

weekly collection

Our weekly collection will be given to the Campus Ministry International and Domestic Service Immersion Trips. All proceeds will be distributed among participants, each of whom are responsible for their own fundraising to cover travel, accommodations, meals and a donation to the service site.

Habitat for Humanity

Over Fall Break, Spring Break, and the Summer 4 separate groups will take part in Habitat for Humanity's national alternative spring break program, Collegiate Challenge. Together with other college students from across the country, Neumann students will have the opportunity to work on various stages of home construction and rehabilitation.

Cardinal Kelvin Felix Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre

In May, a small group will travel to Gros Islet, St. Lucia to serve with Sr. Frances Nosbisch, OSF at a pastoral centre which serves to meet various community needs in St. Lucia.

Valley of Angels

Partnering with the Franciscan Mission Service, a group will head just outside Guatemala City to serve at the Valley of Angels orphanage and boarding school. Valley of Angels provides housing, meals, clothing and schooling to children in poverty.

Wind River Indian Reservation

Neumann students will continue a long-standing tradition of journeying west to serve with Sr. Teresa Frawley, OSF at the three Catholic parishes on Wyoming's Wind River Indian Reservation of the Arapaho and Shoshone tribes.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



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this week in campus ministry

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In November 2016, I made the decision to apply for a service trip. I did not know what I was going to get out of this experience or even if I would enjoy it. I was a little nervous embarking on an adventure with people I did not know for a whole week. The day I got the email that I would be traveling to Lander Wyoming in June, I started googling it right away. I called my mom with excitement to tell her the surprising news. Many people asked me "why are you going to Wyoming?" I replied quickly saying I want to learn about a new perspective and step outside of my comfort zone. I soon met the greatest group of people who started as strangers and ended as friends. At each of the monthly meetings, we all got closer and we all shared the same goal in expanding in our faith. A few months flew by and it was June and we all stood anxiously in the airport not knowing what we had gotten ourselves into. Right before boarding the plane, we already seemed like a little family. Once we arrived in Colorado, it all suddenly became real. The excitement was still running high on our five-hour journey to Lander, Wyoming.

Once we arrived, we were met with happiness and excitement by Sister Theresa and Patty, our hostesses for the week. As the night went on, we explored the little town of Lander and took in all the sights and smells it had to offer. The first 24 hours of landing in Denver and driving to Lander made me realize that the world is bigger than me. I interpreted the second reading as telling us that we should not be afraid of dying. We have nothing to be a scared of, when our time comes we will be taken by something of greatness and love. If we believe and have strong faith and put our trust in God no harm can affect us. By taking opportunities like a service immersion trip we can expand our knowledge and understanding of God.

The service trip helped me reflect on my faith and take in the natural beauties around me. Sitting on the rocks beside the water in Sinks Canyon, I was so aware of what God created for us. I felt so relaxed sitting there reflecting on my life and all the opportunities I have been given. I realized, God is always in and around us. We are given one life and God has a plan for it, he guides us to him. During the

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what you may have missed...



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trip, I could see God in many different people and places. I gained knowledge of the culture of the Shoshone and Arapaho tribes and even the people we encounter in the small town of Lander.

One of our jobs for Sister Theresa was to help clean up the three parishes she looks after. We did many jobs like picking up sticks, digging up old rocks, and painting the native designs on the outside of the church. By just cleaning up the church we are giving back to God and honoring his temple. A lot of the Native people still struggle to this day but they keep living and striving for a better life. From the Natives we talked to, they were grateful for our work and our openness to their culture and how we were not afraid to ask questions about where they are in life. God can work in the smallest ways. After a long day of working at school, we got a chance to meet with a few of the members of the Arapaho and Shoshone tribes. We got to

ask them questions about living on the reservation and how people struggled. One of them mentioned how they are still discriminated against by other people in the town. From my point of view, I was shocked because I know that they deserve the same respect as other human being. We learned about more of their traditions and lifestyles. After meeting with them, I knew this is why we came out here. This trip opened our minds to a culture we knew about but did not understand. We had the opportunity to dive deep into their tradition by attending multiple Pow-Wow's. We explored God's creation of Yellowstone, Sinks Canyon, and all the waterfalls. This trip made me look through life through another lens. When the trip concluded, I learned to take advantage of the opportunities that are laid out in front of me. I never knew an experience like this I would gain new friends, new memories, and a deeper understanding of myself and faith.

Thank you to Dr. DiPaolo for sharing his story with us at our last On Tap! Stay tuned for next semester's line-up of On Tap speakers!

...what you CAN'T miss

Sunday, November 26

Mass - 7:00PM, Sacred Heart Chapel
There WILL be Mass on Sunday after break!

Thursday, November 30

Living in a Sacramental World - 2:40PM, Meagher Theater or **6:30PM**, OLA
Sr. Ilia is an internationally-recognized Franciscan scholar who will be speaking on the meaning of living sacramentally in the Franciscan tradition.

Sunday, December 3

Mass - 4:30PM, Sacred Heart Chapel
Greccio Live Nativity - 6:15PM, Mirenda Center Lawn
Come out for a festive evening as we celebrate the Franciscan tradition of Greccio, the Living Nativity!

Thank you for your contributions to the food drive! The Giving Tree is now up! Gift cards, hats, gloves and socks will be distributed by students to the homeless in our community.



Give thanks
to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love endures
forever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34