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ATLANTIC DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION

Please pray for the women attending the 18th Biennial Lutheran Woman's Missionary League convention in Hauppauge, NY. The delegates will be voting on officers, bylaw amendments, a new mission goal, and mission grants to be funded during the 2008-2010 biennium. Your support of this recognized auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is a blessing.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

The AD LWML Board of Directors is happy to report that the mission goal for the 2004-2006 biennium has been met. All mission grants have been fully funded for this past biennium. Blessings and thanks to those who helped make this possible. To God be the glory!

Check out our website (www.adlwml.org) after the convention to find out the results of the voting.

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A Very Special Thank You from the Orphan Grain Train

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You - This is a short note to thank everyone who donated undies or socks at the Atlantic District's Festival of Workshops on March 8th. There are 410 people that will have a new set of clean underwear and 210 with new socks. With such short notice for this event I congratulate everyone who made it successful.

I hope you have read the information in the packet we distributed or the letter that was enclosed in your packet. It tells a little of the Orphan Grain Train story and how you can do to be a part of this fine organization. I would ask you to go back and read what we do and pray on how you might be a part of this organization that does so much for people in need.

Should you have any questions I would feel honored to discuss what we do and how you can help us. E-mail: rlomnitz@nycap.rr.com or write to Richard Lomnitzer, P.O.Box 262, Adirondack, NY 12808

Our Mission: In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near.

Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well-spoken, sometimes as a bandage well-applied, and sometimes as a child well fed. [\[Back To Top\]](#)

Sharing the Wealth – Recycle Your VBS Props

Is your congregation scheduled to offer VBS to your community this summer? Consider sharing your materials afterward with other congregations! If you are making props, sets, etc. to use with a CPH, GROUP, or other VBS curriculum and will have supplies left over, why not pass on (recycle) your material to another AD congregation hoping to offer VBS at a later date.

If you can share, or, are in need of materials, please email the district office (janet.george@ad-lcms) with the following info:

- Your contact info
- VBS date
- What you need or have to offer

We will connect you with potential donors/recipients. Several churches are already doing this and it's working out well for all. With your permission, we could even post your on the Resources Page of the AD website so that you may contact one another! [[Back To Top](#)]

NYDIS Promotes Faith Leader Preparedness Forums

Want to network with others in your borough about best practices in disaster readiness? New York Disaster Interfaith Services recommends to you the upcoming forums organized by the NY Citizen Corps Council. (Lutheran Disaster Response of NY is a governing member of NYDIS, whose free training resources will be available to all participants at the forums.) Bronx: March 10, Hostos Community College. Manhattan: March 13, American Red Cross in Greater New York. Queens: April 7, Queens Museum of Art. Staten Island: TBA. Free registration at <http://www.nyredcross.org/page.php/prmID/639> or call 718-422-8904 [[Back To Top](#)]

The Jubilate Singers and Orchestra Perform at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on April 6, 2008

The Jubilate Singers and Orchestra will present "Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs" on April 6, 2008, 7 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, NY. The program includes Mass in G - Schubert, Sing Love, Sing Joy for Christ is King! - R. Schultz, Awake My Heart With Gladness- J. Leavitt, and Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs - T. Schultz. Please join us for a spiritually rewarding concert. Individual Admission \$15, Family Admission \$25. Tickets will be available at the door. [[Back To Top](#)]

E.A.R.S. for Eyes Program Introduction

If you have vision impairment, or low vision, you know how many activities that were once simple and enjoyable have become difficult. But there is help. Relearn how to continue doing normal daily activities and remain living independently in your home. The tools and techniques needed are free from

E.A.R.S. for Eyes low vision and rehabilitation training program. Their free instructional lessons are on audio cassettes and include basic daily living skills such as cooking, safely getting around your home, managing your medications, personal grooming, bathroom safety, and using the telephone. The tapes are designed to be used in your home with the aid of a sighted helper, like a family member, neighbor, or community volunteer. Just call toll free **1-800-843-6816** for more information. All services are absolutely free, no one visits you, and no designation of legal blindness is required.
www.earsforeyes.org [[Back To Top](#)]

Prepare Enrich Workshop Sponsored by Lutheran Counseling Services

Lutheran Counseling Center is sponsoring a beginning *Prepare Enrich Workshop* on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 132 Jefferson Ave., Mineola, NY 11501-2712. Registration cost (which covers training and materials) is \$175.00. The registration deadline is April 14, 2008. The seminar leader is The Rev. Alan Steinke, LCSW-R, certified Prepare Enrich trainer.
 Please contact Mrs. Rosemary Kerrane of the Lutheran Counseling Center at **516-741-0994** to register. [[Back To Top](#)]

Relief Effort to New Orleans - Come and Join Us!

A relief effort is being formed to assist St. Paul & St. John Lutheran Churches, their members and the communities they serve in New Orleans.

- **Who:**
 - The trip is open to all. There is plenty to be done.
 - You need a heart and desire to serve.
 - We not only need people for construction and demolition, but people to clean, cook etc...
- **When:** May 2nd – 10th, 2008 (deadline to let us know is April 10th).
 (next trip November 14th – 22nd, 2008)
- **Where:** We will stay in New Orleans at St. John Lutheran Church on Canal Street.
- **How are we going?** – There is limited availability in the Lutherans CARE vehicles. If those vehicles are full travel is at your own expense. You always have the option of flying (at your own expense.)
- **How much:** The cost is **\$50**.
- **What:** The scope of the work can include anything from removing furniture, sheetrock, nails, debris, appliances from houses; building or recovering a building; taking down limbs, working on roofs, putting up sheetrock, painting, cooking, etc... We try to know more as the trip gets closer.
- **Why:** Because our brothers and sisters in Christ need the help.
- **How do I find out more?:**
 - Talk with your Pastor
 - Or call
 - Pastor Derek Lecakes 346-1958 or cell 281-9351

This is the sixth trip to New Orleans for this group. This is an incredible experience meeting an

expressed need. Even if you can not come please keep all the participants and the people we will be helping in your prayers. [[Back To Top](#)]

2008 Concordia Seminary Sunday Materials Available

ST. LOUIS—In April, Concordia Seminary will send a packet of Concordia Seminary Sunday materials to the pastor of each Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation. A special bulletin insert, an adult Bible study, sermon notes, a Seminary video DVD and other worship resources are available to assist pastors and congregations in observing Concordia Seminary Sunday. The suggested date for Concordia Seminary Sunday is July 13, the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. Yet the materials are not dated and may be used in a variety of ways throughout the year.

The appointed Scripture reading in the new lectionary series makes Concordia Seminary Sunday an appropriate observance for the suggested Sunday. This year, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 is the Gospel lesson appointed for July 13, and “Workers for the Harvest” is the suggested sermon and Sunday theme.

Concordia Seminary offers these materials as an annual opportunity for congregations to emphasize the importance of forming men for service in the pastoral ministry and deaconesses for diaconal ministry, and to assist in the crucial process of identifying, informing and encouraging future pastors and deaconesses.

“We have received a very enthusiastic response from churches throughout the country in the past and that indicates that the people of the LCMS are aware of how important it is to have faithful, compassionate pastors who proclaim God’s Word with boldness,” commented Lois Engfehr, director of communications. The bulletin inserts offer concrete actions people can take to help in the formation of tomorrow’s pastors and deaconesses.

For more information or to order Concordia Seminary Sunday materials, contact the Communications Department, Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105; (314) 505-7374; communications@csl.edu. [[Back To Top](#)]

The Wartburg Adult Care Announces Three Staff Appointments

The Wartburg Adult Care Community, a multi-level center of senior care in Mt. Vernon, New York, announces the following appointments at the Meadowview assisted living residence.

Ms. Brenda Moynihan of Yonkers, New York, was appointed Residency Coordinator. Most Recently, she worked as Director of Community Outreach at the Woodlands, an assisted living facility in Ardsley, New York. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Manhattan College, Riverdale, New York.

Mr. David Viertel of High Falls, New York, was appointed Director of Dining Services. Most recently, he worked as Executive Chef at the Steel House Restaurant in Kingston, New York. He holds an Associate in Occupational Studies degree in Culinary Arts from the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, New York.

Ms. Kirudis Araujo of New Rochelle, New York, was appointed Dining Room Manager. Most recently,

she worked as a Reservation Sales Agent at the Affinia Hospitality Hotel in Manhattan, New York. She holds an Executive Business Certificate in Business Administration from Drake Business School, Astoria, New York. [[Back To Top](#)]

The Volunteer Center of the United Way is Seeking Volunteers

RSVP at The Volunteer Center is looking for volunteers, 55+ years old, to work with over 50 nonprofits in Yonkers. You can tutor at-risk children, consult with a nonprofit on business best practices, teach interviewing skills, stock a food pantry, visit an isolated senior, or help with any of 100 other volunteer opportunities. For more information contact Delores Clemons at 914-277-9330 or visit our website at www.volunteer-center.org. [[Back To Top](#)]

Concordia Seminary to Offer On-Campus Summer Workshops

ST. LOUIS—Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, is pleased to announce its summer 2008 series of on-campus workshops for pastors, professional church workers and interested lay persons. Three workshops, covering a variety of subjects, are offered on-campus, and taught by members of the Concordia Seminary faculty.

“Technology in the Parish” will be offered by Prof. Anthony Cook, June 2-4. Cook is assistant professor of practical theology and director of educational technology at Concordia Seminary.

“Technology in the Parish” focuses on the various uses of technology within the congregational context. The workshop explores the use of technology in the areas of education, worship, administration and outreach. The workshop covers the appropriate use of technology in the parish, demonstration of various available technologies and practical how-to instruction. No technical expertise is required.

The cost for the workshop is \$125. Registration and payment is due May 12, and a minimum enrollment is required in order for the workshop to be held.

“Help for Mid-sized Congregations” will be offered by Dr. David Peter, July 28-30. Peter is associate professor of practical theology at Concordia Seminary.

The core functions of pastoral ministry are consistent no matter what the size of a congregation. Nevertheless, sociological and organizational dynamics related to the sheer number of people in the congregational system influence the pastor’s ability effectively to serve the flock. This workshop looks at the distinctive dynamics of a mid-size congregation (150-400 worshippers on an average weekend) so that the pastor may adjust his style of leadership in ministry in a way that is most effective. The workshop will also present three models of organizational structure that the pastor may discern how to best organize laypeople in a congregation of this size to accomplish its mission. Finally, since the demands of a mid-size congregation necessitate additional staff (full or part-time), participants will review guidelines for adding staff and practices for building up a ministry leadership team.

The cost for the workshop is \$125. Registration and payment is due July 7, and a minimum enrollment is required in order for the workshop to be held.

“**Martin Luther for the Parish Pastor**” will be offered by Dr. Timothy Dost, August 11-13. Dost is associate professor of historical theology at Concordia Seminary.

“Martin Luther for the Parish Pastor” examines passages and concepts from Luther useful for parish ministry. Regarding concepts, issues of the two kinds of righteousness, justification by grace through faith, the relationship between Holy Scripture and the Word and the two or three kingdoms, *anfechtungen* (bad stuff and feelings) and other issues will be explored, paying special attention to passages of Luther useful to the parish pastor. Additionally, passages from the letters and table talk, as well as presentations of accounts of Luther’s life and problems he faced, will highlight issues for the parish pastor today.

The cost for the workshop is \$125. Registration and payment is due July 21, and a minimum enrollment is required in order for the workshop to be held.

To register or for more information, contact the Office of Continuing Education and Parish Services, Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105; (314) 505-7486; ce@csl.edu. [[Back To Top](#)]

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April 13, 2008
April 26 & 27, 2008

Mission Sunday (Atlantic District Congregations)
Atlantic District Convention of the LWML

(Courtyard Marriott, Ronkonkoma)

May 3, 2008
May 12-14, 2008

ZAP! Training Event Village, Bronxville
AD Spring Pastoral Conference @t SonRise

October 21, 2008

Witness in the Public Square [[Back To Top](#)]

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