and thanked the congregation for our support over the years.

To Campus Lutheran Church: Hello again from St. Louis! It is good to write to you again! My final year at Seminary is wrapping up with much excitement! This will probably be my last letter that I write to you, so let me take the time to give a big THANK YOU for supporting me through this entire process. It seems like I have been here studying to be a pastor for a very long time – but in a good way! And now, I finally – finally! – have my first call!

With sacred joy, it is my pleasure to tell you that I have been called to serve as the associate pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brookfield, Wisconsin! It is a larger church on the west side of Milwaukee. The church has around 1,500 members and a school with 400 kids. Nora (my fiancée) and I are beyond excited to move to Wisconsin, a state that we both love dearly. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us in Brookfield! May God bless you, now and always! In Christ, Colby Howell



"I don't think I could thank anyone more than God, and the people he has placed at Campus Lutheran. The people he has put in my life are examples of God's continuous work within everyday life. When I see my friends at the Gathering or at church on Sunday I am reminded of the love God has for each one of us and how he will provide support in ways you might not understand."

–Noah Novak, MU grad



Gathering Together

Equipping students with biblical truths and providing an environment for authentic Christian relationships is the goal of the Gathering, a ministry for college-aged adults. In 2021-22, this effort was led by our outstanding student workers, Morgan Jennings and Tyler Kroenke. This dynamic group of young adults spent the year digging deeper into their faith, covering everything from stewardship to accountability. In addition to weekly bible studies and worship services, the Gathering held Friendsgiving, a SOUPer Bowl food drive, the Go Leadership Retreat, Green Eggs and Cram, a service project for Coyote Hill, and much more. They also assisted with the Youth Gathering and combined forces with Campus Lutheran's quarter-life group for a joint bible study this summer.



Volunteers from the Gathering packed meals to ship to kids in need around the world. Through Feed My Starving Children they assembled **20,520** meals!

Sharing In Ministry

The Apostle Paul gives thanks for the Christians in Philippi because they are his partners in God's work. Whether together or apart, Paul and the members of the Philippian congregation were joined in the common mission of advancing the Gospel message of forgiveness and eternal life in Jesus Christ.

In January 2022, Campus Lutheran and Good Shepherd Lutheran in Centralia began exploring what "shared ministry" might look like for our congregations. Soon after, Campus Lutheran and Good Shepherd voters agreed to move forward and began the process of developing a memorandum of understanding.

Good Shepherd also moved forward with requesting to call a seminary candidate. On July 31, 2022, Rev. James Lanning was installed as Good Shepherd's pastor, while also serving as a pastoral assistant at Campus Lutheran.

While this new partnership is still in its infancy, both congregations have already shared some events and activities. The youth groups have had some joint outings and traveled together to the Youth Gathering in Houston. A post-college young adult group, Quarterlife, has been formed, and invitations have been exchanged between the congregations for special events.

A joint leadership team will work to identify the ministries, resources, training, finances, volunteers and a timeline for implementing congregation-based ministry, which will have a direct impact on making disciples. Pray for the leaders and members from both congregations, that as we come together with much excitement and many great ideas, we will prioritize and focus our shared ministry opportunities in meaningful, missional, attainable ways.

+Serving Christ with you+

Pastor Kent

On **July 31**, Campus Lutheran and Good Shepherd Lutheran choir members joined forces for a song at Pastor Lanning's Installation.



Pastor James Lanning

On the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, a divine call was issued to seminarian James Lanning to become the pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Centralia, and to serve the shared ministry of Good Shepherd and Campus Lutheran.

Lanning is from Lago Vista, Texas. He became an LCMS Lutheran in 2010. His wife, Hannah is a life-long Lutheran from St. Louis. James and Hannah have been married for two years and have one child, Katherine. James enjoys running, biking, swimming, music, disc golf and travel. Hannah enjoys music, travel, hiking and biking.

James received a bachelor of science degree in multi-disciplinary studies from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, in 2016. Hannah received a bachelor's in music education from Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, in 2017. James has worked part-time as a swim instructor, lifeguard and as a substitute teacher. Hannah has worked as an orchestra teacher and part-time as an English and Language Arts teacher. She currently works part-time as a freelance musician and music teacher. We rejoice that God has provided a pastor for the people of Good Shepherd Lutheran and Campus Lutheran Church!



Student Ministry: Peer Ministers



Morgan Jennings is studying vocal music education at Mizzou. She has been involved with the Gathering since her freshman year and joined Campus Lutheran as an associate member in spring 2020. Jennings serves as a co-small group leader and helps plan for the Gathering on Wednesday nights. Her goal is to build relationships centered in Christ in order to reach as many students as possible. Jennings has loved becoming involved in the community here at Campus Lutheran, and said she is grateful to all the members who have made it feel like a second home.



Tyler Kroenke graduated from the University of Missouri with a masters degree in accounting in May 2022. Kroenke started attending Campus Lutheran in January 2018 when he transferred to MU. Ever since then, Campus Lutheran has been a home for him to hear God's Word, receive the Lord's Supper and have fellowship with other Christians. If Kroenke had to pick, his favorite books of the bible would be the Gospel of John, the Psalms and Romans. What he loves most about this job was studying God's Word with other believers and building up each other in the hope of the Gospel.

Events

The fourth annual GO Leadership Retreat for college students was held in February. Participants came from **7** colleges in Missouri, Illinois and Nebraska.

Campus Lutheran hosted a movie night in the park and screened *Luther*, the **2003** film with an all-star cast.

10 children participated in the Children's Christmas Service showcasing the Symbols of Salvation.

400+ nativity sets from around the world were exhibited during Meet Me at the Manger.

Thanks to a dedicated team the first annual Fall Bazaar & Spaghetti Dinner raised **\$8,397** for debt reduction in 2021.

On **October 9**, the sanctuary was filled with the glorious voices of the University Singers. Following the concert, the capacity crowd streamed into the Community Life Center for food and fellowship. One guest stated it was the first of numerous venues in her four years that openly welcomed the choir and its fans with warmth and genuine hospitality.



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