

A Smorgasbord of Experiences....



St. Leo's is blessed to have another University of Cincinnati social work intern this year. Senior Megan Luneke began in late August and will have an opportunity to sample the wide range of activities the parish does in working with immigrants and refugees, feeding the hungry, and advocating for individuals and the neighborhood.

Megan was initially attracted to St. Leo's because of its work with immigrants and refugees and was especially interested in learning about the lives of the Burundians who fled genocide in Africa, as well as about horticultural therapy as a way to help them process the horrors they have experienced. She will regularly help with ESL classes on Thursdays and also aid students with reading, understanding, and allowing her to work in the community with Emma Shirey of Xavier's Community Building Institute as well as to sample the work of other partners with whom St. Leo's is involved.

The importance of partnerships is evidenced by the involvement of Lynn Hensler, a member of St. Leo's covenant partner parish Our Lady of Visitation, who will be serving as her supervisor during her internships.

Megan's current goal is to apply for the advanced standing social work master's program at UC. While she now hopes to take the health and elderly track of the program, she believes that the wide variety of her experiences at St. Leo's will help in her decision-making.

- Angela Anno