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*A Very Merry
Christmas and a
Blessed New Year
to you all!*



Lutheran Haven Christmas Seals

by Don Kovac, Exec. Director

One of the first actions taken by the Haven's founding Board of Trustees at their inaugural meeting was to establish the Christmas Seal program. "Duly moved and seconded that the LUTHERAN HAVEN conduct a Christmas Seals Campaign this year as introduced and recommended by Pastor Stephen M. Tuhy for the benefit of the Haven. Motion carried" January 24, 1946.

The Haven's forefathers looked to the proceeds from the Christmas Seal program to help fund charity care. And that hasn't changed!

God's work through the ministry of the Haven could not have taken place without those who have supported those in need. In today's difficult economic times, the support for the Christmas Seals will be a blessing to those whose funds have not been able to sustain their long term care needs. Even with the help of Medicaid, we continue to be dependent on gifts from our friends.

This past year, Lutheran Haven provided \$347,580 in charity care. Our prayer goes with the 21,000 Seals that have been mailed to Haven friends and SELC District congregations that God would move people to respond in a generous way.



Christmas Tree

by Rev. Albert Bielenberg

Our
Lord
Jesus
came to
the world
long ago to
give His life
that we and all
others might have
life abundantly. He
is the One altogether
worthy of first place in
our hearts. There was no
room for Him in the inn, so
He was born in a manger. Let
us give Him His rightful place
in our hearts so that we may feel
what the shepherds and the wise
men felt long ago. O Come
let us adore Him,
Christ
the Lord

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL

by Rev. Thomas Soltis, SELC Stewardship Director

Gospel Responsibilities

The word, steward, means caretaker, manager. Christian stewardship involves the management of all things to God's glory - including the Gospel-Good News of Salvation. As stewards of the Gospel, we are entrusted to keep it pure from error - especially the incursion of salvation via good works. (Eph. 2:8-9) But keeping the Gospel pure is not enough. It must also be shared. Personal evangelism is a mandate of Christ. (Matt. 28:10)



Personal Evangelism

Recently, I noticed a dollar bill in my wallet with writing on it. (above photo) It was an effort to witness the Word. However, what was written did not specifically convey the Gospel. In addition, the witness effort was impersonal. Like religious car bumper stickers, it lacked person-to-person contact - personal evangelism. If the Church is to grow effectively, church members must become personable disciples personally witnessing the Gospel of Christ.

Disciples Producing Disciples

In a book, "Change the Church Culture from Churchianity to Christianity - from Church Members to Disciples of Jesus", Dr. Waldo Werning makes the following observations:

- > 60% of church members are marginal in worship and not witnessing.
- > 15% to 40% of "inactives" are not certain of their salvation (the lost in the Church).
- > 21st century church members must be revitalized to have 1st century faith.
- > Church members must be transformed from "pew sitters" to Christian disciples actively living and sharing their faith.

Thinking Outside the Box

Pastor Stephen Shrum of St. Mark Lutheran Church, Cleveland OH, is encouraging members into a discipleship of evangelism. In a recent article, "...to Win as Many as Possible", he wrote, "For many

churches, church growth has become a wait at the front door to see if anyone new enters . . . we need to look beyond the walls of our church and think community. No longer should we wait and see who walks in the door, but we must take the Gospel to them—where they are."

Avenues being contemplated at St. Mark are:

- > A Christian coffee house for relationships
- > Student outreach via a Christian day school
- > Inviting the community to small groups
- > Special events & programs for the community
- > Blended & contemporary worship services
- > Members individually reaching out to others
- > Prayer groups

Personally Share the Gospel

Years ago thousands of religious tracts were dropped from a plane over China. Many of the Chinese could not read. Others did not know the dialect used. Some used the pamphlets for cigarette paper. There is a better way—person-to-person sharing. Here are some tips:

- > Become a friend first.
- > Establish points of mutual interest.
- > Engage in a lot of active listening.
- > When the conversation centers on religion, share your faith in Christ's salvation with "I" messages ("I personally believe . . .etc.")
- Avoid the word "you".
- > Don't be pushy. Honor another's personhood.
- > Should genuine interest occur, offer a N.T. Bible gift as a token of friendship.
- > Privately pray.

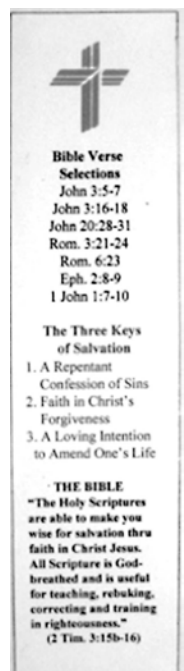
RESOURCES

Give-away New Testaments

One case (50 copies) may be purchased for \$47.50 (95¢ each – #1 929) from "Biblica". Contact: 1-800-524-1588 or go to www.BiblicaDirect.com.

Bible Bookmarks for insertion into Bibles may be downloaded and printed free six at a time.

Contact: www.selc.lcms.org and click: Stewardship – Cong. Helps – Bible Bookmarks.



Missions — Ministry — Tomorrow

Highlight General Pastoral Conference

by Rev. Andrew Dzurovcik



The General Pastoral Conference of the SELC District was held on October 11th thru 13th at Zion Lutheran Church, Clark, NJ. Over 60 pastors, Board members and guests attended. SELC District President, Rev. Dr. Carl H. Krueger presided.

Day One: Mission Day. Various mission presentations ranging from work with ethnic groups to church planting were presented. A field trip to "Little India" near Clark was held in the afternoon. Fellowship that evening was held at the Dzurovcik home.

Day Two: Ministry Day. Rev. Art Umbach's presentation was spiritual formation and growth. Rev. Rick Armstrong spoke on stress in the ministry. The evening communion was officiated by Rev. Andrew J. Dzurovcik, host pastor, with Vicar Rocco Mallardi and Mission Developer Rev. Naveen Nischal as liturgists.



Rev. Luther Bajus, Dianne & Rev. Carl Krueger

Following the Pastoral Conference, the SELC Mission Board and Board of Directors continued meeting through Oct. 15th.



Revs. Ben Hoyer, Zach Zehnder, and John Thomas



Revs. Art Umbach & Rick Armstrong



Susan Dzurovcik, Ken Ballas



Praising the Lord with feeling

Rev. Jeff Harter, pastor of SS. Peter & Paul LC, Sharon PA preached on the struggles of Elijah and helped us understand that in our ministry there is a difference between "being responsible to and responsible for." Music was provided by the Zion youth and adult choirs and hand bell choirs. An ice cream social followed.

Day Three: Tomorrow Day. A presentation was made on the 2010 LCMS Convention this past July. The future of the LCMS and SELC (especially concerning restructuring) was discussed with guests from the New Jersey and Eastern Districts. Reports from various boards and committees of the SELC were also presented.



Why is Christmas sometimes abbreviated as Xmas? It is not unusual to see the word Christmas abbreviated as Xmas on signs and in newspaper advertisements. Some Christians object to this abbreviation for the day marking the birth of Jesus. They consider it as another attempt by nonbelievers to rid Christmas of its central meaning.

The abbreviation, however, was never intended to be part of a plot for subterfuge, or even a response to America's zest for economy of words. The "X" is the first letter of the Greek word Xristos, meaning Christ. "Mas" is the abbreviated form of the Mass. Put together, the two words mean: worship for Christ.



Serving the Lord with Gladness!

It's a Busy Autumn for SELC LWML!

by Sharon Roegge and Nona Schipull

Central Zone held their rally on Sept. 25th at Calvary in Parma, OH with the theme of *Family Ties, Apron Stories* (based on 2 Corinthians 9:13). After a communion service, Pastor Jeff Harter led the group in bible study entitled *The Church: A Family Affair*. After lunch we heard several women tell the "stories" of their favorite aprons and why they had meaning to them. We packed and dedicated health care kits, followed by a business meeting and closing devotions.

Eastern Zone's Rally was held on Oct. 23 at Peace in Galloway, NJ. We received our passports, were given our "shots", exchanged our currency, and bought our hats to ward off the sun. We then had a simulated Mission Experience on the LaWiMeLu Islandley where we were to tell Chief McClelland of the Gospel, Christ's death and resurrection and the way to salvation. A business meeting was held following the island style luncheon. An ingathering of sewing items and children's summer clothing was brought and dedicated for the journey to Cameroon via Orphan Grain Train.

Western Zone held their fall rally on Nov. 6th at Resurrection Church-Crown Point, IN. Included was a trip to Valparaiso University to see the Chapel's stained glass windows depicting creation, redemption and sanctification; and a tour of the Brauer Museum of Art focusing on the prints of Bible stories by Japanese Christian artist Sadao Watanabe. A communion service was held before our road trip. We enjoyed a soup and salad lunch followed by a business meeting and an informative presentation by Rev. Jacob Gaugert about Dr. Martin Luther Church-Chicago's Hispanic ministry.

Mite Marathon Brigade. I heard from LWML Treasurer Helen Miller yesterday and found that National is falling WAY behind on what they should be receiving in order to make the Biennial goal of \$1,825,000. LWML needs \$150,000 per month from now until March 31, 2011 to achieve that goal. We would love to have someone in SELC (or any district) donate that amount for one of the months, but in reality I would be grateful for any extra "mites" that you can send into Kathleen Vollrath.

After all, that is how the amount gets to be that size, by each of us giving out of love to the Lord no matter the amount of our mites.

LWML Human Care-Love in Action

Human Care: Church Workers in Need!

One time during Jesus' ministry, He picked 72 evangelists and sent them out into the mission field. He told them, "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Luke 10:7 KJV.

Today, the church trains and sends ordained and commissioned ministers to work in congregational ministries. These proclaimers of the Gospel are worthy of their wages. Unfortunately, in these struggling economic times many of our church workers are suffering financial crises. The November 2010 issue of *The Lutheran Witness* has an eye-opening article on pages 10-13. There are several reasons for financial problems.

1. Many teachers have lost jobs when the congregation has closed its school or has cut back the number of staff. My husband, a retired Lutheran principal, informed me that Lutheran churches and schools are not required to pay Federal unemployment insurance. So, church workers normally do not get unemployment benefits.

2. Some pastors have either lost jobs or been reduced to part time because the congregation could not afford to continue paying full salary and benefits.

3. Some church workers have experienced difficulty with health care coverage when they have lost a job or been reduced to part time. Congregations have to deal with increasing insurance costs—the Concordia plan is due to increase 9.9% in January.

LCMS World Relief and Human Care endeavors to help church workers in need through its "Soldiers of the Cross" emergency assistance fund. (Another program, "Veterans of the Cross" helps retired church workers.) The fund is depleted and needs contributions. You can make a gift to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. See *The Lutheran Witness*, November, for the phone number and email address.

"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,' and 'The laborer deserves his wages.'" (1 Tim. 5:17-18 ESV) God's word commands us to financially care for His church's workers.

News . . . News . . . News!



Congratulations to the newest parents and grandparents!

LEAH RENE MALLARDI, daughter of Zion (Clark NJ) **Vicar Rocco and Janine Mallardi**, entered this world on Oct. 15th, weighing in at 6 lbs. 11 oz.

Ron & Susan Roby (Ron is our SELC District Legal Counsel) are proud grandparents of LEO KAI CIAMPOLI, born on October 21st to the Roby's daughter, Linda and her husband, Carlo. Leo weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. and measured 21".

The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) has printed the 2nd edition of the *Holy Bible*, bound together with *Luther's Small Catechism*. The combined volume is available in hardcover and paperback at no cost to the churches, ministries and individuals who need them. For those who would like to support LHF's on-going mission of translating and publishing Lutheran books, a donation of \$10 per Bible would be gratefully accepted. To order, call the LHF office at 800-554-0723 or e-mail info@lhfmissons.org.

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

A few questions have arisen concerning the Lutheran Witness subscriptions. You may remember that our long-time Lutheran Witness manager, Al Kmetz, died this past year, and we've been trying to restructure. Your Congregation should have recently received the Lutheran Witness subscription forms, along with address change requests. Any of these forms should be sent to our District Treasurer:

Robert Lange * 3242 Edgington
Franklin Park IL 60131-2129

phone: 847-678-0482 * e-mail: robert.Lange@att.net

If Congregations have subscriptions paid for by individuals, the Congregation should receive the monies. Robert Lange will send out subscription "bills" after the January 1, 2011. The 2011 subscription price remains at \$9.00—a real "bargain" for a monthly periodical that is the Official Publication of our LCMS. Subscription monies should then be sent to our District Financial Secretary:

Clarence Cook * 4155 San Ysidro Way
Rockledge FL 32955-5340

phone: 321-540-0227 * e-mail: cmcook@cfl.rr.com

[Why do we do it this way? For integrity in all our finances: the one who writes the checks is not the one who receives the money, and what goes out must always balance with what comes in!]

FREE . . . Choir Robes!

St. Matthew's (Wilkes-Barre PA) has twelve (12) choir robes that are gold with white stoles which display the Lutheran cross. One of them has split arms (organist style). The are available for FREE BY PICK-UP or FOR SHIPPING COST. Please e-mail belikesalt@yahoo.com or call 570-822-8233.

VA Approves Missouri Synod Logo For Veterans' Graves

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) approved the use of the trademarked logo cross of the LCMS on government headstones and markers of U.S. veterans.

The LCMS cross is No. 38 on the list of **Available Emblems of Belief for Placement on Government Headstones and Markers** (cem.va.gov/hm/hmemb.asp). It joins No. 6, the "Lutheran cross" which features a version of Martin Luther's seal with a cross enclosed in a heart.

[No graphics are permitted on government-furnished headstones or markers other than the 41 approved "emblems of belief", the Civil War Union Shield, the Civil War Confederate Southern Cross of Honor and the Medal of Honor insignias.]

To request the LCMS logo on tombstones or markers, go to cem.va.gov and download VA Form 40-1330; "Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker."

Families who wish to add the LCMS cross logo to headstones or markers already in place must request replacements from the VA using this same form. (Please note: While the VA has approved the use of the logo, the LCMS logo option will not appear on the form until the government's next update in 2011. Those interested in requesting the logo may write in No. 38 when filling out the form.)

FREE . . . Hymnals!

St. Peter & Paul LC in Sharon PA, has over 100 copies of *The Lutheran Hymnal* (red cover) and the *Hymn Supplement 98* (green cover). If you can use them, please contact Pastor Jeffery Harter at 724-301-1912 or pastorjharter@verizon.net.

CTS: Fort Wayne IN has a *Student Adoption* program by which sponsors can give monthly, quarterly, or annually to support a needy seminarian or deaconess student. Prayers and letters of encouragement are also appreciated. No minimum amount of donation is required. Congregations, groups, or individuals can participate. For more info contact studentadoption@ctsfw.edu or call 260-452-2167.

SELC Bearing Witness: The Last Man Standing Witness, Mercy, and Life Together

by Rev. John Perling

If you are like me, you grew up in a Christian household and have no memory living apart from God. The promises of God in His Son Jesus have been a persistent refrain throughout my life. I have always considered the Holy Spirit's work in my life through my family as a great gift and evidence of God's loving care. My parents worked diligently to pass the faith that they had received from their parents on to me and my brothers and sister. They believed it was their most important and solemn duty to pass God's promises on to me.

A new Satanic attack against lifelong Christians and Evangelism has sprung up in my most recent conversations with non-believers. **The satanic attack runs like this: The fact that God's plan for families has worked so effectively in my life is not so much evidence of God care for me, but simply evidence of the fact that I have unquestioningly taken on the beliefs and practices of my parents.** I am living an unenlightened and unexamined life. I have essentially been spiritually brainwashed from lifelong exposure to this one world view and am mentally divorced from the harsh realities of real life.

My witness is discredited because I've always been a believer and never known life apart from Christ. The fact that I am a Christian then has nothing to do with the Truth or Falsehood of God's promises in Jesus Christ, but simply a matter of my personal upbringing. If my parents had worshiped another god or no god at all, I would be devoted in that direction instead. In this case then, my faith life is simply a matter of God's capriciousness, geography, and family loyalties.

Satan tries to take God's good gifts and twist them in order to cast doubt on His promises. The attack however is simply a distraction. It is an attempt to make me feel guilty that I have been blessed and others without parents who loved the Lord faithfully have been left out in the cold. I simply remind the one I am sharing Jesus with, that our conversation is about the Lord's work here and now. The fact that others in the world are still waiting for the Lord's light is no reason to reject God's promises. Would it make sense to claim that I would never believe the Gospel unless everyone else already did?

In this case it is no honor to be the last man standing, it is simply evidence of being the last hold out of death and darkness in the face of Light and Life, and Satan has already earned that "honor." May our Lord honor your witness with the growing fruits of new faith and life in His name.

New Grant Application

SELC District grants for Evangelism are specifically intended to help our members receive the resources they need to share the promises of God in Jesus Christ with lost people.

If you are looking for a little direct financial assistance to fund the mission of God in your congregation or if there is a new creative way you would like to bring your members into witnessing and mentoring relationships with unbelievers this grant process has a new form and streamlined approval process. Talk to Pastor John Perling or your circuit's evangelism representative for more information.

This is your newsletter . . . Articles & Photos are welcome! Send submissions to:

The Lutheran Beacon

c/o Gail Peterson

1210 Ambra Dr. – Viera, FL 32940-6755

email: gailmail37-beacon@yahoo.com

Please submit articles as *separate attachments* in the program you write in. [e.g. Word Perfect, Word, etc.], NOT as part of your e-mail.

Photos must be submitted as *separate .JPEG attachments* [NOT as part of your article]

When sent by snail mail, photos must be received by the 8th of the month. If you want them returned please attach a note and send a self-addressed stamped envelope.

**DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE
DECEMBER 12TH**

* Merry Christmas
and Happy (Blessed)
New Year

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*Focus on Christ
this Season*



A Great Christian Retirement Fund and More!

Flexible Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity

by Robin Paris, Gift Planning Counselor, Lutheran Haven Foundation & SELC District

Among adult Americans, there may be no concern more universal than that of planning adequately for retirement. Hopes and dreams for the “golden years,” not to mention the unknowns of tomorrow, are prompting many to take advantage of plans that provide retirement income, plans that include a flexible deferred gift annuity.

What is a flexible deferred gift annuity designed to do? The flexible deferred gift annuity offers some unique benefits for retirement and is increasingly popular, in part, because it offers a way to maximize the return of a bountiful harvest.

None of us want to make the same mistake made by the rich, foolish farmer that Jesus talks about in Luke 12:19. As a dedicated Christian, you desire to implement the plan God has placed in your heart to transfer your blessings to your family and to the ministries you love in the very best way possible. Consider having your SELC gift planning counselor of the LCMS Foundation help plan and direct your passion for giving to your family and the ministries of the church, today, tomorrow and forever. A flexible deferred gift annuity, which can be funded with any personal property—non-cash assets that can easily be sold (not real estate) might work for you.

Example: Mr. Lutheran, current age 65, transfers \$100,000 of personal property to the LCMS Foundation to fund a flexible deferred gift annuity agreement on 1/1/2011. This table shows the range of his annuity payments over the next ten years.

Annual Payment for Elective Start Dates Years of Deferment Annuity Rate Total Annuity

1	5.7%	\$5,700
2	6.1%	\$6,100
3	6.5%	\$6,500
4	6.9%	\$6,900
5	7.2%	\$7,200
6	7.7%	\$7,700
7	8.1%	\$8,100
8	8.6%	\$8,600
9	9.3%	\$9,300
10	9.9%	\$9,900

How can I get more information or begin my flexible deferred gift annuity?

Phone: Call Robin Paris, SELC Foundation Gift Planning Counselor at 407-365-5676, or email her at rparis@lutheranhaven.org. To see an illustration right on your own computer screen, visit the LCMS Foundation at www.lcmsfoundation.org and click on the gift annuity button.

The land of a rich man?” Luke 12:19

The LCMS Foundation encourages you to consult your tax or legal advisor if you have questions before establishing a charitable gift annuity or any any irrevocable charitable gift.

Operation Barnabas counselors available! Delegates of the 2007 LCMS convention charged LCMS World Mission’s Ministry to the Armed Forces with creating new initiatives for caring for our military service members, especially the Reserve community. Shortly thereafter, Operation Barnabas was established to create a “network of care” for military families within LCMS congregations.

Every LCMS district has an Operation Barnabas counselor. These men, most of whom are current or former chaplains, bring a wealth of experience with them to serve their districts. They are available for individuals and congregations who might have questions in dealing with military families, ministering to those with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), contacting a deployed family member, sharing the Gospel with military members and other counseling issues.

Our SELC counselor is Rev. Carl Krueger, who has been in contact with Mike Moreno and has dealt with the Military and Deployment as Air National Guard Chaplain for 20 years (1984-2004); and is presently serving as the Veterans Service Commissioner for Milwaukee County.

Operation Barnabas counselors can also be instrumental in facilitating a military ministry workshop. The project manager for Operation Barnabas is Chaplain Mike Moreno, who works with district counselors to offer military ministry workshops. He is available for district pastors, teachers, deaconesses, and parish nurse conferences as well. Each of these church worker positions have unique and unlimited potential to care for military families.

For more information on Operation Barnabas, visit <http://barnabas.lcmsworldmission.org/> or watch a video containing frequently asked questions: <http://ow.ly/33pDZ>.

SELC District Evangelism Partners with Lutheran Hour Ministry's Mission U

by Rev. John Perling

MissionU evangelism training will be offered at the following SELC churches:


Western Circuit: Saturday, January 15th, 2011 — Holy Cross (Alsip-Chicago IL)

Eastern Circuit: Saturday, January 15th, 2011 — Concordia-Mission (Northampton-Bethlehem PA)


Central Circuit: Saturday, January 29th, 2011 — Calvary (Parma-Cleveland OH)

Complete Details (including promotional materials) of the Mission U program through Lutheran Hour Ministries is available on our SELC website at www.selc.lcms.org/outreach.htm or visit the LHM website at www.lhm.com.

MISSION U




LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES
People Of Christ With The Message Of Hope



Over 100 million people in the United States are unchurched. In 1990, 86 percent of Americans identified themselves as Christians. By 2008, this number diminished to 76 percent.

While Christianity has decreased, Buddhism has increased 500 percent. Those people claiming Islam as their faith have increased by 300 percent, and the number of adherents of Eastern religions rose by 285 percent. Perhaps most alarming is the 300 percent increase of Americans who now identify with no religion at all—this accounts for 12 million Americans.

The least-churched generation is the millennial generation. One in four teens and young adults do not identify with religion at all. When recently asked, "What do your peers think about God?" an MIT graduate student said, "He isn't on our radar." Jesus has commissioned us to bring the Gospel to all nations. Our nation is especially in need of hearing the life-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.



MISSION U School of Witnessing has been designed to train lay people to share the Gospel in a 21st-century setting. **MISSION U** offers specific witnessing-training courses at various levels and on diverse topics. Each host congregation can choose the course most appropriate for its members from a list of five options:

- MU-101 – **Equipping to Share: Everyday Evangelism**
- MU-102 – **Witnessing Methods: Seven Styles of Faith-sharing**
- MU-201 – **Dealing with Tough Questions**
- MU-202 – **The Outreach-minded Church: Unified Vision and Mission**
- MU-301 – **"Christ Alone" in a Coexist World**

Courses are offered as a Saturday workshop at a hosting congregation. Each course provides unique take-home challenges and study resources for further reading and practice. Continuing education is delivered throughout the year via monthly training Webinars and bi-monthly Web office meetings.

"The Special Speaker Series" is an hour-long Webinar that takes place the second Saturday of each month from October through May. Each session will feature an expert speaker on a unique evangelism or outreach topic. In the Web office, students and teachers will gather from across the nation to discuss course curricula, specific witnessing scenarios, ideas on evangelism and outreach, and to pray together.

Enrollment for the 2010-2011 year is now open. To enroll your congregation, e-mail Sarah Guldalian, manager of Evangelism Training for U.S. Ministries at missionu@lhm.org.

LEARN MORE . . . GO TO WWW.SELC.LCMS.ORG/OUTREACH.HTM

LCMS World Mission

Help Wanted!!



Short-term Service Opportunity **SLOVAKIA**

URGENT NEED—EFL Teachers

LCMS World Mission is in need of two short-term missionaries to serve in Kosice, Slovakia starting immediately. Serving in Kosice will offer many opportunities to share your faith and encourage local Christians to do the same. You will spend your time teaching English at a Lutheran high school. This will include English language classes and possibly clubs. You will teach English grammar, conversation and literature. You will have a full teaching load, so be prepared to spend time making lesson plans and grading homework. Also, be prepared for many opportunities to build relationships with the youth through these activities and experience the joy of sharing your faith with them! Please consider serving in this very important way!

Dates

Beginning early November for a term of about three months

Qualifications

- College degree, teaching certificate helpful but not required
- Active member of an LCMS congregation

Finances:

- Airfare to Kosice, Slovakia
- Estimated cost is \$350-\$450 per month
- The cost includes food, medical evacuation insurance, housing, and coordination.

More Information

Your lodging will be an apartment about a 15 minute walk from the Lutheran school. It is located above the home of a Slovak pastor. It is a large flat with three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a kitchenette. It is fully furnished for your use. You should be prepared for a lot of walking in Slovakia! Other modes of transportation include buses and trains, especially for traveling outside of the city.



Short-term Team Opportunity **SLOVAKIA**

Summer English Camps

The western district of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia is requesting five teams to serve alongside them this summer! Each team will prepare and lead an English Bible Camp for children and youth who have varying levels of English language capacity. Kids, ages 10-19, who attend this event will be a mixture of Christians and non-Christians. English is taught using Bible texts and stories which makes this a fantastic opportunity for witnessing. Arts and crafts, sports and activities, songs and games—all the components of a North American Christian camp—will be incorporated to build relationships and enforce the message taught in the Bible stories.

Qualifications:

- Active members of LCMS congregations
- Teaching experience helpful
- No age limits, just be young at heart

Trip Profile

- **Dates:** July or August 2011
- **Team Size:** 4-8 team members
- **Costs:** \$800-\$950 per person (airfare to Vienne or Bratislava not included)
- **Costs Include:** food, lodging, on-field transportation, coordination, international medical insurance, and other field expenses



More Information:

Teams will typically leave the United States on a Thursday and arrive on Friday. Saturday and Sunday will be used for preparation. The camp will be held Monday through Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, the team will travel, worship, and follow-up on relationships formed. Teams will return home on Monday. Accommodations will vary depending on the camp. Some teams will stay in cabins or dorms in an outdoor camp setting. Other teams will stay in modest hotels or with local families.

LCMS Work in Country:

LCMS World Mission began work in Slovakia in 1991, when partnerships were established to provide LCMS long-term missionaries to share the Gospel in Slovakia. Currently, the Lutheran church in Slovakia is focusing on revitalizing the church, youth work, schools, working with women and their concerns, social services, elderly, continuing education for pastors and lay people, various building projects, and theological education for future pastors.

Next step? Are you ready to Apply? Have more questions??

Talk with a placement counselor

Call: 800-433-3954

E-mail: mission.teams@lcms.org

LCMS WORLD MISSION

www.lcmsworldmission.org/servicemission.recruitment@lcms.org

Celebrating our 17th consecutive Season

ST. LUKE'S CONCERT SERIES presents the 2010

Holiday Concert

Brass Band of Central FL



Friday, December 3 ~ 7pm
Saturday, December 4 ~ 2pm & 7pm

Three Performances!

FREE Admission

The beloved BRASS BAND of CENTRAL FL, directed by Chad Shoopman, presents a delightful program of Christmas and holiday favorites. Bringing the *spirit of the season* to the families of Central Florida!

SATURDAY ONLY:

- **Frasier Fir Christmas Trees:** can be purchased 7am-9pm and held for pick-up after *either* of the performances.
- **Holiday Gift Fair:** open 8am-2pm
- **Family-friendly Lunches:** available 11am-2pm (All items \$3 or under)

Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14

The Holiday Concerts are a gift to the community from
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