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The Nebraska District, LCMS,

October 25, 2005

John 4: 35 Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

Even the casual observer knows that harvest is in full swing in Nebraska these days. The comment Jesus makes gives us the motivation to look around ourselves and become aware of the people available for entrance into a relationship with Jesus. He would have all to be saved. He depends on us to get the word to them. We can do that individually and we can do that intentionally through the ministries we conduct each day. God blesses the harvest and the harvest workers. May God bless you!

Nebraska District Youth Gathering

The Nebraska District Youth Gathering is in Omaha at the Holiday Inn Convention Center November 18-20. Materials for registering your youth group for this event were sent to your congregations weeks ago. Though the deadline has passed, there is still room for you to register your group. Please see the Nebraska District website <http://ndlcms.org/> for more information, or call the district office at 888-643-2961 and ask for Kathy.

Calendar

2005-2006 Planning Calendar: Meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month.

November	10	Beautiful Savior Omaha Jim Haack
December	8	Seward District Office and Café on the square
January	12	Calvary Lincoln
February	9	Intern Month Second Tuesday
February	17-18	Steve Armbrust Lock-in
February	19-21	National DCE Conference in San Diego
February	24-25	Dare to Share Lock in at Christ Lincoln - Scotte
March	9	Pacific Hills, Omaha Stacy and Larry
April	20	at Pilgrim in Bellevue
May	11	Our Savior, Norfolk

2005-06 Nebraska District Junior High Retreats

Junior High Camp Retreats will March 10-11 @ Camp Comeca

March 17-18 @ Camp Luther.

THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

November 4-5, 2005 is the date for the upcoming Nebraska District Theological Conference to be held at the Howard Johnson Riverside Inn, Grand Island. The theme for the conference is "*Priests and Pastors in Grace and Service.*" Conference presenters will be Dr. Andrew Bartelt of Concordia Seminary in St Louis, Missouri, and Dr. Naomichi Masaki of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Registration materials were mailed in September. Besides District pastors, one lay member from each congregation is invited to attend, along with the DCEs in the District, and one commissioned minister from each elementary and high school.

The registration deadline was October 14, so if you haven't sent in your registration form, please do so as soon as possible.

More information about the conference can be found on the District website at

www.ndlcms.org.

Nebraska District LCMS Hurricane Relief Coordinator Named

President Russ Sommerfeld has announced that Dr. Larry Oetting has assumed the District Coordinator position of Hurricane Relief.

President Sommerfeld shared, "Dr. Oetting, a former Professor and Head Football coach at Concordia University of Seward, Nebraska, is an experienced businessman and organizer, and is a participant in the Lay Leadership Program of the Nebraska District." Dr. Oetting commented, "It is my privilege to be part of this outreach of Nebraska to those people whose lives have been devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. May God bless and guide our efforts as we work together and show His love."

Dr. Oetting will be working hard to coordinate relief efforts, and will be sharing information regarding how individuals and congregations can help as soon as it becomes available. Information will be shared via email update and on the District website at www.ndlcms.org

Dr. Oetting can be reached at the Nebraska District Office at 888-643-2961, or email at larryo@ndlcms.org

The Nebraska District has been assigned to work in partnership with the English District to provide help to two congregations in Louisiana and two more in Texas, plus four retired pastors affected by the storms.

HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS

Operation Hurricane Relief Nebraska District – LCMS Demonstrating God’s Love through Generous Giving and Responsive Caring.

We rejoice that the grace of God is evident and effective as He opens hearts so that the ministry of the Gospel will continue in congregations and schools of the Southern District and the Texas District in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita! Specifically, this update gives you initial information about Nebraska District – LCMS response so far to the needs of churches and retired pastors assigned to us in the Southern District and now also in the Texas District. We are learning more of the needs of those affected by Katrina and Rita.

- Ø **District Hurricane Relief Coordinator!** Dr. Larry Oetting is very busy making contacts and assessing needs. He has also begun to match at least one Nebraska District congregation with a relief need in the Southern District. You may contact Larry at 888-643-2961 or larryo@ndlcms.org to offer your congregation or school’s services and he will work to match those services with needs.
- Ø **Nebraska District Hurricane Relief Fund** has been established and gifts are beginning to flow into it and out to those in need in the South! Ongoing gifts may be designated for **“Nebraska District Hurricane Relief Fund”** and sent to the **Nebraska LCMS District Office, PO Box 407, Seward, NE 68434**. Reports of the use of those gifts will be regularly provided.
- Ø **Matching Funds!** Each District of the LCMS is eligible for a matching grant from LCMS World Relief disaster funds for up to \$30,000 for aid to their respective assigned congregations, schools and church workers. The purpose of these grants is to increase the funding from the districts to be used for the benefit of Hurricane affected Southern District and Texas District Congregations, schools and church workers. The Nebraska District will participate in this grant process.
- Ø **Needed items!** As needs become better known, collection instructions for needed items will be released.
- Ø **Volunteers!** Until recently, the message from the hurricane-affected areas was, “Stay away until you hear from us.” Now the message has changed. The Southern District is ready to receive volunteer teams for clean-up and interior repair. The Texas District is still assessing needs, and several cities are still off-limits even for residents. Stay tuned for more details about Texas. Recovery efforts will take many months, so volunteers will be needed both now and later! Here is how the process is set up. LCMS World Relief and Human Care has turned to LCMS World Mission to assist in coordinating volunteer teams and registration, due to their experience organizing volunteer missionaries. All volunteers are to fill out a registration form, have their pastor sign it and send it to the volunteer recruitment office in LCMS World Mission. The form is available on the LCMS disaster relief volunteer website: www.lcmsworldmission.org/relief, where you can also find a

disaster relief volunteer manual filled with helpful information for volunteers and coordinators.

- Ø **Pray!** Keep the Southern District and Texas congregations, members, schools and church workers in your daily prayers.
- Ø **Give thanks to God** Whose love first for us in Christ makes it possible for us to open our hearts in love to others.
- Ø **Continue to consider ways** in which you may give and serve so those whose lives have been devastated by Katrina and Rita will know the love of brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.
- Ø **Stay in touch** with our District website www.ndlcms.org for the latest updates on Nebraska District – LCMS Hurricane Relief.
God be praised for our partnership in the Gospel!

Nebraska District – LCMS Report – Larry Oetting - Oct. 17, 2005

Snapshot of this week's activity:

Deployed Church Worker! Thanks be to God for Seth Kaiser, DCE from Our Savior Lutheran, Norfolk, NE and his safe arrival this past Thursday in Baton Rouge, LA. Seth experienced an accident in route, which totaled the Orphan Grain Train trailer he was transporting, but did not injure him or damage his vehicle. Thanks be to God for protecting Seth and providing housing for him upon his arrival in Louisiana. Seth is in an “at large” position working with the Southern District, representing Orphan Grain Train and the Nebraska District. He has been deployed to the Southern District – LCMS by Our Savior Lutheran Church and Orphan Grain Train both of Norfolk. Seth's mailing address while in the Southern District will be:

Atonement Lutheran Church
6500 Riverside Drive
Metairie, LA 70003

Texas Congregations! At the request of LCMS World Relief and Human Care, two additional congregations from the Texas District were added to our Nebraska District – LCMS list of churches that we are supporting. They are:

Hope Lutheran in Winne, Texas - Pastor Don Kroll

Holy Cross Lutheran in Nederland, Texas – Pastor Francis Schroeder

Contacts with Congregations:

St. Paul, New Orleans –Pastor Jim Ertl -- Seth Kaiser has been in contact with Pastor Ertl who is presently working with the Southern District Office. A contractor has been

hired to repair the substantial damage to the church building. The congregation members are scattered and will need assistance with their homes as they move back. Specific information for work crews will be provided as soon as it is available.

Zion, Bogalusa, LA – Pastor Bob Belknap -- No contact yet with Pastor Belknap. The English District is co-sponsoring Zion and St. Paul with the Nebraska District. Pastor Dennis Fitzpatrick, the English District Hurricane Relief Coordinator, reports that Zion is predominately an “older membership” church and members need financial assistance.

Hope, Winne, Texas – Pastor Don Kroll reports that his church was assisting Katrina survivors when Rita hit. Church emergency funds are depleted – members need assistance to purchase food and supplies. Needed funds will be sent from the Nebraska District.

Holy Cross, Nederland, Texas – No contact as yet with Pastor Francis Schroeder.

Contacts with Retired Pastors:

Rev. Marvin Otto – no contact has been made yet. E-mails and phone calls have been attempted.

Rev Sidney Ponseti – presently staying with daughter in Baton Rouge. The District is currently setting up plans to send a Peace, Grand Island team around Oct. 23 to begin work on the Ponseti home in Metairie, LA.

Rev. Louis Nelson – Rev. Nelson reports that damage to their home and property was minimal. He is doing well.

Rev. L.E Delgehausen – Rev. Delgehausen and his wife have been able to shelter and help extended family members get temporary housing – their home was not damaged and they are doing fine.

Contacts with Synodical and Partner Agencies:

LCMS World Relief – regular and numerous contacts continue with assistant to the Director, Rachel Mumme

Southern District – LCMS – contact established with Vicar Eric Heiner and DCE Kristianne Zoch

English District- LCMS – regular contact in place with District Coordinator for Hurricane Relief, Dennis Fitzpatrick

Nebraska Lutheran Disaster Response – coordination is underway with Rev. Roger Kruger, coordinator of this agency

Orphan Grain Train – coordination established with Dick Jostes, Aaron Walter and Vern Steinman

Contact with Action Teams: Peace, Grand Island – contacted Rev. Bill Voelker Tentatively planning on sending an action team from Peace, Grand Island to work on Rev. Ponseti's home in Metairie, LA. Seth Kaiser is helping assess and plan that effort.

A tent city is being set up at Atonement Lutheran, Metairie, to house volunteer workers.

YOUTH MINISTRY E-BULLETIN: SPECIAL EDITION

Welcome to the YOUTH MINISTRY E--BULLETIN (OCTOBER 12, 2005), a monthly email newsletter from the Youth Ministry Office of the LCMS Board for District and Congregational Services providing current information on youth events and resources in the LCMS as well as various and sundry items of interest to youth and youth workers in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Terry Dittmer, Editor

THIS SPECIAL EDITION COMES TO YOU WITH TWO IMPORTANT PIECES OF NEWS. You will find the new Servant Events Listing for 2006. Check out the list of the Web site. And you will find out the decision of the Gathering Planners and Board for District and Congregational Services with regards to the 2007 National LCMS Youth Gathering.

SERVANT EVENTS

Over 80 LCMS Servant Events, taking place in the coming months through the summer of 2006, can now be accessed through the LCMS Youth Ministry website at www.lcms.org/youth We give thanks for those LCMS churches, schools, camps, outdoor ministries and social service agencies who will be hosting these event.

In cooperation with the Southern District, LCMS Servant Events are also being planned for the Southern District beginning in 2006. Specifics needs within the district for Servant teams are still being determined. Once dates and locations are available they will be also be posted at the LCMS Youth Ministry website.

CHOSEN: THE 2007 NATIONAL LCMS YOUTH GATHERING PRESS RELEASE . . .
. 2007 National Youth Gathering returns to Orlando, Fla.

CHOSEN, the 2007 National LCMS Youth Gathering will take place July 28 – August 1, 2007 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla.

With less than 21 months until the 2007 event, the Youth Ministry Office and the National LCMS Youth Gathering, with unanimous approval from the Executive Committee of the Board for District and Congregational Services, will heed the recommendation from The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Risk Management and Insurance Office that, "without a critical path/timeline established as to when it is

estimated that New Orleans could be rebuilt to accommodate the 35,000+ individuals in 2007 coupled with [the] need to continue [the] planning process, it is recommended that an optional city be selected for the 2007 Gathering.”

Deliberations included consultation with the Board for District and Congregational Services, the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau, Morial Convention Center authorities, LCMS Travel and Meeting, and LCMS Risk Management.

A meeting with officials last week revealed the reality of insuring the five-day youth event in New Orleans to allow for the integrity of the event’s program to be realized, would be extremely difficult.

Following Katrina, the Youth Ministry Office and LCMS Travel and Meeting inquired about potential space and dates for the Gathering in seven other US cities. “The reality we face,” shares Rev. Terry Dittmer, Director for Youth Ministry, “is that the Gathering requires 500,000 square feet of convention space, a venue for 35,000 participants for [mass] events, 14,000 hotel rooms within walking distance or a 15-minute shuttle ride, and food options in a price range and of a volume to feed a crowd of teenagers. With less than two years to plan, we simply cannot wait to find a city and expect to book a location at a reasonable price.”

Of the cities contacted, only Orlando had the necessary dates, hotel, and convention space available at an “impressively affordable” cost. Orlando was home for the 2004 Gathering, Beyond Imagination.

The rationale to move to Orlando was endorsed by the Gathering Executive Council at an emergency meeting held in St. Louis on October 4, 2005. Members of the Gathering Executive Council included individuals also serving the LCMS Southern District Disaster Relief Office and [LCMS] New Orleans natives. The DCS Board expressed unanimous approval for the move to Orlando; similar endorsement for New Orleans was not expressed.

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LCMS YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS, EVENTS AND RESOURCES

ABOUT THE 2007 NATIONAL LCMS YOUTH GATHERING . . . It has been previously published that a decision about the next National Youth Gathering would be announced on Friday, October 7. Without going into a great deal of detail, we have delayed making that announcement as a courtesy to Mitch Landrieu, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Louisiana. We will send out a special edition of the E Bulletin next week with the announcement. Thanks for your patience.

ANNOUNCING: YOUTH MINISTRY 2006, an issue driven, hard hitting, "no frills" conference, January 13-15, 2006 in Houston, TX. Registration is \$175. Registration includes lunch on Friday

and Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. YM2006 will take place at the J.W. Marriott hotel in the Galleria neighborhood of Houston. The room rate is \$89.00. Topic: Youth physical, sexual, emotional and spiritual abuse. Speakers include Dr. David Ludwig, LCMS pastor, psychologist, author and faculty member at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina and Trisha Bennet, Director of Programs, Products and Services, Darkness2Light Foundation, Charleston, South Carolina. This is a conference not to be missed. Details to follow but mark your calendars now! ADDITIONAL SPECIAL FEATURE AT NO ADDITIONAL COST: On Friday morning, January 13, a youth ministry practicum hosted by Concordia University and DCE Director Jim McConnell will provide an additional 3 hours of solid youth ministry training. Come in on Thursday night and get a jump start on the conference on Friday morning. STILL ANOTHER OPTION: A LCMS Youth Ministry Network breakfast will be hosted by the YMO staff on Friday morning for persons attending the conference who are also youth ministry execs or board/committee/task force chairs. More on that later. You can download registration forms online now. And an extra special opportunity. You can register for both YM2006 and next summer's National Lutheran Youth Workers Conference for a combined price of \$350. Check out the Youth Ministry Web site . . . www.lcms.org/youth or go to the YM2006 page www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=8644

NATIONAL LUTHERAN YOUTH WORKERS CONFERENCE 2006 is scheduled for July 20-23. Planning is underway for another outstanding event. Check the youth ministry website for details and updates about the conference. Early registration is open until December 31, 2005.

DISTRICT STUFF . . . UNIQUE EVENTS . . . LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH!

DISTRICTS . . . We love to hear about your events and want to post them in the Bulletin. Generally, our practice is to publish information two months prior to the event. Send information about your events and resources to Terry.Dittmer@lcms.org

FLORIDA / GEORGIA . . . Middle School Youth Gathering, November 4-6 at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, Eustis, FL. Check out www.flga.lcms.org

INDIANA . . . District Youth Gathering, November 4-6, Radisson Hotel, Indianapolis.

MISSOURI . . . Junior High Retreat, October 21-23, Windermere Retreat Center. \$105. "Let Our Hearts Confess." . . . November 18-20, "Teen Bible Study Training." The Rickman Center, Jefferson City. \$105. Contact the district office.

NEBRASKA . . . Youth Gathering, "Transformed," November 18-20, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Omaha. Contact Steve Prescott at sdprescott@yahoo.com

NEW ENGLAND . . . Jr. High Gathering, "Finding Me – Finding Christ." November 4-6, Camp Washington, Lakeside, CT. \$125. Registration in care of Mary Ann Grogan: maryaweyer@aol.com

NORTHERN ILLINOIS . . . Youth Gathering, November 4-6, Hickory Ridge Conference Center, Lisle, IL. "Voice of Truth." Contact Mike Maves at NIDYouthMinistry@ni.lcms.org

OHIO . . . November 18-20, District Youth Gathering, Marroitt Hotel, Dublin, OH.

OKLAHOMA . . . October 15, "Fed to Feed" Youth Leaders Training Workshop . . . November 14-17, PANIC SQUAD Public School Assemblies and Youth Rally . . . November 18-20, Sr. High Youth Gathering, Tulsa, OK Contact Myron Harms, mharms@messiahokc.org

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST . . . District Youth Gathering, November 25-27, San Diego

SOUTH WISCONSIN . . . Small group training workshop, November 5 at Peace Lutheran Church, New Berlin, WI. Contact Micah Steiner at micah@peacelutheran.org . . . District cluster meetings October 10, Good Shepherd, Tomah, October 18, St. Paul, Sheboygan Falls, October 22, Mt. Olive, Milwaukee. Contact: janetzke@swd.lcms.org

SOUTHEASTERN . . . Youth and Young Adult Conference, "Hold Out . . . Be Sold Out for Jesus," October 14-16, Peace Lutheran Church, Washington, DC (202) 497-5413 or (202) 398-5503. Domotasha@aol.com

TEXAS . . . District Youth Gathering, GLORYbound '05 – "The Crossing." 1450 participants already registered. Log on to www.gloryboundtexas.com for more information. Registration: \$134 until October 31.

WYOMING . . . 7th Annual Youth Breakaway weekend, November 11-13, in Laramie. "Real Presents: Unwrapping Christ's Gifts." Go to www.wyoyouth.org/events for more information.

DISTRICT WEB SITES can now be accessed from the DCS Youth Ministry Web. Go to www.lcms.org/youth and click on Network. Scroll to district names and click on the district you want to access. We will keep this list updated as best we can. If districts make changes in address, please let the Youth Ministry Office know.

OTHER EVENTS AND RESOURCES

YOUNG ADULTS of College Age . . . Check out the weekly email devotion from the Northern Illinois District. Devotions written by Rev. Gerald Schalk, pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Barrington, IL. To sign up contact Carol Northcutt at carol.northcutt@ni.lcms.org

LUTHERAN COLLEGE NIGHTS are coming to a city near you. Hosted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, go to www.Lutherancolleges.org and click on College Fairs to find an event close to you.

TEENS AND TRENDS . . .

MORE PARENTS MONITORING INTERNET USE . . . More than half of families with Internet connections now use some type of Internet filter to ensure their teenagers and children don't end up where they shouldn't when surfing the Web. Most parents (and even teens themselves) say that teenagers give out too much information about themselves online, and two-thirds of teenagers say they do things online that they don't want their parents to know about. (USA Today, March 22, 2005)

GOING TO COLLEGE DURING HIGH SCHOOL . . . With the emphasis on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs, more high school students are earning college credit while in high school. Some are even graduating from college before they graduate from high school. Many students have found that earning college credit during high school is much less expensive than taking the classes after high school graduation. Some have even been able to attend a more prestigious college because of finishing one, two, or even three years of college before officially becoming a full-time college student. (Minneapolis Star Tribune, January 29, 2005)

THE GROWING PROBLEM OF CUTTING . . . Self-mutilation (or cutting) is a growing problem among teenagers. According to the Journal of Abnormal Psychology, as many as 39 percent of all teenagers have cut themselves at one time. "Every clinician says it's increasing," says psychologist Michael Hollander. "I've been practicing for 30 years, and I think it's gone up dramatically." Why do teenagers cut? The main reasons: to deal with emotions. Some teenagers cut to feel less; others do it to feel more. (Time, May 16, 2005)

FINAL THOUGHTS . . . A prayer from Evening Prayers from Hymnal Supplement '98 seems to be appropriate for life in the Youth Ministry Office these days: "Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. -tkd

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The DCS Youth Ministry Office regularly reviews events, resources, program and information from a variety of non-LCMS sources for the purpose of informing and resourcing our readers. In citing any of these, the YMO does not mean to imply an endorsement of the entire editorial or theological opinion of the source organization. Bulletin readers are advised to use their discretion in the use of these materials or participation in such events.

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