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Student residents and staff: We currently have 11 students living in the Ark and Emmaus House who are committed to living in community, sharing some meals and being part of campus ministry. Currently we have about 35 students in our "Active" file with about 30 more contacts. In addition, we have about 20 connected older young adults (mid-20's through 30 or so), as well as about 65 faculty and staff contacts.

Worship, Community and Dialog: The heart of our student ministry is our weekly worship and Sunday night dinners and discussions groups. We average between 10-15 students on any given event. We changed our worship this past year to a Dinner Church model, which includes a worship service around and within a weekly sit-down family style meal.

Retreats and Trips: We offer a fall floating retreat and a winter snow retreat. This spring we had 15 students travel to San Francisco for a service/learning/exploring adventure during Spring Break. We also offer whitewater rafting, hot springs, and day trips. This summer we offered a summer wilderness trip and course called, "The Bob Marshall Experience" which included 3 days backpacking and 4 days floating on the South Fork of the Flathead River.

Outreach Teams: We are in our fifth year of having a 8-10 student outreach worship team. We have 5 dates for the winter and spring on our calendar for our team to head out.

Volunteerism and serving others: This past year we volunteered with Family Promise at Atonement Lutheran, Habitat for Humanity, and helped with high school youth event for local churches. We have also had success with our **Friends in Need** program, helping about 20 homeowners over the past 1.5 yrs with a wide variety of projects in their homes. This program was seeded by the Montana Synod Mission Venture Capital fund as well as the Hetzel Foundation.

Leadership, Faith and Social Action Group: This fall we received a Lilly Foundation grant to help start a Leadership, Faith and Social Action group that will be offered to all of our interns, student staff and other young adults or students with social service or ministry positions. It will be offered also as a 2 credit course at UM in the Social Work department each semester. This will be a weekly group that will include spiritual and theological grounding for community engagement, leadership and organizing training, peer support, and vocational discernment. The grant will help fund internship positions at Emmaus, in congregations and in the community.

Stewardship of our buildings: Last year we raised funds, found grants, and used local volunteers and paid help to paint the exterior of the Ark house, renovate the Emmaus House basement kitchen, living room, and a bedroom, put in 3 new egress windows for two basement apartments, and currently are building a new porch for the Emmaus House.

Campus Pastor Activities:

Teaching at UM: This fall: 1 credit Intro to Honors class called "Finding Your Path" and Social Work 491 Leadership, Faith and Social Action.

Internship Supervision: We are in our third year of supervising seminary interns serving at Valley of Christ Lutheran in Frenchtown and part-time at Emmaus. This has been a wonderful partnership. We also had a Post-Young Adult in Global Mission intern, Keenan who was great!. In addition, we have a master's level Environmental Studies intern, Abby Huseth, who is helping to lead our local Faith and Climate Action group in Missoula.

Preaching and Teaching: Please call for pulpit supply, a teaching event around young adult spirituality and church life, interfaith dialog, faith-based responses to climate change, and perspectives on the relationships between people, land and theology.

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