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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

When I first heard it on the radio, my ears couldn't take it in, so they removed some zeroes. The Big Bailout, my ears told me, was \$700,000,000. "Wow," I thought, "that's a lot of debt to take on." Then, ten minutes later, the story was repeated. And the zeroes made their way through my cortex. \$700,000,000,000!!! That's more than even Bill Gates has in the bank. [Click here to read more.](#)

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Witness in the Public Square

Dear Friends,

Since 2002, subsequent to the events of September 11 and my opportunity to bring public witness at Yankee Stadium on September 23, 2001, I have been honored to host the Witness in the Public Square Luncheon, recognizing those who have made an outstanding contribution to missions and exhibited their faith in the public arena. This year I am delighted to announce we will be honoring the following individuals:



Mr. Gerard J. Arpey

Chairman, President and CEO, AMR Corp. and American Airlines

Rev. Charles Mueller, Jr.

Senior Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Roselle, IL

Mrs. Linda K. Reiser

Board of Directors, Lutheran World Relief

Mr. John and Deacon Deborah Vergara

Members at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville, NY

I cordially invite you attend this luncheon recognizing their leadership. The proceeds will benefit the Atlantic District Mission Society of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and will be held:

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

11:30 am

New York Athletic Club

180 Central Park South, New York.

For reservations or to receive an invitation, please call Carol Mittelstaedt at 914 337-5700 ext 6. or email: carolmittel@aol.com

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. David H. Benke
President of the Atlantic District - LCMS

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Sharing Congregational Resources: Best Practices...Innovative Ideas

Sharing Congregational Resources is an opportunity for congregations in Nassau and Suffolk to hear from one another about exciting ways ministry is happening in these areas:

- *Sunday School*
- *Vacation Bible School*
- *Confirmation*
- *Youth Ministry*
- *Outreach*

[Click here](#) for info and registration. Bring a team from your congregation!

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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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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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ZAP! Youth Ministry - Events and Mission Trip Opportunities!



Whether your church has two teenagers in the pews or 50 youth in confirmation, the Atlantic District wants to serve you! 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.

[Check out information](#) on the upcoming Sr. High Halloween event held at Our Savior-Fishkill!

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

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Mission Grants update

This past month we were able to send \$5,000 to Lutheran Blind Mission. This grant was approved at the 2006-2008 biennium, but they were not able to implement opening a new outreach center in NYC before the end of the biennium. Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bayside has agreed to open an LBM outreach center. We rejoice that we are able to partner with this ministry.

We continue to work on funding Mission Grant #6, Seminary Tuition - \$5,000. We need approximately \$4,000 to fund this grant.

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 like a million bucks in your official LWML convention shirt. What a fashionable addition to your convention wardrobe. This convention promises outstanding speakers, inspirational worship, servant activities, singing, Bible studies, fellowship and so much more. You can't even imagine what will happen when thousands of Lutheran Women in Mission gather at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.

Plans to carry out the theme "Look to the Hills...God Reigns" are moving forward. The keynote speaker is Ruth Koch, who is author of Prepare to Serve! and a regular contributor to the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. Rev. Dr. Warren Schumacher, President of the Northwest District of the LCMS, will serve as worship designer and proclaimer for the opening communion worship service. The proclaimer for the closing worship service will be Rev. Carl Gnewuch, LWML Senior Pastoral Counselor and Administrative Pastor of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Birmingham, Michigan. You won't want to miss it! To order your convention shirt and get the latest information visit www.lwml.org.

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Hymn Fest and Worship Workshop

Concordia College

Presented by Concordia's Cade Center

On Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4, the Cade Center for Worship and Church Music will present a Hymn Festival and Workshop in Global Music and Traditional Worship. All events will be held in the Schultz Chapel on the campus of Concordia College, Bronxville, NY.

Friday evening's Hymn Festival will be presented by Dr. David Cherwien, Cantor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and Director of the National Lutheran Choir. Renowned church organist, conductor, composer, and improviser, Cherwien is noted for his improvisational/creative approach to hymn singing. Keynote speaker for the Saturday

Workshop will be Dr. Paul Westermeyer, Professor of Church Music and Cantor for Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Both Cherwien and Westermeyer will participate as clinicians during the Saturday Workshop along with Dr. Paul Grime, Associate Professor and Dean of the Chapel at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Former executive director of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Commission on Worship, Dr. Grime served as project director for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's new hymnal, and its companion volumes. Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, pastor of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Bronx, will present in the area of music and worship in the culturally diverse parish.

Admission for the 8:00pm Friday Hymn Festival is \$15. The cost of the Saturday Worship Workshop is \$45, which includes a catered lunch. For further information, contact the Cade Center at (914) 337-9300, x2427.

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The Concordia Academy to Convene on October 11, 2008

The Concordia Academy, an annual symposium on theology, liturgy, and church music, will convene at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bayside, NY, on Saturday, October 11, 2008.

The theme for this year's conference will be "Lutheran Ethos in Time of War." Our tentative schedule is as follows:

9:00 a.m.	<i>Registration</i>
10:00 a.m.	<i>The Order of Matins</i>
11:00 a.m.	<i>Dr. Lowell Green</i> <i>State University of New York at Buffalo</i> <i>"Lutheranism Under the Third Reich"</i>
12:00 noon	<i>Rev. Dr. Martin Conkling</i> <i>Concordia College at Bronxville, NY</i> <i>"The Concept of 'Just War' in Luther and the Lutheran Confessions"</i>
1:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>

The registration fee received before October 1st is \$20. Please send your payment to the address below. Registration the day of the academy is \$25. Makes checks payable to *Redeemer Lutheran Church* (not to Concordia Academy). You may specify Concordia Academy in the memo line of the check.

Redeemer Lutheran Church is located in the northeast corner of Queens, NY, near the Throgs Neck Bridge.

Redeemer Lutheran Church
36-01 Bell Blvd.
Bayside, NY 11361

Please call 718 229-5770 or e-mail revhamer@verizon.net for more information.

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Save the Date

October 18-19, 2008	Sr. High Halloween ZAP Event at Our Savior-Fishkill
October 21, 2008	Witness in the Public Square @ New York Athletic Club
October 25, 2008	Sharing Congregational Resources at Trinity-Islip
November 7, 2008	ECE Director's Conference @ Concordia College

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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