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## Make Disciples Who Make Disciples

*Don't miss Confabulation 2010 in Omaha!*

“Students, campus ministry leaders, and campus ministry volunteers are invited to come together for **LCMS Campus Ministry Confabulation 2010** in Omaha, Nebraska to network, enjoy fellowship, and plug into some great tools to help energize ministry in campus communities,” says Jon Jensen, LCMS Campus Ministry’s executive director. “We’ve got a lot to offer—and a whole new look.”

**Confabulation 2010** will be held May 28-30 (Memorial Day weekend) on the campus of King of Kings Lutheran Church in Omaha. The change in venue is part of **Confabulation**’s “new look”; previous **Confabulation** events have been held in hotel conference center settings.

“We’re also offering clearly defined tracks for both students and leaders in 2010,” adds Jensen. “Student-track topics such as Apologetics, Faith-sharing, Prayer, Mentoring, and Mission and community service will focus on spiritual growth and outreach. Leader-track topics such as Social networking, Funding, Peer ministry training, Women’s ministry, and an open forum will address building and sustaining ministries on campus.”

The theme for the **Confabulation 2010** spring gathering is “Make Disciples Who Make Disciples”—a principal component of LCMS Campus Ministry’s refocused mission statement to “equip leaders to make disciples who make disciples on campus.” Dr. Ian Adnams, director of communications for Lutheran Church—Canada, a sister church body of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, will serve as **Confabulation 2010**’s plenary session leader. Adnams brings an in-depth understanding of technology and innovative communication trends to a vision for 21st-century ministry and outreach.



The registration fee for **Confabulation 2010** is \$145 per participant—with a discount available to groups of 5 or more (see website for details). Online registration opened February 1. To register, or to get lodging or other details about **Confabulation 2010**, visit [www.lcmscampusministry.org/Confabulation-2010.php](http://www.lcmscampusministry.org/Confabulation-2010.php).

LCMS Campus Ministry is proud to present **Confabulation 2010** in partnership with Lutheran Student Fellowship.

### Confabulation 2010

#### What you need to know

##### Dates

May 28-30, 2010

##### Venue

King of Kings Lutheran Church  
Omaha, Nebraska

##### Lodging

Comfort Inn Omaha Southwest  
402-593-2380

##### Registration

Open now!

Visit [www.lcmscampusministry.org](http://www.lcmscampusministry.org)  
to learn more.

# Comments from the Executive Director

by Jon Jensen

Thanks and applause to Greg Koenig for his terrific work on the new website and for all the things he does for campus ministry! Many of you have already used the new site to sign up for **Confabulation**. We will continue to build features and content for the campus community using this great tool. Upcoming will be a sign-in area for ideas exchange, tools and services.



Executive Director  
Jon Jensen

I encourage the campus ministry community to join us for **Confabulation 2010** in Omaha! Please also give thanks for the **Confabulation** committee comprised of Stacey Swan, Tom Ogilvie, Gayle Grotjan, Zach Zender, Mark Meyer, Taylor Johnson, Rich Boring, our registrar Bill Doubek, and our King of Kings contact, Terri Hitsman. It takes a good deal of commitment to plan an event like **Confabulation**. This group has really worked well together to bring this educational and fellowship event together for all of our students and staff. They have an outstanding gathering prepared for you!

A group of campus leaders continues to provide experience and encouragement in supporting new efforts in campus ministry across the country as well as in assisting the community in general with issues and opportunities faced by campus and student leadership. I give thanks for this group and encourage and welcome others to join us as we help build ministry on campus.

Two additional groups (and yes, some folks are doing double duty!) are beginning work on peer ministry training and on funding ideas, both in support of local campus ministry. Again, participation is welcome and vital as we exchange ideas and share with the community.

(The LCMS Campus Ministry Board uses “GoTo Meeting” for monthly meetings. The aforementioned groups will typically meet online as well).

Campus ministries across the country should have received posters and brochures describing the **NAILS Student Laborers for Christ** program. Please call or e-mail if you need more materials. One report I’ve read recently suggests a 27 percent unemployment rate for teens. Perhaps the **NAILS** program could be a real benefit to some of our students in terms of employment while also providing some adventure as they experience a work environment in an area of the country unfamiliar to them. Added in is the likely fellowship of some wonderful people and the example and satisfaction of service through their work. Additional info is also available in the **Laborers for Christ** section of the LCEF website.

LCMS has designated the Sunday after Thanksgiving as **Campus Ministry Sunday**. This is welcome news to all of us as we attempt to increase the awareness of outreach to campuses and the needs of this community to our congregations and potential constituency. More on **Campus Ministry Sunday** in upcoming newsletters.

Blessings to you and your outreach,

Jon

## Ready for a new look?

*LCMS Campus Ministry website gets an extreme makeover*

If you haven’t visited [lcmscampusministry.org](http://lcmscampusministry.org) recently, now’s a good time to check it out.

“We’ve moved to a web environment that gives us more flexibility than we’ve ever had, across the board,” says Greg Koenig, LCMS Campus Ministry’s communications consultant; “media, creativity, interactivity—you name it. And we’re still exploring.”

One area of the site has benefited from LCMS Campus Ministry’s recently completed strategic planning process. “Developing a strong statement of identity and mission provided a solid foundation for the ‘Who we are’ and ‘What we do’ pages of our ‘About us’ section,” says Koenig. “We want everything on this site to convey the clear message that we’re all about *equipping leaders*

*to make disciples who make disciples on campus.”*

The re-vamped website has retained **StudentConnect**, the personalized ministry finder LCMS Campus Ministry introduced last fall. New features include feedback forms, a blog, and links to a new YouTube channel, new Facebook fan page, and LCMS Campus Ministry’s Twitter page.

“Follow us!” says Koenig. “We’ll tweet as often as we can.”





# Lutheran Student Fellowship

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

## A day of service

by Lesley Lipovich, Kent State LSF president

This semester our Lutheran Student Fellowship group decided to help the people of Faith Lutheran Church! We chose a day where the people of Faith could sign up if they needed any help with housework or yard work. When that day came, we got to rake leaves, trim bushes, weed gardens, move boxes, and do other chores for some of the members of the church.

We chose this service project for two reasons. First, it is important that in our Christian walk we help others whenever possible. In John 13:12-15, Jesus teaches us to help others: “When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. ‘Do you understand what I have done for you?’ he asked them. ‘You call me “Teacher” and “Lord,” and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.’”

We found the second reason in Acts 1:8: Jesus tells his disciples, “... You will receive power when the Holy Spirit

comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” This verse teaches us that it’s just as important to witness to the people who are around us as it is to go far away to witness to others.

*Lesley Lipovich is an education major at Kent State University.*



Kent State LSF students do house and yard work for congregation members. Lesley Lipovich, right, is Kent State’s LSF president.

## Experiences can change your life

by Amir Md Amiruzzaman

I have been to Chicago several times on vacation, but my trip there last November was special because I went to attend the annual **Beautiful Feet** mission conference, which was hosted by Concordia University.



Amir checks out the exhibit area at the Beautiful Feet Conference.

When I decided to attend the conference, I was excited: I felt something different, something special. Our small group—JJ Voelker, Rebecca Lukens and I—traveled together. On the journey to Chicago I had a discussion with JJ about good deeds and bad/evil deeds. I had several questions, and JJ explained the things God wants from us and the things that hurt Him.

We reached our hotel after midnight but were at Concordia University around 8:00 the next morning. There was a lot of excitement. I met many new people, and we discussed our thoughts and plans. Almost everybody seems to be organizing the same types of activities to help others—furniture fairs, student lunches, rides for students. Many were surprised and interested in our chat-and-chow events at Kent State. Our cooking class for international students was new to nearly everyone; they agreed the class is helpful to international students because it allows them to enjoy a relaxing time to meet new friends and improve their English.

Conference speakers shared their life experiences and told how God helped them to overcome their problems. At the end of the conference, we all prayed to God and

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thanked Him for all His blessings and His love. The **Beautiful Feet** conference helped me to learn a great lesson that instead of helping people directly, God helps people most often by sending good people to them—and God wants us to help each other. In the future, I intend to show my gratitude to God by engaging myself in the service of others.

**Beautiful Feet** is an annual mission conference hosted each year by a different member school of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Concordia University System (CUS). The conference is open to both CUS students and students attending non-Concordia schools across the country.

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## Prayers and praises

- Give God thanks for the hard work of the Planning Committee for **Confabulation 2010**. Ask Him to bless all participants as they prepare to meet in Omaha.
- Thank God for blessing Kent State University's LSF group with opportunities to grow in faith and to serve others. Pray for His continued presence and power in the campus ministry at Kent State.
- Praise God for providing the **NAILS** Student Laborers for Christ summer work program through Lutheran Church Extension Fund and Laborers for Christ. Ask God to bless many students, congregations, ministries and others through **NAILS**.
- Ask God's blessing upon everyone involved in planning and presenting International Student Ministry, Inc.'s In-Depth Bible Seminar, to be held in St. Louis May 12-19.