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## Council of Presidents/Board of Directors Meeting

The Synod's Council of Presidents (COP) and Board of Directors met Feb. 6-7 in St. Louis for a two-day joint meeting to discuss a number of topics of mutual concern.

Topics on the agenda included financial issues and proposals for funding the Synod's national and international work; issues in synodical higher education; two resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors stating that eight opinions from the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) "are of no effect"; and outside legal opinions on the Board's authority under Missouri law obtained by the Board.

Both groups independently had asked to meet with the other. The meeting was co-chaired by COP Chairman C. William Hoesman and Board Chairman Robert Kuhn.

The first day of the meeting was largely given over to financial issues. Thomas Kuchta, the Synod's vice president-finance/treasurer, presented a paper on those issues, including proposals that have been made for funding national Synod ministries.

"The church must decide whether it should continue to administer national ministries in a centralized manner under the control and direction of Synod," Kuchta said in his paper. "If it is decided to continue with the present structure, it will be necessary for the church to determine the method for funding these ministries."

Kuchta said that since 1971, unrestricted income - funds that flow largely from congregations through the districts to the national budget - declined slightly, while inflation exceeded 345 percent.

A number of district presidents told Kuchta that focusing only on unrestricted income presents an inaccurate picture of congregation and district support for national ministries. Later, Kuchta said he will contact each district for more complete financial information. He said that he will present the Board of Directors a revised analysis, which he said "will show that the districts give a significant amount to the Synod."

Kuhn told the gathering that "nothing is set in concrete" as far as plans for funding national ministries are concerned. He said the Board may not be able to develop an acceptable funding plan in time for consideration at this summer's Synod convention.

Several district presidents indicated their support for national ministries and urged that more attention be paid to stewardship education.

The meeting's agenda included a separate discussion of higher-education issues. During that discussion, Dr. William Meyer, executive director of the Board for Higher Education and president of the Concordia University System (CUS), said some of the Synod's colleges and universities have been facing difficult fiscal challenges in recent years. He added, though, that the situation has improved markedly.

At the end of the second day of the meeting, Kuhn and CCM Chairman Walter Tesch issued this joint statement:

"The chairman of the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) attended the second day of the meeting, during which discussion took place regarding decisions of the CCM which the Board of Directors (BOD) believes to be contrary to the laws of the State of Missouri. The BOD will review its recent actions which declared such opinions of no effect. The CCM will again revisit those opinions questioned by the BOD, taking into consideration the material presented at the meeting by the BOD as well as any actions coming from the next meeting of the BOD."

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## Calls Pending

- Warren Prochnow from St. Paul, Ireton, Iowa to Holy Cross, Scott City
- Michael Sharp from Immanuel, Canton to Christ the King, Spencer, Iowa
- Damian Snyder, from Associate at Trinity, Leavenworth to Senior Pastor
- Jay Watson from Redeemer, Lawrence to Augsburg, Olathe
- Mark Wenzelburger from Trinity, Girard to Zion, Waldenburg, Ark.

## Calling Congregations

\*Zion, Argonia  
\*St. John, Easton  
Immanuel, Ellsworth  
King of Kings, Gardner  
St. Paul, Haven  
Zion, Hillsboro/Our Savior, Marion  
Trinity, Leavenworth (Sr Pastor)  
Grace, Lyons  
Zion, Newton  
St. John, Oberlin  
Augsburg, Olathe  
\*St. Paul, Oswego  
\*First, Plainville  
Holy Cross, Scott City  
Hope, Shawnee (Sr Pastor)  
Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove  
Prince of Peace, Topeka (Sr Pastor)  
\*Christ, Wathena  
St. Luke, Wheaton  
Ascension, Wichita (Sr Pastor)  
Bethany, Wichita (Sr Pastor)  
Holy Cross, Wichita (DCE)  
\*vacant, not calling

## Area Chaplains

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*Topeka* - For hospital visits in Topeka, contact Reverend George Bruening at 785-273-5769.

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## District Calendar

### March

- 1 Saints Alive After 55 Meeting
- 5-7 Singles Retreat, Topeka
- 7-13 National Lutheran Schools Week
- 19-21 Lay Ministry Training, District Office
- 26-28 Family Life Academy, District Office

### April

- 16-17 Board of Directors, District Office
- 16-18 Lay Ministry Training, District Office

## Prayers

- Pastor Dan and Suzanne Ramsey, Zion, Chanute at the birth of Thomas Joshua on Tuesday, February 10.
- The family of Walter Resner, Winfield, at the death of his wife, Muriel. A memorial service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Winfield on Saturday, February 14.
- Milt Brueggemann, Principal at Hope, Shawnee, health concerns

## President Kohlmeier Out of Country

While President Kohlmeier is out of the country from February 22 to March 13, you are invited to contact Marie Holt, Administrative Assistant, for your ministry needs from the President's Office at 785-357-4441 ext. 219. The Vice Presidents of the Kansas District will be ready to assist you in most matters during this time. They are Rev. Ed Trost, Rev. David Meier, Rev. Randy Jahnke, and Rev. Robert Grimm.

## Buffalo River Retreat Cabin

Now is the time to make your reservations for the Buffalo River Retreat Cabin in Arkansas for 2004. The rates are \$30 per night with a minimum of 4 nights. The facility may accommodate a family, 2-3 couples, a church staff, or leadership group. Eureka Springs and Branson are both within 1¼ hours. Call Doris at 785-357-4441 ext. 101 to make your reservations.

## Tuttle Creek Cabin

Make your reservations for the cabin located on Tuttle Creek Reservoir. The cost is \$15 per night with a minimum of \$30. This is a one bedroom furnished cabin with heating and AC, but no phone. Call Doris at 785-357-4441 ext. 101 to make your reservations.

The Board next meets Feb. 18-21.

Board member Christian Preus earlier presented a paper outlining the Board's rationale for its resolutions on the eight CCM opinions, which have to do with Board authority and "ecclesiastical supervision."

Preus also presented a paper explaining the background surrounding the legal opinions obtained by the Board last year regarding its authority under Missouri law. He said, "It is important that the Synod and all its entities recognize the importance of complying with civil law. The BOD has a fiduciary duty to understand and honor civil law in order to protect the interests of the Synod."

The topics covered by the two papers generated considerable discussion.

Tesch told the gathering that the CCM interprets the Constitution, Bylaws and resolutions of the Synod, not Missouri law or the Synod's Articles of Incorporation. He said that if the Synod disagrees with any of the CCM's opinions, it can say so at convention. He said that there is no conflict between the Board of Directors and CCM, "but between the Board of Directors and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod."

Vice President Kuchta, who is serving as interim chief administrative officer for the Synod, said that issues related to conflicts between the CCM opinions and the legal opinions on the Board's authority have been given to the Commission on Structure for study and possible recommendations to this summer's Synod convention.

## Mission & Stewardship

Reverend Gary D. Rueter, Executive

### Mission Congregations Focus on Mission

When people or things come together, it is to accomplish something more, to create something new, and to discover fresh possibilities. Life seeks to organize so that more life can flourish. Jesus came so that we might have life and have it abundantly (Jn 10:10), so he calls us into his fellowship, the organism of the church, his body.

Congregations are expressions of this search for connectedness and purpose. A congregation is a group of people who believe that something more can be accomplished by joining with others. They come together with a purpose given by Christ. That mission is expressed in many ways in the New Testament: "Make Disciples"; "Extend Life in Christ"; "Witnesses for Jesus"; "Love God and Love Neighbor"; "Proclaim (Teach; Preach; Tell) God's Word; "Work for Justice (Peace) for the Oppressed; "Be Faithful to the End."

However, over time it is normal for a group to wonder what happened to its purpose, the vision, the creativity, and the meaningful service that once energized them. For this reason it is important for congregations to continue to review and determine who they are and what they are called to be and to do. What are we trying to be? Is there a purpose for our presence?

This mission is the expression of the church's deep, abiding faith and faithfulness. Mission provides the standard against which all the activities, services, programs, policies and decisions are evaluated. A major function of the leaders of a congregation is to be the

guardians of the mission. They keep the mission alive.

A "mission statement" is one way for a congregation to focus on mission. It is a way to define itself. This is who we are. Laurie Beth Jones (*The Path*) suggests that a mission statement have three characteristics: 1) no more than a sentence long; 2) easily understood by a 12-year old; 3) can be recited by memory at gunpoint. Others have

suggested that it needs to pass the "T-shirt test."

A "vision statement" is an image of a chosen future. It is an expression of hope. A vision captures people's imagination, mobilizes energy, and keeps them connected. As its name implies, it is a picture in words (and perhaps in logo) that looks ahead twenty years or so. It is the congregation's answer to

what the Lord is calling them to look like if they follow him into the mission field over those intervening years.

Healthy congregations use these mission and vision statements to guide their decisions and to focus their energies. Think about a time in your congregation when mission and vision were very evident (e.g., preparing for an anniversary celebration, calling a new pastor, a building campaign, etc.) What is the Lord calling you to do to find that sense of mission and vision again?

For assistance in focusing on mission, contact us at the district office, 1-800-357-4421, and ask for ways that we can support you. To learn more about how God uses human relationships to build his church, schedule a Healthy Congregations workshop in your congregation.



## Educational Services

### Teacher of the Year, Jan Aberle

Please extend your congratulations to the 2003-2004 KAIRS Distinguished Lutheran Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Jan Aberle.



Mrs. Aberle has been the kindergarten teacher at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Wichita for the past 25 years. She holds a bachelor of science degree from Wichita State University.

Besides being an invaluable kindergarten teacher, she is also actively involved in producing Holy Cross's yearbook and is on the planning committee for the educational symposium that will take

place in March.

Mr. Bill Dieckhoff, Holy Cross's Principal, stated "she demonstrates a real love for each of the children placed in her care and demonstrates a real desire to give them the strongest foundation possible in learning. She involves children in their learning through the use of many hands-on materials and learning centers. Her ideas are gleaned through her continual growth in local university classes and workshops."

He continued, "Mrs. Aberle's students, parents, colleagues and administration, past and present, hold Jan in high esteem. Over the years, Jan has demonstrated that she is a very conscientious, responsible and capable teacher. Her knowledge and experience in working with primary children has assured the success of her students."

As we celebrate with Jan on her recognition of the KAIRS Distinguished Lutheran Teacher of the Year, we also pray that the Holy Spirit will enable each of us as we go out into the mission field sharing God's great love.

### LVR Sr High Summer Camp

The 2004 Kansas District Sr. High Summer Camp at Lutheran Valley Retreat near Woodland Park, Colorado, will be held Sunday-Friday, June 20-25. Youth will be grouped together with other young men and women from all over Kansas to create the best camp experience possible. This camp will be utilizing the trained staff of LVR as well as adult staffing from the Kansas District. Campers will travel by charter bus, beginning in Wichita and making stops along the way for pick ups. This camp is for youth in the class of 2008 or older. Brochures have been sent to each church office in the Kansas District or you may check out the District's website at [www.kslcms.org](http://www.kslcms.org) to download a form. If you have questions, contact Arleata Harmon, Risen Savior Lutheran Church, 6770 E. 34<sup>th</sup> N., Wichita, KS, 67226, 316-683-5538, [Arleata@RisenSavior.net](mailto:Arleata@RisenSavior.net).

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 7-13, National Lutheran Schools Week
- ◆ March 26-28, Family Life Academy

### Criteria Standards Evaluation for Education Executive

Your input is important! The Kansas District LCMS Board of Education has accepted the responsibility of developing a set of criteria/standards to be used in the selection of the new Executive Director for Educational Services. The form is included in this issue of Workers as an insert or may be downloaded from our website at [http://www.kslcms.org/ed\\_exec.htm](http://www.kslcms.org/ed_exec.htm). Return the completed form to the District Office before April 7: Joyce Tate, Lutheran District Office, 1000 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Topeka, KS 66604. A summary will be presented to the Board of Directors at their meeting on April 17.

### Mailing to Churches

A packet was mailed to each church that contained the following five items: 1) Criteria/Standards Evaluation for Educational Executive, 2) Family Life Academy Brochure, 3) Sr. High Summer Camp, 4) Singles Brochure, 5) Lay Assistant and Deacon Training Brochures. If you didn't get the mailing or have questions, contact Joyce at 1-800-357-4421 ext. 206.

### Spring Singles Retreat

The Spring Singles Retreat is March 5-7 at the Clubhouse Inn & Suites in Topeka. The topic is "Do You Know I Care That You Are Single?" Vicar Robert Tiner from Calvary, Topeka is the presenter. For more information, contact Joyce Tate at 785-357-4441 ext. 206 or [joyce@kslcms.org](mailto:joyce@kslcms.org) or go to [www.kslcms.org/ks\\_registrations/index.htm#singles](http://www.kslcms.org/ks_registrations/index.htm#singles).

### Family Life Academy

Does your congregation desire to develop a leadership plan that includes family ministry in its mission and vision? Then consider the Family Life Academy (FLA) in your plans. FLA is conducted over a two-year period, meeting four weekends from September through March.

The next class will begin in the fall of 2004 at the District Office. For more information and applications, visit our website at [http://www.kslcms.org/ks\\_registrations/index.htm#Academy](http://www.kslcms.org/ks_registrations/index.htm#Academy). Questions? Call Joyce at 1-800-357-4421 ext. 206, Jim Bradshaw at 785-272-4214 or Jan Borst at 620-341-5723.

## Caring Ministry Reverend Rocky Mease, District Chaplain

### Disaster Response

As spring draws near, beyond Lent and Easter, storms and tornadoes also are events for which we prepare. This year the Kansas District is working with Lutheran Family Service of Nebraska, who in turn will work with Lutheran Disaster Response to train Disaster Coordinators for Kansas. These Coordinators were identified by our District Vice Presidents.

Disaster response continues to be an area where the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America work together. For this reason

we have worked with the Central States Synod (ELCA) to identify these Coordinators. We will do our training with them as well as respond together in times of crisis.

If a crisis in your community occurs, you may call the District office or myself and we will make the appropriate contacts to see if Lutheran Disaster Response will be able to respond. Lutheran Disaster Response attempts to provide to a community that has experienced a disaster, those needs that the community cannot provide for itself.

## Planned Giving Garry Niehoff, Counselor

### Vacation Planning

It is time to begin making plans for family vacations. With the high cost of fuel and hotels, some may not be able to go as far as they would like.

The house in Arkansas may be a good alternative. It is a three bedroom, two bath home, fully equipped with laundry facilities and cooking utensils. It is a beautiful area to just kick back and enjoy nature. The cost is \$30 per night with a minimum stay of four nights.

There is an abundance of hiking trails, canoeing, and sightseeing in the area. Branson and Eureka Springs are both within an hour's drive. You will find Jasper to be a charming, little town only nine miles away. They have a

good grocery store and a number of fine restaurants. Harrison, Arkansas is also nearby and has an abundance of shopping.

We also have a cabin at Tuttle Creek near Manhattan. This is a little more rustic than the Arkansas retreat. This rents for \$15 per night and can give you a very relaxing, enjoyable time. This is not for everyone, but talk with Doris when you call in and she can tell you more. It is a neat little hideaway just 400 yards from a boat ramp.

We are taking reservations for both of these cabins now. Call Doris at 1-800-357-4421 ext. 101. Enjoy and God bless!

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### Mission Team Travels to Guinea

Kansas District Missionary Tim Heiney will be leading the first of what we hope will be many trips to visit the mission stations of Guinea, West Africa. Accompanying Missionary Heiney will be President and Marlene Kohlmeier, Rev. Joel Hiesterman, Dave Landis and Chuck

and Elaina Merriman. The team will meet with church leaders to strengthen present work, and meet with our missionaries and LCMS World Mission Personnel to plan

future work. Marlene Kohlmeier, an RN and participant in the Parish Nursing Ministry of Kansas, will be spending significant time with Dr. Kristen Schmaltz, our medical missionary in Guinea. We hope to establish a ministry relationship with Dr. Schmaltz and our district's Parish Nursing Ministries. The group will be in the mission field from February 23 until March 12. Remember them and our ministry in Guinea in your daily prayers.



### Spring Placement

There are 184 Candidates and 262 Vicars available for Spring Placement.

ALL vicarage applications and candidate call documents should be RECEIVED in the District Office by March 15.

Below is a list of the services.

St. Louis Vicarage Service:	4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 27
St. Louis Placement Service:	7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 27
Ft. Wayne Vicarage Service	7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 27
Ft. Wayne Call Service:	7:00 p.m. Wed., April 28

The new Call Document is available on the CPH website. Each district should have a user name and password to share with the churches that are calling. Only the NEW call documents will be accepted. All others will be returned. Please read through the complete step by step instructions on how to complete these new documents. You may contact Marie in the District President's Office at 1-800-357-4421 ext 219 if you have questions. You may also call the Board for Higher Education to answer questions at 1-800-248-1930 ext. 1252, ask for Trudy or Linda.

## Lutheran Church Extension Fund Larry Crume, Vice President

### LCEF News

At the 2001 LCMS National Youth Gathering, LCEF transacted nearly a *half million* dollars in cashing traveler's checks and account withdrawals. In addition, the LCEF StewardAccount® ATM/Check Card provided ease of paying for hotel bills, travel accommodations, and meal purchases. LCEF continues these vital financial services at the upcoming 2004 LCMS Gathering in Orlando, Florida.

On February 20, important informational materials will be mailed to all congregations that have registered for this year's Gathering. These letters will be addressed to the adult leader contingent attending the Gathering encouraging them to open a StewardAccount and to use LCEF's on-site services. Districts should look for a copy of this letter upon its mailing.

Youth groups are already utilizing LCEF for saving Gathering dollars. There are over \$500,000 on deposit and over \$250,000 in registration fees were handled by electronic funds transfer. Over 2,000 congregations and 30,000 individuals have registered. We look forward to increasing LCEF's awareness at this year's National Youth Gathering. Please call LCEF at 800-843-5233 or Larry Crume at the District office for more information



### Lutheran Church Extension Fund Interest Rates - March 2004

#### Steward Account Rates:

##### Congregational Certificates

Demand	1.625%
Steward Account	2.125%

##### Individual Accounts

Less than \$1,000	1.000%
\$1,000 - less than \$5,000	1.125%
\$5,000 - less than \$10,000	1.375%
\$10,000 and over	1.875%

#### LCEF provides loans for LCMS Congregations, Schools and Professional Church Workers

Monthly, quarterly or annual adjustable	5.125%
5 Year fixed	5.375%
10 Year fixed	6.000%

#### Congregation Endowment

##### (60-Month Fixed or Floating)

Min. Investment	Rate	APY
\$1,000	3.375%	3.418%
\$10,000	3.500%	3.546%
\$100,000	3.625%	3.675%

## Business Office Debbie Crites, Business Manager

### Synodical Convention Assessments

The triennial convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will be held in St. Louis on July 10-15, 2004. The Districts assess their costs of the convention to each congregation based on the number of communicant members. Notifications were sent out last October with the amount of your congregation's assessment. Payment of the assessment is due in the District office by July 1, 2004.

When sending in your assessment, please record your payment on the "Convention Assessment" line of the remittance voucher. If you need to know the amount of your congregation's assessment, please contact Lori Hennessey by calling 1-800-357-4421 ext. 223 or by email to [lori@kslcms.org](mailto:lori@kslcms.org).

### Lutheran Witness

Lutheran Witness subscriptions were due January 15, 2004. If you have not done so, please remit your payment at this time to avoid cancellation or missing any issues.

### Taxes and Ministers 2003

Taxes and Ministers 2003 is available on the LCMS website. This is a valuable resource for ordained and commissioned ministers and covers such topics as: The IRS's definition of minister; Employment status; W-2 or 1099; Housing and Parsonage allowances; Reporting income and expenses; Paying federal and state taxes; Social Security taxes and Tax-favored savings plans. Log on to [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) and click on Resources for Congregations.

### Thank you, Rebekah

Rebekah Hubbard, former Executive Director of Camp Tomah Shinga, has accepted a position as Program Director with Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center in Angola, New York. Camp Pioneer is a LCMS year round retreat center located on Lake Erie just south of Buffalo, New York. Rebekah will join a full time staff of five at Pioneer serving 10,000 people annually. We would like to thank Rebekah for her dedication and hard work during her time in Kansas and wish her God's richest blessings on her new position with Camp Pioneer.

## Director for Camp Tomah Shinga

Camp Tomah Shinga, located near Junction City, is currently seeking qualified candidates for the position of Interim Director. The Interim Director will be responsible for overall programs, facilities, and operations of Camp Tomah Shinga until December 2004.

The search committee is seeking a highly motivated, responsible individual to fill this temporary, full-time position. Compensation for this job includes salary and benefits. Resumes will be accepted until March 15, 2004 and should be sent to Rev. Jeff Geske, Camp Tomah Shinga Board President, PO Box 83, McFarland, KS 66501 or [jdgeske@aol.com](mailto:jdgeske@aol.com). If you have other questions, Rev. Geske can be reached at 785-765-3620.

## Deaconess Program

“Oops! I broke it!”

Do you remember the first time that you, as a little child, felt the fear of discipline when you broke something important?

So does Jesus. His atonement fixed our broken relationships. This miracle is at the center of deaconess service. The deaconess brings Christ’s healing to broken relationships. Do you have suffering sheep? Do your sheep need spiritual care? Instruction? Mercy? Then a deaconess would benefit you.

A deaconess addresses the brokenness of sin in several ways. She provides spiritual care to those in need; she teaches the faith so that people can better understand Christ’s atonement; she practices acts of mercy to address temporal needs. A deaconess can serve part-time or full-time. She can serve one parish, a multi-point site, or an entire circuit. Deaconesses can serve in the spiritual care department of an institution, such as a nursing home, hospital, or prison. Deaconess interns are also available for 9-12 month internships.

For more information, please inquire of your district president or the Directors of the Deaconess Program at Concordia Seminary 314-505-7147; Concordia Theological Seminary, or Concordia University B River Forest 708-209-3136.

## CPREP

Christian Prevention and Relationship Enhancement (CPREP) is a research-based approach to teaching premarital and marital couples how to communicate effectively, work as a team to solve problems, manage conflicts without damaging closeness, and preserve and enhance love, commitment and friendship. It is NOT therapy, but education, with the focus on teaching couples the kinds of attitudes and actions that make for marital success. It is a visual presentation of the basics of the book [A Lasting Promise: Fighting FOR Your Marriage](#) by Scott Stanley, Daniel Trathen, Savanna McCain & Milton Bryan, Jossey-Bass publ., 1998.

To schedule this one-day workshop in your congregation, contact Rev. Daniel Myers, Holy Cross, Wichita, 316-684-5201 or [revdmyers@holycrosslutheran.net](mailto:revdmyers@holycrosslutheran.net).

## Executive Director for CCCS

Children’s Christian Concern Society has appointed a search committee to hire an Executive Director. Committee members include Eugene Schmidt, Richard Hahn, Marlene Ernsting, Edie Jorns, Alfred Aufdemberge, and Arthur Vogel, chairman. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Arthur Vogel by phone at 816-810-8942 or by mail through CCCS, 1000 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66604.

## Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications have been sent to all students who applied to the Kansas District last year for scholarships. Do you know of any students pursuing a career in professional church work at one of the LCMS colleges or seminaries? Please have them contact Lori Hennessey at 800-357-4421 ext. 223 or [lori@kslclms.org](mailto:lori@kslclms.org) for more information and applications.

## Reformation/Germany Tour

Rev. Cliff and Lois Winter of St. Andrew, Wichita are leading a fourteen day reformation pilgrimage to Germany Oct. 20-Nov. 2. Visit sites of Luther, Bach, Handel, and Gutenberg. Attend Reformation Day services in Worms. The trip includes lodging at first class hotels, most meals and private coach and baggage handling. The cost is \$2599/person from Kansas City. Contact Rev. Cliff Winter at 316-942-5811 for more information.

## Saints Alive After 55

The seventeenth annual Saints Alive After 55 Gathering will be held at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita on July 25-27, 2004. The keynote speaker is Phyllis Wallace, a well-known speaker and moderator on the Lutheran Hour sponsored radio program *Woman to Woman*. Check your church office, bulletin boards and newsletters for further information.

## Luther Exhibit

A special exhibit, “Martin Luther: The Reformer,” will be on display at the Concordia Historical Institute (CHI) on the Seminary campus in St. Louis July 1-Sept. 25, 2004.

All the pieces in the exhibit are stunning replicas and facsimiles of the originals, which reside in the Luther Center Museum in Germany. Some of the items on display include facsimiles of the first Gutenberg Bible, paintings and illustrations by Albrecht Durer and Lucas Cranach, illuminated manuscripts by Luther and a letter by his wife, items from the Luther household, including his goblet, and even Luther’s death mask.

The exhibit portrays Martin Luther, pious monk, courageous reformer, eloquent preacher, brilliant teacher and loving family man.

While individuals are welcome to visit the exhibit at any time during CHI’s operating hours, school groups and others desiring a guided tour of the exhibit are encouraged to call CHI at 314-505-7900 to establish a specific appointment.

## Guinea Prayers

### **Prayer requests from the Heineys:**

✠ Pray for safety for all the travelers on the Mission Team to Guinea: Tim, President and Mrs. Kohlmeier, Rev. Joel Hiesterman, Dave Landis, and Chuck and Elaina Merriman. They will cover many miles on the trip. The vehicles will be rented, so pray that all will go well with those vehicles.

✠ Pray for good health for everyone from start to finish.

✠ Pray for the families that are left behind, that they will remain encouraged and have peace about the trip.

✠ Pray that the trip will be exciting and rewarding for everyone going, and for the people in Guinea as well.

### **Prayer requests from the Oettings:**

✠ Praise God for answering prayer regarding volunteer Audrey Roglitz. She has quickly adjusted to life in Guinea and has already started teaching some subjects for Rachael, Joel and Anna. Pray that the Lord will grant her good health and joy in serving along with us in Kankan and then Siguiiri.

✠ Pray for the preparations to move to Siguiiri. Jon is hoping to travel next week to help install the solar panels and electrical system at volunteer Audrey's house in Siguiiri. Praise God for providing for Audrey's financial support. A recent donation from a Kansas LCMS church member has raised over half of Audrey's support for this fiscal year!

✠ Pray for the preparations for the Kansas LCMS short term mission team led by Rev. Tim Heiney that is coming out to Guinea on February 24th. Pray for their physical health and protection for their upcoming travels in Guinea. Pray for their eyes to be opened to the opportunities as well as challenges to outreach efforts in Guinea. Pray that they will be blessed as well as be a blessing to the churches and missionaries that they will visit with. Ask God to give all participants of the Guinea field strategic planning meeting on March 6 & 7 spiritual wisdom and insight to plan future ministry efforts in Guinea to the glory of our Lord. Pray with all confidence that the Kansas mission team will return safely to the States with a bold vision and encourage Kansas churches to continue testifying to "the ends of the earth" in Guinea.

### **Prayer requests from the Nortons:**

✠ Thanksgiving for the opening of a new Bible study in a different village that has even better attendance than the first one.

✠ Thanksgiving for the help of Mr. Sanogo, a Christian from Kankan, who is going to assist in the chronological Bible studies.

✠ Thanksgiving for the return of email! Our satellite phone problem seems to have been worked out, but we still request that e-mails be kept very small without forwards or attachments.

✠ For the Kansas delegation's visit to Guinea and strategy discussions that will be taking place. That God would protect them in travel, and that we would be of one heart and mind in how to be about the Lord's work here.

✠ For Sako, a young believer here who has taken some leadership roles, that God would strengthen his faith and encourage him.

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