

May 2008 Atlantic District E-Communiqué

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Communications Volunteer s Needed for Task Force 6

Do you have a talent for electronic communications, print media, web design or marketing? If your answer is yes, then the Communications Task Force (TF6) wants YOU! We are in need of volunteers to assist us with rejuvenating the communications of the Atlantic District in print and electronic forms. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rev. Stephen Hand at Stephen.Hand@ad-lcms.org , or come to our next Task Force meeting to be held on the campus of Concordia College- New York, in Bronxville. The meeting will be held on Saturday, May 17th at 8am and will last for about an hour and a half. If you would like to volunteer and are unable to make this time, please let Rev. Hand know when you would be available in the future.

'Equipping to Share' Workshop - Saturday, May 17 - from 10 AM to 3 PM.

St. John's Lutheran Church at 502 W. Chestnut St. in Rome, NY,

Discover how God equips you to be a gentle and effective witness. The presenter will be Sarah Guldalian, the 'Equipping to Share' workshop coordinator for Lutheran Hour Ministries in St. Louis, MO.

During this workshop, you will:

- Learn about recent research regarding generational differences and the world view of today's unchurched.

- The importance of “being real” when talking about your faith with others.
- Discover how to make the most of “mission moments” that God brings to you through brief encounters, through long-term relationships, and through times of personal crisis.
- Gain greater confidence that you really do have the capability to share your faith.

A \$5 registration fee will be collected at the workshop to cover lunch.

To register or inquire further, call Norine Carter at 315-336-2039 OR send an email to nrmcarter@aol.com Workshop registrations will continue to be accepted to the day of the workshop.

Are You Letting Saving Go Thru Your Hands?

You are id you don't complete your annual renewals for New York City Taxes and water/sewage usage (DEP). The following links will help you get and complete all forms necessary.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dof/html/property/property_tax_reduc_non_profit.shtml

Tri-Parish Ministry Formed

Three congregations in Northeast Queens area, St. John Flushing, Resurrection Flushing, and Ascension Flushing, have agreed to share two pastors, one specializing in visitation, and the other in outreach. The arrangement addresses the problem of small congregations struggling with declining membership and financial resources. The Tri-Parish ministry has the advantage of providing two pastors each specializing in an important area of parish ministry. At Present Pastor James Gajadhar has been Called to be the Pastor specializing in visitation. He is a native of Guyana and was formerly President of the Lutheran Church in Guyana. He has also served as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in the Bronx.

Small Congregations Combine Resources for Youth Program

Many small congregations do not have sufficient numbers of youth members to support a viable youth program. In answer to this problem, four such congregations, St. John Flushing, Resurrection Flushing, Immanuel Whitestone, and Redeemer Flushing, have combined resources to develop a program that not only serves their congregation but the community as well.

Presently, the youth from these congregations and several unchurched youth have been participating in events which include Bible studies, lock-ins, game nights, retreats, chats, and fundraisers such as car washes and suppers. Attendance at the recreational activities has averaged 16 and Bible study attendance had averaged 8. Twenty one youth attended the last retreat.

In addition to fund raising events, financial support has been provided by grants and direct contributions from congregational members. Further information on this program can be obtained from its director, Christ Voltmer.

Emanuel Lutheran School – Patchogue 5th Annual Golf Outing

What could be better than playing golf out on Long Island on a Monday in June? Make plans to join us on June 2, 2008 at Pine Hills Country Club in Manorville.

Registration	11:00 am
Lunch	12 noon
Shotgun Start	1:00 pm
Dinner, awards, prizes	6:00 pm
Entry Fee	\$200

Corporate Sponsor	\$5,000
Event Sponsor	\$2,500
Dinner Sponsor	\$750
Lunch Cart	\$500
Tee Sign Sponsor	\$150

Early Registration by May 10th- ONLY \$175!

For questions, or to call in a reservation, contact: Jackie Stoeckert @ (631) 758- 2250 or Fax: (631) 758-2418. To download a brochure go to: www.emanluthpatch.org

Free Time Management Workshop

Lutheran Social Services of New York is offering a free Time Management Workshop for church secretaries and office managers on Friday, May 9th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1244. Dr. Wally D. Borgen, educator, consultant and retired Professor of Business at Concordia College will teach strategies for dealing with all the details – personal, paper and technological – of the church environment. Lunch will be served. Space is limited so reserve now. Contact Diana Solomon-Glover, Director of Volunteer Resources at 212 870 1015 or email dsolomon-glover@lssny.org

ZAP SUMMER TEAMS - Still Time to Apply!

Deadline is June 1st to apply for a ZAP Summer Mission Team! Students age 12 and up are welcome to apply for one of our two teams this summer!

* July 6 - 12: Rego Park, Queens - VBS & Community Outreach
* August 17 - 23: SonRise Camp, Adirondacks - VBS & Community Work Projects
Visit the AD website for applications and more information at <http://www.ad-lcms.org/article/6> . Any questions, contact Jennn Partlow at jennn@oursaviorlutheran.org or 845.416.8043

Atlantic District Diaconate Graduation – June 21, 2008

The Graduating Class of 2008 of the Atlantic District Diaconate requests the honor of your presence at the Graduation Liturgy at St. John Lutheran Church, 22nd Avenue & 123rd Street, College Point, NY on Saturday June 21, 2008 at 1:30pm. A reception will follow at the church. Clergy, Deacons, Graduates and Students are invited to vest. The color of the day is Red.

2010 National Gathering “We Believe!” set for New Orleans, La. ...

The theme for the 2007 National LCMS Youth Gathering is “We Believe”, based on John 20:31, “But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (ESV)

“We Believe”, the 11th triennial National LCMS Youth Gathering will be held July 17—21, 2010 in New Orleans, La. 2010 and marks the event’s third visit to New Orleans.

Registration for We Believe, the 2010 National LCMS Youth Gathering will open in the fall of 2009. For more information, contact the DCS Youth Ministry Office at 800.248.1930 Ext. 1155.

If you would like to volunteer to assist the Atlantic District in promoting and coordinating the Youth Gathering among our own congregations, simply contact: Ellen Farber, lcrdeacon@aol.com

Lutheran Hour Ministries Offers "Equipping to Share" Workshop

Lutheran Hour Ministries is offering an "Equipping to Share" Workshop at St. John's Lutheran Church, 502 W. Chestnut Street, Rome, NY, 13440, (ph: 315-336-8090) on Saturday, May 17, from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Please email Norine Carter by May 1 at nrncarter@aol.com if you are interested in attending. The only fee you will need to pay is \$5 toward the cost of the lunch. Late registrations will also be accepted. Norine's phone number is 315-336-2089.

Church For All Nation Invites You to an Afternoon of Classics

Church For All Nations, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod would like to invite you to an afternoon of beautiful classics performed by bass-baritone, Ronald Campbell with Kelley Wyatt accompanying on piano. This special vocal recital will be presented in loving memory of Emma J. Edwards, a faithful servant of the Lord.

Join us on Sunday, May 18th at 4pm for beautiful classical repertoire that inspires. The recital is open to the public with a suggested donation of \$18. Please be sure to read further to learn more about our talented artists.

Bass-baritone Ronald Campbell specializes in African-American spirituals, anthems, arias, art songs, choral music, German Lieder, operas, and show tunes. Campbell studied Vocal Performance both at Howard University in Washington, D.C. and Concordia College in Bronxville, NY.

Mr. Campbell has had the honor of performing at numerous church and art venues throughout the states including The Kennedy Center of the Performing Arts, Berean Baptist Church, Ira Alridge Theater, Arleigh & Roberta Burke Theater, Shiloh Baptist Church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and Unity in Washington, D.C.

Campbell also has been heard with various opera companies including Northern Virginia Opera, Metropolitan Repertory Opera where he sang the role of Fernando in *Il Trovatore*, and in Seattle, WA with Civic Light Opera where he performed in *Ragtime The Musical*.

Pianist Kelley Wyatt has appeared to critical acclaim throughout the United States, Canada, South America, and Europe. Mr. Wyatt has taught at Hunter College, is a prominent coach, and maintains a studio here in New York City. For several seasons he has collaborated with Raoul Abdul, author and music critic, in a seminar on the performance of German Lieder. Mr. Wyatt is the recipient of several awards. He is a member of the David I. Martin Music Guild of the National Association of Negro Musicians.

For more information you may contact the church office at (212) 333-5583 or via e-mail at church@cfan.net. We hope you join us at Church For All Nations on May 18th for a Sunday afternoon of stunning music. May God continue to richly bless you.

National LCMS Worship Conference to be Held on July 22-25, 2008

The LCMS Commission on Worship invites pastors, musicians, and any others interested in the church's worship to attend the 2008 Institute on Liturgy, Preaching, and Church Music. This third national worship conference will be held on the campus of Concordia University Nebraska in Seward on July 22–25, 2008. The gathering promises to be an exciting time of worship, instruction and camaraderie for more than 600 individuals of all ages.

The theme for the conference is “Sing to the Lord a New Song.” The Psalms of the Bible have long been a source of praise and instruction for the Church, even pre-dating the Christian church of the New Testament. They have been used to shape her worship both corporately and privately and individually. The 2008 Institute will emphasize the use of the Psalter both in presentations and in the many and rich worship services which attendees will experience at the Institute.

Presenters from all around the country will be instructing attendees in plenaries, seminars, and workshops. Both seminary presidents, Dale Meyer and Dean Wenthe will open and close the conference with keynote presentations. Seminars will consist of three, one-hour sessions on the same topic. Workshops will devote a single hour to a topic. This allows participants opportunity for both in-depth study on a single topic and a briefer look at several additional topics.

This conference will also have a special emphasis on children in worship. Families with children are encouraged to bring their children along with them to the conference. Special activities for the children of attendees, along with appropriate supervision, will be provided during the hours when parents are attending seminars and workshops.

Additional special features of the conference include:

- A hymn festival, art presentation, and conference banquet in nearby Lincoln.
- Wednesday of the conference will provide workshops offered especially for local church secretaries and church volunteers.
- A national High School Honor Choir will offer a unique opportunity for Lutheran high school students to perform with noted musicians. For more information and to audition, check out: <http://worship.lcms.org/honorchoir>
- A Select Children’s Choir, students grades 5–8, will enjoy a week of musical activities and contribute to the conference worship. For more information and to audition, go to: <http://worship.lcms.org/childrenschoir>
- Thrivent grants are available to students and recent graduates of the DELTO program to receive financial assistance to attend the conference. To apply, go to: <http://worship.lcms.org/DELTOGrant>
- Registration fee set at \$225 with reduced rates for additional registrants from the same congregation and for students. The child registration fee is only \$50 for a week of fun activities. **Early-bird registration deadline is June 2, 2008.**
- A conference brochure was mailed to every LCMS congregation in late February. To download the brochure and/or register online go to the commission’s Web site at: <http://worship.lcms.org/2008Institute>
- All campus housing for this conference will be air-conditioned!
- A meal plan through the university’s food service is available at an attractive rate.
- Church music vendors will be present.
- For those traveling by airplane to Lincoln or Omaha airports, shuttle service will be available at a reasonable cost.

Previous Institutes were held in 2002 on the campus of Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon and in 2005 at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The commission

looks forward to bringing the Institute back to one of our own Concordia campuses. Hope to see you there!

Discover Lutheran Haven Retirement Center

Discover Lutheran Haven Retirement Center in Oviedo, Florida, a suburb of Orlando. Lutheran Haven is a ministry of the SELC District of the LC-MS providing Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Skilled Nursing. For more information, please call 1-800-272-5676 or visit us on the web at www.lutheranhaven.org.

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| May 12-14, 2008 | AD Spring Pastoral Conference
@t SonRise, Pottersville, NY |
| May 21, 2008 | LSA Annual Corporate Meeting and Dinner
@ Martin Luther High School |
| June 21, 2008 | Atlantic District Diaconate Graduation
@ St. John, College Point, NY |
| July 6 - 12: | ZAP! VBS & Community Outreach
@ Rego Park, Queens, NY |
| August 17 - 23: | ZAP! VBS & Community Work Projects
@ SonRise Camp, Pottersville, NY |
| August 22, 2008 | LSA Rally Day |
| October 21, 2008 | Witness in the Public Square
@ New York Athletic Club |

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Thank you and God's Blessings!

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