



# Workers Together



*"The servant mission of The Kansas District is to equip, encourage and empower each congregation in its mission vision and Christ-care ministry."*

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## President's Office

### Seven Kernels of Corn

by President Keith E. Kohlmeier

One of the oldest of the traditions that surrounds the season of national thanksgiving (no, it's not turkey) is the tradition by which seven kernels of corn are placed upon the plate of each person gathered around the festive meal. (Thus, the presence of candy corn prevalent in the stores now.) The first purpose is a reminder of the supposed ration of food that was served at the fabled gathering of Pilgrims and Native Americans. The second purpose was to have each person, in turn, offer specific thanks before the others for something that they want to give thanks for at the beginning of the meal.

It is not by accident that the number seven also coincides with the biblical number seven which reminds us always that this is by the hand of God, and it is the number of completeness and fullness in the Scriptures. Think for a moment of the seven days of creation, the seven gifts of the Spirit, the seven seals of Revelation, etc... A quick check of the NIV text revealed at least 691 references to the number seven.

I think about both truths from time to time as we pray together the Lord's Prayer. We say in the petition, "And give us this day our daily bread," and I wonder if I really mean that. I will have to admit there were only a couple of times in my life when I was down to the point of "daily bread." Luther explains it as "all that we need to sustain our body and life." Note the words? It is about sustaining life, not lifestyle.

Some will find it difficult to look at their declining TSA and stock investments, the rising cost of gasoline and other economic factors in this season and turn toward heaven and say, "O Give Thanks unto the Lord, for He is good." (Ps 107:1) Now, more than usual, we have a message to share with those whose lives may indeed be tittering on the brink of daily bread. We come with the words of Paul, "And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thess. 5: 14-18)

Note please that these are Gospel words, not commands. Like all that God asks of us, He first supplies the gifts and abilities to do them. "In Christ Jesus" is the focus. Keeping our eyes and our hearts upon the prize, we live, endure, celebrate and live in thanksgiving every day that we are saved. St. Paul knew that truth. He shared it with us when he said, "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength." (Phil. 4:12-13)

May the items that those seven kernels represent for you in this season remind you of that gracious promise of God. You have everything that God knows you need for the season of life you are in, independent of what happens around you. As important, share that Gospel truth with someone who believes that their confidence for each day is being removed. Let them discover the truth of the seven kernels as they discover the truth of God's love in their lives.

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## Calls Accepted

- Rev. Jeff Kunze from Immanuel, St. Charles, Mo. to Christ, Overland Park

## Calls Pending

- Rev. Terry De Giovanni from St. Paul, Duluth to St. Luke, Wheaton
- Rev. Joel Schultz from Immanuel, Washington, Mo. to Beautiful Savior, Olathe [Sr. Pastor]

## Calls Declined

- Amanda Bell from Concordia, Texas to Trinity, Salina, DCE Placement
- Rev. Kenton Rohrberg from Messiah, Hays to Immanuel, Lawrence

## Calling Congregations/Schools

St. Luke, Bazine  
Immanuel, Lawrence (Senior Pastor)  
St. Paul, Lincoln  
Christ, Manhattan  
Trinity, Mission (Min. of Outreach, DCE)  
Faith, Ottawa  
Trinity, Salina (DCE)  
Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove  
Calvary, Topeka  
Faith, Topeka (Senior Pastor)  
St. Luke, Wheaton  
Holy Cross, Wichita (Senior Pastor, Principal)

## Circuit Counselor/Pre-Lent Retreats

**When:** January 18-21, 2009

**Where:** Spiritual Life Center, Wichita

### Circuit Counselor Conference

Sunday, Jan. 18 6:00 p.m. Opening  
Monday, Jan. 19 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Pre-Lent Retreat

Monday, Jan. 19 6:30 p.m. Opening  
Tuesday, Jan. 20 All Day  
Wednesday, Jan. 21 11:30 a.m. Closing

## 2009 Kansas District Convention

**When:** June 4-6, 2009

**Where:** Capital Plaza Hotel in Topeka

**Essayist:** Rev. Dr. Robert Newton, President of the LCMS California-Nevada-Hawaii District, former seminary professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and former missionary to the Philippines.

## District Congregation Mission Receipts

Last month: Aug. 16, 2008 - Sept. 15, 2008 ... \$108,810  
Aug. 16, 2007 - Sept. 15, 2007 ... \$113,462  
Year-to-date: Jan. 16, 2008 - Sept. 15, 2008 .. \$1,083,879  
Jan. 16, 2007 - Sept. 15, 2007 .. \$1,091,920  
To LCMS: Jan. 16, 2008 - Sept. 15, 2008 ..... \$455,229  
Jan. 16, 2007 - Sept. 15, 2007 ..... \$458,607

## District Calendar

### October

4 Faith and the Home Workshop, Olathe  
10-11 Kansas District LLL/LHM Convention, Hays  
12-14 Educators' Conference, Salina  
17-19 Lay Leadership Training, District Office  
19-21 Pastors' Conference, Great Bend  
24-25 Board of Directors, District Office  
25 Faith and the Home Workshop, Phillipsburg

### November

8 Conversations of Grace Web Conference  
14-15 Jr. High Retreat, Rexford  
14-16 Lay Leadership Training, District Office  
21-23 District Youth Gathering, Topeka  
26 District Office Closes at 2:00 p.m.  
27-28 District Office Closed, Thanksgiving

## Prayers

- Vicar Richard & Peggy Rickli at the death of Peggy's mother
- Rev. Rick Hathaway, Trinity, Winfield, and family at the death of his father
- Rev. Gene Holtorf, St. John, Palmer, health concerns
- Sharon Schlossman, wife of Rev. Martin Schlossman, health concerns
- Rev. George Bruening, Topeka, health concerns

## Area Chaplains

♦ *Wichita & Topeka* - Contact Rev. Rocky Mease. Home: 316-788-9627. Cell: 316-993-0746. Email: chaprm@aol.com.

### Wichita Hospital Referral

♦ *Kansas City* - Our Saviour Lutheran Church has an apartment available for families who have patients in Kansas City area hospitals (sleeps 4). Families must live outside a 35 mile radius of Kansas City. Contact Donna Bottemuller at 913-236-6228 for more information.

### Kansas City Hospital Referral

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Doris Wilson (101)

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**Extension by name** press 9

**Operator** press 0

## The Gift of the Holy Spirit by Rev. Mark T. Frith

*Peter and the other apostles replied: 'We must obey God rather than men! The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead - whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.'* Acts 5:29-32

So went the explanation of the apostles for resisting the governing authorities who banned them from teaching and preaching Jesus. What would you do if you were placed under a similar government ban? We know of contemporaries who resist government injunctions or prohibitions. Frequently we hear of "protestors" gathering at rallies where a handful of people end up being arrested because they pushed their issue too far for public comfort. Of course, 99.9% of these are not witnessing to the work of God. But we know of people who resist a ban, don't we?

Are we witnesses like the apostles? No. However, we do bear the company of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Lord's gift to us in Holy

Baptism. He is witness to the Lord's death and resurrection just as the apostles in the Book of Acts, and so much more. If we are not eye-witnesses to the great work of Jesus Christ, we have One who is. As a result, we can speak, proclaim, teach and converse the hope that is within us. That hope within us is life on account of forgiveness of sins secured by Jesus in His life, death and resurrection. We have that gift through the Holy Spirit. Because that Holy Spirit is given us, we speak Christ Jesus to others. We have the sure Word of Christ, on GOOD authority, the high counsel of our Lord God. Should someone desire to stop us from speaking in the name of Christ, well then, we will follow the lead of those first apostles.

## Conversations of Grace Web Conference

Do you know that one out of two people in the state of Kansas have not heard the saving message of Jesus Christ or are not committed to a church? The mission field is all around us!

The Kansas District set a goal to seize 500,000 critical moments by the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 – moments we have to share our faith, to have a "conversation of grace." With almost 50,000 communicant members in our District, that means each of us would have to share our faith just once each year through 2017 – definitely not an insurmountable task! But how do we learn to recognize those chances we have, let alone take advantage of them?

Come to the Conversations of Grace web conference on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Spend the day learning from experts in the field of outreach. Network with other congregations in your area – sharing ideas and Christian fellowship.

Worship and pray with fellow members of the body of Christ. Bring your board or committee or your Bible study group and come away with a plan for you and your congregation to reach out to those who do not know Jesus.

The cost is only \$15/person, which includes all materials, snacks and lunch. Go to [www.kslcms.org/cog](http://www.kslcms.org/cog) for more information, including host congregations and online registration.

## Mission Commitments

We ask that you prayerfully consider your support of District and Synod. You can submit your commitment any of the following ways:

1) send the **green** copy to Lori Hennessey, 1000 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604; 2) call Lori at 800-357-4421 ext. 223; 3) email Lori at [lori@kslcms.org](mailto:lori@kslcms.org). For budget purposes, we would appreciate receiving your commitment as soon as possible.

## Scholarship Thank-you

This letter is from a recipient of a scholarship grant from our District.

"God has richly provided me with numerous blessings as I pursue church work at Concordia in Neb. I have been encouraged in my faith and given an education that will support me throughout my years in church work. Singing in the A Cappella and Chamber Choir under Kurt von Kampen has afforded me the opportunity of traveling across the country, and even to other countries as we prepare for a mission trip to Spain next summer. The choir has blessed me with wonderful friends and has showed me ways in which the Gospel message can be shared by means other than just talking. With only one year left, I reflect on all the amazing opportunities God has blessed me with, as well as the peers and professors He has placed in my life that have taught me more about forgiveness and love and faith than I ever thought possible. I am thankful to all those who have helped me along the way as I pursue a lifelong desire to serve Christ and His people.

## Campus News

Our Campus Ministries are in full bloom with the beginning of the new school year. Two ministries of note this month:

- ◆ The University Lutheran Center serving Wichita State University is expanding its activities this fall, adding more Bible Studies and Student Activities. Melissa Duncan and Susan Crane have cultivated a growing interest among our students at WSU.
- ◆ Zion Lutheran, serving students of Pittsburg State University, rekindled their Campus Ministry with a Pizza Party that attracted several new students to the party and now for worship. Pastor Ted Cook and Kathryn Richards lead the renewed student ministry team and look to expand their Campus Ministry.

Visit our [Campus Ministry page](#) on the website for more information.

# Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Vice President, Vacant

## New Kansas LCEF VP

We are pleased to announce that Steve Bremer is the new LCEF Vice President for the Kansas District. He has experience as a school teacher, coach and mostly as an executive for R.J. Reynolds. He has set Nov. 3 as his start date with the Kansas District.

He and his wife Marilyn hope the transition and relocation will be completed by the end of the year. Please keep Marilyn and Steve in your prayers as they turn the final page of a big chapter of their life and begin another.

## K.I.D.S. Stamp DVD

The K.I.D.S. stamp program provides the opportunity for our children to learn to be faithful supporters of their church while also getting the habits and skills needed to provide for their own financial stability.

LCEF has produced a new DVD which can be used to encourage congregations and schools to participate in the K.I.D.S. stamp program. To obtain a copy, call the LCEF office at 800-843-5233 or Barb McComas at 785-357-4441, ext.100.

## LCEF Interest Rates

October 2008



### Steward Account Rates:

#### Congregational Certificates

Demand	1.875%
Steward Account	2.875%

#### Individual Accounts

Less than \$1,000	1.250%
\$1,000 - less than \$5,000	1.375%
\$5,000 - less than \$10,000	1.750%
\$10,000 and over	2.875%

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

Monthly, quarterly or annual adjustable	5.750%
5 Year fixed	6.250%

#### Congregation Endowment

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

Min. Investment	Rate	APY
\$1,000	3.945%	4.004%
\$10,000	4.070%	4.133%
\$100,000	4.195%	4.261%

## Is it Time for a Financial Check-up?

Your heart rate is an indicator of your physical health. Similarly, a check-up of your investment plan is an indicator of your financial health. When was the last time you checked the "heartbeat" of your financial plan?

You may know LCEF as the provider of low cost building loans to LCMS churches and schools. Did you also know that LCEF provides investment opportunities to individuals and organizations of the LCMS?

In addition, here is one vital, added benefit - while your investments are

earning interest for you, they are also providing the funds needed to create a place where ministry can impact lives.

Make a difference in your family's financial future today. Investing with LCEF may help ensure that you don't "skip a beat" in your financial plan, while helping provide a place where a child can connect to the love and care of a church family.

Investing in LCEF does your heart good!



## Planned Giving

Garry Niehoff, Counselor

### Retreat Center - Building Update and Current Needs

By the time you read this article, I hope many of you will have had an opportunity to volunteer at your retreat center. If you haven't yet had the chance to do so, there's plenty left to do and workers are always welcome! As of the end

of September, the windows are in, with siding and insulation next on the schedule.

There is always a need for drinks (especially bottled water and Gatorade G2) and goodies (more "light" than "junk" foods). We have been providing meals on Saturdays



for the volunteers and Laborers for Christ - about 20 people in all. If you would like to provide a meal in October, call Doris at 800-357-4421 ext. 101. We are very thankful for all of the contributions of our volunteers.

In addition to completing the building process, we need to furnish the facility, name it and get the endowment fund (primarily scholarships for workers) established. Many of you have heard my retreat center presentation at your Circuit Winkels. I pray that you and your churches

have discussed the furnishings and the endowment fund. I ask simply for you to consider sending your contribution in the near future so we can begin the process of buying furniture and establishing the fund. If you would like more information, please call my office at 800-357-4421, ext. 101. If I was unable to attend your Winkel, I will be contacting your Circuit Counselor in the near future to arrange an appointment to visit with them. Our hope is that all of our professional church workers will be able to use the retreat center for Sabbath rest and renewal.

### Concordia Health Plan Deadlines

The fall deadlines for choosing Concordia Health Plan (CHP) coverage options for 2009 have been set.

◆ All forms are available on the Concordia Plan Services website: [www.ConcordiaPlans.org](http://www.ConcordiaPlans.org).

◆ Sept. 1 through **Oct. 10** – employers may elect a different plan coverage option for year 2009.

◆ Oct. 20 through **Nov. 21** – Annual Open Enrollment – active, full-time workers employed by a CHP-participating organization can enroll themselves and/or their dependents in the

Concordia Health Plan (subject to Annual Open Enrollment guidelines).

Employers wishing to choose a plan coverage option different from their current one will need to inform Concordia Plans of their decision no later than **Oct. 10, 2008**. If you are not making a change in coverage, then no action is necessary and the current plan coverage option will continue for 2009. Make your arrangements now for the necessary meetings needed in order to make your decision before the **Oct. 10** deadline.

### District Convention Assessment

Your congregation's 2009 District Convention assessment will be 99 cents per communicant member, based on the data received from the 2007 statistical reports.

Convention assessment invoices will be sent to each congregation soon.

**2009 Salary Guidelines are available in pdf format on our district website.**

### Reminder to Avoid Political Activities

Churches and other religious organizations must comply with several requirements specified in the tax code to maintain their exemption from federal income taxes. All churches and other charities exempt from tax under section 501(c)(3) of the tax code may not "participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any

candidate for public office." This includes the publishing or distributing of statements for any candidate.

It is important for church leaders to be familiar with the consequences of political involvement. Any violation of this requirement could result in denial or revocation of tax-exempt status and the imposition of certain

excise tax. The prohibition against political campaign activity has been in effect for more than half a century and bars certain tax-exempt organizations from participating in political campaign activity. Need further info? Consult the Tax Guide to Churches and Religious Organizations on the IRS site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## Human Care Ministry

Rev. Rocky Mease, Chaplain

### A Morning With Rose at Riverview Health Services

I have talked about Rose Tiska several times in Worker's articles. Rose is a Parish Nurse who is the director of Riverview Health Services. Riverview is located at St. Luke's Lutheran Church near downtown Kansas City, Kansas.

This year Rose expects that they will have served 3,000 patients. It is not uncommon for them (Rose and one other case worker) to see 50-60 patients per morning. They have a health educator who currently is overwhelmed with patients wanting to attend their bi-lingual diabetes class. The primary work of Riverview is helping patients gain access to health care resources and provide health education.

The first patient Rose and I saw on my last trip was a woman from Kenya. She and her husband had lived in the

United States for two months. They have not been able to find jobs. Since being in the United States, they have both been diagnosed with several chronic illnesses that require regular prescription medications. The patient was stunned with she went to the pharmacy to fill the prescriptions written by the doctor. The first month's medications were going to cost in excess of \$1,000.

Rose worked with a local pharmacy to arrange for that first month's medication. She also made contact with several pharmaceutical companies to get the medications mailed directly to the patient, free. These programs are designed so that anyone could presumably sign himself or herself up, but they are difficult to find and use if you are not familiar with how they work.

While Rose talked on the phone and entered information into the computer, the patient and I had time to talk and pray. She saw "the hand of God" in bringing her to this country. She saw "the hand of God" in bringing her to this church. "God will provide," she repeated over and over. God had indeed provided.

We saw about 15 patients that morning. Not one case was the same. Each required a different referral. All demonstrated the desperate need so many patients are experiencing.

Please help Riverview Health Services continue to be the "hand of God" in a part of Kansas that is so much in need. Send your gifts to: Riverview Health Services  
722 Reynolds Ave.  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101.  
To volunteer, call 913-371-7070.

## District Family Ministry Training

The Kansas District *Faith and the Home* workshops are a series of four one-day training events to equip individuals and teams from congregations for family ministry. The District has in the past coordinated a training academy with guest speakers for congregational training teams wanting to grow in the area of family ministry. *Faith and the Home* is intended to make training and development more user friendly by providing a series of individual workshops that can be completed on a selected basis or in its entirety (four workshops) to develop and equip congregations for family ministry.

Instruction will take place in a one-day format (either Saturday or Sunday) in four learning events scheduled in the fall and spring over a two-year period. Each workshop will be located in both western and eastern Kansas locations and tailored to small town/rural and city/suburban settings.

The first workshop will focus on the biblical foundation for family ministry with the practical application of faith milestones. This workshop will be offered in two locations:

- ◆ Saturday, Oct. 4 at Beautiful Savior, Olathe
- ◆ Saturday, Oct. 25 at First, Phillipsburg.

Individual workshop registration has been set at \$25 per person per event. This includes all instruction costs and a lunch. Some books might be available for an additional cost at the workshop. Any lodging and travel necessary will be in addition to this cost. Contact Educational Services at 800-357-4421 ext. 206 or go to [www.kslems.org/ks\\_flm](http://www.kslems.org/ks_flm) for registration information. The \$25 fee is due when the individual registers for each workshop through the District Office. Individuals may pay the entire \$100 for the series of four workshops in advance.

## Education Legacy Fund

The Education Legacy Fund is a means to provide further growth and assistance to workers, congregations and schools, helping leaders to become more skilled in teaching the faith. The Kansas District Board of Education (BOE) offers congregations, schools and workers the opportunity to apply for grants for workshops and classes which advance Christian education. We encourage people to think how they may grow and to consider how we may help.



The BOE will administer these grants by acknowledging requests, reviewing them at quarterly meetings, and granting approval/denial dependent upon scope of request, potential impact at the local level and availability of funds. Already this year, \$1,500 has been disbursed!

You may make a request to the Board of Education through Jim Bradshaw's office at the Kansas District Office, 1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604. All requests will be reviewed, and replies will be made for each request.

### District Singles Ministry Fall Retreat

Friday, Oct. 3 to Sunday, Oct. 5

Camp Webster, Salina

For details, contact Staci Timm at [stacitimm@juno.com](mailto:stacitimm@juno.com).

## Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Youth Events

### ◆ Junior High Youth Retreat

The 3rd annual Jr. High Rally at Rexford is Nov. 14-15. The theme is "Who's Your Hero?" The cost of the event is \$50, which includes program, housing, t-shirt, breakfast and lunch. Bring an extra \$20 if you're interested in doing paint ball after the event.

A CYM (Concordia Youth Ministry Team) from Seward will be again with us. Vicar Tim Appel from Garden City will help with the sessions and Rev. Warren Prochnow will lead the Bible Study. Contact DCE Leland Jackson for registrations or questions at 620-276-3110 or [dceleland@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com](mailto:dceleland@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com).

### ◆ Kansas District Youth Gathering

Nov. 21-23 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Topeka.

Theme: "Living Stones"  
Speaker: Pastor Greg Manning  
Guest Musician: Peder Eide

Complete KDYG registration information can be accessed at [www.kslems.org/kdyg](http://www.kslems.org/kdyg) or [www.regonline.com/kdyg](http://www.regonline.com/kdyg). The district site contains downloadable logos, as well as guest speaker and musical group information. The on-line registration page contains 4 tabs with basic registration information, as well as hotel, schedule specifics and policies/forms specifics.

## Youth Ministry Academy

The Kansas District Youth Ministry Academy is a process for further equipping adults for ministry with young people. The Academy is intended to take youth ministry training and development to a new level by providing an ongoing process to develop and equip congregations in this ministry. The Academy is unique in providing training for individuals and congregational teams. Instruction will take place over three one-day modules on either a Saturday or Sunday. Each cycle will consist of learning events in the fall, winter and spring.

Each module will cost \$25 per person, which includes instruction costs and lunch. Contact Educational Services at 800-357-4421 ext. 206 or visit [www.kslems.org](http://www.kslems.org).

## Servant Events

Trinity, Garden City is going south to help with hurricane clean-up and/or rebuilding, Dec. 27 to Jan. 4. Adults, 2009 seniors and college students are encouraged and welcome to come along. The cost of the weeklong event is around \$250. Contact DCE Leland Jackson at 620-276-3110 or [dceleland@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com](mailto:dceleland@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com)

Trinity, Garden City is heading south across the border into Mexico to help build homes through Amor Ministries, March 14-21, 2009. The cost of \$350 includes transportation from Garden City or Wichita, meals, housing (tents in Mexico) and materials for the house. Contact DCE Leland Jackson at 620-276-3110 or [dceleland@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com](mailto:dceleland@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com)

## LCMS Family Ministry Summit

The 2008 LCMS Family Ministry Summit is November 13-15 in Phoenix. St. Peter Lutheran Church in Humboldt has been selected to represent the Kansas District as one of twenty congregations in Synod who have demonstrated intentional family ministry practices in their congregation. Pastor David Meier and Lay Leader Scott Baker will represent St. Peter's congregation at this first-ever summit focusing on the theme, "Build and Tell," based on Psalm 127:1 and Psalm 78:4.

The 2008 National LCMS Children and Family Ministry Summit is designed to immerse participants in Scripture-based literature and informed learning opportunities that

focus on more effectively nurturing the Christian home. Perhaps more importantly, the design of the Summit will invite participants to excite and motivate other congregations to intentionally act to address the multiple and critical needs of families in this complex world. Please pray that Pastor Meier and Scott are blessed to be a blessing to us all upon their return!

## CCCS News

The Children's Christian Concern Society (CCCS) invites you to celebrate 40 years of growth and grace at the Pratt County Fairgrounds in Pratt, Kansas on Friday, Nov. 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by October 28, 2008 to 785-357-7688 or [cccs@kslcms.org](mailto:cccs@kslcms.org). Directions and hotel information are available at [www.cccskids.org](http://www.cccskids.org).

The mission of CCCS is to share the love of Jesus with children around the world through christian education.

### Educators' Conference

Oct. 12-14 in Salina

*"Drink from the Living Water"*

Speaker: Pastor Bill Yonker

Registration is still open!

Late: Sept. 16 and beyond – \$125

### Pastors' Conference

Oct. 19-21 in Great Bend

*"Together in Service"*

Speaker: Dr. Arthur A. Just

Registration is still open!

\$90 now, \$100 after Oct. 1

## Matching Gift for Deaf Ministry

We have a donor in Kansas who has given a generous gift to deaf ministry. The donor made this gift in two parts - one part is an outright gift, the second part is a matching gift of \$5,000.

Please prayerfully consider the opportunity this gift may provide for sharing the Gospel with deaf people in your communities. Checks (payable to Kansas District LCMS) may be sent to: Kansas District LCMS, 1000 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604. Please include a signed note designating the money is to be used for the deaf ministry matching gift.

### Fan Into Flame Update

Kansas gifts & commitments total over \$280,000.

Nationally, the total is \$34 million, with 18 of 32 LCMS Districts participating so far.

## Seminary Chorus Tour

The Concordia Seminary Chorus, St. Louis, announces its 2008 Advent Tour. All of the presentations will include an expanded choral version of Evening Prayer that encourages the participation of the congregation in hymns and psalms.

- ◆ Friday, Dec. 12, at 7:00 p.m. - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Concordia, Missouri
- ◆ Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7:00 p.m. - Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri
- ◆ Sunday, Dec. 14, at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00a.m. - Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee, Kansas

The Concordia Seminary Chorus, numbers about 60 seminarians, who commit to balancing full course loads with weekly rehearsals and special tour rehearsals. Pastor Gerike has conducted the Chorus since 1992 after serving as its student conductor for five years.

## Taste of the Sem

"Taste of the Sem" will take place Jan. 17-19, 2009, on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The event is designed to allow young men in high school the opportunity to experience Seminary life with the help of current Concordia Seminary students.

The event features Bible study, prayer and discussions concerning the Office of the Holy Ministry. Participants are matched with Seminary students and accompany these students to their resident field education congregations on Sunday morning and to classes and chapel service on Monday morning. High school participants also are given a tour of the campus and the opportunity for dinner and discussion with Seminary faculty members.

For more information, contact the Admissions Office at 800-822-9545, [admissions@csl.edu](mailto:admissions@csl.edu), or visit the Seminary's website at [www.csl.edu](http://www.csl.edu).

# Guinea Prayers

## Andrea Herman

Thank God for:

- ✠ MK being the first person to show up for church! She usually doesn't attend at all.
- ✠ Safe travels back and forth to our team meeting in Dakar, Senegal
- ✠ deepening relationships with Mrs. S and MK
- ✠ a GREAT month of language learning!

Pray for:

- ✠ All believers during the month of Ramadan, that they would not be discouraged or feel isolated, but feel like part of God's global family
- ✠ For Muslims, especially during this month of Ramadan, that God would grant them dreams and visions of Jesus, that they may know their Savior and be set free from fear
- ✠ Mrs. S to receive the gift of faith and eternal life
- ✠ MK's mom who is having severe pain in her arms, that God would bring her healing and that she would know her Healer
- ✠ God's re-creation of MK's marriage, that God would grant hope for their future
- ✠ God's wisdom and direction in the preparations and move to Mali for 6 months
- ✠ God's help to "hear" and speak the new dialect she will be learning while in Mali
- ✠ Healing for Andrea's right hand - she's had soreness around her thumb that may be tendonitis
- ✠ Spiritual encouragement and strength for Andrea during upcoming transitions (Her teammates, the Nortons, will be on furlough for 6 months, and her move to Mali) and during the spiritually oppressive month of Ramadan

## Heiney Family

- ✠ for Tim and Beth to find housing in Bamako for the move in January 2009
- ✠ for Katie and Andrea Heiney away at boarding school
- ✠ for Joel Heiney as he starts his pharmacy training, and for Jonathan Heiney away at Pittsburgh State
- ✠ for the church in Conakry, that the Lord would answer their prayers for a place of their own for worship
- ✠ for the Forest Church as it continues to reach out and grow
- ✠ for all the church leaders in Guinea, that God's Spirit would train them and guide them, and that they would be protected from the corruption so rampant in this country
- ✠ that God would provide more workers for the Guinea field



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