

Christus Rex

**Lutheran Campus Ministry
at the
University of North Dakota**



Spring 2019



“Rooted in baptismal waters, Christus Rex is a cross-centered community named by a servant King.”

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Staff

Kathy Fick
 Director/Campus Minister

Chad Brucklacher
 Campus Pastor

Jan Kurtyka
 Administrative Assistant

Delphine LaMoine
 Yen Lee Loh
 Music

Ryan King
 Choir Director

Andrew Neshem
 Student Resident

Summer Worship

Wednesday 5:30 pm

Archives Coffee House

Monday - Friday
 7:00am - 5:00pm
 (Summer Hours)



We Say Farewell to Kathy Fick

(Kathy officially retires at the end of June, 2019)

What do you do when an iconic person like Kathy Fick retires after thirty years of ministry? The obvious answer: Throw a Big Party! (Or from Luke’s Gospel: “...let us eat and celebrate”!) With the help of soooo many people, we celebrated Kathy Fick on the final Sunday in April. Over 200 people gathered for worship with incredible music including an alumni choir. Kathy preached and everyone was welcomed to the table!



From there, we moved to the Gorecki Alumni Center where 230 people ate, reminisced, celebrated a life well lived and showed gratefulness for the ministry of Kathy Fick and of Christus Rex that has touched so many people.

They say a picture is worth a thousand word, so I invite you to look at a few of the pictures that represented the day later in this newsletter.

Pastor Chad Brucklacher



If you were unable to be in attendance, please know that we are having one final farewell celebration on Wednesday, June 26. We will have worship at 5:30 pm with Kathy preaching, followed by a barbeque on the lawn of Christus Rex.

Tusen Takk



We have many faithful alumni who support and encourage the ministry of Christus Rex. Two of our most enthusiastic supporters are Sarah and Adam Bunge. Their history with Christus Rex includes serving this ministry as a Deacon, a Resident, a Student Intern, and vocal leaders as this community sought to proclaim God's love and justice here at UND and beyond.

Sarah is an ordained pastor in the ELCA, serving East Union Lutheran Church in historic Carver, MN. Adam is an attorney for KCESD since 2001, focusing his practice in professional liability and employment liability programs. They are the parents of two wonderfully creative children, Grace and Luther. Their attention to stewardship permeates their family life together and is a blessing to this world. Christus Rex is included in their care.

Sarah and Adam took the stage at Kathy's Retirement celebration and encouraged the many friends and alumni gathered to join them in their support of this ministry. They sent a few words of encouragement for this newsletter too. Please consider their invitation seriously. It is the only way the future of this ministry will be guaranteed.

They write: "How has The Rex blessed you? Based on the fact that you have and are reading this newsletter, chances are good that you too feel deeply and richly blessed by the Christus Rex community. Scripture instructs us to respond to our blessings with generosity. Please join us in financially supporting Christus Rex. Giving \$100 a month would place you in the Tusen Takk Giving Club. More importantly though, your support would ensure that Christus Rex will be there to welcome many more incoming classes to the UND Campus."

Sign up online to join the Tusen Takk donors and help secure the future of this vital ministry. Thank you!

Archives Coffee House Update:



Archives Coffee provides a welcoming space for the staff, faculty, and students of the University of North Dakota (UND) to gather together and build community with one another. In June 2016, the coffee house began operating as a social business -- which is a fancy way of saying that it is "for-profit" but use those profits to support local organizations in Grand Forks.

This summer, the coffee house is beginning to expand its menu to include more lunch options with the addition of new kitchen equipment. The new menu will include sandwiches like pulled pork or bacon grilled cheese and also incorporate some new salad and vegetarian options for guests to enjoy. New bakery and pastry items will also begin to make their debut as the team gears up for the fall semester.

We're certainly excited and hope that you stop by to say hello and pick up a treat!



What a remarkable day it was as we gathered together for worship and celebration on April 28, 2019! The pictures tell only a part of the story, and my heart holds the rest of the story.

Dear ones from near and far joined us as we rejoiced in the gifts of this ministry and the blessings it has offered me in my career and many others in their journey here at UND. Warmest thanks for the kindness offered and expressed that day, friends. Your continued care for the ministry of Christus Rex is my greatest legacy and joy.

God bless you all!

Kathy Fick



A blessing from Bishop Terry Brandt.



Staff and former staff in attendance.



Kathy taking in the love that was shared that day.



Above:
Ryan King, current choir director,
with the "alumni choir" gathered
for this special day.

Right:
Former and present students that
celebrated with Kathy.



Welcome to Shera Nesheim

We are excited to welcome Shera Nesheim to our Christus Rex staff beginning on July 16, 2019. Shera will be starting this call with a two-year term contract. In preparation for her arrival, Christus Rex applied for a two-year Lilly Foundation Grant that will go to help supplement Shera's salary. The emphasis in this proposal is to focus on spiritual direction and engage spiritual direction practices as a part of Shera's portfolio.

The Christus Rex Community invites you to come back to campus for Homecoming Weekend (October 5-6) where we will install Shera into her role as Campus Minister; serving us through her call to Word and Service. God is good! And we are so grateful to have Shera be a part of our ministry .



Message from Shera

Hello! I am excited and grateful to be called to campus ministry at Christus Rex. I am a Deacon in the ELCA, called to Word and Service Ministry. This is a ministry of the church that specializes in empowering the people to find and use their God-given gifts in the world to love and serve their neighbor, at the same time, bringing the cries, needs, and brokenness of the world back to the church to seek justice, healing, and forgiveness. Deacons are called to preach the Word of God. Deacons are called to partner with pastors, churches and service organizations so together they might form bridges between church and community, particularly in acts of service.

I received a Master of Arts from Wartburg Theological Seminary (2010), and a Bachelor of Science in Child Development and Family Science from NDSU (2007). My love for campus ministry began while I was a college student at MSU Moorhead (I transferred to NDSU my junior year) and served as a student leader and in regional/national leadership with what was then called, Lutheran Student Movement. My Seminary internship was at 2 ecumenical campus ministry sites: Clarke College in Dubuque, IA and Washington State University in Pullman, WA. My Master's thesis focused on Campus Ministry as a model for ministry. Campus Ministry has really made me who I am today.

I was consecrated in July 2011 and served as Deacon with Heart River Lutheran Church in Mandan, ND whose mission is to walk alongside incarcerated youth and their re-entry journey from 2011-2017. This was a sort of "campus ministry" experience on the campus of the ND Youth Correctional Center that has cracked open my heart for people who have faced great adversity, people who are often pushed aside, forgotten.

We moved to Grand Forks in 2017 when my husband of 10 years, Tim, was promoted to work as a geologist (he actually plays with rocks!) in the ND Wilson Laird Core Library on campus next to Leonard Hall. Initially, I stayed at home with my 3 children, Hannah (7), Evelyn (6), and Roland (2) for about a year following our move. This past year I have served as an Interim Director of Youth and Family ministry at United Lutheran Church in Grand Forks.

I love to drink coffee (I may be very excited about having Archives so close at hand!). I also love to have conversations about God's work in people's lives, crochet, garden, bike, hike, and go on adventures with my family.

Enneagram Retreat (September 27-28, 2019)



The Enneagram was originally developed as a blueprint for self-observation and this system describes nine different personality types and how they interact with one another. Each type is defined by an emotional habit, a characteristic pattern of thought, and a style of relating to others, which together produce a distinct point of view.

We welcome Holly Johnson from Spirit Garage Congregation in Minneapolis to lead our retreat. In our region, you might be familiar with Holly as she was formerly involved with the FM Project in Fargo/Moorhead. She has led other retreat weekends with college students and young adults and will introduce the Enneagram, plus lead us through a couple additional modules.

If you are interested in joining the Christus Rex Community for this retreat, please contact the office to express your interest. (701-775-5581 or und.christusrex@und.edu)

A trip to Italy...

A long-term dream was realized as a group of 12 accompanied former Christus Rex staff member Bobbie Shields and her husband Don to travel their beloved Italy. Our travels began in Florence and ended in Rome with journeys to Pisa, Assisi, the Catacombs and Pompeii. Enjoy this beautiful pilgrimage through a few photos. Our warmest thanks to our gracious hosts!



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Summer Worship— Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

May 29—July 31

**Wed., June 26— Kathy's Summer Send-off
Barbecue after Worship**

**Wednesdays in June/July —Summer Concerts at Christus Rex
June 19, 26 and July 10,17,24,31**

Opening Worship/Dinner — August 25, 10:30 w/lunch 11:45

Pride Worship — September 8, 10:30 w/brunch following

Homecoming /

**Shera's Installation — Sunday, October 6 10:30 with
lunch to follow**



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