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## Belong, Believe, Be Bold!

"Belong, Believe, Be Bold!" was the theme of the 22nd annual Leadership Peer Ministry Retreat held Feb. 16-17, 2007 at Miracle Camp near Kalamazoo, MI. Seventy students and campus ministers attended the event from seven universities including Kent State University, Concordia University Chicago, Northern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University, Michigan State University, Western Michigan University, and Ferris State University. Rev. Robert Balduc, Lead Pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Roanoke, TX was the keynote speaker. He taught the participants how to put their faith into action as they explored what it means to belong, believe, and be bold in their lives for God.

A few thoughts from students who attended...

"The Leadership Peer Ministry Retreat weekend was a blast. It was such a great opportunity to meet other students involved with campus ministry and to hear what they are doing. It is amazing how much you learn in the few short hours over the weekend." William Michels, Northern Illinois University

"The Leadership Peer Ministry Retreat was a great experience. I was so glad to see that so many other people were as excited about their campus ministry as we are here at MSU. We came back with several new ministry ideas, and besides the ideas that were shared, we were also blessed with a great speaker, worship time, and plenty of Christian fellowship. How awesome it is to see the Spirit at work in fellow students!" Katrina Weirauch, Michigan State University

"The Leadership Peer Ministry Retreat was a great time with great people. It gave me a chance to peek into other ministries and see how we can improve ours." Alicia Kuhn, Eastern Illinois University



Smiles, laughter, excitement, new friendships, intense studying, singing, discussions, and sharing ministry ideas were all part of the Leadership Peer Ministry Retreat.

# A Student's Home

By Queen, a Graduate Student at the University of Pittsburgh

I should say I was nearly an atheist before I came to Pittsburgh. However, after almost two years I accepted Christianity and was baptized on Christmas Eve 2006. During this process, First Trinity Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh played the most important role in my life. The following is something about this church in my eyes.

This is not a big church, but the people in this church are very nice. They are easy to talk with and do good things which by itself builds up my confidence and belief. It's like a family, some student said. Pastors in this church work very hard. Pastor Eric Andrae works as campus minister. His schedule is very tight because he has dedicated himself to so many works and activities for campus students from several universities around this area. It is impossible for you to be untouched if you see how he makes himself so busy until late at night, not for money, but for students, for work, for the belief in Christianity. At the same time he is still energetic, humorous, and impressive.

**"we have found our home in both the physical and spiritual sense."**

The campus ministry creates and designs a lot of meaningful, interesting activities for students, especially for international students. For example, they have an English class and Bible studies for international students and also offer free childcare; they bake cookies and sing Christmas songs for hospital patients and their families; they organize students to watch good movies together; they arrange retreats to study Biblical topics; and they have Friday parties for students each month. All these activities are good for anyone who has joined in improving and relaxing him or herself.

This church cares for one's life, thinking, and problems. They talk to and give help to anyone who needs it. This yields a lot of work, but they take it and make students feel as warm as if they were in their own home. More and more students visit this church and stay connected because we have found our home in both the physical and spiritual sense.



Left to right: Rev. Douglas Spittel (parish pastor), Queen, and Rev. Eric Andrae (campus pastor) stand together after Queen's baptism

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## Development Director Position Deadline March 9

The Lutheran Campus Mission Association (LCMA) is currently seeking applications for a full-time Development Director. The Development Director will be responsible for creatively visioning, administering, promoting, evaluating, and maintaining a comprehensive, ongoing development ministry that will generate the revenue needed to implement LCMA's strategic plan. The Director will also serve as LCMA's primary public relations representative. Interested candidates may go to [www.lcma.info](http://www.lcma.info) for more information. All applications must be received by Friday, March 9, 2007. This employment opportunity has been made possible, in part, thanks to a \$75,000 Charitable Gifting Initiative grant received from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, along with the cosponsorship of the following six LCMS districts: Atlantic, English, Florida-Georgia, Missouri, Nebraska, and Ohio. LCMA is grateful for their generous support.

## Prayers & Praises

- Pray for the campus ministries, congregations, and all the people who are spreading God's love in the academic community
- Give thanks for the \$75,000 Charitable Gifting Initiative grant received from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans enabling LCMA to employ a Development Director to help implement LCMA's strategic plan
- Give thanks to the following districts for their support for a new Development Director: Atlantic, English, Florida-Georgia, Missouri, Nebraska, and Ohio
- Pray for the new campus ministries that are being formed
- Pray for the Development Director candidates and the selection committee
- Pray for the Planning Committee of the Campus Mission Confabulation as well as the presenters and participants

# PEACE Students Serve in Panama

By Erin Fischer, Undergraduate student at University of Wisconsin– Stevens Point (UWSP)

Eleven students and PC (Pastor Carl Selle) from Peace Lutheran Campus Center, Stevens Point, WI, spent eight days in Panama as a part of the on-going mission focus at our campus center. This was the fourth “out of country” experience for Peace students. All expenses were lovingly covered by friends and relatives of the participants.

The trip was planned in conjunction with CALMS (Central America Lutheran Mission Society) and LCMS World Mission personnel. Arrangements were carefully made for a three pronged learning experience: understanding the Lutheran mission in Panama, experiencing relationships with Panamanian Christians, and serving by participating in hands-on work projects.

The greatest discovery was that our lives were changed by the interaction with Panamanian sisters and brothers. We painted several churches together, practiced English and Spanish until we all got the pronunciation right, and celebrated our faith as we sang and prayed together. Several students said it was the high point of their life.



Pictured left is the Mission Team from Peace Lutheran Campus Center and pictured right are Staci and Cole, two UWSP students, painting a children’s room which was uniquely designed to display God’s love and be an inspiration to the children.

Michelle, a UWSP student, enjoyed the children on their trip.



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## Sharing Friendship, Hospitality, and the Good News

By Ellie Scholz, Medford, OR

My husband, John, and I live about fifteen miles from Southern Oregon University (SOU), Corvallis. At Thanksgiving, we call the SOU Foreign Student Office and issue an invitation to any international students who would like to have a Thanksgiving dinner in an American home.

In 2004, we only had one person who was interested. She was Marina, a sweet student from Japan. At Christmas, Marina needed a place to stay for a week. During that week, a friendship began between us. Marina accompanied me to our women’s Bible class, where she met Marjorie Gibson who was interested in ministry among international students. Marjorie invited Marina to speak at the school where her children attended. Within a short time, Marina became part of our families and participated in church and activities with the Gibson’s and us.

During this time, I had filed away a five-lesson Bible study that came with the *Ablaze!* material. I asked Marina if she would be interested in learning more about the Bible and Jesus. She agreed, and at the end of the study asked, “Do I need a more thorough study or can I be baptized?” I truly felt that she needed a more complete study, but time was running out since she was moving to Corvallis. However, we had lived in Corvallis for eleven years and were able to make connections. Our good friend, Lorraine Beyerlein, and Ray Waetjen, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Corvallis, were willing to befriend Marina and continued the study with her.

Our story doesn’t really ever end since building His Kingdom continues. We rejoice since Marina was baptized into the Christian faith on Sunday, Aug. 13, 2006, at Zion Lutheran Church. My husband was honored to conduct the baptism. The mission statement of ISM, Inc. came true on this day because it was through friendship, hospitality, and sharing the Good News that we have a new sister in Christ.





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## Register NOW for Confabulation —

## Early Bird Discount Deadline March 19

Registration is now available at [www.lcma.info](http://www.lcma.info) for the 2007 Campus Mission Confabulation held May 17-20, 2007 at the Hilton Cincinnati Airport Hotel. The theme “A Blazing Witness” is based on Daniel 3:28-29, which is King Nebuchadnezzar’s response to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego surviving the fiery furnace. The purpose of the Confabulation is to equip and encourage campus workers, lay volunteers, and college students as they gather for learning, fellowship, and celebration. Dr. Uwe Siemon-Netto, director of the Concordia Seminary (St. Louis) Institute on Lay Vocation, will be the keynote speaker, focusing on the need for Christians to live out their faith in whatever career path they may follow. Breakout sessions, two plenary sessions, a panel discussion and networking session, a Bible study, a servant event, and a concert are all planned for the event!

LCMA is offering **REBATES** to help 20 different qualifying ministries attend. Go to [www.lcma.info](http://www.lcma.info) to find out more information about the rebates, and hurry, the deadline is also **March 19**.



If you have an article that you would like to be submitted to possibly include in this newsletter, please send them to [juliej02@hotmail.com](mailto:juliej02@hotmail.com). The deadline for article submission for the 2nd quarter IGNITE newsletter is June 1, 2007.

## More Students Gather For A Retreat

Forty-five students from campus ministries around Wisconsin gathered for a weekend Winter retreat at Camp LuWiSoMo (Wild Rose, WI). After an encouraging study on Colossians, the group needed to relax and let loose.



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