



Celebration Checklist

Lay the foundation

By: As far in advance as possible

- **Share information** about LCC and Crossroads and Campus Ministry Sunday with your church council. Show them the websites for both campus ministries, and share newsletters from both ministries, (which each congregation receives). Contact pastorcorrine@gmail.com or crossroadsadvocate@gmail.com if you'd like new copies of the newsletters, brochures for the individual ministries, or any other communication from the campus ministry boards or pastors.
- Show the Council the **Campus Ministry Task Force Report** from the 2014 Synod Assembly. Ask the council if they would like to take a day to celebrate Campus Ministry Sunday, to lift up the ministries in Winona and Mankato in prayer, and to consider offering financial support.
- **Choose a date** to celebrate Campus Ministry Sunday if you cannot participate on October 15, 2017.

Decide how you will celebrate the day, and begin to plan for the celebration

By: Several weeks ahead of time

- Peruse the resources provided on the Synod website, <http://semnsynod.org/ministries/campusministry/>
- Decide whether or not to invite **a speaker**: the pastor, board member and/or a group of students to your congregation. Email LCCRelations@gmail.com or crossroadsadvocate@gmail.com to set this up.
- **Personalize your Campus Ministry Sunday celebration**, perhaps inviting young adults from your congregation who are attending college to come back and participate in (and perhaps even help lead) the worship service. You can use the resources provided on the synod website, or others that you create.
- **Decide if and how financial support will be offered.** You can send a donation to either
 - Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry, 331 Dillon Ave, Mankato, MN 56001
OR
 - Lutheran Campus Center, PO Box 4, Winona, MN 55987
- If you would prefer to support both ministries rather than choosing one, you can send a check to the Synod Office with the notation "Campus Ministry Sunday offering," and the Synod Office will distribute to each ministry.

Plan the actual worship service itself

By: 2-3 weeks ahead of time, or whenever you would typically make decisions about worship

Check out the worship resources on the synod website at:
<http://semnsynod.org/ministries/campusministry/>

- Decide how you will incorporate the **litany, prayers and suggested hymns** provided into your Campus Ministry worship service.
- Decide if and how you will use the information in the **bulletin inserts and brochures** that are also available online.

- Prior to Campus Ministry Sunday, **announce to your congregation that Campus Ministry Sunday will be coming up** on October 15, (or whenever you choose to celebrate it). If your congregation has chosen to take an offering for campus ministry, let people know in advance. If the congregation is making a corporate financial gift, let everyone know.

Celebrate the day

Campus Ministry Sunday is a delightful day for many congregations! When they see students and board members, read about campus ministry in the bulletin inserts or hear personal stories, their hearts are warmed, and they are encouraged. You might consider inviting members of the congregation to write down the names of college students they know and love, and include these students in the prayer petitions. **Mainly- have fun and enjoy it!**

Follow up

Try to find a way to **incorporate caring for college students and other young adults into your congregation's daily life**. Keep tabs on them, and send them mail and Christmas packages. Make sure to notice them when they come back to worship in your congregation during visits home.

If they haven't found a campus ministry yet, invite them to seek out the Lutheran Campus Ministry in their community, and offer to help them with this if they'd like. You can go to <http://lumin-networkreferral.org/student-referrals/> to refer a student anywhere in the country.

Thank you!