



Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry

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Grant Report to the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado Front Range Region

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Pastor Sheryl Kester Beyer

Interim Campus Pastor

Thanks to the generous grant we received from the Episcopal Diocese of the Colorado Front Range Region, we at Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry in Greeley, CO (LECM) were once again able to employ three students as staff to help support the work and ministry of LECM. These students worked closely with myself as the Interim Campus Pastor and were invaluable in providing input, suggestions and leadership to myself, other students and our Campus Ministry Advisory Board. The three staff positions are: Community Minister, Worship and Music Minister and Dinner Church Coordinator.

Last year, our Community Minister, Abigail Johnson, helped LECM be more connected on campus by being our liaison to the University of Northern Colorado's Resident Student Organization, as well as managing our on-campus communications, posting information and updates to our social media pages and networking with other student organizations and their members throughout the year. Abigail also serves as Secretary of our Campus Ministry Advisory Board and is presently serving on our Call Committee as we continue the search for a new Campus Pastor.

Our Worship & Music Minister, Lorenzo Candelaria, worked with me to prepare and lead our weekly Dinner Church gatherings, setting up the worship space each week, choosing music and leading us during worship services, planning and leading morning devotions at our annual Campus Ministry retreat and helping lead Morning Prayer at this year's ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly. Lorenzo has recently been elected to the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod Campus Ministry Board providing yet another opportunity for him to learn more about the church and grow his leadership skills.

Our Dinner Church Coordinator, Seb Green, provides important connections to both our students and our congregational partners by being intentional about inviting and welcoming students to our weekly Dinner Church Gatherings and doing set up and clean up for each gathering. Seb is that critical link to our local Meal Train donors, sending out reminders and thank you's to them for the meals they are providing each week, meeting them at the door when they drop off meals, making sure dishes are returned if necessary, thereby providing a personal connection to our local congregational partners. Seb also helps to maintain our Food Pantry at the Campus Ministry House and is a member of our Call Committee.

Our search for a new Campus Pastor continues and I, as the Interim Campus Pastor, am especially grateful to our student employees/leaders. Their support and leadership have been invaluable to me!

And we at LECM are so very grateful for the grant we received from the Front Range Region this past year. Your grant has been instrumental in helping us to grow our students into their leadership roles in this community and without it we would most likely not be able to employ students in these types of leadership positions. Thank you!

A Reflection from one of our Student Leaders:

The LECM community has been one of the most uplifting groups I’ve ever had the pleasure of serving. LECM extends the table to all in a way that can reach the people who have often been excluded from faith communities — including myself. It took me until college to find a place where I felt safe to both be authentically myself and to express my spirituality, and LECM was that space. LECM has provided a haven where faith can be nurtured through the meals, the conversation, the camaraderie, and the sincerity that is brought to every gathering. It is my pleasure to provide this community with music and to continue ensuring that this space remains a place where people can find peace.

– Lorenzo Candelaria, Worship & Music Minister, 2025-2026



Abigail & Lorenzo
at Campus Ministry Retreat



Lorenzo, Seb & Abigail with other
students @ End of Year BBQ!!!



Seb & Lorenzo helping to lead
Morning Prayer at the RMS Assembly



Lorenzo, Abigail & Seb at UNC Destination