

## Church Simple: The Church full of beggars

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:3).*

Jesus, the chief and true teacher, opens His mouth and states a surprising thing. He does not state that the blessed are those who are good spiritual performers, those who work very hard and reach a higher level of spirituality.

Rather, Jesus commends those who are spiritually impoverished, those who have nothing of their own. The Master Teacher turns the tables on human beings who by nature believe the burden (and responsibility)

is on them to achieve spirituality. Jesus slams the door on such an approach.



The word Jesus uses for *poor* in the Greek is the same as the word for *beggar*. Those of whom Jesus speaks have no spiritual credentials, no badges of courage, no earned merits. They have nothing. Before God the Father, they are beggars, a "homeless" crowd over-

looked by the world. Yet, the "poor in spirit" have genuine spirituality precisely because they are beggars.

A biblically authentic church teaches its people the art of begging. The art of begging begins at the baptismal font and ends at the grave. In between, the Church continually approaches the Holy, Holy, Holy on bended knee.

This way is far better; when one is completely stripped, empty and powerless, God is able to give of Himself fully and completely. Actually, God is the One who strips, empties and weakens so that He can raise us up as He did His Son. He loves to fill empty cups to overflowing.

The way of the cross, the way of God's grace, is all that a beggar has; it is all he needs. "Lord, have mercy" is what the poor in spirit humbly confess from their infancy to their last breath.

Take a look at your church and at your own spiritual walk. It may be true that you are seeing only your own absolute and utter poverty rather than seeing the riches that Christ gladly gives to those who have nothing, those who are beggars.

*Rev. Randall Golter  
District President*

## Conversations of Grace at the ROC!



The Rocky Mountain District Evangelism Team is partnering with Lutheran Hour Ministries to host a Conversations of Grace conference Nov. 4-5 under the theme "Conversations of Grace at the ROC!"

The conference will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colo. Wonderful speakers and terrific workshops are being planned.

From start to finish, the conference will be fun and a great learning experience!

- Prominent outreach speakers
- Information-packed breakout sessions
- Engaging activities for kids and adults
- Innovative ministry tools
- Inspire attendees in their witness

You will be inspired to share the love of Jesus, our spiritual ROCK, and receive fresh insights that will enhance your witness to friends, family and even those you only meet for a moment!

Mark your calendars! This will be a much larger event than past Conversations of Grace conferences, so you won't want to miss it. Check out the website for more information at [www.lhm.org/roc/co.asp](http://www.lhm.org/roc/co.asp).

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March 11**

*When possible, send photos digitally,  
in JPEG format, 300 dpi.*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

## **'Giving Tree' helps feed poor and homeless**

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Deming, N.M., sponsored a "Giving Tree" during the month of December. Under the leadership of the elders, a small tree holding empty church envelopes was set up in the Redeemer narthex. Members were encouraged to take an empty envelope and fill it with cash or a check to help feed the poor and homeless.

Members contributed an amazing \$630! This money, doubled by the generosity of Peppers Supermarket, was used to purchase food, paper goods and personal items that were distributed through the organization Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC).

Altogether, Redeemer was able to provide food for the Love INC food bank, Christmas dinner and supplies for two families who just moved into housing, and several food baskets for the Deming area. As Elder Ray Hansen explained, "It's all about sharing the Lord's blessings with others."



Working with the elders, six members of Redeemer Lutheran Women's Missionary League did all the shopping, organizing and delivering of the items to Love INC. Shown during one fun shopping excursion are (from left) Amy Norenberg, Judy Gordon, Suzanne Madero, Anita Gingerich and Sharon Hansen. Not pictured is Elaine Lexer.

## **Immanuel welcomes unbelievers for 'Advent by Candlelight'**

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Englewood, Colo., had much to celebrate this past Advent season. On Sunday evening, Dec. 12, 2010, the congregation welcomed 42 guests to its first annual "Advent by Candlelight" celebration. According to estimates, nearly half of all the guests had no connection to a Christian community.

Advent by Candlelight is an elegant evening for the women of the congregation to invite their friends,

family and coworkers to celebrate the Christmas season in an inviting, non-threatening setting. Table hostesses decorated their unique tables with beautiful centerpieces and their own fine china.

They invited other women, primarily those without a church home, for an evening of fancy desserts, Christmas carols and classical chamber music by professional musicians from the congregation. Other members of the congregation provided the desserts and decorations, and the men waited on the women. Near the end of the evening, Pastor Chris Matthis shared a short Gospel presentation based on the Christmas story, assuring the women that God is with us through the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. At the end of the evening, each woman was given a candle and the group sang "Silent Night" to candlelight.

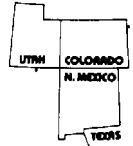
Advent by Candlelight far exceeded everyone's expectations thanks to a wonderful team of volunteers led by Julie Miller, the event chairperson and a new member at Immanuel. In the words of Pastor Matthis, the event was "a win for the Gospel" because people without a church connection heard the Good News of Jesus' love and forgiveness—a message they might not otherwise hear. It truly was the Church at its best—believers reaching out to unbelievers with Christ's love in an inviting and respectful way.

The original concept for Advent by Candlelight was modeled in a similar outreach event held each December at St. John's Lutheran Church, Denver, Colo.

## **Reiner installed at Faith, Woodland Park**



Rev. Mark Reiner was installed Sept. 18, 2010, at Faith Lutheran Church in Woodland Park, Colo. Participating in the installation service were, from left, in front row, Rocky Mountain District President Randall Golter, Rev. David Schneider, Rev. Reiner, Rev. Dave Hall and Rev. Pete Petrowsky. In back row are Rev. Clare Skov, Rev. Ron Baker, Rev. Doug Brauner and Rev. Max Wilk. Prior to colloquy into the pastoral ministry, Reiner served two congregations in Montana and as director of education ministries at Holy Cross in Colorado Springs, Colo.



## Local churches show pro-life support



St. Peter's Lutheran (Rocky Ford, Colo.) and Trinity Lutheran (La Junta, Colo.) put up highway signs in the Arkansas Valley to show their respect for and love of life. (Photos by Janet Golding.)

**Above**, Douglas Golding and Jim and Irene Thompson put the finishing touches on the sign from St. Peter's.

**Below**, Douglas and Jim work on the sign from Trinity.



## Lutheran Chorale expands its vision

The Lutheran Chorale is expanding its vision of community service. Its primary goal since inception in 1976 has been to provide opportunities for those who enjoy choral singing to perform the great classical and contemporary choral works of such composers as Mozart, Brahms, Haydn, Vivaldi and Lauridsen, and also to offer this wonderful music to Colorado's Front Range community.

Now, under its new director David Hodel, the Lutheran Chorale wishes also to be a resource for musical growth and enrichment to local church choirs. While its members have always brought back their Chorale

experience and training to their individual churches, it sees an opportunity to further support these choirs by offering workshops and performance experience to non-chorale members as well.

The Chorale will host its first workshop for area choirs on Saturday, March 12. It plans to make this workshop an annual event. The following areas will be included in this workshop:

- healthy vocal production
- sight reading tips
- music selections for the church year
- a choir's role in worship
- integrating liturgy using various musical styles
- resources for praise bands
- breakout session for organists

The workshop will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Colo., culminating with a concert featuring Chorale members and workshop attendees the following day (Sunday, March 13). The concert, led by choir directors participating in the workshop, will feature Hymns Triumphant, Lee Holdridge's magnificent choral arrangement of well-known hymns.

Those wishing to attend the workshop are asked to register by March 5. Contact Linda Blandin ([lin-60@hotmail.com](mailto:lin-60@hotmail.com); 303-973-1161), Linda Thompson ([lthomprn@msn.com](mailto:lthomprn@msn.com); 303-526-2607) or David Hodel ([hodel\\_david@comcast.net](mailto:hodel_david@comcast.net)).

Cost of the workshop is \$5 per person. Profits from this workshop and concert will be donated to the music program at the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church, located in Bethlehem, Palestine. The Lutheran Chorale is delighted to offer its support to this worthy program.

Also, as part of its efforts to better serve its community, the Lutheran Chorale's new membership program features four membership options:

- Trial membership (come to three rehearsals at no cost to see if you like it)
- Reduced-cost memberships (see the Chorale president or treasurer for details)
- Sponsored membership (be sponsored by someone who has donated funds to support a singer)
- Full membership (\$35 per person per semester)

If you enjoy choral singing, please consider visiting The Lutheran Chorale at one of its weekly Monday evening practices at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, starting at 7:15 p.m.

## Our Father youth serve 950 meals

For the past 16 years, youth from Our Father Lutheran Church in Centennial, Colo., have traveled to Ysleta Lutheran Mission (YLM) in El Paso, Texas, over the Thanksgiving holiday to serve the people of El Paso and neighboring Mexico. This year, 17 people drove to El Paso in vehicles loaded with donated groceries to spend their holiday weekend, quite literally, serving.

The group—or at least some of them—awoke at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to prepare turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, charro beans, corn, cake and Kool-Aid® for a whopping total of 950 people! The marathon of Thanksgiving dinners began at San Pablo Lutheran Church on Thursday, continued at Iglesia Luterana San Lucas on Friday and concluded at Iglesia Luterana Santisima Trinidad on Saturday.

The group also cooked for YLM's Saturday volunteers and the congregation at Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey in Mexico, although safety concerns led them to forego being there in person.

Since the kitchen couldn't hold that many cooks at once, several of the youth participants helped fix up the YLM campus by painting the doors and window frames on building #6, tiling room B in building #12, pouring concrete around the fence in building #3's yard and painting the concrete parking blocks in the parking lot with reflective paint.

YLM is very grateful to the youth of Our Father who make this long trip every Thanksgiving. Our Father plans to participate in a summer servant event at YLM this year also.



The youth from Our Father, Centennial, Colo., added an extra ingredient—love—for Christ and their fellow man as they cooked for and served hundreds of people in El Paso and Mexico.



The youth learned that precise measuring and cutting were essential to a good tile job—and discovered what a difference a good tile job can make to a room's overall appearance!



## Lady Lions enjoy phenomenal season

by Nate King, student newspaper reporter, Lutheran High School, Parker, Colo.

The girls basketball team at Lutheran High School, Parker, Colo., (LHSP) started off Christmas break 2010 with a bang, taking a trip to Las Vegas, Nev., and Phoenix, Ariz., to play out-of-state competition for the first time in school history. The Lady Lions finished up first semester Colorado competition with a 5-0 record, including victories over Denver Lutheran, Kent Denver and Denver Christian.

The trip proved to be a great overall experience for the team, both on and off the court, with a lot of memories made along the way. "An awesome hotel, two solid victories, a couple Vegas shows, an insane rollercoaster and a mini-flu epidemic are just a few of the things that made this a trip that we won't soon forget," said Coach Mark Duitsman.

The first game of the trip pitted the Lions against the Faith Lutheran (Las Vegas) Crusaders. Faith has a high-school enrollment of 700 and is the largest Lutheran (grades 6-12) school in the country. The Crusaders play in the largest classification in Nevada and are in the same conference with the biggest



high schools in Las Vegas.

The Lady Lions played outstanding team defense on their way to a 36-28 win on Dec. 18, 2010. LHSP limited the Crusaders to only five field goals in the entire contest and won the rebounding battle by 13. High energy and hustle made up for a poor shooting performance overall for Lutheran. Kelsey Hizer scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead the Lions. Kelsey Wall had 11 rebounds and seven blocks. Alex Winters contributed four rebounds in a winning effort.

The team had the rest of Saturday and Sunday to enjoy their time in Las Vegas. Saturday evening's itinerary included The Blue Man Group at The Venetian, the buffet at The Mirage, walking through Caesar's Palace and Paris, and finishing things up with the Bellagio fountain. Sunday brought on the Adventuredome at Circus Circus, David Copperfield at the MGM Grand, a visit to the M&M store, and a late-night ride of the roller coaster at New York, N.Y., which Duitsman said was "possibly the scariest moment of my life."



The Lady Lions took time out from intense basketball play in Las Vegas to visit Santa. Their team Christmas wish came true with two wins!

The second game of the trip came on Dec. 21 against Arizona Lutheran Academy. "ALA is identical in enrollment to LHSP, and their girls basketball team is similar in style and experience," says Duitsman.

The Lady Lions dug deep, with several players battling through the flu, and willed their way to a 33-26 victory. "We really relied on excellent defensive communication and held ALA well below their scoring average," said Duitsman.

The Lions went into the half down by two, but a 10-point run by Parker gave the Lady Lions the lead

going into the final period. Some clutch free-throw shooting sealed the deal and LHSP survived a night of frigid shooting to improve to 7-0. Kelsey Hizer notched a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds while Kelsey Wall paced the scoring with 16 points.

The 2010-11 Lady Lions are seniors Kelsey Hizer, Kelsey Wall, Braden Washburn, Amy Otte, Kelsee Sidebottom and Alex Winters; juniors Lexi Radic and Lauren Ortmayer; and sophomores Whitney Dettmering, Haley Loptien and Michelle Cattau. The Lady Lions are coached by Mark Duitsman, who is assisted by John Amschel and managed by seniors Beth Uhlig and Maike Smith and junior Stephanie Black.

## Confirmation retreat to explore Earth's beginnings

The Spring Confirmation Retreat at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., will take place March 18-20, with the theme "In the Beginning."

Pastors David Stecker and Scott Zeckzer from Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven, Ind., will delve into Genesis 1-11 with discussion on Creation vs. Evolution, God's design for marriage, the Trees in the Garden, Noah's Ark, and how to respond to those who do not believe in the historical authenticity of Genesis 1-11.

This confirmation retreat is for youth who currently receive confirmation instruction in their home parish. It will be a time to learn, rejoice and worship in Kramer Chapel, and participate in recreation in the gym and other fun activities. The \$100 retreat fee includes on-campus housing and meals.

For additional information or to register, please e-mail [retreats@ctsfw.edu](mailto:retreats@ctsfw.edu) or phone 260-452-2172.



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# OPPORTUNITIES

## ***This isn't your usual men's retreat!***

For the past several years, Pastor David Dyer and the Family of Christ Lutheran men's ministry in Monument, Colo., have held their annual men's retreat at Lutheran Valley Retreat in the Pike National Forest outside Divide, Colo.—and it keeps getting BIGGER!

Four-wheel-drive Jeeps, ATVs, guns, shooting ranges, rappelling from one of the best spots in Colorado (200-foot drop-off), hiking the awesome scenic beauty of the Rockies, unbelievable fellowship, a series of inspirational messages from Pastor Dyer and, finally, a Sunday morning worship service where you think you witness the angels flying overhead—this is what attracts men from many LCMS churches around the country for the best three-day men's retreat you will ever experience.

Last year's retreat was attended by men from LCMS congregations in Monument, Colorado Springs and Lakewood, Colo. Many men used the men's retreat as an outreach to invite their unchurched friends, with some coming from as far away as Maryland, Florida, Iowa and Texas!



This year's retreat begins Thursday night, April 27. It contains a full schedule of Friday and Saturday morning lessons and a message, with the rest of the day dedicated to playing hard and fellowshiping like you have never imagined possible! The retreat ends at noon on Sunday, May 1.

If you or the men's ministry from your congregation would like to learn more, visit the Family of Christ website at [www.foccs.net](http://www.foccs.net), call Pastor David Dyer at 719-481-2255 or Craig Robinson at 719-321-4257. Space is limited.

## ***Walk 'in the Footsteps of Paul'***

Join fellow Lutherans on a special pilgrimage Oct. 12-23 to Turkey and Greece, presented and hosted by Rocky Mountain District President Randall Golter and his wife, Elizabeth.

Learn about Paul's missionary journeys and experience the world of the early Christians.

The 12-day deluxe escort tour includes a full-day tour of Istanbul. You also will visit the Churches of the Revelation, walk "in the footsteps" of Paul in Alexandria Troas, travel via the old Roman Road to Assos, visit the Acropolis in Pergamon, journey to ancient

Smyrna, travel to Miletus where Paul visited on his third missionary journey and on to Ephesus.



The tour includes a three-night Greek island cruise. You'll sail to the island of Patmos where the apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation and on to the beautiful island of Rhodes. In addition, you will visit the island of Crete and the beautiful island of Santorini.

Final stops include Athens and the archaeological site of ancient Corinth where Paul lived and taught in AD 51 and 52.

Since this is a small group tour, space is limited. A \$350 deposit is due by March 15. Tour price is \$2,665 per person based on double occupancy. Air travel arrangements are available from U.S. cities nationwide; call for prices.

For more information or to make your deposit, call LutherTours at 1-866-777-1517 or e-mail [info@luthertours.com](mailto:info@luthertours.com).

## ***'Being with Jesus—Living on the Edge'***

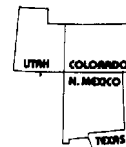
Ladies, make plans now to take your families to Peoria, Ill., June 23-26 for the 34th biennial LWML convention. Under the theme "Being with Jesus—Living on the Edge," the convention will feature Camp BWJ

(Being with Jesus) for children. Along with singing, Bible study, worship and choosing mission grant recipients, women will have the opportunity to participate in Friday Lunch Gatherings, special interest luncheons on Saturday and servant

events. There will even be a Cyber Café!

Check out all the details at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org). Registration for both the hotels and convention opened March 1.





### Rocky Mountain District calendar

#### March

- 6-12 National Lutheran Schools Week
- 11 LEAD meeting, Denver, Colo.
- 15 Nurturing the Faith, North Denver, Zion, Brighton, Colo.
- 17 Nurturing the Faith, South Denver, St. John's, Denver, Colo.
- 18 Nurturing the Faith, Utah

#### May

- 6 LEAD meeting, Denver, Colo.

#### August

- 1-2 RMD Board of Directors meeting

#### October

- 4 Administrators Conference, Breckenridge, Colo.
- 5-7 Professional Workers Conference, Breckenridge, Colo.

#### November

- 5-6 "Conversations of Grace at the ROC!" Conference, Colorado Springs, Colo., Crowne Plaza
- 7-8 RMD Board of Directors meeting

## Calls in the district

### PLACEMENTS

- Rebecca Kaaz, Concordia University Nebraska, Seward, Neb., to Mount Olive, Aurora, Colo., as director of music ministries.

### CALLS EXTENDED

- Immanuel Lutheran School, Loveland, Colo., to Spencer Peregoy, St. John's, Ellisville, Mo.
- Mount Calvary, Estes Park, Colo., to Rev. Richard von Steinman, Immanuel, Carlsbad, N.M.
- Epiphany, Castle Rock, Colo., to Rev. Timothy Heupel, Beautiful Savior, La Vista, Neb.

### CALLS ACCEPTED

- Rev. Terrence Buethe, St. John, Wakefield, Neb., to St. John's, Yuma, Colo.
- Rev. Roger Schlechte, Lakewood, Colo., to Mount Calvary, Denver, Colo., as intentional interim pastor.
- Rev. Craig Henningfield, RMD, missionary to Evangelical Lutheran Church Without Walls, Commerce City, Colo.
- Rev. Thomas Schoech, candidate, Aurora, Colo., to Shepherd of the Hills, Ruidoso, N.M.

### CALLS DECLINED

- Rev. Andrew Byars, Prince of Peace, Cedar Crest,

N.M., to Grace, Eugene, Ore.

- Rev. Richard von Steinman, Immanuel, Carlsbad, N.M., to Mount Calvary, Estes Park, Colo.
- Spencer Peregoy, St. John's, Ellisville, Mo., to Immanuel Lutheran School, Loveland, Colo.

### CHANGE OF STATUS

- Rev. Harold Baldwin, active to emeritus.

### REMOVED/RESIGNED FROM ROSTER

- Amy Landgraf, non-candidate status, Morrison, Colo.

### TRANSFERRED TO (OR FROM) DISTRICT

- Gary W. Caulkins, commissioned minister, emeritus, Michigan District to RMD.
- Rev. Thomas Barton, candidate status, Eastern District to RMD.
- Parley J. Johnson III, candidate status, Nebraska District to RMD.
- Rev. Charles Houska, emeritus, RMD to Texas District.

### CALLED TO GLORY

- Rev. James Groerich, emeritus, Denver, Colo.
- Bernie Braunschweig, Golden, Colo., former administrator in the Rocky Mountain District office and LCEF vice-president.
- Rev. Arnold Wessler, emeritus, Centennial, Colo.

## Lutheran older adult organization reorganizes, changes name

In January, the former Association of Lutheran Older Adults (ALOA) announced a restructuring of the organization and changed its name to reflect its new focus.

As **Adult Lutherans Organized for Action** (ALOA), the organization will serve an expanded, yet more focused mission of equipping and empowering mature adults to identify and celebrate their gifts and to use those gifts and their years of experience in service, both in their congregations and through their callings in the world.

Last year, more than 2,000 older adults participated in one of 15 ALOA-sponsored events (e.g., Seniorfests, Lutheran hostels) and many more used ALOA-produced resources. ALOA partners with regional organizations and "covenant congregations" around the country, including inter-Lutheran outreach groups in Florida and Texas.

For information, visit [www.aloaserves.org](http://www.aloaserves.org) or call 800-930-ALOA (2562).



# BEYOND THE DISTRICT

## LCMS World Mission news

Have you visited LCMS World Mission's YouTube site lately? Go to [www.youtube.com/lcmsworldmission](http://www.youtube.com/lcmsworldmission) to watch the latest videos from the mission field! Join in celebrating the work God is doing through His people around the world. These videos will enable you to meet GEO missionaries in Peru, hear prayer requests from pastors in the Philippines, celebrate 10 years of mission work in Spain and more! These videos can be a great resource for your Bible study, congregation or Sunday school class.

God is calling; your church is calling. Where will you go in 2011? It's the perfect time to start looking into options for a short-term mission trip through LCMS World Mission. There is a great need for teams to serve in Eastern Europe, leading English language camps.

To search the opportunities database, go to [www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=2870](http://www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=2870). To learn more about short-term and GEO missionary service, visit [www.lcmsworldmission.org/service](http://www.lcmsworldmission.org/service). (GEO missionaries are globally engaged in outreach and typically serve for one to two years.)

To keep up to date with the most urgent service opportunities, check the "Serve Now Spotlight" each week. Questions? Contact a placement counselor at [mission.recruitment@lcms.org](mailto:mission.recruitment@lcms.org) or call 800-433-3954.

## Operation Barnabas counselors available

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

Every LCMS district has an Operation Barnabas counselor. These men, most of whom are current or former chaplains, bring a wealth of experience with them to serve their dis-



U.S. Navy

Operation Barnabas Project Manager Chaplain Mike Moreno, center, talks with other military chaplains at the Naval Chaplains School in Newport, R.I. Moreno wants all LCMS reservists to know that the Synod is "standing right behind them and their families."

tricts. They are available for individuals and congregations who might have questions in dealing with military families, ministering to those with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), contacting a deployed family member, sharing the Gospel with military members and other counseling issues.

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

For more information on Operation Barnabas, visit <http://barnabas.lcmsworldmission.org/> or watch a video containing frequently asked questions at <http://ow.ly/33pDZ>. Contact your Rocky Mountain District Operation Barnabas counselor directly: Chaplain Joseph Murphy at [familyofseven88@yahoo.com](mailto:familyofseven88@yahoo.com).

## 'Second and Third Generation Hispanics in the U.S.: Questions and Implications for the Church'

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will host the Second Hispanic Theological Consultation and the Sixth Annual Lecture in Hispanic/Latino Theology and Missions March 14-16 in St. Louis. The theme for the event is "Second- and Third-Generation Hispanics in the U.S.: Questions and Implications for the Church."

The sixth annual lecture speaker is Dr. Victor M. Rodríguez, professor in the department of Chicano and Latino Studies at California State University, Long Beach, Calif., who will present "The New Latino Generations: Caught Between Two Worlds."

As part of these events, the Second Hispanic Lutheran Theological Consultation will offer workshops and presentations in English and Spanish. Presenters will share relevant cultural and demographic keynotes that aim at understanding second- and third-generation Hispanics. They also will pose critical questions based on the research and explore its implications for the church, missions, youth and family, and other areas of our life together.

All lectures are free and open to the public. CEUs are available. For more information, contact the office of continuing education and parish services at 314-505-7486; [ce@csl.edu](mailto:ce@csl.edu); or visit the seminary's website at [www.csl.edu](http://www.csl.edu).