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Welcome to the E-Communique, the official e-news magazine of the Atlantic District.

Please email Kristen Schulz with comments, suggestions and articles for the next issue.

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Letter from the President

Around 1600 years ago in Northern Spain, an aging convert to Christianity took up poetry as a way to witness his faith in Christ. Aurelius Prudentius Clemens penned what has become one of our most long-standing hymns of the incarnation of the Son of God:

*"Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be
 He is Alpha and Omega, He the source (fons), the ending He.
 Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years
 shall see,
 Evermore and evermore."*

Click [here](#) to read full article.

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Lutheran Social Services Press Release



KUJENGA JAMI Award Recipients:

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Garden City

Peter Labenberg, VP for Lutheran Church Extension Fund and Executive for Stewardship & Finance

Pastor Tom Taylor, Grace Lutheran Church, North Bellmore

Lutheran Social Services of New York held its 2008 Annual Meeting on October 26th in Hicksville, NY, at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. The festive fall afternoon started with a lunch of fried and barbeque chicken and rice with seasonal vegetables served to the 54 attendees representing 18 congregations. Amid blue & white balloons, freshly popped popcorn and hot cinnamon cider, attendees were able to survey information reviewing the work of the agency's 11 LIFE (Lutheran Initiatives for Enrichment) services which strengthen lives, families and communities from Albany to Long Island.

Click [here](#) to read full article.

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Stop, Drop & Pray

The Atlantic District Mission Society is committed to prayer. We have a weekly prayer email that goes out listing outreach/mission prayer requests. If you would like to email a prayer request or sign up to receive the prayer email, please contact Carol Mittelstaedt at carolmittel@aol.com (you can unsubscribe yourself at any time).

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Part-time Bookkeeper Needed

The Atlantic District is looking for a part time bookkeeper. The position is available immediately. A detailed description of duties and minimum requirements may be found [here](#) at the District website.

Please assist us by forwarding this to qualified, responsible applicants. We would also appreciate having the information included in your newsletter and/or bulletins.

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ZAP! Youth Ministry - Events and Mission Trip Opportunities!



There are some deadlines coming up THIS MONTH! Please [take a look](#) at the latest youth ministry bulletin that was mailed to your church to see all the upcoming opportunities for youth leaders and youth!

Upcoming Events:

- * Jr./Sr. High Summer Mission trip sign-up: **before Dec. 25th**
- * Feb. Katrina Relief trip to Mississippi sign-up: **before Dec. 25th**
- * College Student Summer trip to India: if interested, please let Jennn know **before Dec. 25th**
- * Check out the above link for info on **The Core** and upcoming **30-Hour Famine** events!

If you have any questions about youth ministry resources or ways to connect with other churches in your area, don't hesitate to contact Jennn Partlow: jennn@oursaviorlutheran.org.

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ATLANTIC DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Mission Grants update

Mission Grant #6 - Seminary Tuition -\$5,000
This grant will help to pay part of the tuition for a Vicar (currently serving at St. Timothy, Hyde Park) in the DELTO Program and thus leading to ordination as an LCMS pastor. We need \$1,248.58 in mite donations to pay grant #6.

Consider making a donation to mites in honor of someone as a Christmas present. Send mite money to *Virginia Wirsing, Financial Secretary, 4 Garden Lane, Yaphank, NY 11980.*

SAVE THE DATE...SAVE THE DATE...SAVE THE DATE...SAVE THE DATE
"Look to the Hills...God Reigns" - Portland Convention, June 25-28, 2009

LOOK! Look at your Christmas card list and extend a personal invitation to your LWML sisters (and brothers) in Christ to join you at the LWML convention next June 25-28, 2009, in Portland, Oregon. The Host LWML Districts (Oregon, Utah-Idaho, and Washington-Alaska) will roll out the purple carpet to welcome you!

Dr. Mary Hilgendorf, Director of the Women's Leadership Institute and Professor of Education at Concordia University Wisconsin, will serve as the Bible study leader and share with us her insight into God's Word.

Check out the winter issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly for information and registration forms for the convention. Look for updates at www.lwml.org and sign up for LWML e-News to receive the latest convention news in your e-mail inbox.

SAVE ANOTHER DATE!

The annual AD LWML retreat will be held October 16-18, 2009 at Tuscarora Inn & Conference Center, Mt. Bethel, PA. Rev. William F. Wrede, Senior Pastoral Counselor for the AD LWML will be the retreat leader.

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Save \$25 on a Targeted Mailing List and Invite the Unchurched to Christmas Worship



With LCEF's "Neighbor to Neighbor" mailing list service, your congregation can reach out to specific types of households in your community. Become a beacon of hope, support and Christian witness in your mission area! Click [here for coupon](#), and [here for more information](#).

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New IRS-standard mileage rates for 2009

Beginning 1/1/09:

Standard mileage rate will be **55 cents/mile** (3.5 cent decrease from the current rate of 58.5 cents); charitable standard rate remains unchanged at **14 cents per mile**; medical and moving rate will be **24 cents/mile** (3 cent decrease from the current rate of 27 cents).

Mileage reimbursements in excess of these new standard rates are subject to payroll taxes!

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St. Louis Seminary Press Release

BACH AT THE SEM PRESENTS MUSIC FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

ST. LOUIS-Music for Advent and Christmas is featured at the next Bach at the Sem concert on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3:00 p.m., in The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus at Concordia Seminary. The American Kantorei chorus and orchestra, under the direction of Seminary artist-in-residence Rev. Dr. Robert Bergt, performs a concert of J.S. Bach's music for Advent and Christmas.

A well-known Bach Cantata, "Awake, Awake, for Night Is Flying," is the first dramatic choral work of the program. The featured oratorio is the "Magnificat in D Major," of which the major opus has pleased audiences in America, Europe, and Asia since its rediscovery more than 100 years ago. The audience will have an opportunity to sing the hymn, "Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying," between the two major Bach works. Bach at the Sem organist, Dennis Bergin, will perform a major organ work, "Toccatina," by the 19th-century composer Hugo Distler.

Soloists for the concert are Joy Boland and Jean Baue, soprano; Katharine Lawton Brown and Sandra Agans, mezzo soprano; Jeral Becker and Arie Perry, tenor; and David Berger, bass-baritone. An orchestra of 20 professional musicians assists the chorus and soloists in the concert. The prominent trio of skilled trumpet players consists of John Korak, Southern Illinois

University-Edwardsville; Mary Weber, Saint Louis University; and Robert Souza, who were acclaimed as "world-class artists" by German scholars who were present at the concert by the American Kantorei in October.

The American Kantorei is a choral and orchestral ensemble dedicated to the performance of church music from the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical and Neoclassical periods. The works of J. S. Bach form the core of its repertoire. Conductor and music director Robert Bergt is known as an international Bach scholar, especially in understanding the centrality of the German chorale to all of Bach's musical compositions for worship.

Bach at the Sem is made possible through the generous support of patrons and donors. An offering is taken at each concert in support of the creation and encouragement of fine live performance. Special limited seating within sight of the stage is reserved for school-age music students accompanied by an adult.

Other performances in the 2008-2009 concert series include:

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009, 3:00 p.m. - Dennis Bergen, organist, plays Distler, Bender and Bach

Sunday, April 26, 3:00 p.m. - Mendelssohn and A.C. Bergt, enlarged chamber orchestra with choirs from Saint Louis University

For more information concerning Bach at the Sem or to be added to the Bach at the Sem mailing list, contact Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105; 314-505-7377; or e-mail bach@csl.edu.

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Resources For Your Congregation

**Save \$100 on LCEF workshops that build
your congregation's mission momentum**

LCEF's Ministry Services' one- and two-day workshops help mobilize your congregation's members for mission. To learn more about any of the four workshops and download your \$100 discount certificate click [here](#).

Be Equipped for Family Outreach

Involve members in reaching out to parents in your community with a powerful video-based resource on parenting from Lutheran Hour Ministries entitled, "Parenting Families: From ME to WE". For more information and sample video click [here](#).

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Christmas Gifts

Advent and Christmas services remind us to prepare for and to celebrate God's greatest gift to us - The Christ Child!

God continually blesses us with many other gifts. *The church professionals called to our congregations and schools work especially hard during the Advent/Christmas season. Please take a moment to express your appreciation to them and to pray for these special servants.*

May God richly bless your Advent/Christmas worship!

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Hurricane Katrina Gulf Coast Relief



"Three years out from Hurricane Katrina there remains a lot of devastation across the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Organizations like Camp Victor Ministries are working hard to rebuild the homes of storm survivors with limited resources. Funding from large organizations like FEMA, MEMA, the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army no longer exists for building materials. Camp Victor Ministries is dependent on volunteer labor and donations to fund the camp's costs and to purchase building materials outside of their funded projects. Despite these challenges the camp has continued to rebuild for its clients, host volunteers and help with the revitalization of Jackson County. To continue doing so, they

need volunteers and donations.

For additional information on Camp Victor Ministries' disaster relief efforts please contact Kendall Gordon or visit www.campvictor.org."

Links to: [Camp Victor brochure](#), [Camp Victor newsletter](#)

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Save the Date

Have a blessed Advent and Christmas season!

Check out the Atlantic District Web Site for More Details : www.ad-lcms.org

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This is an e-mail from the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

**If you would like to submit an article for publication in the E-Communique, please send it via email to Kristen Schulz @ kristen.schulz@ad-lcms.org
Thank you and God's Blessings!**

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