

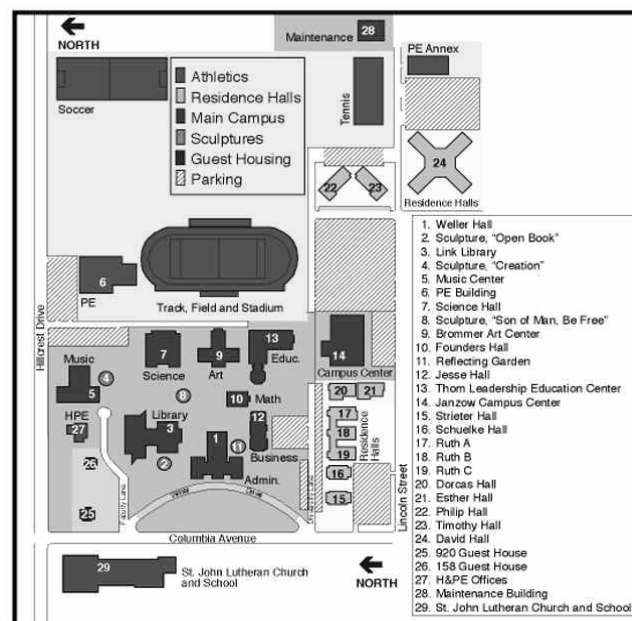
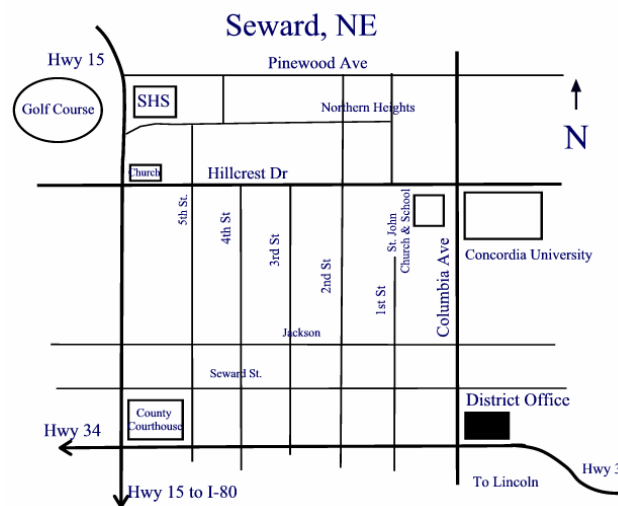
Reverend David Block attended Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and received his Master of Divinity Degree in 1969. He received his M.S. in Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation from the University of Arizona and D. Min from Fuller Seminary. Pastor Block has served 36 years in the Pastoral Ministry serving in the Philippines, Phoenix, Lexington, and Omaha.

Pastor Block is passionate about teachers and serves as consultant on many boards and committees. He has served as President and on the Board of Directors at Valley Lutheran High School and Wider Omaha Lutheran School Association (WOLSA). Pastor Block is currently serving on the Board of Regents at Concordia University, Seward.

His keynote address will feature teachers as leaders, mentors and models and will discuss how God guides teachers in this sacred and joy filled calling.

Schedule for the Day

- 8:30 Registration and Refreshments, Thom Leadership Education Center Lobby
- 9:00 Welcome, Weller Hall Auditorium
- 9:05 Opening Devotion by *President Russ Sommerfeld*
- 9:30 Keynote Presentation- *Rev. David Block*
- 10:45 Workshops
- 11:45 Lunch, Janzow Dining Hall
- 1:00 Workshops
- 2:15 Special guest speaker - *Gary Thies*



Emergency contact information while attending the Retreat: Call Concordia University switchboard (402) 643-3651

Nebraska District
LCMS

Teachers' Retreat



*Teachers Ablaze -
Lighting the Fire
Within*

*Were not our hearts burning
within us?*

Luke 24:32

August 9, 2005
Concordia University,
Seward

Gary Thies' career began with 6 months of active duty Infantry Training with Iowa National Guard, after which he worked at Mapleton Trust & Savings Bank for \$1.00 per hour! That job lasted 33 years, and opportunities allowed him to start a real estate Brokerage Business that the Lord blessed in an amazing way. He also worked in the bank insurance agency. Gary became president of the bank and served for many years on the board of directors. For 24 years Gary served on the board of directors of the Sioux City Community college. In 1983, Gary was elected to the National Board for Missions with LCMS, and became the first layman President elected to that position where he served for 11 years. Gary was the first deployed Mission Counselor for the LCMS World Mission.

Gary's presentation is totally new, and will feature how Lutheran Schools here in Nebraska can link with Lutheran Schools around the world in Asia and Africa. This presentation will feature some very new people and new ideas that are developing here in the Nebraska District and around the World. It is Gary's hope and prayer that when you leave this presentation some **NEW IDEAS MIGHT BE IMPLANTED IN YOUR MIND TO TAKE BACK TO YOUR CLASSROOM.**

Workshops and Their Presenters

Building Computational Proficiency.

Presented by Fran Ehlers. This presentation will provide strategies and activities that WORK when teaching the basic facts. The participant will be exposed to creative ways to meet NCTM math standards through group participation and manipulative activities. The presenter is a past elementary teacher and a present adjunct professor of Elementary Math Methods at Concordia University. *Grades 2, 3, and/or 4.*

Getting Young Children Involved in Ministry.

Presented by Shelley Dartmann and Sue Trinklein. Get your students excited about mission outreach by involving them with hands-on opportunities to walk out their faith. This workshop will introduce you to a number of exciting kid-friendly ministries. *Grades K-3.*

Internet Based grades, tuition collection, and more (using in class school management system). Presented by Rev. Ryan Wendt. Learn how your school can record grades, collect tuition, post announcements and calendars, and have a presence on the web with one easy-to-use school management system. Come and explore the possibilities with InClass and see how it works at Zion Lutheran School, Kearney. *All schools.*

Making Music Education Come Alive.

Presented by Dr. David Held. Practical techniques for developing skills in rhythm, singing, music theory, music listening, and the playing of musical instruments by elementary age music students will be shared with participants in this workshop. *Grades K-6.*

Outreach to Ethnic Outpost. Presented by Rev. Rich Boring. God continues to bring new neighbors into our communities from all over the world. The foreign mission field is now at the front door of our schools. We will learn about our new neighbors and how our schools can reach out and build relationships with them. These new friendships will allow you to share the love of Christ with your new neighbor. *All grades.*

Off to a Good Start. Presented by Beth Pester. This presentation is designed for new teachers (grades 7-12) and is meant to suggest plans and strategies to make the beginning of a new career run more smoothly and efficiently. Practical ideas and examples will be shared. *Grades 7-12.*

Faith Legacies: What can schools do to empower Faith-sharing in the home?

Presented by Mike Heinz. This session will explore ways schools can, 1) help parents understand their role as primary disciples of their children, 2) help parents value that role above all other parental tasks, and 3) give parents the tools they need to be the godly parents God calls them to be. *All grades.*

Interactive Chapel – ideas and object lessons you can do! Presented by Carol and David Mueller. Dave and Carol Mueller have been leading chapel for about 20 years. Come

and get new ideas about Chapel openings, interactive object lessons, using students worship teams and more. This will be fun and fast paced. Plan to have a good time and take a few notes. *Grades K-8.*

Go Therefore and Make Disciples (on a short-term mission trip).

Presented by Daniel Jensen. Dan Jensen, President of Omaha based Faith Missions International (FMI) and one of FMI's Haitian associates will share the dynamics of a short-term mission trip. Hear the testimony of a woman who once served the gods of voodoo but came to faith in Jesus as a result of short-term mission teams. *Grades 9-12.*

Lutheran Schools Portal 101. Presented by Bill Meyer, Joel Witt, Sue Sylwester, and Steve Stortz. The Lutheran Schools Portal has been up and running for several months. Many teachers and administrators in our district have had little chance to see what the Portal is all about. The session will be led by members of the District Portal Team and will cater to those who have very little experience. Key features of the portal will be explored and

explained.

Lutheran Schools Portal 201.

Presented by Bill Meyer, Joel Witt, Sue Sylwester, and Steve Stortz. This workshop will focus on some of the finer points of the portal. It is designed to expand the possibilities for those who are already somewhat familiar with the features and format of the Portal. This workshop will be led by members of the Nebraska District Portal Committee.

Taxes and Ministers: Some things you may want to know...

Presented by Paul Pettit. This informative workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to learn more about the unique tax treatment of LCMS Ordained and Commissioned Ministers. Our discussion will include topics such as: IRS "Minister of the Gospel" status; Housing Allowance; the "Deason Rule"; employee business expenses; tax payment options; and other important tax considerations. We will also review a completed "Minister of the Gospel" tax return.

Teachers Ablaze - Lighting the Fire Within

When: Tuesday, August 9, 2005
Where: Concordia University Campus, Seward
Start: Registration 8:30 am TLEC Building
Cost: \$18.50 per person (includes lunch and program fees)
Deadline: August 3, 2005

Please be a good steward of your school funds, District time, and materials by registering your school by the deadline. **Late registrations cannot be guaranteed meals or materials published for the retreat.**