



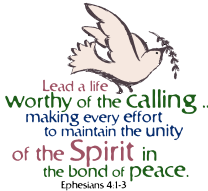
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RECONCILER TRAINING . . . is being offered November 7-13 at The Leadership Center in Aurora. This unique opportunity will give participants the resources and tools to resolve personal, work, family, and church conflict in a God-pleasing way, and will provide guidance in applying biblical approaches to conflict. Registrations must be received by **October 15**. A



limited number of scholarships are available to those who register early. For more information or to register, contact Carol Oetting at carolo@ndlcms.org or 888-643-2961.

DISASTER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRE CERTIFICATION IN 2011 . . . The Federal Government has mandated that ALL volunteers to a federally-declared disaster will need to be "certified" in order to be allowed into a disaster area. This includes clergy, teachers, neighbors, and everyone else, regardless of past experience or previous training. A **LERT** (Lutheran Early Response Training) course will be available December 4, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Lied Center in Seward. This course is being made available by LCMS World Relief and Human Care and the Nebraska Disaster Response Coordinators Arlan and Dawn Schellhorn. Participants will receive the certification needed to allow them to enter a federally-



declared disaster area. Registration materials will be mailed to church offices and available at www.ndlcms.org in October.


FROM THE PRESIDENT . . . Treasures in Heaven

"In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

1 Timothy 6:19

In 1997, Canadian filmmaker James Cameron co-produced a movie that fascinated the world. He recounted the April 15, 1912, sinking of the luxury ocean liner *Titanic*. While Cameron's movie was centered upon a fictional romance story, the facts tell us that among the 1,523 passengers and crew who went to their watery graves, there were 11 millionaires. Their combined wealth totaled nearly \$200 million. Yet, if they could have sent a message to the living about the most important things in life, not one of them would have mentioned money. Newspapers of the day reported that Major A.H. Peuchen of Toronto, who was a survivor of the tragedy, had left more than \$300,000 in money, jewelry, and securities in his cabin. He started back for the box when evacuation efforts began, but then thought for an instant and quickly turned away. Later he said, "The money seemed a mockery at that time – I picked up three oranges instead."




"Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth & rust do not destroy, & where thieves do not break in and steal."
Matthew 6:20

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus spoke with clarity about the treasures of life when he said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." (Matthew 6:19-20)

The treasures that God entrusts to us while we are on earth are best used to serve Him and His Kingdom. Indeed, God imbues us with treasures to care for our families and participate in community, which are services for the Lord.

At the same time, God also provides opportunities for the use of the treasures He grants to us for the ongoing growth of His Kingdom, so that the saving news of salvation through Jesus can be brought into the lives of people who will know the eternal joys of heaven.

Rev. Russ Sommerfeld

CALLED TO GLORY . . . Rev. Dr. Walter Theophilus "Ted" Janzow, pastor emeritus, Lincoln, was called to glory on August 21. During his more than 50 years of ministry, he served the Church as pastor of congregations in Minnesota, Illinois, and at Walton, Nebraska, as well as interim pastor at a number of Nebraska congregations. He served as president of the Southern Illinois District and in various positions at Concordia Teachers College (now University) in Seward, Nebraska, including president. He was also the founding president of Concordia Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.



The mission of the Nebraska District is to resource congregations, leaders, and related organizations in their mission of discipling the saved and proclaiming Christ to a lost and changing world.

COMPENSATION GUIDELINES AVAILABLE . . . The 2011 Nebraska District Compensation and Benefit Guidelines are available online for congregational and schools officers to review as part of their budget process. A printable PDF is available from the District website, www.ndlcms.org.

TAKE A STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY . . . Lutheran Church Extension Fund offers congregations a new way to explore their stewardship practices with "Journey of Discovery." Based on a travel theme, "Journey of Discovery" leads participants through a stewardship journey of Bible study, discussion, and prayerful thought, drawing congregation members closer to each other and Jesus. The result of a partnership between LCMS Stewardship Ministry, LCEF, and Concordia Publishing House, congregations may order a complete Bible study kit online at www.cph.org/discovery.



FALL PASTORS' CONFERENCE . . . Pastors in the Nebraska District will join together for worship, the study of God's Word, and fellowship at the Fall Pastors' Conference on October 25-26 at the Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island. Registration materials have been emailed or mailed to all pastors in the District and are available on the District website, www.ndlcms.org. Contact Kim Hofer at kimh@ndlcms.org or 888-643-2961 with questions or for more information. The registration deadline is **October 11**.

RAISING UP THE NEXT GENERATION . . . is the theme of the upcoming Educators' Conference to be held at Christ Lutheran Church and School in Norfolk on October 21-22. Keynote speaker Mary Hilgendorf, professor of education at Concordia University Wisconsin, will encourage participants in their common work as Lutheran school educators in dealing with the countless challenges that the 21st Century presents. Registration materials have been mailed to all administrators. Complete information on the event can be found at www.ndlcms.org. Registration deadline is **October 8**.

MYACCOUNT OFFERS CONVENIENT ONLINE SERVICES

. . . MyAccount is a secure online service allowing Lutheran Church Extension Fund investors and borrowers quick access to their LCEF investment and loan information and statements via the Internet, and to conduct transactions from certain accounts. LCEF offers MyAccount to promote good stewardship of resources. The use of MyAccount lowers administrative costs, helping LCEF offer competitive loan rates to LCMS churches, schools, and church workers. To find out more, go to www.lcef.org and type "MyAccount" in the search area.

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REV. DR. MARVIN BERGMAN CELEBRATES MINISTRY MILESTONE . . . The staff and Board of Directors of the Nebraska District honored Rev. Dr. Marvin Bergman in recognition of the 50th anniversary of his ordination at a special luncheon on September 3. Dr. Bergman serves the Nebraska District as coordinator for the Lay Leadership Training Program.

OMAHA REFORMATION SERVICE . . . A Reformation Festival will be held at Pacific Hills, 90th and Pacific, Omaha, on Sunday, October 31, at 2:30 p.m. Co-sponsored by the Omaha North Circuit, the service will feature a combined Pacific Hills/Concordia choir and Concordia President Brian Friedrich as preacher. All are invited.

BOARD SUMMARY . . .

The Nebraska District Board of Directors took the following action at its September 3 meeting:



- Accepted action taken by the LCEF Nebraska Program in regards to St. Mark, Omaha, and Beautiful Savior, LaVista.
- Reappointed Gaye Lynn Schaffart, Omaha, to continue serving on the Lutheran Family Services Board of Directors for a 2010-2013 term.
- Appointed Brad Holtorf, Fremont, to Lutheran Family Services Board of Directors to serve a 2010-2012 term.
- Renewed the appointments of District reconcilers Rev. Carl Pullmann of North Platte, Rev. Ron Benson of Papillion, and layman Ted Tietjen of Grant.
- Appointed Blenda Keylon of Christ, Cairo, as a District lay reconciler.
- Elected to continue participation in worker choice for District employees in regard to the Concordia Health Plan for 2011.
- Appointed the LCMS Internal Audit Department to conduct the audit of the Nebraska District LCMS for the current fiscal year ending January 31, 2011.
- Adopted a new District policy regarding board-designated net assets.
- Approved Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Aurora as a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
- Approved the election of Delmer Toebben to a six-year term on the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Ministry Foundation.

CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH . . .

October is national Clergy Appreciation Month. Don't forget to show appreciation to the pastors and their families in your church, both those who are serving and those who have retired. For more information and ideas on honoring these servants of the Lord, visit the LCMS *What a Way* website at www.whataway.org or Focus on the Family at www.parsonage.org/cam.



LAY LEADERSHIP CLASS IN HOLDREGE . . . *Interpreting the Scriptures* will be taught by Rev. Herbert Mueller III of Trinity, Amherst, on Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20. Classes will meet at Mount Calvary, Holdrege. For more information, contact Marvin Bergman at marv.bergman@cune.edu or 402-643-3724.

COMING EVENTS

LCEF K.I.D.S. Coordinator Meeting , District Office, Seward	October 2
Circuit Counselors and Vice Presidents Conference , St. Benedict Center, Schuyler.....	October 4-5
Educators' Conference , Christ Lutheran School and Lutheran High Northeast, Norfolk	October 21-22
Pastors' Conference , Midtown Holiday Inn, Grand Island	October 25-26
Reconciler Training , The Leadership Center, Aurora.....	November 7-13
Women's Retreat , Camp Luther, Schuyler.....	November 12-14
LHM Men's NetWork Retreat , Camp Luther, Schuyler	November 19-20
LHM Men's NetWork Retreat , Sullivan Hills Lutheran Camp, Lodgepole.....	November 20-21
Disaster Volunteer Certification Training , Lied Senior Center, Seward.....	December 4
Pastors' Conference , Younes Convention Centre, Kearney	February 24-26, 2011
Theological Conference on Worship , Younes Convention Centre, Kearney	February 25-26, 2011
Nebraska District LLL Convention , Divots Convention Center, Norfolk.....	March 25-26, 2011

ANNIVERSARIES

- St. John/Zion Ladies Aid, Chester**, 100th, Oct. 3. A special celebration worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Tim Beckendorf from Lutheran Bible Translators as speaker.
- First Trinity, Beatrice**, 135th, Nov. 7, with a 9:15 a.m. worship service with President Russ Sommerfeld preaching.
- Immanuel, Butte**, 120th, Nov. 24, with Rev. Wesley "Bo" Baumeister as guest speaker at the 5:30 p.m. worship service, followed by a potluck supper.

CALLS IN THE DISTRICT

ORDAINED MINISTERS

CALLS DECLINED

Rev. Karl Ziegler (FtWCq'94), senior, First, Papillion, to Our Redeemer, Staplehurst.

STATUS CHANGE

- Rev. Ronald Holling** (StL'70), St. Paul, Omaha, to emeritus, effective August 31.
- Rev. Lynn Riege** (StLCq'99), St. John, Pierce, to emeritus, effective August 15.
- Rev. Roger Schepmann** (StLCq'82), Immanuel, Beemer, and Zion St. John, Wisner, to emeritus, effective September 30.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

- Rev. Chad Boggs** (StL'10) as pastor, Zion, Red Cloud, and Grace, Franklin, August 29 (ordination also).
- Rev. Derrick Brown** (FtW'10) as pastor, St. John, Curtis, August 15 (ordination also).
- Rev. Jon Dunbar** (StL'05) as pastor, St. Paul's, Utica, September 5.
- Rev. Harrison Goodman** (FtW'10) as pastor, Immanuel, Spencer, and Christ, Lynch, August 22 (ordination also).
- Rev. Riek Marwang** (StL'10) as associate pastor, King of Kings, Omaha, August 8 (ordination also).
- Rev. John Stubenruch, Jr.** (StL'98), as pastor, St. Paul, Ogallala, August 8.

PLACEMENTS

David Whan (FtW'10) as pastor, Bethlehem, Pleasant Dale.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

CALLS ACCEPTED

- Jana Inglehart** (SCq'01), teacher, Jesus Our Savior Lutheran School Association, Winnebago, to director of public relations, Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk.
- Kimberly Jipp** (S'98), non-candidate, Indiana District, to teacher, Concordia Lutheran High School, Omaha.
- Joshua Keithley** (S'05), DCE, Family of Christ, Colorado Springs, Colo., to director of high school and college ministries, Beautiful Savior, LaVista.
- Mary Voelker** (S'70), candidate, to teacher, Christ, Norfolk.

OTHER TRANSACTIONS

- Karen Haake** (S'78), teacher, St. Peter, Davenport, to non-candidate.
- Andrew Jipp** (S'99), non-candidate, Indiana District, to non-candidate, Nebraska District.
- Judith Lehmann** (S'60), emeritus, Kansas District, to emeritus, Nebraska District.
- Stacey Meyer** (S'93), teacher, Trinity, Fremont, to non-candidate status.
- Trevor Osten** (S'08), teacher, Lutheran High Northeast, Norfolk, to candidate.
- Sara Rohren** (S'05), candidate, Pacific Southwest District, to candidate, Nebraska District.

PLACEMENT

- Doni Douglass** (SCq'09) as teacher, Faith, Lincoln.
- M'Leigh Rempfer** (S'10) as teacher, Immanuel, Columbus.
- Charlene Stortz** (S'96) as teacher, Christ, Norfolk.

FAITH AFLAME WORKSHOP ONLINE . . . The *Faith Aflame* stewardship workshop offered in Nebraska is now available online to be viewed by congregations or church councils interested in finding out more about this whole-life stewardship process. Visit www.ndlcms.org to view the workshop.



I am The Nebraska District of The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod and so are you!

As congregation members, we all embody the Nebraska District of the LCMS. We're farmers, police officers, health care workers, accountants, lawyers, construction workers, students, sales representatives, retirees, and much more.

But the Nebraska District is also pastors, teachers, and missionaries. Through the work of the Nebraska District, Native American children learn about Jesus, Sudanese families hear the saving Gospel message, college students have a place to worship while away from home, worship services are available in the vast expanses of the Sandhills, Spanish-speaking immigrants learn English while hearing about Jesus, families that are hurting receive care, and new churches are started.

The only way for the Nebraska District to be able to continue that kind of ministry is for congregations, such as yours, to include the District in your annual budget.

Your congregation's partnership with the other 248 Nebraska District churches makes these ministries and other District services possible. **Your congregation's support is vital!** Please consider your personal and congregational level of support for these joint ministry efforts, and prayerfully consider how you might become more involved through your prayers, your time, and your gifts of support.

The Nebraska District of the LCMS - it's all of us!

