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MINISTRY AT KSU

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“Every four years a CMA’s ministry will be reviewed to determine whether the CMA’s eligibility to request Operating Grants should be renewed for another term.” — ELCA Campus Ministry Policies and Procedures



CHRISTMAS 2011

## Sunday Meal and Worship Still #1

Each Week of the 2011 Fall Semester, KSU LCM has hosted a Sunday evening Meal and Worship Service, a Wednesday Lunch Dialogue, Wednesday evening Bible Study and Fun Night, and our “Frisbee Friday” afternoon round of Disc Golf. In addition, we hold monthly Friday evening Theme Parties (e.g. Halloween, Christmas, etc...) Monthly Service Events, Fundraising Events, and even Disc Golf Tournaments.

Each of these events has it’s own particular focus, but everything we do at LCM is intended to help us fulfill our Mission Statement:

“To Welcome the K-State community to embrace Christ and grow in their faith journey.”



With all these options, Weekly Worship continues to be the event that centers our students and draws the most participants. On any given Sunday, we average around

15 Students. However, during the course of the year, more than 50 students participate in our LCM Worship!

Of course, it helps that local church members bless us each week with wonderful home cooking and an occasional Pizza for our Pre-Worship Meal!

However, the opportunity to Worship God, to hear God’s Word, and to receive the Sacraments is the one thing our students don’t want to miss!

## KSU LCM Undergoes Quadrennial Review

Every 4 years, each Campus Ministry of the ELCA undergoes a review of the ministry by a team representing the National Church, the Synod, and Campus Ministry Staff. 2011 was our year to go through the process, which was the first Quadrennial Review at KSU since Pastor Kevin Clark became Campus Pastor in 2008. The Review focuses on 12 areas

of ministry which include: Worship, Evangelism, Education, Community Service, and Pastoral Care, among other things. “Commendations” and “Recommendations” are made for each of these areas. The report also includes Introductory and Summary comments. LCM at KSU received a “Green Light” to continue ministry for the next 4

years. We also received much useful feedback on how to improve our ministry. Here are a few excerpts from the report: “This Lutheran Campus Ministry is a success story... In these three years, worship attendance has increased 50-100% each year!... This ministry is ready to more deeply embrace Christ and grow in their faith journey.”



*LCM Dessert Auction...  
A Sweet Opportunity*

## First Annual Dessert Auction

A big "Thank You" to all of our dessert makers, bidders and eaters, as well as to First Lutheran Church of Manhattan for hosting the event! A Special Thanks to Scott Jones and the other LCM Board members who planned the event!

Our Dessert Auction, held on Sept. 30th, was a celebration of the great ministry we have had to KSU students over the past few years, as well as a fun way to raise support for LCM.

Bidders had plenty to choose from, with more than 40 desserts prepared by Students, Board Members, and Members of Local Congregations.

The night turned out to be a load of fun, and we raised more than \$200 for our Lutheran Campus Ministry 2011 programming!

Plans are already underway for our 2012 LCM Desert Auction. We want to make this an annual tradition, and to grow

our participation as well.

If you have a special dessert item (or recipe) that you would like to donate for next year's auction, please contact Pastor Kevin.

If you have a sweet tooth, keep your eyes and ears open for announcements about next years' auction to be held in the Fall of 2012!

*"Break the Chains  
is my very first disc  
golf tournament in  
my life, and I had  
a fantastic time  
with you and all  
the players!"—  
2011 Tournament  
Participant*

## Inagaural "Break the Chains" Disc Golf Tournament

Disc Golf (Frisbee Golf) is like regular golf, only players throw flying discs at above-ground targets rather than rolling balls into holes in the ground.

KSU LCM has been hosting "Frisbee Fridays" each week for the past 3 years, giving students the opportunity to burn off some steam with LCM friends at the end of each week. Some of our regulars wanted to try their hand at a Disc Golf Tournament, so we decided to

host our first ever, "Break The Chains" Spring Disc Golf Tournament, on April 9th.

The purpose of the tournament was to provide a wholesome and healthy event for K-State students and others in the community, to promote the sport of Disc Golf, and to provide visibility for Lutheran Campus Ministry.

Our turnout was great for a first time event, with 42 students and community members play-

ing! People are already asking about 2012!

Inspired by our success, this year we are adding the "LCM Ice Bowl" Charity Disc Golf Tournament benefitting the Flint Hills Breadbasket to be held Saturday, February 4th, 2012.



## Your Financial Support is Needed

Almost everyone knows someone who is in college. Even with Facebook, Texting and Cell Phones, college students can feel very far from family, friends, church and home! Pastors, congregations, friends and family can feel very far from their college students as well! But LCM is here on Campus, and on many campuses all around the country—

in site-based ministries like LCM at KSU, and in congregationally based ministries as well. Your financial support of LCM is a very real way to help students. In these uncertain financial times, and with a 38% reduction in Campus Ministry grants from the ELCA in 2012, your financial support of LCM is needed more than ever! Please consider supporting or

increasing your support of Campus Ministry through your giving to the ELCA, the Central States Synod, your congregation, or your individual gifts to LCM at KSU! You may use the enclosed envelope to donate to LCM at KSU, or you can give online using your credit card—just go to our website: [KSULCM.ORG](http://KSULCM.ORG).

Thanks!

### Consider the following:

- \$25 buys one Study Bible for weekly studies.
- \$50 buys food for two Sunday night meals.
- \$100 buys 1 semester of Internet to connect with students.
- \$250 buys advertising for one semester.
- \$500 provides a Student Peer Minister for 1 semester.
- \$1000 helps buy a changeable outdoor sign displaying our schedule of activities.

## 2011 Annual Report of Lutheran Campus Ministry at Kansas State University

Students' lives are touched every week by the power of the Gospel at Lutheran Campus Ministry. Sometimes God's work is very visible, as it is in the lives of the two former KSU LCM students who are now enrolled in seminary. Sometimes God's work is happening below the surface, as was the case this past year when a troubled student reached out to his Pastor and Friends at LCM. When tragic events happen on college campuses, people often ask, "Didn't anyone know? Didn't anyone care? Didn't the student have any friends or a support network?" In this case, the trusting relationships built over the course of several months at LCM became a safe place for a student in crisis, thanks be to God!

Lutheran campus Ministry at KSU has made a difference in the lives of more than 70 students who have participated in LCM during the course of the year. However, the ripple effects on this campus, the Manhattan community, the greater Church, and the world beyond are difficult to measure. One important aspect of our ministry is the number of students who go on to impact the world as active church members, lay leaders, and pastors of the church.

This past year at LCM, students participated in Fun Events like our Spring Disc Golf Tournament designed to build community and trusting relationships, Worship Services, which nourish their spirits with Word and Sacrament and remind them of the connection we have with our great God, Bible Studies that strengthen and deepen their faith, Dialogues which raise deeper questions, and Community Service/Mission activities like "Trick or Treat for Cans" which give them an opportunity to put their faith in action and love their neighbors in a very tangible way.

Great things happen here at KSU LCM thanks to our many friends and supporters—Meal Coordinators and Servers whose gifts and hospitality reflect the love of God, Volunteer Board Members who oversee and guide the long-term mission and well-being of this important ministry, Prayers who lift up students and our ministry daily to God, Givers, whose generosity is particularly important during these time of uncertainty in our economy and in the ELCA, our student Peer Ministers who plan and carry out our ministry while caring for their fellow students, Advocates who speak up at Annual Meetings, Church Council Meetings, Synod Meetings, and even Churchwide Assemblies and remind people that Campus Ministry is not a mission that the Church can afford to neglect! Thank you to all of our friends!

Finally, LCM at KSU underwent a Quadrennial Review this fall. This, once every four year review involved members of our National Church Staff, Synod Staff, Synod Campus Ministry Board, and a Lutheran Campus Pastor from Nebraska Synod. The review was overwhelmingly positive. LCM at KSU received approval for continued support from the ELCA for the next four years, as well as some recommendations for improving and growing the ministry. These recommendations will be the focus of our 2012 Board Planning Retreat.

Grateful for your Partnership!



Pastor Kevin Clark

Please ask your Church Office  
Staff to include this LCM  
Report in your congregation's  
Annual Report!  
Thanks!





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To our Friends and Supporters  
Wherever you are  
Thank you!

## All Are Welcome!



*... I can ask  
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*I always feel  
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## What LCM Means to Me...

To me Lutheran Campus Ministry is a place of comfort. It reminds me of my youth group back home. It is a place where I feel at ease and free to be myself.

When I attend LCM activities and events, I am confident in the fact that I can ask questions and share my opinions without being judged. The events they plan include a wide vari-

ety of activities to meet everyone's interests.

The events planned for the students are always great



Sunday Dinner at Luther House

because they give us the opportunity to explore our faith while also giving us a chance to have some fun

and escape the stresses of school.

The weekly Sunday dinners are great also, it is like one big family sitting around the dinner table and then worshipping afterwards.

I always feel welcome at the Luther House and recommend it to anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith.

—Jessica  
A KSU LCM Student