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Chaplaincy as Part of the Student Experience

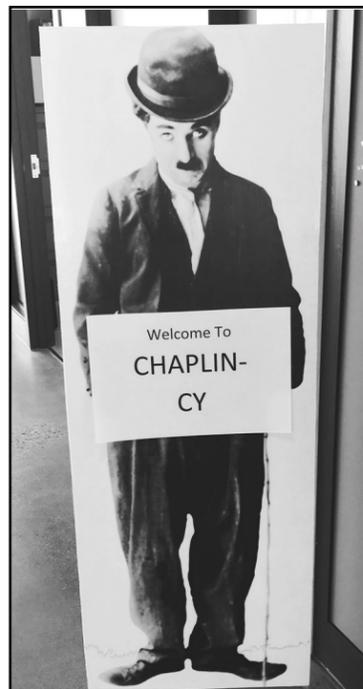
Many courses at Augustana have a Community Service-Learning (CSL) component which encourages students to step outside the classroom in order to make connections between theory and practice. Under the supervision of Sara Smith, 12 CSL students from five different courses were assigned to work with Chaplaincy on events such as SCORE!, the Fair Trade and Local Made Sale, and Soup Supper.

In September, Chaplaincy provided an opportunity to eleven international students who are a part of the Bridging Program (English upgrading) to pick potatoes with us at Maplewood Acres and then join us for The Open Table. Language barriers can make social and community integration more challenging for newly arrived Bridging Program students. The shared labour and sense of accomplishment in the simple act of harvesting potatoes helped to form relationships.



Farewell to Sunrise Farm

After hosting many Student Chaplain retreats and Spirit of the Land classes, Don and Marie Ruzicka will be selling Sunrise Farm. We are very thankful for their hospitality over the years and grateful for what they have taught us all about sustainable farming.



We Have Moved!

If you are stopping by campus and looking to get a latte with Craig, you will notice that the Chaplaincy offices have moved. They are now located on the second floor above the Library (access through the stairs or elevator outside the Library) in L2-140 and L2-141, just look for Charlie. Many of the Student Services offices were moved into this area surrounding the new Learning and Wellness Commons which provides a gathering space for students and is also closely connected to the Learning and Advising Office on the second floor of Founder's Hall.



You are invited to...

What's Cookin'? Soup Supper

Sunday, March 4th, 2018
5:00 pm

The Chapel, Augustana Campus

Come and share a simple meal, an evening of entertainment, pictures and music, celebrating Chaplaincy on the Augustana Campus.



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Feast, Pray, Serve

Chaplaincy Theme 2017-2018

Jesus ate his way through the gospels! Students of the Bible have observed that this is particularly true in Luke where the table is used as an organizing motif. For Jesus, the table was a place of teaching, of hospitality, of grace, of forgiveness, and most of all, a revelation of the heart of God and God's reign. What does God's new way of living look like? A banquet table, of course! For Jesus' first disciples and then for the early Church, the Holy Communion table became the model of service and proclamation.

What's old is new again. In response to Augustana's new academic calendar, Chaplaincy is experimenting with a new food based ministry called The Open Table. On Wednesday evenings, we gather for supper followed by a simple Holy Communion service, and then by a community building, learning, or service opportunity. *Feast, Pray, Serve.*

Initially we set up the dinner table in the Chapel close to the altar so that the connection between the dinner table and the altar would be physically explicit. Then, when a booking in the Chapel moved our dinner table to the Faith and Life Lounge, we discovered it was much easier to invite those passing through to have supper. Mental health surveys of university students indicate that many students experience loneliness and anxiety. Some have expressed that this is the only meal of the week that they share with others. The Open Table is a small haven of connection, conversation and community. Not everyone who comes for chili feels called to come to the table of Holy Communion. Either way, we trust that they have been fed.

In reading about the activities and passions of our Student Chaplains and seeing the pictures in this newsletter, I hope that you catch a glimpse of how Chaplaincy provides an open table for all at Augustana.

Rev. Craig Wentland
Augustana Chaplain

SCORE!

For the 8th year in a row, Chaplaincy hosted SCORE!, a free community, upcycling swap during Sustainability Week.

For the first time, we weighed each donation. We were shocked to see the total surpassed 3,200 Lbs. Thank you to all those who participated.





Meet the Student Chaplains

Transferable Skills

Katelynn Cook

Hi! My name is Katelynn Cook. I am originally from Edmonton, but over the years, I have come to call Camrose another home. It is my fifth year at Augustana, where I am majoring in Environmental Science and minoring in Physical Education. My time spent as a Student Chaplain

over the past two years has been very meaningful to me in personal growth, deepening my relationship with God, and developing my servant leadership skills. I have chosen to return as a Student Chaplain for the third time because of the incredible on and off campus community, the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of Christian and non-Christian students, and to provide leadership for the new Chaplains. This year in Chaplaincy, I will be involved in planning fun community events and coordinating chapel services at churches in the surrounding areas. I am excited to see where God takes us this year!



Leah Marshall (continued)

My duties include setting up the Chapel space for weekly worship and attending Chaplaincy Council meetings. I look forward to building and sustaining community between the student body and the Chaplaincy team this year through our activities. I am excited to be a part of the Chaplaincy crew and to participate in the work and engagement we do here on campus.



Rebecca Pospolita

Hello! My name is Rebecca Pospolita. I am a third year Psychology student at Augustana. I have lived in Wainwright, AB, for the last thirteen years and I certainly consider it to be my home! This is my second year as a Student Chaplain. I got involved last year because I loved how Chaplaincy sought to create community amongst all the students at Augustana. As well, I valued the opportunities to become closer with other students of faith. This year, I am hosting Soup Supper, helping with worship planning, and running the question chalkboard. I am really looking forward to SCORE! in November and visiting the seniors at Rosehaven and Rosealta.



Front: Katelynn, Caroline, Leah R. Middle: Sara, Jenny, Rebecca. Back: Craig, Leah M, Adam.



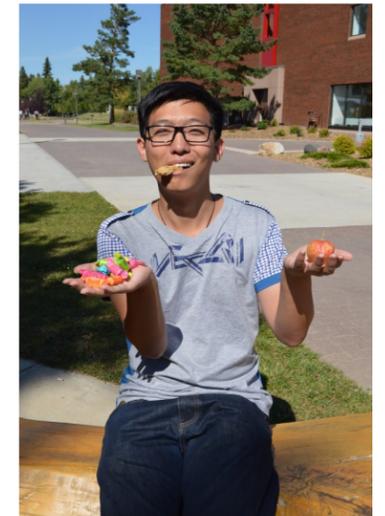
Leah Reid

Hi, my name is Leah Reid. I am a fourth year majoring in Biology and minoring in Environmental Studies at Augustana. This will be my second year as a Student Chaplain. I came back to Chaplaincy because I really enjoyed serving God in the community and on campus and have enjoyed planning and participating in the events that Chaplaincy does. Chaplaincy and the Student Chaplains were fantastic last year, and I am excited to mentor and encourage the new and old Student Chaplains throughout this school year. This year, I am helping with fundraisers like the Fair Trade and Local Made Sale, and the Valentine's Day Cookie Sale. As well, I will be organizing student worship bands for Tuesday's worship service and planning hymns for Thursday's service with Rebecca. Tuesday night Knitting Group will continue where students can form intergenerational friendships while taking a break from school and

learning a new skill. I am excited for this upcoming year and what it will bring!

Adam Sun

Hello, my name is Adam Sun. I am a second year Computing Science student at Augustana. This will be my first year as a Student Chaplain. I applied to be a Student Chaplain because I would like to help build up the community and make connections between students and community members. Last year, I was a Community Service-Learning student at Soup Supper and I really enjoyed when I saw local and international students sitting together around tables. I learned the importance of community and how to serve my community. This year, I am helping to host the Wednesday Open Table supper. Also, I am taking leadership on the coffee houses. I am a passionate person and expect to work hard in the new academic year.



Caroline Xie

Hello everyone, my name is Caroline. I have been a Psychology student at Augustana since January, 2017 when I arrived here from China. This is my first year being involved as a Student Chaplain. Chapel has helped me to start my new life in this unfamiliar country. Knowing all the kindness I have received came from God above, I joined Chaplaincy in the hope to give something back to this lovely community. My main tasks this year are being a part of Chaplaincy Council, helping to set up for worship, and making coffee for coffee houses. Also, I am overseeing the continuation of the multi-faith council with the goal of connecting Chaplaincy into the experience of more students.



Jenny Hong

Hello, my name is Jenny Hong. I am currently a 2nd year student in Computing Science. I came from Calgary, and before that, I had been living in South Korea. Studying there was not easy. However, around 7 years ago, I was interested in going abroad for rest of my life. I wanted to experience how other students study and to gain a broader point of view. I chose Canada, and now, I feel like this is where I belong. Because of the small size of the campus, I see the

campus as my home and do not often leave for breaks. When I came to Augustana, I had hoped to volunteer around the campus; fortunately, I got to know Chaplaincy through Katelynn who made me feel comfortable my first time in Chapel. Now, as a member of Chaplaincy, I would like to make Chaplaincy feel like home for other students so it can be a place of healing. My current roles include planning for SCORE! and setting up Soup Supper.

Leah Marshall

My name is Leah Marshall. I live on a farm outside of Rosalind, Alberta. I am a second year Psychology student. This is my first year as a Student Chaplain!

