

# The Adventure Continues

YEAR TWO ON MISSION IN MINNESOTA

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## New Year, New Team!



We are well into a new year of ministry here at the U of M, and it's been great so far! Our team this year is really solid and we're loving working together. Returning this year are myself, Kayla, and Brody. Joining us this year are Alex Opfer (the man with the beard) from Ohio, Joe Buganski from New Jersey (in the middle), and Sarah Spellins from Arkansas (wearing my American flag shorts). Not pictured are our bosses, Kelsey Schimmel and Jimmy Abreu: names that may sound familiar if you are from Texas State! Kelsey and Jimmy both served in Texas while I was a student, and it has been so fun working with them up here!

## Catholic Rush Week & Gopher Catholic Night

Catholic Rush Week (affectionately called CRUSH) has come and gone once again with much success! In the past couple of weeks we have had a Labor Day barbecue, brought care packages to the dorm, handed out ice pops on campus, volunteered at Feed My Starving Children, held our annual dodgeball tournament, and took turns riding a mechanical bull at our USA-themed house party (where our team picture at the top of this page was taken). We have met so many new students and have kicked off our weekly Gopher Catholic Nights for the year (pictures to the right). We had a huge turnout for the first night, with around 120 students in attendance. Praise God!



# Household Life Begins!

Many of my roles have shifted slightly in my second year of mission work. One of the most significant changes has been in leading Household. Last year I lived in a Household, but I was an assistant leader. This year, the Lord decided I was ready to lead and gifted me with some really amazing women. In my next newsletter, I'll hopefully be able to include a picture of just my house - this picture to the right is from our women's Household Retreat this year. We retreated in New Auburn, WI for three days and had such a great time. The goal of the retreat was twofold: we wanted to set the tone for the year, emphasizing the SPO virtues of holiness, communion, and mission; and we just wanted time to be together as one community and to grow in friendship and sisterhood with each other. Both goals were definitely achieved!

So far, Household life with these women has been such a joy. Sarah, my assistant leader (pictured below with me), and I have had a blast so far. The women I live with are hilarious, loving, sassy (of course), and incredibly thoughtful. They are constantly outward-facing, looking for new students to bring into the community and outreaching at any chance. I really could not ask for more.



Thank you, as always, for your support, and know of my prayers for you! Feel free to send me any prayer requests that you have. May God bless you always!

## Prayer Requests:

- For the women in my household (Dani, Melinda, Rachael, Elizabeth, Ellen), as their year starts - and that Sarah and I can lead them well
- For the freshmen transitioning into college - that they may find a loving community and look to Jesus as the source of true life
- That our team may instill a culture of discipleship in our core students this semester
- For our team unity and fellowship this year
- For the student leaders at St. Lawrence - that they may learn how to balance their school and leadership commitments well
- For the students in the Formation program this year, specifically the women in my small group and the women I am discipling

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