

STUDENT PROFILE

Introducing Brooke Lang

Brooke is a transfer student who graduated in December from Black Hills State University. She majored in Education and has spent the last semester student teaching in



Gillette, Wyoming. Brooke started her Newman experience at the University of South Dakota as a freshman. About her experience transferring to BHSU Newman she said "When I transferred to BH it took me awhile to go to the Newman. When I did go, I was welcomed by loving and caring people."

In her last year with Newman, she helped in various ways as we transitioned to a new director and fund-raised for SEEK2015. Brooke served the BHSU Newman Club as secretary in 2014-2015, traveled to Nashville, TN to attend the SEEK conference with BHSU Newman and participated in events at the Newman as her time allowed. Brooke enjoys watching movies, going for drives, reading, playing card games and board games, and laughing with friends.

While at BHSU Brooke enjoyed going to football games and coaching swimming for the Spearfish swim team. When she had time she would participate in the campus activities put on by resident life on campus. One of her favorite memories from her time spent at the Newman Center is the Masquerade Ball that the Newman Students put on!

As a new young teaching professional she is looking forward to having her own classroom with her own group of students, and starting a new life with all the responsibilities that it entails.

We wish her many blessings as she begins her professional life!

DONOR PROFILE - ED AND MARY FUROIS

Ed and Mary Furois, longtime members of St. Joseph Church and the Spearfish business community, are deeply committed to seeing a new Newman Center built just south of the Black Hills State University campus.

"The way the trend is right now," says Mary, "not enough young people go to church. For many, it's the last thing on their minds when they go off to college. We need to involve them in church if we can, and if the Newman Center is visible and always available to them, it could make a difference."

In addition to offering masses and planned activities, Ed adds, "it will be a place where friends meet, have a cup of coffee, and do some studying."

Establishing a visual presence, conducting masses, and being a place for more casual gatherings are all steps toward building a positive faith-based community. While Ed and Mary greatly appreciated their time as students at BHSU, in the late 1950s, that wasn't an era when students had much opportunity for religious growth. "We had a lot of men back from the military, going to school on the GI Bill, and there usually wasn't much religion involved in their lives," recalls Ed.

Ed grew up in St. Onge, attended church in the former Catholic church there, but went to high school in Spearfish. That's where Ed and Mary met. She grew up in Spearfish and was always active at St. Joseph Church. After high school graduation the two moved their studies across town to BHSU – actually Black Hills Teachers College in those days. Ed earned a degree in business and economics while Mary graduated with an education degree. They married in 1958, and early in their life together Ed sold used cars in Deadwood and Mary taught fourth grade in Lead.

In 1963 they bought a Main Street



shoe store in Spearfish. They ran Spearfish Bootery until 1999. Even some of their most loyal customers didn't know Ed and Mary were also Florida shoe merchants, owners of Red Wing Shoe Stores in that state.

But Spearfish was always home. The Furois' raised four children here: daughters Kathy, Carol and Lisa, and son Mike. The family lived in a house just a block from St. Joseph Church and the kids could walk to catechism and to volunteer for ministries. Today Ed and Mary, living in the same house, are always close at hand when there's a need for church labor. For decades they have served on St. Joseph committees and in ministries.

With eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren living throughout the country, the Furois are naturally concerned about America's future. "If we're going to have a future as a church in this country, we must engage young people," Mary believes.

In its association with a university that sends young teachers and other professionals across the region and nation, the Newman Center will make a real difference, locally and far beyond.

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Student Perspective

College is challenging. There never seems to be enough time, the homework gets harder, and the decisions get more difficult. There are opportunities that arise during college that have never presented themselves before. These opportunities can be negative, or positive. The Newman Center provides countless positive opportunities for college students. There are opportunities for us to make friends, get involved with the church and community, and most importantly there is the opportunity to grow deeper in our faith.

I consider myself extremely lucky to be one of the few students who have gone to college and at the same time actually grown closer to God. All of my spiritual growth can be attributed to the Newman Center. Since day one the Newman was there offering a place to rest, eat, and do homework. Even more, the Newman provides us with

a place to hold Bible studies, have late night mass, hold question and answer sessions with the priests, and many other activities. Through the Newman Center, many students were provided with the opportunity to travel to Nashville last winter to attend a life changing conference called SEEK. SEEK opened my eyes to what it really means to be a Catholic college student. Thanks to the Newman, I was able to attend this wonderful conference, and now I have a place to put to practice everything that I learned while I was there.

The Newman center is a safe place where all students can come to feel at home, wanted, and appreciated. Yes, college is hard-- but with the family atmosphere and spiritual support offered by the Newman it is a lot easier.

Marisa Sokoloski,
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In his 2013 Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel," Pope Francis highlights three principal settings, that should be the focus of the new evangelization, the third of which is "the baptized whose lives do not reflect the demands of Baptism', who lack a meaningful relationship to the Church and no longer experience the consolation born of faith. The Church, in her maternal concern, tries to help them experience a conversion which will restore the joy of faith to their hearts and inspire a commitment to the Gospel" (#15).

This has been an area of focus for our college students who attend the Black Hills State Newman Center this past semester, as they have sought to not only grow in their own Catholic faith, but also in ways of sharing that faith with their brothers and sisters on campus. How many of the baptized on college campus live lives that "do not reflect the demands of baptism," for whatever reason? Certainly there are many attractions that pull at college students, and give them many opportunities to explore and broaden their horizons and viewpoints on life and the world. But far from being reasons to fall away from one's faith upbringing, these are reasons all the more to grow in that faith, and become more mature in one's relationship with

Jesus, as one grows in encountering the One God in all of the various areas of human knowledge and learning. And this, especially in a time of the students' lives when they largely set the trajectory - forming those habits and core values that they most likely will keep with them - for the majority, or rest, of their lives.

So, we have been overjoyed in seeing our Newman students - grateful as they are for their benefactors' support of the Newman Center - strive to find ways to help their fellow students "experience a conversion which will restore the joy of faith to their hearts and inspire a commitment to the Gospel," in ways ranging from invitations to Mass, Confession, and Fellowship; Adoration on campus; the men's study on Evangelization and Apologetics; the women's study on Catholic Women's Spirituality. These students are praying for you and all who make our Newman programs available. Continue praying for these students, that they may be equipped to bring the Joy of the Gospel not only to their peers, but to all they meet throughout their lives!

Fr. Mark Horn
Associate Pastor



Fall Semester Coming and Going

As the BHSU Newman Students settled into the fall semester they developed a rhythm of study, work and play as they mixed in the Newman bible studies, rosary walks, Sunday suppers and night prayer and other activities that seemed themed to the month or season.

In October they hosted an All Hallows Eve Party with all the fun of a Costume contest and pumpkin carving. Our winners were Dan Jonson as the Wolverine and Fr. Mark Horn's flaming cross pumpkin. They had a wonderful time hanging out with friends and enjoying simple hors 'd oeuvres and deep fried candy bars.

November found them raking and running at various neighbors yards, bagging up the leaves and hauling them off on Veterans Day as they had no classes and lots of free time. They tried to do this without letting the neighbors know this was happening.

They planned a Christmas party that landed in the middle of finals week in December and found it to be a great stress reliever with a potluck, gift exchange, a rousing game of Uno! They have had a very busy week of finals but have found the free home cooked meals at the Newman to be a relief to their meal plans!

Looking forward to next semester, they plan on starting with a retreat at the Rapid City Newman and then many more fun and engaging events though out the semester!

If we all gain one thing from this last semester, may it be the love and mercy that is shown to us on the cross of Christ and experienced through the many Newman programs and activities!

Malinda Hetzel
Newman Center Director



Top Photo: Members Krista Steinbeisser, Julie Knight, and Theresa Marsh carving it up with Newman guests!

Middle Photo: Newman Club members and guests if full costumes!

Left Photo: Newman members Marti Huber, Kate Griffin, Becca Gollither(back) and Theresa March load a bag of leaves!

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