

Atlantic District E-Communique

Engaging the World with the Gospel of Hope

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



You may have noticed that the E-Communique has taken on a new look. We have made a few simple changes to allow our readers to access information in a more efficient way. Your feedback is welcome. Please email Kristen Schulz with comments, suggestions and articles for the next issue.

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Please forward this to a friend!

Letter from the President

The altitude of your attitude is equal to the latitude of your gratitude. Somebody famous came up with that equation - I just can't remember who it was! But it's true, isn't it?

Listen to these words from Paul's first letter to the fledgling Christians in Thessalonica. First Thessalonians is the initial written document in the New Testament dating back to around 55 A.D. "We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers."

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Congregational Check-Up

Could your congregation use some help with financial management?

The Atlantic District's *Parish Support and Financial Management Task Force* is offering another **Congregational Check-up** on **Saturday, November 15th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar**. This is a chance for 4 to 8 leaders from your congregation (which can include your Pastor, President, Treasurer, Finance person, Stewardship chair, etc.) to meet with members of this Task Force to discuss the specific situation of your congregation. [Click here for more information and flier.](#)

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ZAP! Youth Ministry - Events and Mission Trip Opportunities!



We have two wonderful opportunities for short-term mission trips in 2009: **Feb. 15-21** gives adults, college students and high school students over age 16 the opportunity to head to the **Gulf Coast** for hurricane repairs and rebuilding. **August 2-9**, junior and senior high youth be heading to **Rutland, VT** to serve local children and local families. See link below for more info! Deadlines to sign up

are BEFORE CHRISTMAS, so start planning now!

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.

[Take a look](#) at other opportunities for your youth, both jr. and sr. high, to participate!

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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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Mission Grants update

Mission Grant #6 - Seminary Tuition -\$5,000

We continue to work on funding this grant that will help to pay part of the tuition for a Vicar in the DELTO Program and thus leading to ordination as an LCMS pastor. St. Timothy in Hyde Park is currently vacant of a pastor. They recently made arrangements for a Vicar (DELTO pastoral candidate) to serve while taking distance learning courses at seminary. We need \$2,898.31 in mite donations to pay grant #6.

Please continue to 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 the many blessings God showers on you daily. Now's the time to prepare to be showered with His love (and possibly a few drops of rain) at the LWML convention in Portland, June 25-28, 2009. The theme, "Look to the Hills...God Reigns," is based on our two theme verses:

Psalm 121:1-2 (NIV) I lift my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Isaiah 52:7 (NIV) How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

All those showers help Portland's beautiful public gardens that invite you to wander their pathways and enjoy the wonders of our Lord's creation. The International Rose Test Garden hosts 7,000 rose plants of 550 varieties for your enjoyment. On clear days you will be able to

see the Cascade Mountains and Mount Hood.

Mark your calendar now and watch for complete information and registration forms in the winter issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. The Day Tours brochure will be sent directly to each primary registrant from the Sioux Falls Convention and will also be available on the Web site. Your LWML district president will also have this information.

You won't want to miss the many outstanding attractions that the Portland area has to offer! Visit www.lwml.org for more information.

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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Christopher Williams @ The Stoop

Who: Christopher Williams featuring Colin McGrath
Genre: Folk/Acoustic
What: The Stoop Concert Series

Where: The Stoop; 417 West 57th Street between 9th & 10th Avenues
(Venue Provided by Church For All Nations)
Subway: 1 A B C D to 59th Street/Columbus Circle
When: Saturday, November 22nd. Doors open at 7:30pm; Showtime at 8pm.
Admission: Suggested donation \$12. Receive a free tote bag with full suggested cover.
Telephone: (212) 333-5583

Websites: www.TheStoopNY.com
www.CFAN.net
www.myspace.com/ChurchForAllNationsNYC

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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!

The Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support
cmgs.lcms.org

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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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Musical Instruments Needed

The New LIFE School operated by [Lutheran Social Services of New York](#) needs new and gently used musical instruments of every kind and size for its junior high and high school music programs for children with special needs.

If you would like to donate a musical instrument, call Principal Peter Anzalone at (718) 943-0580 or send instruments to his attention at The New LIFE School, 2125 Watson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472.

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Rev. Tim Keller to Speak @ CFAN

"What Does A Gospel Movement in a City Look Like?"

Dr. Timothy Keller is the Senior Pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

Redeemer has become especially effective in reaching Manhattan professionals from many diverse occupations and cultural backgrounds with the Gospel. Tim and his wife Kathy are committed to help incite a movement of church planting that will spawn dozens of new multi-ethnic congregations throughout the urban areas of the world, continuing into the next decades. Dr. Keller has authored Resources for Deacons (1986), Ministries of Mercy: the Call of the Jericho Road (1989) and The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skeptics (2008).

Monday, November 10th, 2008

12Noon - 2pm

Church For All Nations - 417 West 57th Street

(Between 9th and 10th Avenues), Manhattan

For directions, go to www.cfan.net/directions

Fall gathering of the Church Multiplication Alliance

Come for a wonderful time of teaching, church planter's testimony, encouragement and prayer. Admission is free.

Please RSVP by November 3rd. To register, complete the registration form at WWW.COPGNY.ORG

For questions, please call Lauren Moy at 718.721.2626 x217 or email Lauren at lmoy@copgny.org

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LCMS News Releases

[Click here](#) to read the *Statement by Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, president of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, on Same Sex Marriage and Involvement with Arizona, California, and Florida on their Marriage Protection Amendments*

[Click here](#) to read: *The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Denounces Connecticut Marriage Ruling*

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November 7, 2008 ECE Director's Conference @ Concordia College

November 15, 2008 Congregational Check-up @ Bethlehem, Delmar

November 22, 2008 Christopher Williams @ The Stoop

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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