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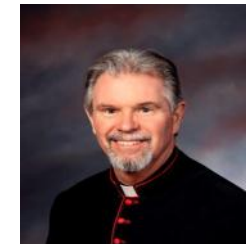
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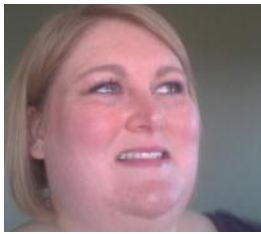
### Our Ministry Team



Msgr. Michael Woster,  
Pastor and Newman  
Center Chaplain



Fr. Tyler Dennis,  
Associate Pastor



Malinda Hetzel,  
Newman Center Director

Traci Manning,  
Newman Center  
Campaign Coordinator

We are pleased to announce that we have employed a new director for the Newman Center Program. Malinda Hetzel is originally from northwest Wyoming. She is the oldest of eight children. While her parents still live in Wyoming, the rest of her family is scattered between Wyoming and South Dakota along Highway 14. Malinda graduated from University of Mary in 2002, and then spent three years with the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity doing missionary work. She also volunteered at the Newman Center at Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming before coming to South Dakota to work as a nanny for her sister who was deployed to Afghanistan. Malinda's hobbies include sewing and reading. She is quickly adapting to life in Spearfish, and seems to be a hit among our students. We are glad to welcome her to our team.



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### Upcoming Events

July 27— "Ride with the Bishop" Poker Run and Rally

August 22—Move in Day

August 23-24—Green and Gold Days

August 25—First Day of Class

September 4— BHSU Newman Center Charity Golf Tournament

September 7—St. Joseph Parish Picnic and BHSU Newman Student Welcome

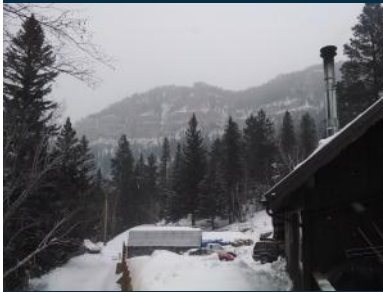
September 14—Sunday Evening Mass Resumes

### Bike Rally

On July 27, the Newman Center Campaign Committee hosted the First Annual Ride with the Bishop Poker Run and Rally. In total, around 150 riders attended the event. Riders gathered in Spearfish early Sunday morning to register and to attend Sunday Mass presided over by Bishop Robert Gruss. Following Mass, they breakfast was provided by the local Knights of Columbus. Before departing, Bishop Gruss prayed a blessing over the motorcycles and their riders. From Spearfish, the riders followed a route that led them through Spearfish Canyon, Sundance, Wyoming, past Devil's Tower, and back into Belle Fourche. At St. Paul Church in Belle Fourche, they were able to join the bishop for a meal provided by St. Paul Knights of Columbus. Other refreshments were provided by the Firehouse Brewing Company. The event was tremendously successful, both in terms of fundraising and in terms of evangelization. Msgr. Michael Woster, Chaplain to the Newman Center commented, "This event has provided us with a wonderful opportunity to reach out to an entire demographic within our Church Community who are now invested in our vision and mission for the Newman Center." He went on to say, "Many people who would not otherwise have known about the

campaign for a new Newman Center found themselves suddenly interested in the work we are trying to accomplish."

Motorcycle enthusiast Dick Davis was also in attendance. "I've ridden a motorcycle for a long time, and I have been a Catholic for more than thirty years, but this is the first time I have had the chance to be a Catholic Biker." Though the event was not intended to be inclusive of Catholics alone, many of the riders shared the Catholic Faith. It was nevertheless, an opportunity to extend a hand of welcome to some people who had been away from the faith for a long time. Bishop Robert Gruss commented, "There is a place in the Catholic Church for everyone. Events like this rally help us to show hospitality to those who have been away from the faith or who have never encountered the faith. Who are we to stand in the way if people find their way back to the Church through their motorcycles." According to Woster, the Newman Capital Campaign has now raised about 250 thousand dollars. \$\$\$ was raised through the rally. \$\$\$ has been donated in a one-time gift, and \$\$\$ is now pledged to the campaign. The campaign will also receive \$\$\$ from the Diocesan "We Walk by Faith" Appeal. He notes, "We are



### Stacking Wood

In February, a local parishioner approached our Newman Center Students asking if they would be available to help him and his wife cut and stack firewood at his home. In return, he offered to make a donation toward their trip to Nashville next winter. Six young men and women agreed to help, and they spent a beautiful day in the snowy Black Hills. When they finished their work, they were treated to a home cooked meal and the considerable hospitality of the family with whom they worked. Events such as these are great ways in which our young men and women can be of assistance to the community and wherein local residents can welcome the students to the Spearfish Community.

### Spring Formal

In April, just before finals began, our students needed an opportunity for wholesome Catholic recreation. The opportunity to do so was afforded them when Mark and Jane Schwartz, local business owners and St. Joseph Church Parishioners offered to host them at their home for a Spring Formal. The ladies found new use for dresses from high school proms, the gentlemen wore their suits, and seminarian Michael Hofer, with the assistance of his parents and several other volunteers, provided heavy *hors d'oeuvres*. As they were preparing, Fr. Tyler met the students outside the Newman Center, and loading several in his own vehicle, led them along a meandering gravel road to the house where they were greeted by a roaring fire and a scenic vista of the Northern Black Hills.



The evening was filled with good food, joviality and dancing. Even Fr. Tyler got into the act, teaching the group some basic dance steps. While there was some minor disagreement over the music (classic country is the only music truly fit for dancing, after all) everyone had a tremendous amount of fun. A minor tragedy occurred when one of the girls twisted her knee and was taken back to town to the Emergency Room. Her injury notwithstanding, the night was a great success.

The formation of Christian Disciples is about more than simply teaching the content of the Catholic Faith. It demands also that we provide opportunities to share our lives with one another in an atmosphere imbued with faith and Christian Charity. Our young men and



women seldom have an opportunity to be together in a way that respects their own dignity and encourages them to relate to one another in a way that promotes Catholic values. Events such as our Spring Formal provide this opportunity, and help us to ensure that as our students complete their studies at BHSU, they will move into the world as mature Catholic adults.

## Newman Center Building Campaign

Greetings and blessings in the Lord! We have great news and a wonderful opportunity in the next few weeks. Along with Bishop Robert Gruss, I would like to invite all of you who are motorcycle enthusiasts to join us in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Ride with the Bishop" Poker Run and Rally scheduled for Sunday, July 27, 2014. It will begin in Spearfish with Mass at St. Joseph Church at 8:00 a.m. and end the day with a BBQ in Belle Fourche. Some of the highlights will be a ride through Spearfish Canyon and on to Devil's Tower with other stops along the way.

The Purpose of this event is to raise money and focus attention on the campaign for the BHSU Newman Center. This is a great opportunity for bikers to get out and ride with me and Bishop Gruss. It will be a beautiful day of motorcycling in the Black Hills and points beyond. Please visit [www.stjosephspearfish.com/](http://www.stjosephspearfish.com/) for registration information. I look forward to seeing you.

Fraternally in Christ,  
Monsignor Michael Woster  
BHSU Newman Center Chaplain



### Meet Seanna Murnion



Seanna Murnion recently completed her first year at BHSU. Seanna has been actively involved in our organization, participating in nearly all of our events. She is originally from Jordan, Montana, and is studying dental hygiene. Her hobbies include reading, cooking, and baking (a skills she has used to the advantage of our Newman Students). About her time with the Newman Center, Seanna comments, "I have never felt more at home, when I'm away from home, than when I'm at the Newman Center. It is a place where I have learned to embrace my beliefs and share them with some of my best friends, who have undoubtedly changed my life, in a short matter of time. I know that if I ever needed a place to go, I could go to the Newman, and there is nothing more comforting." She returns to us this fall holding the office of Treasurer for the Newman Club.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Join us Sept 4th, 2014  
for the First Annual  
BHSU Newman Center Charity  
Golf Invitational  
with Bishop Robert Gruss  
of Rapid City, SD  
For more information on registration and sponsorships,  
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