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God's Dream and Ours

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At one point in my early adolescent I dreamed of becoming a major league baseball shortstop. At that time my hero was Marty Marion of the St. Louis Cardinals. There was little talent to connect to this dream, so I quickly moved on to other aspirations.

In late July another Cardinals shortstop, perhaps the greatest of all time, Ozzie Smith, was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, NY. His eloquent acceptance speech included a cut-open baseball as a guide to his career. At the center of the baseball is a cork center, weighing less than an ounce.

Ozzie connected this cork center at the beginning of a baseball as the dream he had when he was twelve years old of playing major league baseball. He let that dream take root and pursued it and it led to his presence on that prestigious podium at Cooperstown.



At the beginning is a dream, an aspiration, an ambition. In Ephesians we read that God has a dream: "a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him [Christ], things in heaven and things on earth." [1:10]

Imagine. All things, all people, all creatures, all creation, all diversity gathered up in Christ. People of every tribe and nation gathered around the throne of Christ. We, who are the first to set our hope on this union in Christ, are to live in this image for the praise of Christ's glory [Eph. 1:12]. Our worship has his praise as its center. Our mission is to join God in this gathering up in Christ. Our own dream is to be part of a congregation and a denomination that shares this ambition and participates in the Holy Spirit's ministry of bringing it about.

Ozzie Smith's boyhood dream led to the Hall of Fame. God's dream leads to a whole lot of heaven intruding on earth and giving hope to those who now live in the futility of all creation in this present age. We live in that hope in Christ, worship in that hope, witness in that hope, work in that hope. By God's grace our hope does not disappoint us. Christ is raised from the dead, the first fruits of all those for whom he has bled and died.

In this we know the rest of the story. We know where the dream leads. "By grace you have been saved through faith... For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." [Eph. 2:8,10] Dream the dream of God and work for it under the banner of his steadfast love.

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District Calendar

August

- 3 Singles Conference - Topeka
- 4-6 Saints Alive After 55 Conference - Wichita
- 8 Deaf Ministry Task Force - Olathe
- 13 Campus Ministry Committee - Salina
- 17 Campus IGNITE Conference - Wichita
- 18 St. John, Lincolnville, 125th Celebration
- 19-21 Circuit Counselor Conference - Topeka
- 23-25 Lay Ministry Training
- 24 Outreach Workshop - Beautiful Savior, Olathe
- 29 Rural/Small Town Ministry Committee

September

- 5 Outreach Committee - Olathe
- 12 District Worship Committee
- 14 Deaf Gathering - Olathe
- 16-17 Timothy Gathering
- 17 Education Loan Repayment Committee
- 19 Congregational Stewardship Task Force
- 20-22 Lay Ministry Training
- 27-29 Family Life Academy

Ordination Anniversaries

August

- 1972 Tom Krause, Leawood
- 1992 Kevin Wilson, Leavenworth

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Prayers

- Reverend Don and Gayle Haselhuhn, Burlington, are the proud parents of a son, Andrew Micah.
- The family of Reverend David Erslund, Greenleaf, at the death of his father, Edward Erslund.

**Fall Pastor's
Conference
October 14-16, 2002
DoubleTree Hotel
Overland Park**

Office of the Ministry

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Professor Dr. Ron Feuerhahn will be the keynote speaker at a Free Conference about the Office of the Ministry. The Free Conference will take place at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Herington. It will be held on Sun. Aug. 25th from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend.

Calls in Kansas

Calls Accepted

- Clark Brown, Vandalia, Missouri to Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove
- Ted Cook, Immanuel, Oakley to Zion, Pittsburg
- Megan Leimer, Concordia, Seward to Hope-Bethany Lutheran School, Overland Park (Tchr)

Calls pending

- Randall Cormeny, Melcher-Dallas, Iowa to Zion, Offerle/Our Redeemer, Kinsley
- Ron Gloe, Zion, Newton to Immanuel, Sierra Vista, Arizona
- Garry, Dassow, Concordia, Hoisington to Immanuel, Hoxie
- Scott Goltl, Ascension, Wichita to St. John, Wagner, South Dakota
- Cindy Twillman, Trinity, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma to Ascension, Wichita (DCE)

Calls declined

- Michael Erickson, Albuquerque, New Mexico to Zion, Pittsburg
- Mark Boxman, Redeemer, Arkansas City to Grace, Sandy, Utah
- Howard Patten, Kansas District to Christ Our Savior, Angel Fire/Sangre De Christo, Taos, New Mexico
- Randall Cormeny, Melcher-Dallas, Iowa to St. John/Immanuel, Herington
- Julie Land, Hope-Bethany Lutheran School, Overland Park (Tchr)
- Orville Altevogt, St. John, Alma to Zion, Independence (Prin)

Calling/vacant congregations

Zion, Argonia
Bethlehem/Immanuel, Bremen
Immanuel/St. John, Herington
Immanuel, Hoxie
Our Redeemer, Kinsley/Zion, Offerle
St. Paul, Leavenworth (Tchrs)
Immanuel, Oakley
Bethany, Overland Park (Tchrs)
First, Plainville
Trinity, Salina (DCE)
Christ, Wathena
Ascension, Wichita (DCE)

Seminary to offer Church Career event

Do you know any high school youth who just might be interested in a church career or in becoming a pastor? Concordia Seminary in St. Louis will be offering the following events: Exploring Church Careers (August 3-6) and Exploring the Pastoral Ministry (August 6-9).

For more information call 314.505.7722, email: ECCE@csi.edu or visit Concordia Seminary's web site www.csi.edu.

Concordia, Seward to host Church Worker Extravaganza

Concordia Nebraska's Church Worker Extravaganza offers exciting chance to learn With the theme "Get on Board!" (Matt. 9:37-38)

Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, will hold its second Church Worker Extravaganza on Sept. 20-22 with many activities on campus for students interested in a career in church work. The event will follow up last year's inaugural CWE, which drew more than 60 students from 17 states to learn more about service as a church worker. "It is an ideal way to bring students onto our campus - showing them a fun time that is centered in Christ," said Chara Sype, an admission counselor and an organizer of the event. "It's a prime opportunity to learn about studying to become a pastor, Lutheran teacher, parish musician, or director of Christian education in a unique place like Concordia."

The weekend of activities will include guest speakers talking about their respective church work vocations, music and entertainment, devotions and plenty of time to spend with other students that share an interest in pursuing a career in church work.

Church Worker Extravaganza is an effort to increase the number of church workers in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The theme this year is so fitting for the ministry at hand - Matthew 9:37-38 '... the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.'

Cost of the three-day event is \$40, which includes meals, two nights stay on campus, admission to a concert and a Concordia home football game and T-shirt. For more information, call 800-535-5494, ext. 7233 or go to Concordia's web site at www.cune.edu or email the admission office at admiss@seward.cune.edu.

It's a small world

The Children's Christian Concern Society (CCCS) would like you to mark your calendars now for their Mission Conference to be held Nov. 9 at St. John, Topeka. The goal is to help people become more "mission minded" and informed to what the CCCS does.

Activities will include singing, a Bible study, guest speakers, a luncheon and lots of fellowship. More information will be coming out in the following issues. If you are interested in attending, email Joan Hahn at rrh@wheat.ksu.edu or call (785) 537-2481.

Congregation Health and Hope Grants

Application are now being accepted for Wheat Ridge Ministries Congregation Health and Hope Grants. All Lutheran congregations – unaided or in partnership with other congregations – are eligible for these grants. The maximum amount per grant is \$2,000 for a single congregation and \$6,000 for collaborative efforts involving two or more congregations. Approximately 25 grants will be awarded to congregational projects in November.

The focus of the Health and Hope Grant is on new congregation-based health ministries developed under the auspices of a congregation health committee or cabinet. Projects must support and promote the health and well-being of people in the congregation and local community.

Grant funds may be invested in health-related events and leadership development; staff training; planning; materials, resources or equipment directly related to program development; or contract services or new staff essential for program development. The grant is not to be used for existing staff salaries; congregation or school building program; or general church or school expenses.

Wheat Ridge Ministries, a pan-Lutheran agency, has been seeding new ministries of health and hope around the world for nearly 100 years. Wheat Ridge helps innovative wellness ideas become reality.

Congregations interested in applying for a Wheat Ridge Congregation Health and Hope Grant can visit the Wheat Ridge website (www.wheatridge.org) to download a complete list of guidelines as well as the proposal format. Any questions may be referred to the Wheat Ridge office at 1-800-762-6748. Application deadline is September 30, 2002.

Circuit Counselor Conference
August 19-21, 2002
The Lutheran Center, Topeka

Bethesda Thrift Store to close

Store donations are no longer being accepted at Faith Village Resale store in Salina! Due to high overhead and low sales volume, Bethesda Lutheran Homes regrets to announce its plan to close this store as of Aug 17, 2002. At the present time, there is no immediate plan to open a store in Wichita.

The Salina store has provided various missions, such as Orphan Grain Train, Lutheran Mission of Good Shepherd, Oklahoma Indian missions and Lutheran World Relief with supplies of quality clothing during recycling of stock.

Bethesda appreciates all the support it has received from those in the Salina area along with all the dedicated volunteer workers who have donated untold hours to this project. Our prayer is that they will continue to assist with the store so a successful closing can be achieved. God's blessings to all for your prayers and support.

Mission & Stewardship

Reverend Gary D. Rueter, Executive

Campus Ministry IGNITE

The Campus Ministry Ignite Conference is intended to bring together campus contact pastors, congregation staff and lay leaders who are involved or hoping to be involved in campus ministry. We will spend the day learning, discussing, questioning, and sharing ministry to college and university students.

The conference is scheduled for Sat, Aug 17 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Wichita State University Lutheran Center, 3815 East 17th Street. Lunch will be served and there is no cost for the conference. We are thankful for a grant from AAL/LB to our Synod's Campus Ministry to be able to offer the Ignite conference.

Presenters for the Ignite Conference will be Rev Richard Manus, Campus Counselor, LCMS Office of Campus Ministry; Rev Alan Estby, University of Kansas/Kansas District Missionary East; Rev Eric Wood, Kansas State University/Kansas District Missionary Central; Terry Wiechman, Campus Missionary and Sue Crane, Director at Wichita State University and some students from the area involved in our campus ministries.

The Ignite Conference for Kansas will be aimed at the needs of Kansas so we have sub-titled it "Prairie Fire: Making Greener Pastures for Campus Ministry." Some of the topics will be: What is Campus Ministry and its Importance; Challenges of Campus Ministry; Peculiar Challenges of "Contact" Ministry; Connecting with the institution; Bible study or leadership team; Contacting students; and a Student Panel helping to answer questions which you would have about reaching students at your area college.

To register please contact Rev Alan Estby at Immanuel Lutheran Church and University Lutheran Center, Lawrence, Kansas; 785-843-0620; email: lsfku@ku.edu or Rev Eric Wood at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Manhattan, Kansas; 785-539-2604; email: campusmn@flintheills.com

Congregational Services new website

Have you ever looked in the Concordia Publishing House catalog for stewardship resources and couldn't find any there? Are you looking for help with evangelism and outreach ideas for your community? Do you need the latest news on school accreditation or national youth events?

Take a look at the new District and Congregational Services website at <http://dcs.lcms.org>. It offers contact information, news, ideas and many resources in the following ministry areas:

- Child
- Family
- Stewardship
- Outreach
- School
- Youth

Visit the District and Congregational Services Store and browse through the many resources available to you. You are sure to find just the material that you need to make an impact in your congregation and your community.

Outreach workshops offered

"*Improving Your Serve*," four equipping workshops, have been planned for Sat., Aug. 24th at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olathe by the Kansas District Outreach Committee. The workshops are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. A lunch with a free-will offering will be served. These workshops will address outreach, youth and stewardship needs of local congregations and are outlined below:

- ➔ Rev. Kevin Wilson, Trinity, Leavenworth will lead a Share Life workshop. Each Christian has unique gifts for telling others about Jesus and the life he gives. This workshop will equip participants to find ways to speak to others about Jesus. Pastors and leaders will be equipped to conduct the workshop in their own congregations.
- ➔ DCE Lisa Hellyer, Lord of Life, Leawood, and her crew have been doing effective ministry in a suburban setting and are ready to share some of their techniques with other youth leaders. Send those who need some encouragement in helping your youth grow in faith.
- ➔ Jack McNett, Chair of the District Congregational Stewardship Task Force will assist stewardship leaders of congregations to plan activities to assist members to grow in their lives of service for the Lord both in the ministries of the congregation and their daily lives.
- ➔ Del Sherwood, a web page designer who has assisted Bethany, Overland Park and a number of other Christian churches in the Kansas City area with web page design. He will assist church leaders to consider how they can make their web page a place of witness in the community.

We hope you'll bring people to all of the workshops but that is not required. From out-of-town? Make it a weekend in Kansas City. Overnight lodging is available at the Fairfield Inn in Olathe. Contact them at 913-768-7000. Room rate is \$72 and includes continental breakfast. To register your group, please contact Debbie Crites at 800-357-4421 or email at debbie@kslcms.org and tell her the number of persons who will attend. Registration deadline is August 15.

Lutheran Brotherhood announces grant

In 2002, Grace Lutheran Church, Ulysses received a \$25,000 grant from the Lutheran Brotherhood Foundation (LBF). They are one of 47 congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to share in the \$588,800 grant given through the Foundation's Church Extension Fund program. This LBF grant program gives seven Lutheran national bodies \$1,750,000 each year to develop new congregations and assist established congregations to undertake special evangelism programs.

Our grant will support the work of DCE Eric Schieber in touching the Hispanic people in southwestern Kansas with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, especially in Garden City, Liberal, Ulysses and Hugoton.

Education Loan Repayment Grants

Applications are now being accepted for the Kansas District Education Loan Repayment Grants. This program began in 1998 and helps newly graduated professional church workers with assistance in repayment of their educational loans. These grants are available to all rostered synodical graduates working in the Kansas District that graduated in 1995 or later.

Applications were recently sent to all Kansas Professional Workers that are eligible for the program. If you did not receive an application, please contact Debbie Crites at 800-357-4421 or email debbie@kslcm.org. The deadline for submitting applications is September 1st.

Marvin's Mission Message

by Mission Marvin Kohlmeier

This month's focus on Missions will feature the Rev. Tim and Beth Heiney family who have served as God's missionaries in Guinea since 1995. The Heiney family arrived in the United States on July 4th and will be on home leave until the end of September. As part of their home leave they will visit their Together in Mission congregations. Following is a schedule of those visits arranged as of this time and you are encouraged and invited to attend when they are in your region or area:



Sat, Aug 31	Christ, Overland Park	Worship @ 5:00pm
Sun, Sept. 1	Christ, Overland Park	Worship @ 8:15, 9:35, 11:00
Fri, Sept. 6	Guinea Task Force @Salina	Lunch/Mission Presentation, 1:00
Fri, Sept. 6	LWML, KAOL @Camp Webster, Salina	Mission Presentation @ 3:30pm
Fri, Sept. 6	Christ The King, Salina	Mission Presentation @ 7:00pm
Sat, Sept. 7	Trinity, Mission	Worship @ 5:30pm.
Sun, Sept. 8	Trinity, Mission	Worship @ 8:15, 9:45, 11:00
Sun, Sept. 8	Prince of Peace, Topeka	Mission Presentation @ 7:00pm
Mon, Sept. 9	Topeka Lutheran School	Mission Presentation @ 8:15am
Mon, Sept. 9	Kansas District Office	Lunch and Missions, @ 11:00am
Mon, Sept. 9	Ascension, Wichita	Mission Presentation @ 7:00pm
Tues, Sept. 10	Circuits 10 & 11 @St. Andrew, Wichita	Mission Presentation @ 8:45am
Tues, Sept. 10	Holy Cross Lutheran School, Wichita	School Assembly @ 12:40pm
Tues, Sept. 10	Holy Cross, Dodge City	Mission Presentation @ 6:00pm
Wed, Sept. 11	Zion, Linn	Mission Presentation @ 7:00pm
Thurs, Sept. 12	First, Sabetha	Mission Presentation @ 6:00pm
Sat, Sept. 14	Bethany, Overland Park	Worship @ 5:30pm
Sun, Sept. 15	Bethany, Overland Park	Worship @ 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am.
Sun, Sept. 15	Faith, Topeka	Worship @ 6:00pm and Missions @ 7:00pm

Another Kansas Missionary Morris Olson and his wife Jean who have been serving as God's missionaries in Russia since 1993 are currently finishing up class work in St. Paul, Minnesota where Morris is completing a Director of Christian Outreach degree. The Olsons will be visiting their three TIM congregations in August. Their schedule is:

Sun, Aug 11	Trinity, Burlington	9:00 worship, 10:30 Bible Class
Sun, Aug 18	St. Luke, Manhattan	8:30 worship, 9:45 B. C., 11:00 worship
Sun, Aug 25	Immanuel, Lawrence	8:30 worship, 9:45 B. C., 11:00 worship

We pray God's Blessings on these "Beautiful Feet" as they share and strengthen the "Sending Church". They ask you to pray that God would make them humble instruments in his Kingdom Work.

Business Office
Larry Crume, Business Manager

Is your church ready?

Are you ready for Electronic Offering and Tuition Payments? It is available and it is free to LCMS Congregations and schools. This service is provided by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund and is called *Joyful Response*. The cost for set-up and administering the program is paid for by LCEF. If you are interested, call Larry Crume at the District Office, or email at lcrume@kslcms.org.

ACH transfers are now available

ACH transfers are now available for your LCEF Steward Account to make deposits to or transfers from your local bank account. This service is available for both individual and congregational Steward Accounts. This added convenience now eliminates the need to send deposits by mail or transfer funds to your regular account by writing checks from your LCEF account. It's fast, convenient and FREE from service fees. More information call or email Larry at 800-357-4421 or lcrume@kslcms.org.

District Convention assessments

Many congregations are starting to work on their 2003 budgets. Please remember that the Kansas District convention will be held in May of 2003. We are currently working on the convention assessment figures for this convention and hope to have the assessments to you by the end of September or the first of October. Please remember to leave room in your budget process for this assessment fee.

Connect to your community

Lutheran Church Extension Fund provides demographics to schools and congregations- An in-depth tool that provides information on your congregation and community including age, income and life-style. Useful in making informed decisions on outreach and stewardship. E- mail Larry Crume at lcrume@kslcms.org or phone 800-357-4421.

Lutheran Witness Renewals

The Lutheran Witness renewals have been mailed to the treasurers attention at each congregation. Please follow the instructions on the *yellow* sheet and return the *yellow* sheet with your renewals. All renewals must be returned to the District Office no later than **September 1, 2002**.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Interest Rates - August 2002

Steward account rates:



Congregational Certificates

Demand	2.625%
Steward Account	3.00%

Individual Accounts

Less than \$1,000	1.75%
\$1,000 - less than \$5,000	2.00%
\$5,000 - less than \$10,000	2.25%
\$10,000 and over	2.75%

Planned Giving
Garry Niehoff, Counselor

No need to plan

"The amount of the estate that can be transferred to the next generation tax-free has risen so much I don't need to plan because there will be no taxes. There are also rumors the estate taxes are going to be totally repealed and therefore no planning is necessary."

There was a recent survey done to determine what prompted people to put together a plan for the distribution of their assets. The number one reason given in almost every case was the desire to make sure the surviving spouse was cared for in the event of their death. The second reason was to take care of or pass the maximum amount of their estate to their children with the least amount of shrinkage. The third reason given was to pass a portion of their estate to the charity of their choice. The fourth reason was a concern for taxes.

Most estate planners talk about taxes as if it were the most important reason to have a comprehensive plan in place. In fact it is the last reason people give for putting a plan in

place. It is fairly easy to put together a plan that avoids probate and minimize taxes. The real challenge is to pass the estate to the next generation in a way that will be pleasing to all involved. When there is a family farm or business involved that the next generation is deriving a livelihood from, the challenge increases considerably.

Most people I know will make a gift to charity upon their death. The largest charity in the world is the Internal Revenue Service. Those same people do have a desire to be in control and name the charity of their choice. There are some assets that are very bad for the family, but very good for the church. Part of the plan is choosing very carefully which assets to leave to the family and which to leave to the church.

These and many others concerns are the reason people use the services provided by the Planned Giving Counselor. It is a free service provided by the church for its members. If you feel you would benefit from these services, please feel free to call and make an appointment for a visit in the comfort and privacy of your home. You may reach me at 800-357-4421.

Educational Services

Al Gunderman, Executive

District Marriage Retreat

Why this retreat? To provide you and your spouse the opportunity to get away from the day-to-day routine in order to focus on your relationship to one another and to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When? October 25-26, 2002 (Friday-Saturday) at the Country Inn & Suites in Salina. Cost? \$150 per couple which includes one night's lodging, Saturday breakfast and lunch, and all retreat materials.

Couples will participate in the Christian Prevention and Relationship and Enhancement Program ® CPREP® developed by Dr. Howard Markham and Dr. Scott Stanley. The comprehensive program teaches couples essential skills for maintaining a lasting love: how to communicate effectively, work as a team to solve problems, manage conflicts without damaging closeness, and preserve and enhance love, commitment and friendship. CREP® is solidly based on Scripture and responsible university research to provide a unique, proven program that will equip you to grow stronger in your faith and your life together as husband and wife.

For further information and registration contact Joyce in Educational Services at the District office by calling 785-357-4441 ext. 206 or by email joyce@kslcms.org.

Family Life Academy

The Kansas District Family Life Academy is an intentional congregational leadership development plan, conducted over a two-year period, for congregations whose mission and vision includes family ministry.

Four congregations have applied and have been accepted as participants in our initial two-year Academy term. They are: St. Paul, Cheney; Trinity, Garden City; Immanuel, Lawrence; and Holy Cross, Wichita.

Upcoming events

- ✓ Singles Summer Workshop, August 3, District Office
"Every Single Day A Christian"
- ✓ Early Childhood Conference, August 10, Immanuel, Junction City
"Love and Logic"
- ✓ Principals Conference, September 12-13, District Office
- ✓ Family Life Academy, September 27-28, District Office
- ✓ Singles Fall Retreat, DATE CHANGE—October 11-13,
Camp Webster, Salina
- ✓ Educators Conference, October 7-9, Kansas City
- ✓ District-wide Marriage Retreat, October 25-26,
Country Inn and Suites, Salina
- ✓ District Youth Gathering, November 22-24,
Capitol Plaza, Topeka
- ✓ Professional Workers Marriage Retreat, February 14-15, 2003
- ✓ Youth Summit 2003, February 21-23, 2003, Crosswinds/Hesston

District Youth Gathering

When: November 22-24, 2002
Theme: ER (Every Relationship)
Location: Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka
Speakers: Dan and Dave Schoenhorst
Entertainment: Up and coming Matthew West Band from Nashville
Servant Events: DCE Tim Koehler will again be working with the Volunteer Center of Topeka. More information will be sent in September.

Early Childhood Teachers

District Summer Early Childhood conference is scheduled for August 10, 8:30-3:30 at Immanuel Lutheran School in Junction City.

Theme for the conference is "Love and Logic." Information has been sent to each of the preschools in the Kansas District. This conference is for anyone working with preschool-age children.

Organ available

Trinity Lutheran Church, Garnett would like to give any church in need of an organ transplant, (ha!), a Conn electronic organ that is in good working condition. It is self-contained with no exterior speakers and would fit in most churches. For further information contact David Shrum at Trinity by calling 785-448-3929.

Educators Conference

This year's ingathering titled, "IT'S CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER!" is about bringing Christmas to the families of inner city Kansas City. Our gifts will support the work of three Christmas stores that serve well over 1000 families. Your challenge is to bring Christmas gifts for adults (male and female), babies, children, and teens. The hardest ones to stock for are male adults and teens. Gifts should not be wrapped and need to be new.

Challenge your class, school, youth group, or church to help in this project! And bring your gifts with you to Kansas City in October. A more detailed list of appropriate gift ideas will be sent to schools and churches under separate cover in late August. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Sarah Hinkel, DCE (dcesarah@juno.com - 913-780-6023).

Singles Fall Conference

Theme: "On Wings Like Eagles"

Date: October 11-13

Location: Camp Webster, Salina

Presenter: Al Gunderman

For more information - Call or email joyce@kslcms.org for information.

Guinea Prayers

Please keep the following requests and thanksgivings in your prayers:

- pray for the Guinea church while the Heiney's are away on furlough
- For the new and often inexperienced leaders who are trying to carry on the church while they are gone
- for the Kuranko area where the Muslim backlash has begun a bit
- for many of the leaders who are going back to Sierra Leone and for the many Lutheran churches they are already starting and will surely start when they get back
- that the Guinea mission will get registered with the government after six years of trying
- for the Heineys on furlough, that they can get the rest they need before returning
- for God to use the opportunity of medical work to spread His word when medical knowledge is shared with the sick and hungry
- for language school for Dr. Schmaltz that she may learn all she needs in order to communicate with the French speaking Guineans who want to help in the healthcare profession and with patients, both refugee and Guineans, who need medical care
- praise God for safe travel through several borders and over rough roads during Dr. Schmaltz's trip to Ouagadougou and that no one was hurt in the theft and damage to her truck
- praise God for His guidance through the maze of medical registration procedures and for open doors at the local level in Kissidougou for both hospital and village level care future work.



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