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New Jersey and Hurricane Sandy

by Pastor Randy Wilken

This was to be a servant project which was to be a relief to those that had suffered through Hurricane Sandy, but it started out with us really thinking that we might just be the victims of another storm. We left St Louis early in the morning on December 26th, and checked the weather. It looked like we would skirt the coming snow storm, and be on the northern edge of it. But, it was not to be. As we drove through Illinois and were coming up to the Indiana border, it started to snow. At first it was a few flakes, nothing much, then a few more, then it was a blizzard! It happened so quickly that we were kind of taken by surprise. We kept driving though, because the roads were in very good condition. But as we entered Indiana, it became even more difficult. The snow was blinding, and the headlights were not helping. The road was disappearing, and we were seeing cars and trucks in the ditch. We persevered. The roads became nearly impassable, but to turn around meant that we had to find an exit to turn around. Unfortunately, they were blocked by semi trucks that had the same idea and they were now stuck, blocking the exits. So we persevered, kept heading east. A 6 hour trip now became twelve hours, and we finally gave up when we hit Columbus Ohio. We called a friend who had a vacant parsonage, and he let us stay there for the night. Thank you Lord, because (as we found out the next morning) they had closed the highways in Pennsylvania, and we would have slept in the vans. We arrived in Manchester NJ a day late, but full of enthusiasm and ready to work.

***Blinding snow,
impassable
roads, vehicles
stuck deep in
the snow . . .
nothing would
stop us from
our mission.***

There were 19 of us the first week. Mainly high school students, and some college students, and a few adults. We invaded the church in Manchester (did I mention that it was Redeemer Lutheran, my old home congregation before I left to come to the Seminary, 16 years ago) and we crashed (went to sleep). That was day two of our trip. For the next three days it was intense work, up at 6am, working until 5pm, and then sharing together in what the lord was doing, and sharing stories about the people that we met, and what we had done.



Let me share a little bit about the project. We first went to New Jersey, thinking that we would be working on the Island, helping those that were displaced by the storm. What was amazing is that we couldn't get onto the island because they had it closed (National Guard, Police barricades etc). When they finally did open it up, there was nothing to do, because there was no heat or electricity. Hmm, did we come out all this way for nothing? Ah, the Lord had other plans. He brought us through a blizzard to meet an amazing family. They did not live on the island, but inland. They did not have the devastation of Hurricane Sandy but they had the

devastation of many things happening in their lives, that led to their lives being turned upside down by the economy; and also loss of employment due to the ravages of a disease that we know little about. Bill is the husband of the Johnson family. He is in the early stages of Alzheimer's, and due to this disease he lost his job. His daughter and her husband (and their son) were also displaced due to an economy that is relentless

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HILARIOUS GIVING

by Rev. Thomas Soltis, SELC Stewardship Director

Exhilarating Giving

I was once exhilarated at a Lutheran Spanish worship service. During the offering, worshipers sang and danced their way down the aisle to place their gifts in a basket before the altar. The rhythm was fast and lively. The melody catchy. All delightfully Spanish. The worshipers exhibited exuberant joy as they offered their gifts. It brought to mind the words in 2 Cor. 9:7: "God loves a cheerful giver." The word "cheerful" in N.T. Greek is pronounced "hilaron" from which we get the word "hilarious". Should Christians be hilarious givers? Certainly not in a ridiculous, funny way, but definitely in a sense of loving, joyous eagerness to do something for God.

Exuberant Generosity

The Israelites engaged in joyous, generous giving when Moses requested donations for the building of the tabernacle. They gave so generously he had to order them to stop! "The people were restrained from bringing more because they already had more than enough to do all the work." (Exodus 36:6-7) King David later led the way for obtaining donations for the building of the temple in Jerusalem by being a generous giver himself. The leaders in Israel followed his lead. Their example of generosity was an inspiration for others. "The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord." (1 Chron. 29:9) In prayer King David gave his reason: "But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you and we have given you only what comes from your hand." (1Chron. 29:14)

Today we poetically sing David's thoughts:

"We give Thee but Thine own
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
(TLH #441 - LSB #781)

Giving Above and Beyond

When the apostle Paul solicited contributions for the needy in Jerusalem, Christians living miles away in Macedonia happily responded. Even though they were in dire circumstances experiencing a most severe trial and in extreme poverty, St. Paul writes: "They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability; entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints." (2 Cor. 8:3-4). Faith trusts God to provide for the future. It dispels fear and selfishness which hinder exuberant, joyful, generous giving. Love for Christ is the mighty dynamo generating spiritual power for hilarious giving. His Gospel motivates hearts to give above and beyond – even when times are tough and demand sacrifices.

Something to Remember

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful (hilarious) giver." (2 Cor. 9:6-7)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCE

"Tithing a Tomato" (history of tithing)
www.selc.lcms.org - Personal Stewardship



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in its hold on this country, and so they had to move in with Bill and his wife, and with their son—three households in one house. And then, during this storm (in their own lives and through nature) a tree came crashing down through their dining room ceiling. Could it get any worse for this family? They called contractors to come and cut the tree out of their roof. He did, but left the tree in the back yard. The above ground pool was crushed, left in pieces. They call contractors to come and repair the hole in their roof—no one came.

For months they have been asking, begging, and no one is helping. So, the Lord sent us; a bunch of kids with two adult leaders that have a small sense of how to do construction. These kids ripped off the old roof, repaired the holes in the roof with plywood, and put an entire new roof back on; in the cold, in the dark, and sometimes in the rain. They cleaned up the back yard, removing and scrapping the pool. These young people raked the leaves that accumulated through the storm, removed a deck that was used for the pool, and put up new railings. Then they tackled the inside, ripping down the old sheetrock that had now become soggy from all of the rain. Insulation was removed, and then all reinstalled. All by these kids, with the direction of two old men (I was one of those old men). They mudded and

Lord, why are you picking on them, why do you relentlessly crush them (and their house). They are trying to make it, but it looks like they may lose everything, give it all up, but where are they going to go? Who is going to help?



taped, and finished the new sheetrock. Then they



sanded it and painted it. THEN, these young volunteers decide to install a new floor, because the carpet now had black mold growing in it. This was done on the last day of the project, the second week, they stayed up and installed that floor, they did not give up until the project was done, and that was at 9 PM Saturday (the amazing thing was that they had to get up at 4 AM the next morning to go home). No showers (they could have quit early and gone to take showers, but the attitude was “we can take showers when we get home”).

Amazing. Lord, simply amazing what you are doing through ones that some say can't do things like this; kids, women, and adult men that have never had a hammer in their hand. Unskilled! And yet this project is as professional as I have ever seen, because you see, before I became a pastor, I was a contractor, and this is what I used to do for a living. What these kids did, I would put up against any project that a

“professional” would do.

The servants came from St Louis MO, and they came from Granite City IL (home of St John LC), and East St Louis IL also. They also came from Michigan (a mother and her daughter heard about what we were doing, and they also braved a blizzard to come and join in this project). For the second week we had a group come from Peoria IL and they helped to finish the project.

Amazing Lord, how you bring people from different churches, different states, and even different countries (there were two young college students from Kent State University – one was from Taiwan and the other from India). All were there to do your work. All were there, sleeping on the floors, going without showers. And no one complained. The family? Well, you'll have to ask them. That's their story to tell. All I can say is thank you to them for letting us come and serve with them, in helping to restore their lives. This is what the Lord gives us to do together.

We are going back to New Jersey, not sure of the dates yet, but we are definitely going back. We also did this in Rockford Illinois, in Oxford Mississippi, and in San Antonio Texas. And we will do it where ever the Lord tells us to go. Where ever people are crying out for the Lord to help them.

Come and join us some time—It will change your lives as you change the lives of those we go to serve!

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS

The New Age of "E-filing"

LC-MS Congregations (and Pastors) have not always done a very good job of annually sending in Congregational statistics to Synod. At one time, the requested form was 8 pages long, in recent years, the form has shrunk to 2 pages. This year – no paper pages! This year – "e-filing"!

In January, each Congregation will receive a login code with which to access the fillable form and submit it to Synod! The file/report will include:

- Baptized Membership Statistics**
- Confirmed Membership Statistics**
- Average Weekly Attendance**
- Financial/Contribution Statistics**

A change from the previous forms, this year, instead of Christian Education Faculty information (which was seldom used or requested and poorly reported), the "e-form" will ask questions regarding Membership Demographics that will be more useful in ministry planning.

The deadline for filing the electronic form is Feb. 28.

SELC CALENDAR

February

- 1** Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees, Oviedo FL
- 4-6** Central Circuit Pastoral Conference, St. John, Massillon OH
- 10** Grace, Lakewood OH, 10th Anniversary Celebration
- 16-19** Council of Presidents, St. Louis MO
- 16** Eastern Circuit Youth Retreat
- 16, 17** Western Circuit Luther League Ski Trip, hosted by Pentecost, Racine WI

March

- 1** Deadline to get Vicarage and Candidate request documents into the SELC District Office
- 7,8** Great Lakes Regional Council of Presidents, Ann Arbor MI

April

- 16** Placement Committee, St. Louis MO
- 25, 26** Placement Committee, Fort Wayne IN
- 27-30** Council of Presidents, Fort Wayne IN
- 29** Vicarage Assignment Service, Fort Wayne IN
- 30** Call Service, Fort Wayne IN

May

- 1** Call Service, St. Louis MO
- 6-8** Central Circuit Pastoral Conference, Calvary, Parma OH
- 8-10** SELC Board of Directors, Calvary, Parma OH
- 13-15** Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees, Oviedo FL
- 17-20** LCMS Convention Committees, St. Louis MO



O-Town Turn Around

St. Paul's LC – Oswego KS

by Pastor Rocco Mallardi

A great idea for making opportunities to Show Everyone Life in Christ by Showing Everyone the Love of Christ.

Pastor Rocco Mallardi, who served as Vicar at our SELC Congregation of Zion, Clark NJ, is now Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oswego Kansas. Looking for ways for his Congregation to make an impact on their community, Pastor Mallardi is inviting individuals and/or congregations to come to a new "servant event opportunity" that he's calling: "The 2013 O-Town Turn Around"!

Pastor Mallardi wrote in his letter to his "former" SELC District: "As in many small towns, there are lots of families in need of home repairs and painting, that they just cannot afford. We want to meet some of these needs in the Name of Christ and the Lutheran Church. We hope that in helping people with their physical needs, we will be able to teach them who Christ really is, and get them into a growing relationship with God."

What

The mission team will join with our congregation in putting our faith into action. We will begin each day with prayer then set out to serve Christ by serving others. We will be rehabilitating homes for the elderly, single parents, and those with financial needs within our community, doing light home repairs and making connections within our community. Then each evening we will end with prayer and fellowship.

We have plenty of fun activities planned cookouts, pool party, music, and games in the evening and we will end the week with a canoe trip in Oklahoma. We would love to have you join us as we put our faith into action proclaiming Christ to the world around us.

We can host up to 20 people at one time. We have separate sleeping rooms and facilities for men and women. The team will make some of their own meals in our new kitchen and will be transported to and from mission sites using our full sized school bus.

We will have the homes to work on all lined up for the team when they arrive.

The work will consist of light home repairs in and around the town of Oswego, KS.

Who

We will be hosting youth groups of all ages from fellow Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod Churches. The ages of the mission team can be middle school, high school, or college. We just ask that adult chaperones come with the middle school or high school teams.

When

July 15th –21st

The team will arrive Monday the 15th and depart Sunday the 21st after church services.

Cost

The cost to participants is \$200.00

This includes food, lodging, a t-shirt, a donation to the work that will be done, and the canoe trip on Saturday.

Where

We are located in the southeast corner of Kansas in the town of Oswego. Oswego is a very safe town of 1,200. The church is located in the center of town and during the week we will be using the community pool and spending time with the residents of the community.

2012 ends . . . 2013 begins.

Change is on our minds, but change is always challenging

by Rev. Carl Krueger

With **change**, there are two **constants**:

Jesus Christ – always the same: yesterday, today, forever! (Hebrews 13:8)

Us – always changing, affected by change, needing to change!

There are changes that we choose, and there are changes that we reluctantly make.

Our (chronological) age is one of those “forces” in our lives that “force” us to face and embrace change. December 31, 2012 was Don Kovac’s last day as Executive Director of the Lutheran Haven. We thank God of what God has done through the life and ministry of Don at the Haven.

Just like chronological age forces individuals to face the challenges of change, so also our aging Lutheran Haven facilities, the looming presence of the “boomer generation”, the impending impact of what is known as “Obamacare”, and the retirement of Don Kovac have confronted the Lutheran Haven with the necessity of change.

The Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees has been trying to embrace the present and future necessities of the Haven’s facilities and leadership, seeking professional consultants to help in evaluations, demographics, property and facility designs, and employment. These consultants have sought the input of staff, residents, the surrounding community, and specifically Lutheran Congregations and entities to help formulate a plan for the future, seeking to answer the tough questions:

What kind of facilities will be needed for the “coming and next generation” of retirees? How will we deal with the escalating requests for financial aid and charity care? What kind of organizational changes, and what kind of leadership will bring us stability and sustain ability for the future? How can the Haven establish, and finance, the desired or needed services and amenities of our present and future residents?

With the size and complexity of our present Haven Community, the Board of Trustees, with our consultants, came to realize that we could not simply hire someone who could “grow” into the position of Chief Executive Officer to oversee and to lead the Haven. We realized that we needed someone with professional education, extensive experience, excellent talent, proven leadership ability – along with a sincere and demonstrated Christian faith, and faith-life. Of all those who applied, and of all those who were sought out, *Mrs. Linda Kirk* became, for the Board, the right candidate for the position of *Lutheran Haven Chief Executive Officer*.



The Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees is completely committed to the founding philosophy and purposes of the Haven. Time, age, society, politics, and finances all bring challenges that necessitate some changes, but our chosen mission is an expression of Christ’s mission of faith-maintaining, faith-building, faith-enhancing, faith-sharing and faith-living for, and with, all those who come to, who live with, who touch, or who are touched by, the ministry known as the Lutheran Haven.

I ask for your prayers, and your continued support, for the Lutheran Haven, and for Mrs. Linda Kirk.

A full color brochure about the transition of leadership will soon come to each Pastor and Congregation. ***A changeless Christ, for a changing world!!***

LUTHERAN HAVEN RESIDENTS – BLESSED BY ANGELS!

by Linda Kirk, CEO

Residents in the health care center and assisted living apartments at Lutheran Haven were recipients of the gifts of angels! St. Luke's Lutheran School in Oviedo, Florida, remembered the residents when planning their Angel Project for the school.

The health center residents of the Haven, with the help of staff, completed their "wish list" for Christmas, and these lists were collected and distributed among willing "angels" at the school—children and staff alike. Before the health center Christmas party, St. Luke's School delivered personalized gifts for each of the residents. The residents were amazed, thankful and excited.



Blessed be the Lord who daily loads us with benefits. Ps 68:19

Your IRA May Be the Best Way to Make a Gift!

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

In January, the President signed into law American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA) as a part of the "fiscal cliff" resolution. This bill restores the IRA Charitable Rollover for 2012 and permits its use in all of 2013!

If you are over age 70 ½, the Federal government permits you to roll over up to \$100,000 from your IRA to LCMS ministries such as your home congregation, Lutheran Haven or the SELC Foundation, for Church Worker-in-training Scholarships, without increasing your taxable income or paying any additional tax. These tax-free rollover gifts could be \$1,000, \$10,000 or any amount up to \$100,000 this year. The gift satisfies your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for this year.

New Rollover Twist!

If you took a distribution from your IRA in December 2012, you have until January 31, 2013, to make a cash gift to charity and treat it as if it were made directly from your IRA to charity on December 31, 2012.

For example, if you took a \$10,000.00 distribution from your IRA in December, you can make a \$10,000.00 gift to charity this January and treat it as if it were made directly from your IRA on December 31, 2012.

Major IRA Gift

If you are like many individuals, your IRA has increased in value over the years and you have more income than you may need. The IRA rollover gift is a simple and easy way to provide for your favorite charity while not increasing your taxable income.

Simply contact your custodian and request that an amount be transferred to your favorite LCMS ministry. The church receives a nice gift and you avoid any additional tax and satisfy your RMD for the year.

Simple, Easy Gift

Contact Gift Planning Counselor Robin Paris today to learn how easy it is to make a gift from your IRA! She can provide you with a request form to send your custodian to make the gift. She'll also be able to help answer any questions you have about this type of giving. Call her at 407-706-1168, or email her at rparis@lutheranhaven.org.

Happening at St. John's (Massillon OH)

by Colleen Pohlod



Preschool is in its 24th year and this year they've added back the Kindergarten program. Thirty-seven students are enrolled. Director/Teacher is Shawn Buttrill; other teachers include Kim Yanle, Patti Pownell, and asst. Olivia Warehime.



Congratulations to Richard & Marlene Gano!! They recently renewed their vows after 60 years of marriage.



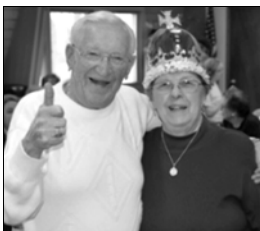
Epiphany at St. John's includes a swiss steak dinner hosted and served by the Pipe Organ Committee. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new Pipe Organ in support of the music ministry of the congregation. Photo of the chancel area show the additional candles brought in by congregation members to "light up" this festival and season of light service.



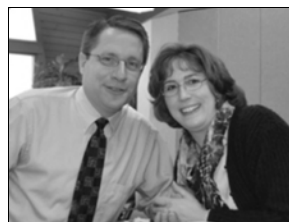
Pastor Telloni and his mother and sister enjoy Epiphany fellowship



Here comes the food ...



Dinner was great!!!



Marty & Colleen Pohlod enjoy a moment in front of the camera! Colleen produces a memorable photo history of St. John's



... to the hungry crowd!

News and Notes On the SELC LWML

by Laura Bergmann, SELC LWML District President

Now that the Christmas and New Year's holidays have been celebrated, the members of the SELC District LWML are stepping up their pace of preparation for the National LWML Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on June 27-30, 2013. This is the first time in the 70 year history of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League that our District has been asked to help host the National Convention. The 6 Host Districts are the Atlantic District, Eastern District, English District, New England District, New Jersey District, and the SELC District. All of us need to be asking the question, ***How can I help?*** since it is anticipated that more than 4,000 people will attend this Convention.

1. More volunteers are needed. Twenty-four men and women from our SELC District have officially registered with Honey Pabst as volunteers for the Convention by filling out and returning the Call For Workers forms. Sharon Roegge is serving as the Prayer Chairman, and Verna Jurkovich has been placed as Director of the Prayer Chapel. Laura Bergmann is serving on the Host Committee, and Milly Kwiatkowski will be the Director of Exhibits. Six pastors in the SELC District, including the Rev. Dr. Carl Krueger, the Rev. Dr. Kevin Bergmann, Rev. Kenneth Ballas, Rev. Luke Jacob, Rev. Andrew Dzurovcik and Rev. Kevin McLeod, have volunteered to help. Pastors are needed to help distribute Communion to more than 4,000 people at the Opening Service on Thursday evening, June 27. Don Roegge, Berta Fabrici, Rich Fabrici, Cheryl Rusiecki, Susan Dzurovcik, Leah Socrates, Kathy Vollrath, and Cathy Friedman are coming from the Eastern Zone. Lois Ballas is coming from the Central Zone, and Dianne Krueger, Nona Schipull, Ardyne Kirn, Betty Cervantes, and Sharron Schademann are volunteering from the Western Zone. If you have questions about signing up to volunteer, please contact any of these people. Call For Workers forms can be obtained online at the LWML page of the SELC District Website, www.selc.lcms.org, or from Zone Presidents. Please pray about the situation, since only about half the workers needed have volunteered, and sign up soon to help.
2. SELC District LWML completes Love Gifts ahead of schedule. Each Host District, including the SELC LWML, was asked to donate "Love Gifts" to be used to complete the items made during the Servant Events on Thursday, June 27, 2013. The finished products will be given to agencies in the Pittsburgh area. This is another way that LWML members in the six Host Districts have had an opportunity to be hosts for the Convention. I am proud to say that the SELC District completed the purchase and shipment to Pittsburgh of its Love Gifts two months early! The deadline for shipment was February 1, 2013, but all items requested were shipped by December 1, 2012. The Eastern Zone sent 82 pieces of fleece, (50x60" or 48x48"), and 20 packets of 8 ½ x 11 card stock (50 to a pack), to the Convention warehouse. The Central Zone shipped 100 boxes of crayons, 250 lead pencils, and more than 500 hot chocolate packets to Pittsburgh, and the Western Zone shipped 20 backpacks (approximately 12x10"), and 25 pairs of material cutting scissors to the warehouse. Good job ladies!
3. Other Activities. Betty Cervantes and Ardyne Kirn have graciously volunteered to make the SELC LWML District Banner for the Convention. This banner will be used during the processional on Friday morning when the Presidents of each LWML District and their Young Women Representatives enter the Convention Hall, and will be on display during the Convention. Other women from the District are working on beaded bookmarks for the Convention.
4. Registration. Those who to volunteer to work at the Convention will be sent a \$65.00 discount coupon to help defray registration costs. Volunteers should not register until they have received their coupons. Registration materials are included in the Winter Edition of the Quarterly. For more information on bus transportation to the Convention, contact Laura Bergmann, SELC LWML District President at lwmlaurabergmann@sbcglobal.net.



WE NEED YOU

... our feet to go on His
errands... remember our
LWML Pledge?



...our hands to work
for Him... remember our
LWML Pledge?



... our voices to sing His
promises...

...our lips to proclaim His
redeeming love...

remember our LWML Pledge?

PITTSBURGH 2013 LWML CONVENTION

June 27-30, 2013 - Pittsburgh, PA

WE NEED WORKERS TO MAKE THIS CONVENTION A SUCCESS

Remember, We are the Hosts. We need you! What a joy to Serve!

Contact person: Honey Pabst - (631) 589-8353 email: hunnypabst@yahoo.com



It's Time to Print 2013 Lenten Devotion Booklets!

Lutheran Hour Ministries' 2013 Lenten Devotions, ***From the Cradle to the Empty Grave***, reflect on Christ's redemptive work and sacrifice, as detailed in the Gospel of Luke. These insightful and thought-provoking meditations are ideal for pastors, teachers, Bible students, and church-event planners, as they share the Good News in brief, easy-to-read meditations that are perfect for beginning -- or finishing one's day. To print customized, no charge Lenten Devotion booklets go to: http://www.lhm.org/lent/printenglish_step2.asp

Tell It On a Mountain

Where Jesus Christ Was Born
2013 Starter Kits have shipped!

Concordia Publishing House (CPH) has announced that if you ordered a Tell It on the Mountain Starter Kit, your kit is on its way!

From on-the-go lesson guides to easy-to-assemble crafts, our [2013 VBS samples](#) will give you a great idea of why *Tell It On the Mountain* is a VBS with Purpose! And for more great Tell It on the Mountain ideas, view our Facebook photo albums.

Get ready for a mountaintop experience! At Concordia's 2013 VBS, children will gather their gear and set out on an expedition to learn about our one true God.

Shout it from the peak's summit—with Him, it's possible to scale any "mountain" that's ahead.

After the craft glue dries and the decorations come down, the children in your VBS will know of their need for a Savior and that His name is Jesus. That's the CPH difference—we are a VBS with Purpose! God's Word and the Good News of His gracious gift of the Savior is at the center of every lesson. These fun, realistic Bible-based themes are built with a message that will last without needing fairy tales. For more information, email us at: vbsteam@cph.org or call us at 800-325-3040. You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

LAST MINUTE CHANCE TO REGISTER

Symposia 2013 and Lenten Preaching Workshop

FORT WAYNE, IN (CTS)—Now is the time to register for the 2013 Symposia Series which will take place on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, January 22–25. To see the complete schedule, learn about the presenters and to register for Symposia 2013, video live stream or the Lenten Preaching Workshop, simply go to www.ctsfw.edu/Symposia. Registration may also be completed by phoning 260-452-2204.

The Lenten Preaching Workshop is Monday, January 21, 2013, under the theme of "Preaching the Lord's Passion with Dr. Luther." Dr. Naomichi Masaki, associate professor of Systematic Theology will lead the workshop. More details are available at www.ctsfw.edu/Symposia, then Lenten Preaching Workshop or phone 260-452-2204.

The theme for the Symposium on Exegetical Theology, January 22-23, is ***Love and Marriage: Does the Bible Still Mean What it Says?*** The Symposium on the Lutheran Confessions has chosen "Morality and Ethics in the Church and in the Public Square: The Lutheran Challenge" as its theme and will take place January 23–25. We are also pleased to have Dr. Jean S. Garton, first president of Lutherans for Life and author of *Who Broke the Baby*, as speaker for the banquet on Thursday, January 24. Seating is limited for the banquet.

Not everyone who is registering for Symposia Series 2013 will be on campus. They will be watching via the internet as the presentations are broadcast live. The registration fee for the live stream is \$75.00 and will allow viewers to enjoy all four days of Symposia 2013. Those choosing this option will need a computer with Adobe Flash Player 10, or later. Most broadband connections will work fine, although a faster connection will ensure better video quality. Recent upgrades to the seminary's network will ensure a great experience for those watching from all over the world.

We look forward to having our friends and alumni join us either on campus or via the internet for Symposia 2013 this January.

ST. LUKE'S CONCERT SERIES 2012-13

UCF Symphony Orchestra *Celebration in Slavia*



Laszlo Marosi, Conductor

February 23, 2013*

Masterworks: 6pm ~ CONCERT: 7pm

***OR you may attend: Open Dress Rehearsal
Friday, February 22nd ~ 6pm-8:30pm**

Free Admission!

Masterworks
Guest Composer
**Gregory
Fritze**



UCF- Concerto
Competition
Winner for 2012:

Courtesy: Oviedo Photo Club



Faculty Artist
**Dr. Eladio
Scharrón**
Guitar



Karen Toney
Marimba

CELEBRATIONS!

The **WORLD PREMIERE** of *Slavia*, a new orchestral work by Gregory Fritze & the **AMERICAN PREMIERE** of Ruiz-Pipó's *Third Concerto* for guitar. Featuring UCF's concerto winner & commemorating the Centennial of the founding of St. Luke's! (PROGRAM also includes the works of Edward Grieg, Giuseppe Verdi & Adolphe Adam)



A gift to the community from ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 2021 W. SR 426 Oviedo, FL 32765

St. Luke's Concert Series 2012-13 is made possible by the generous donations of individuals and corporate sponsors, as well as support provided by Seminole Cultural Arts Council, Inc.

Visit: stlukes-oviedo.org/concert-series to be added to our Ebase and receive program updates during the 2012-13 season.

