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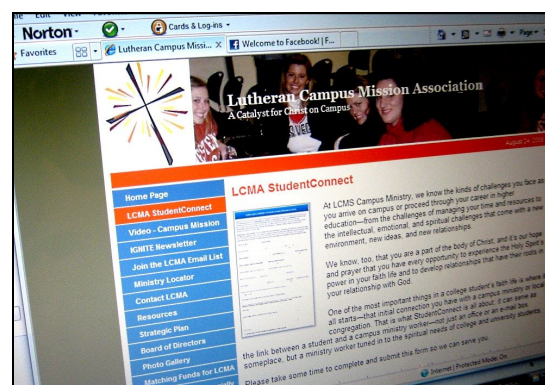
## Campus community can start with StudentConnect

“**StudentConnect** has the potential to help a student establish a relationship with a campus ministry even before he or she arrives on campus,” says Jon Jensen, LCMS Campus Ministry’s executive director. “We’re excited about that: what a great way to get a head start on building community.”

**StudentConnect** is a new service developed by LCMS Campus Ministry to provide information that a pastor or ministry worker at a college or university can use to make personal contact with a student. It all begins with a simple, secure online form.

“Any student, family member, pastor, or youth ministry leader can go to our Web site and complete the **StudentConnect** form,” says Jensen. “LCMS Campus Ministry will provide the information—confidentially—to a campus ministry worker, who will contact the student, introduce himself or herself, and let the student know how to become involved.

“We want to help congregations continue to be active in ministry to their member students who go away to college,” Jensen adds. “We know that many already stay in touch through greeting cards, prayer circles, care packages, personal contacts from home pastors, even webcasts of their worship services. This is still another resource—a way to for congregations to partner with ministry professionals who are on the ground in campus communities and who care deeply about the spiritual growth of their member students.



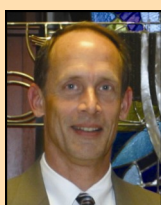
Use **StudentConnect** to connect with a campus ministry near you.

“On occasion a student will find himself or herself at a school that is not yet served by an established campus ministry. When the student uses **StudentConnect** to link to us, we can help the student find or start a Lutheran Student Fellowship group—or even help start a new campus ministry!

“Students can actually play a vital role in making **StudentConnect** a valuable tool,” says Jensen. “If you’re a student, you can tell the pastor or youth worker at your home congregation about it and explain how it can serve as an important ministry link to all of your church’s student members away at college. The better we’re all connected, the stronger we are together.”

To find out how to use this new resource, visit [www.lcmscampusministry.org](http://www.lcmscampusministry.org) and follow the **StudentConnect** link.

## LCMS Campus Ministry welcomes new executive director



Executive Director  
Jon Jensen

This summer, Lutheran Campus Mission Association adopted a new name: LCMS Campus Ministry. And on July 1, Jon Jensen began work as LCMS Campus Ministry’s first executive director.

Jensen’s appointment by the Board for Campus Ministry of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is the next step in a series of forward-looking moves by the organization. Over the past months, LCMA has completed a Guiding Principles statement, a detailed Strategic Plan,

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# Campus ministry happenings

## Reach out; provide a bike

By Joyce Cronin

God has brought the nations to us.

Northwest Missouri State University has more than 240 international students. We wanted to reach out to them through the Lutheran Campus Center (LCC) here, but we couldn't figure out how—not until I went home to visit my parents last summer. My dad told me he was collecting bikes for the University of Nebraska's Lutheran Campus Center, which was distributing them through International Student Ministry (ISM, Inc.).

"We could do that!" I thought. I consulted Pastor Droegemueller, the pastor of our sponsoring congregation. He gave his blessing, and I started asking for bikes.



Bicycle distribution at Northwest Missouri State's Lutheran Campus Center.

There were so many "God Things." I called a neighboring police department. They were willing to donate their bikes; and they asked if I knew that the prison in St. Joseph, Mo. had a program that employed inmates to work on bicycles—maybe they would donate some bikes too? I called the prison and was told that the program was no longer active—but then they asked if I would be interested in a donation of thousands of dollars'-worth of bicycle parts!

The day we distributed the bicycles, more international students showed up than we had bikes for. Pastor Volker, our interim pastor, said, "Pray about it." We did. I called my dad, too. What he told me was that he had bought some more bikes at auctions since the UNL group had picked up the first ones. "Give them to me!" I said. Wouldn't you know; he had the exact number we needed.

A number of Indian and Chinese students continue to come to the dollar supper and Friday night activity at the Campus Center. Two Chinese students are learning about Christ, and one Indian student who lives in Florida told one of our LCC regulars that he hasn't been able to find a place like our center.

This year we'll be handing out bikes again—as well as bilingual Bibles to any students who are interested.

God is good!

*Joyce Cronin is director of Lutheran campus ministry at Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville. To learn more about the Lutheran Campus Center at NWMSU or to contact Joyce, visit <http://www.maryvillehope.org> and click on the Campus Center link.*

## NAILS: help build the kingdom!

In January 2009, Laborers for Christ (LFC), a service of Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), introduced NAILS, a summer ministry program for students. NAILS provides summer employment for students and involves them in LFC's mission of providing economical ways for congregations, schools, and ministry organizations in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to expand their facilities and build new ones.

The NAILS program is available to college, university, and seminary students like you. Work sites are located across the United States. Would you be interested in working to fund your education through hands-on ministry that helps the church reach out and grow? Then check out NAILS.

Learn more at [www.lcef.org/nails](http://www.lcef.org/nails). And stay tuned to IGNITE; we'll have more in the Fall issue.

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# Lutheran Student Fellowship

A student-led fellowship of Christian college students and a ministry partner of LCMS Campus Ministry

## Identity in Christ: for some, it's a smoldering ember

By Rev. Jay Winters

He came into my office, sat down on the couch and told me that he had been raised as a Lutheran. "...And by that I mean I went on Easter and Christmas. I never listened to the sermons. I liked the songs."

It's not an unusual talk for me or for my student leaders. We hear some form of it more than a handful of times every semester. Within the heart of these students there is a glimmer of the identity of Christ that they were baptized into—but there isn't much more.

In my personal devotions I've been reading a lot of the Exile stories. Ezra, Habakkuk, Nehemiah, II Chronicles; the prophets and the histories. The stories are stories of *identity*—stories that lament the loss of an identity that finds itself in God, stories of celebration and reformation when the Word is read and eyes are opened.

These stories are the stories of our campus ministries, our Lutheran Student Fellowship chapters, our students acting as Nehemiahs to rebuild the walls and houses of our Church.

Speaking of stories, near the end of Luke's gospel is the story of Jesus walking alongside two disciples from the town of Emmaus. When they reach their destination, He stays to eat dinner with them and subsequently reveals His true identity to them. And during all this, something interesting happens. When Jesus has disappeared from their sight, the two disciples say some-

thing strange: "Did not our hearts burn within us when He talked to us and opened the Scripture to us?"

The very moment that they recognize Christ, they recognize within themselves a burning for His Word and His love. They recognize their identities because, through His grace, their identity is tied up in His.

This year you will find many students who have that burning already in their hearts. As you show them Christ, they will recognize their identity in Him. They will see their own identities as His disciples, and they will do just as those two Emmaus disciples did—they will run as fast as they can to tell their friends, "The Lord has risen indeed, and our hearts have burned within us." They will become disciples who make disciples.

May God richly bless you as you show Christ's identity which makes disciples who make disciples.



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and other foundational documents; the board has begun the transition from acting as a managing body to a governing body; and the afore-mentioned name change was approved to indicate better the full breadth of services the ministry organization offers. With an executive leader now in place, LCMS Campus Ministry is poised to move ahead with its mission and strategic plan. Jensen, a member of the Board for Campus Ministry since 2006, will be serving in a part-time, interim capacity.

"Having worked closely with Jon over the last three years has made this an easy decision for the board and a smooth transition for the organization," said board Chairman Rev. David Dressel. "We are excited about

how this ministry is moving forward under Jon's leadership to serve our church body, particularly our students and constituents on campuses across the country."

Jensen most recently served as director of Ministry Advancement for Lutheran Hour Ministries and as president of the Lutheran Hour Foundation.

We invite you to connect with Jon and get to know him! He can be reached at 314-497-2400 or [campusmission@yahoo.com](mailto:campusmission@yahoo.com).

### **Be a regional rep for LSF!**

Lutheran Student Fellowship is looking for regional representatives. If you know of a student with leadership abilities, please contact President Greg McDuffie at [greg.mcduffie@gmail.com](mailto:greg.mcduffie@gmail.com) with nominations or questions.



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*"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."  
-Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV)*

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## Prayers and praises

- Give God thanks for providing Jon Jensen to serve as LCMS Campus Ministry's executive director. Ask God to guide and strengthen Jon in this role.
- Pray for God to bless students, campus ministries, Lutheran Student Fellowship, LCMS Campus Ministry and International Student Ministry, Inc. through the StudentConnect Web resource.
- Give God thanks for leading the Lutheran Campus Center at Northwest Missouri State University to an effective form of outreach by providing bicycles for international students. Pray for God's continued blessing on NWMSU's outreach efforts and the outreach efforts of campus ministries across the United States.
- Praise God for providing the NAILS program through Lutheran Church Extension Fund and Laborers for Christ. Ask God to bless many students, congregations, ministries and others through NAILS.

### Become an LCMS Campus Ministry Prayer Partner!

Join our growing host of Prayer Partners! E-mail us at [campusmission@yahoo.com](mailto:campusmission@yahoo.com) and tell us, "Please add me as a Prayer Partner!" We'll send you prayer and praise updates periodically—along with information about supporting LCMS Campus Ministry in special ways.