Ways to be Engaged

Keep checking this site for updates, and also look for tagged events in *This Week*!
And be sure to visit the websites of the organizations sponsoring the activities below for more information.

Events and Exhibitions

2024/25	**Daily Chapel** (MWF at 10:10; T at 11:10; Th at 11; and Sundays at 10:30) led by the College Ministry Team. If you would like to speak or include your program in the chapel, please contact Matt Marohl.
2024/25	**"Honest Storytelling: St. Olaf at 150"** Authors for the project will be hosting public presentations throughout the academic year. Consult the Honest Storytelling webpage for specific dates. (Lutheran Center)
Feb. 7-28	***Uprising VIII*** (Flaten Art Museum)

Gatherings and Conversations in 2024/25

2024/25	**"What Nourishes You?"** meal series with faculty and staff. RSVPs circulated in *This Week*. (Lutheran Center) ● February 25, 8:30 a.m. – Eduardo Pazos Palma, Vice President for Community and Belonging ● March 26, 12 p.m. – Jonathan Naito, Associate Dean for Humanities, Associate Professor of English ● April 24, 8:30 a.m. – Sara Pillatzki-Warzeha, Visiting Instructor in Theater ● May 7, 12 p.m. – Michaela Brown, Associate Chaplain for Jewish Life
April 10	**Death Over Dinner** - Students are invited to join Interfaith Fellows from the Lutheran Center for a conversation about what students believe about death. (contact the Lutheran Center for more information)

Workshops and Trainings

2024/25	**“Perspectives” Training** for Piper Center student workers; "Perspectives" training with students in IFC, ACE, PacCon, SOAR
2024/25	**Conflict resolution and engaging across difference preparation for student internships** (Piper Center) **"Politics and Pastry" Fridays in the IFC, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. -** The IFC offers a space for candid political discussion and reflection on the week's events. Each Friday features a different campus guest (faculty, staff, and student leaders) and snacks! **Sustainable Community Connections** – Signature events to foster connection among members of the St. Olaf community and the local community through strategic points of welcome and communication. (Taylor Center) **Coffee Hour Series** [Intercultural Programming] – Small group conversations and collaborative dialogues around culture, identity and success, global issues, social justice, and student wellbeing. (Taylor Center) **Taylor Center Executive Council** [Intercultural Programming] – Student leadership development program that fosters inclusive leadership and intercultural skills development among 18 multicultural student organizations.
Anytime	**Ethical Engagement Modules**. Four modules — Identity, Reciprocity, Communication, Solidarity — intended for faculty wanting to add ethical engagement principles and case studies into their ACE and study abroad/away teaching. Individual consultations with Alyssa Melby are available for support with implementation. (Smith Center)
Spring 2025	**Multifaith Leadership Workshop** - with the University of St. Thomas, Augsburg University, and University of Minnesota Minneapolis. (Lutheran Center)
Spring 2025	**"Dialogue Across Difference" certification -** The IFC is offering certification in dialogue across difference for students who (a) Are trained in different approaches to dialogue facilitation, (b) Attend IFC events and critically reflect on varied perspectives, and (c) Organize/facilitate a minimum of three dialogue events on campus or in the community.

February 25	**Telling Your Story: Returning to Campus after Study Abroad/Away** **Workshop** for returning students to reflect on their experiences and connect them to vocational discernment and professional goals (Smith Center, Piper Center)
March 24	**Bridge USA: Dialogue workshop** Leaders from Bridge USA will bring students/faculty/staff from St. Olaf together to focus on building the institutional capacity for constructive dialogue. This workshop is open to the entire campus community but pre-registration will be required.
March 24	**Manu Meel – A New Divide: The Possibility for Dialogue** Manu Meel, CEO of Bridge USA, will lecture on the state of partisan division on college campuses, and how to improve dialogue across differences (Institute for Freedom and Community)
April 9-10	**"Response vs Discussion: Prompting Student-to-Student Conversation."** For First-Year Seminar, Writing and Rhetoric, and Conversation program faculty. (Associate Dean for the First-Year Experience and Sophomore Thriving, Institute for Freedom and Community).
April 25-26	**Science Communication mini-Conference** This symposium will feature panels from experts ranging from law to political science to physics who will offer disciplinary insights on the challenges of misinformation and science communication. Conference details will be forthcoming on the Institute for Freedom and Community website.
May 5	**Learning to Disagree: A Conversation with Dr. John Inazu** John Inazu is the Sally D. Danforth Distinguished Professor of Law and Religion at Washington University in St. Louis. His latest book is *Learning to Disagree: The Surprising Path to Navigating Differences with Empathy and Respect* (Zondervan, 2024). Dr. Inazu will discuss the findings from his book, and what it means for higher education today.

Information, Talks, Research, Grants and Fellowships

2024/25	**Interfaith Fellows** (Lutheran Center)
2024/25	**ACE Course Dialogues** (Smith Center)
2024/25	**OLE Experience in Practice: Reflection Seminars** for students studying abroad/away, participating in academic internships (Smith Center, Piper Center)
May 2025	**Walter and Better Stromseth Fund for Intercultural and Inter-religious** - open to staff and faculty applicants, the fund supports projects, workshops, courses, and course development. (Provost and Dean of the College)
Summer 2025	**Weber Scholars** (Institute for Freedom and Community)