



As a new school year approaches, we wanted to highlight the important work of campus ministry. Pastor Kathryn Thompson from LuMin graciously shares the following:

Dear Members of English Lutheran Church,

We are excited to come for a “LuMin Sunday” in September, but until then, we’d love to update you on the great success of Lutheran Campus Ministry’s program year and the impact you make through your congregational and individual support. In our

2025-26 program year, LuMin:

- Consistently served **300-500 students** through Free Cookie Wednesdays
- Fostered deep partnerships and collaborations with Western, where we held programming in the spring on almost a weekly basis. One student said: “I couldn’t come every week, but it meant the world to me that there was a **safe and affirming campus ministry** here on our campus.”
- For the first time ever, we brought together all three campuses for an a-synchronous program titled the “Community Graffiti Project” which served over **100 students** by engaging them with the question: “how do you promote and protect the dignity of others?”
- Following the accompaniment example of Jesus Christ, we had over **25+ folks** impacted through direct pastoral care services. One student who was pondering leaving Christianity because of abuse and marginalization said, “I didn’t know faith could be like this. I never wanted to stop being Christian, and now I know there’s another way.”
- Over **80 programs/events/touchpoints were offered in 9 months.**
- LuMin lifted up **two student leaders**: one on the LuMin board and one who is helping to co-facilitate our bi-weekly Mid-Week Meet-Up.
- LuMin co-created **two interfaith services** for the larger La Crosse area community
- Following our baptismal call to work for peace and justice in all creation, LuMin packed **200 Care Kits** for the Twin Cities, **145 hygiene kits** for Western and UW-L and over **100 meal kits** for UW-L food pantry.

We are grateful for your ongoing support, which enables us to show God’s radical and unconditional love to the students, faculty, and staff that we serve at Western, UW-L, and Viterbo. Because of you, young adults like [Karina](#) are given support and community at times when they need it the most. After returning back to La Crosse after two years away, Karina found it challenging to find a place of belonging. Karina was invited to volunteer with LuMin by a local congregation member, and she credits getting involved with LuMin as a turning point in her life. Now, after nearly two years of involvement in LuMin’s ministry as both a volunteer and a young adult participant, Karina has found a welcoming and encouraging community. “I love LuMin. I love meeting so many great people—it feels like home.” You can read Karina’s full LuMin story on [our website](#).

As we look forward to another program year, would you consider continuing to support LuMin? We covet your prayers and financial gifts, as well as your delicious cookies! We are always looking for volunteers for various aspects of our ministry. If you’re interested in volunteering with LuMin, please get in touch with Pastor Kathryn: pastorkathryn@luminlax.org and (608) 792-8599.

In Christ,
Pr. Kathryn Thompson, LuMin Campus Pastor

