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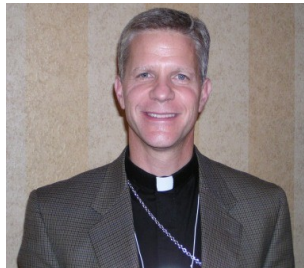


THE MESSENGER NOVEMBER 2010

by
President Randall Golter

“Are We Independent Franchises That Share a Corporate Logo?”

“There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all ...” (Eph. 4:4-5).



It would be strange, would it not, if the Triune God’s pattern of creation would not reflect His own being, the unity of the three Persons in one God? That the three Persons would not work in unity of mind and in unity of action would go contrary to what the Holy Spirit confesses through the pen of St. Paul and, indeed, in all of Scripture.

Furthermore, it would go contrary to what the whole (catholic) church has confessed in the creeds:

“And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church ...” (Nicene Creed).

“I believe in ... the holy Christian Church” (Apostles’ Creed).

One Church--because there is one God, and the one God is of three Persons whose mind is one, one in thinking (Genesis 1:26, “Let us make man in our image ...”) and in doing (“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ...” Matt. 28:19).

As God is unified in His doing, so is His Church. The various locations where He preaches the Gospel and administers the Sacraments through His called pastors, even though their geographic locations may be a distance from each other, does not disunite their one work by the one God. His being and doing unifies all the doing of His Church.

How could it ever be, though, that His one Church act as if it is merely united by some constitution or bylaws and, therefore, each individual church act as if it were an independent franchise that merely shares some kind of corporate logo? This would be unthinkable for the Lord and His baptized! The Church is one as is her Lord.

What divides the Church, of course, are those churches that do not operate solely by the voice of God in His Word (*sola Scriptura*) or that distort and cloud Jesus and His saving grace (*sola gratia*) or that add human effort or contribution to faith in Jesus alone (*sola fide*). And, the lack of love also divides the Lord’s one Church. “And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony” (Col. 3:14).

Now we must confess that the one Church is bigger than The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. The one Church spans the whole world, all those who confess Jesus as the Lord by His death on the cross.



“Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.” 2 Timothy 2:10



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In the Missouri Synod, you see, we do need each other. The other Church needs you, and you need the other Church down the street, and you both need the whole Church.

We need each other for nurture because the devil constantly attacks us. We need each other for the collection of our resources as the mission, works of mercy, and church supervision is always greater than the local Church.

We need each other because that is how God serves you, through the other. The Word spoken by the other, words of kindness and encouragement, examples of living and dying, strengthens you in the one Church.

One Church. One Church. One Church. The Triune God unites and enlivens His one Church!

Igniting Church and Culture for Christ: A Race Against Time

Amazing Race makes the list of my limited TV viewing. The joy for me comes not in seeing who will win the \$1 million prize; rather it is the opportunity to see other parts of the world.



Fan into Flame is a campaign to gather financial support for the Abolition movement. It is a call to people to help support the work of people and people who are in need of help.

Recently, the contestants competed against each other in Accra, the capital of Ghana, in central Africa, on the Atlantic coast. As I viewed the teeming marketplaces, I saw the diversity of buildings, many of which were constructed of cement or poor quality building materials. I noted the lack of a grid system in the layout of many city streets. I wondered not

just about the physical aspects of life for the residents of Accra but also about their spiritual condition.

The LCMS also has a concern for the spiritual life of the people of Ghana. Nearly one-half million dollars has already been distributed to a new seminary project in Accra. This seminary will train a growing number of pastors of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana**. In addition, it will host programs of continuing education for pastors and church elders, for women's gatherings, and for special youth events.

Approximately 25% of the Rocky Mountain District's *Igniting Church and Culture for Christ* special fund raising campaign revenue will support LCMS mission projects such as the seminary in Accra as well as sending new missionaries to other places in the world. This summer it was announced that the third International School in Asia will be established. Funds raised in our District through *ICCC* will help to support the opening of Concordia International School in Hanoi, Vietnam.

The Lord Jesus came for the people of Ghana, of Vietnam, and for all those who populate planet earth. We are in a race against time to save the lost! He tells us to work while it is day for night comes when no man can work (John. 9:4).

As God loved the lost so much that He sent His only Son, may we also love those who are lost. It is for that very reason that my wife and I have made a sacrificial pledge for a five-year period to *Igniting Church and Culture for Christ*. Our desire is for the people in the Rocky Mountain District as well as those around the world to come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and receive all of His blessings.

You can be a part of this exciting endeavor! You will find additional information on our District website, www.ignitingchurchandcultureforchrist.org. You may also call the District Office (303-695-8001) for further information.

Roger Schlechte,
Chairman

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Power Point and Leader's Guide now available for *Igniting Church and Culture for Christ*.

You may now go to the District Website, www.ignitingchurchandcultureforchrist.org, to download the recently completed power point and leader's guide for *Igniting Church and Culture for Christ (ICCC)*, the \$2 million special appeal being conducted in the Rocky Mountain District.

This power point may be used in groups, Bible classes, or worship settings to encourage support of *ICCC*, a wonderful opportunity to provide support for ministries that reach out with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ internationally, nationally, and locally! Or, you may simply view it yourself to learn about *ICCC*. If you have further questions regarding participation in *ICCC*, please contact the District Office (303695-8001).

Congregations Set Goals for *Igniting Church and Culture for Christ*

Messiah Lutheran Church, Grand Junction, CO has set a five-year goal for the special appeal fund raising campaign *Igniting Church and Culture for Christ (ICCC)*. They have challenged themselves to raise 10% of their budget for *ICCC*. Each year the congregation will submit funds equivalent to 2% of their budget for five years (\$64,000). We give thanks to God for their support of this District-wide appeal to raise funds "to seek and to save the lost."

Another congregation of our District has taken the approach of a quarterly "door offering" to support the mission work of the Lord through *ICCC*. Christ Lutheran Church, Denver, raised \$403 at their recent first door offering. Another door offering will be taken in December as well as several in 2011.

Peace Lutheran Church, Arvada, CO, has decided to have a special campaign to specifically raise funds for *ICCC*. Their campaign will take place in the spring of 2011.

Congregations have total freedom in how they might raise funds through *ICCC*. Options in addition to the above methods could be to select a goal for each year for a period of one to five years, giving 10% of the proceeds on a capital campaign, or any method of their choosing.

Funds raised will be used to carry out the Lord's work internationally (South Africa, Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission, and LCMS World Missions) and nationally (Revolving Mission Fund, Healthier Ministries, and Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute).

Further information regarding *ICCC* may be viewed at the Rocky Mountain District website: www.ignitingchurchandcultureforchrist.org or by calling the District Office (303-695-8001).

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Love Thy Neighbor Weekend

St. John's Lutheran Church and School, Denver, CO, celebrated a **Love Thy Neighbor** weekend, October 1 - 3, 2010. We emphasized our mission statement ~ *Connecting people with*

Jesus by creating a culture that values people and raising up people to love them!

The St. John's community had the opportunity to choose from 30 service projects. These were connected with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Christ's Body, Delores Project, Share the Health,

Denver Rescue Mission, Children's Hospital, Denver Children's Home, Porter Nursing Home, Jefferson Public Library, Selema

Village, International Neighbors Network, and Alternative Pregnancy Center. We also had a variety of service projects done on an individual basis: assisting individuals at their homes by doing yard clean-up, landscaping, or home improvement for the disabled; caring for the overlooked (YOU Matter); connecting with the homebound; serving brunch to those in need; and hosting a water station for the Rock n' Roll Marathon.



We had the privilege to serve others and to build relationships with each other. Both made us unified in fulfilling the purpose of our mission statement. As stated by a participant, *"Making a difference in a total stranger's life makes a total difference in mine."* Our goal was not to just designate this weekend as an opportunity to serve but to open the door to a lifetime of serving others by being Jesus' hands and feet. Knowing that, we are blessed by being a blessing to others.



Carolyn A. Otte
St. John's Lutheran Church and School
Executive Director of Ministries



“There's No Place like Home”

In “The Wizard of Oz” Dorothy's world was changed by the forces of nature. Her home was destroyed. Befriended by benevolent Munchkins, the yellow brick road became her charted course of hope. Unusual companions and the supernatural forces of evil and good were with her along the way. In the end, she said, “There's no place like home.” And it came true. She awakened at home.

That story is, of course, make-believe. Homelessness is not make-believe. It is very real ... especially for the one who is homeless. Homelessness isn't something new. America's economic downturn has resulted in folks becoming homeless who would never have imagined it could happen to them.

Adam and Eve demonstrated how a literally perfect situation can be forfeited. Then, when bad stuff happens, the question is, “Am I my brother's keeper?” Lot and his family became homeless once Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. Hagar lost everything except her son and her faith in God after Sarah had a son and they were put out. Noah's ark was God's temporary housing and shelter plan during the great flood. Animals were welcome, too (no clean-up plan reported). The Egyptians provided housing for Israel and his extended family. That provision became condemned. So Israel became homeless again and wandered for forty years. The commandments God had given included “You shall not covet your neighbor's house ... or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” God remained with them. His housing ... a tabernacle (temporary and portable), symbolized His presence. Later, a temple (permanent and fixed-in-place) was intended to do the same. Through it all, God's nature, and people's, remained the same. This side of heaven as setbacks continue, God remains the fortress for the faithful. In like fashion, God's people took in Rahab who was homeless after Jericho fell. Even Babylon created an environment in which the newly homeless folks from Jerusalem (like Esther and Daniel) could make themselves at home. Job lost his home and more but not his faith.

When Christ came, there “was no room in the inn” so a stable had to do. He reminded people then and us now, “Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” “You always have the poor with you,” Jesus said. “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” This side of heaven, the mandate is “Love your neighbor as yourself.” And recall Jesus' parable involving a Rich Man and homeless Lazarus who later was given his mansion in heaven. Short-term government housing in the form of jails and prisons was provided to Paul and other disciples. And it is still available. Everyone looks for a port-in-a-storm ... a “Fair Haven.” For some, housing may be their grave.

Through it all, this side of heaven, the Holy Spirit makes Himself at home in people's hearts regardless of what may come. Being “destitute, afflicted, mistreated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves in the earth ... God had provided something better.” By the grace of God, through faith in Christ, there is eternal life in a heavenly Jerusalem with first-class housing for the people of God at the end of life's brick road. Until you and your loved ones arrive, remember that homelessness like heaven is no make-believe thing. Then try singing “I'm But a Stranger Here,” “It Is Well with My Soul,” or “Away in a Manger” without shedding a tear ... as if you and yours were homeless.

Meanwhile, keep an eye out for the homeless. He or she may even be a veteran of the armed forces of these United States of America. What does this mean? “We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.” It may be helpful to become aware of and check out the following resources: www.va.gov/homeless ... www.va.gov/womenvet ... 1-877-4AIDVET (424-3838) ... www.nchv.org ... www.nationalhomeless.org ... and www.coloradocoalition.org

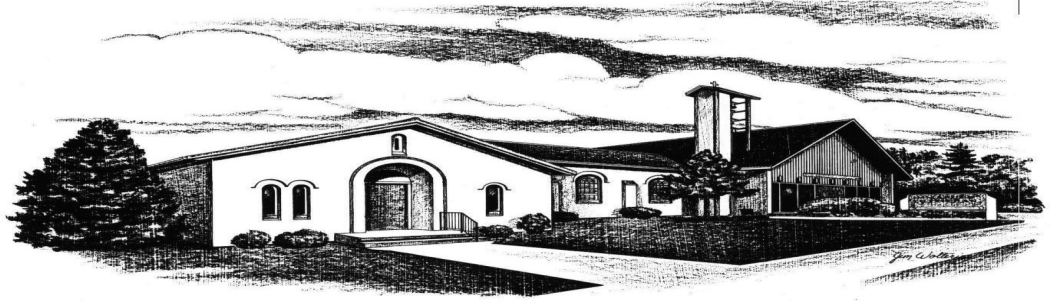
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Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Celebrated its 110th Anniversary



Immanuel Lutheran Church, 846 East Pikes Peak Avenue, Colorado Springs, celebrated its 110th anniversary on Reformation Sunday, October 31. Worship services were held at 8:00 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. with Bible study for all ages at 9:30 A.M. LCMS Rocky Mountain District President Rev. Randy Golter proclaimed the message in both services and was the keynote speaker at the banquet at 5:30 p.m. in the Heartland Academy gymnasium on site.

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Congregation (LCMS) was organized on November 18, 1900, in an evening meeting at Mr. Louis Stock's business establishment. On Easter Sunday, April 7, 1901, a young missionary, Rev. Otto Luessenhop, was installed as pastor of Immanuel with a salary of \$25 a month. Immanuel, together with some of the Denver churches, advertised our wonderful climate in various German papers in the eastern United States. On January 20, 1902, a Constitution was adopted and signed by all seventeen voting members.

At the regular meeting on November 10, 1902, it was decided to run a classified ad in both the Gazette and the Telegraph: "Wanted to buy, vacant lot or improved property direct from owner, for cash, within 6 blocks of post office." The ad brought about 50 responses. Among them was an offer from General Wm. Palmer to donate a lot that was immediately adjacent to that of the Swedish Lutheran Church. The congregation negotiated with Gen. Palmer for a lot a little further down the street on the corner of Wahsatch and Boulder. The price was \$2,700 but Gen. Palmer was willing to donate \$1,800 to the congregation. Here the church was built. Total cost of the lot, building, and furnishings was \$4,480. The new church was dedicated with three special services on November 8, 1903.

Immanuel's second church was dedicated on April 3, 1949, at its current location on the corner of E. Pikes Peak and Institute St. A new and much larger sanctuary, seating 500 plus, was built onto the second church and dedicated in March of 1962. It included classrooms, a library, and a chapel used for deaf worship. An elementary school with six classrooms and a gym was dedicated on April 25, 1954. The parsonage was built in 1950. Immanuel completed a renovation of the sanctuary and narthex which was dedicated on Reformation Sunday.

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Dennis Lucero has been leading the 600-member congregation since 2005, with Rev. Timothy Grassinger and Rev. Peter Caruana, Emeritus pastors, assisting.

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FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL
OCTOBER 12-23, 2011

Pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece

Presented and Hosted by

District President, Rev. Randall L. & Elizabeth Golter

A Pilgrimage to TURKEY & GREECE; October 12-23, 2011

Rocky Mountain District/LCMS is proud to offer you, your family and friends the opportunity to experience the benefits and joys of traveling the world together in Christian fellowship.

12-Day Deluxe Escort Tour

"Following in the Footsteps of Paul" October 12-23, 2011

Highlighting Istanbul, Churches of the Revelation and a 3-Night Greek Island Cruise

Full day tour of Istanbul including the Roman Hippodrome Square, Blue Mosque with its beautiful blue tiles, St. Sophia Church, Topkapi Palace, the Imperial Residential Palace of the Ottoman sultans, and leisure time for shopping at the Grand Bazaar.

We'll visit the **Churches of the Revelation**, and walk "in the footsteps" of Paul in **Alexandria Troas**, travel via the old Roman Road to **Assos**, visit the Acropolis in **Pergamon**, travel to ancient **Smyrna**, visit **Miletus** where Paul visited on his 3rd missionary journey, and **Ephesus** where Paul spent two years preaching the word of God, here we visit the House of Virgin Mary

3-Night Greek Island Cruise with Ocean-view Cabin,

to the **island of Patmos** where the Apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation, and on to the beautiful **island of Rhodes** to visit the Acropolis of Lindos, marvel at the breathtaking views covering the great expanse of the Aegean Sea and **St. Paul's Bay**, where the apostle cast anchor during his historic voyage to Ephesus, we visit the **island of Crete** and the beautiful **island of Santorini**. Next stop, **Athens**, today we visit the Acropolis, the Parthenon and Mars Hill, the place where Paul found the Temple to Athena (the goddess the city was named after). Above the temple entrance were the words "*To The Unknown God*" and using that as his theme, Paul preached about Jesus. We visit the archaeological site of **Ancient Corinth** where Paul lived and taught in AD 51 and 52.

**Small Group, Space is Limited, \$350 Deposit Due By
January 15, 2011. Tour Price \$2665 per person based on
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nationwide- call for prices.**

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Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Broomfield, CO, Dedicates New Expansion and Renovation

Risen Savior Lutheran Church formally dedicated the recently completed expansion and renovation of its building and campus at 3031 W. 144th Ave. in Broomfield, CO, during Sunday services on Sept. 12.

Work on the \$3.2 million project started in the fall of 2009, resulting in substantial changes inside and outside the church. The expansion added 6,500 square feet to the interior, which now totals 20,000 square feet. The



sanctuary, narthex, and classrooms were enlarged; a second kitchen was added; a basement, which accommodates the youth ministry, was built under an addition; east- and west-side entrances were revamped, and secondary rooms were created or expanded. A new, prominent cross is centered on the building's south (front) exterior wall. A stone-tablet sign on a brick-and-mortar base along 144th Avenue is new to the southeast corner of the 10-acre campus. Improvements to the infrastructure were also made.



Outdoor changes include a new parking lot, a new right-turn lane on westbound 144th Avenue leading into the original parking lot, enhanced landscaping and new sidewalks in front of the church and along 144th Avenue, and a code-mandated water-retention pond.

Risen Savior's growth in recent years had made for crowded, cramped, and inadequate quarters, which prompted the expansion. Baptized membership grew from 690 in 2005 to nearly 1,000 at present.

Project costs are being paid by members' contributions to a fund-raising campaign and a loan from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

Beth Dickerhoff





Celebrating and Rejoicing, Hope Lutheran Church, Aurora, CO



Hope Lutheran Church in Aurora, CO Celebrating and rejoicing with the Lord for their new confirmands and new members in October, 2010. What a blessing!



Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller
Hope Lutheran Church,
Aurora, CO
www.hope-aurora.org

The Spanish Bibles have arrived!

The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) has printed the second edition of the *Holy Bible*, bound together with *Luther's Small Catechism*. The combined volume is available in hard-cover and paperback at no cost to the churches, ministries, and individuals who need them. For those who would like to support LHF's on-going mission of translating and publishing Lutheran books, a donation of \$10 per Bible would be gratefully accepted. To order, call the LHF office at (800)554-0723, or send an e-mail to info@LHFmissions.org.

Yours in Christ,
Jen Bagnall
LHF Public Relations



Learn more about the LHF mission at www.LHFmissions.org



--fostering active recruitment and energetic retention of church workers—

***What a Way* is a strong initiative with a mission "to rebuild active recruitment and retention as an integral part of the LCMS culture and lifestyle at the local congregational level to the end that the love of Christ is made known vigorously by word and deed within our churches, communities, and the world."**

What a Way . . . makes a difference!

***What a Way* forges ahead in its recruitment-retention effort**

New tools give impetus to the initiative in its goal to serve congregations, schools, and ministries—a redesigned website, and a new blog.

Our mission is to rebuild a lifestyle of identifying church workers and encouraging current church workers at the congregation level. Do you believe that pastors, teachers, church workers, and the congregations need to learn how to do that again? We do. It's not in our lifeblood now. Jesus is clear in his urgent command, "*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*"

The LCMS is falling behind in replacing the workers who leave due to retirement, death, or personal reasons. Take a look at this highlight in the Case Document (whataway.org/thecase). It projects 180 graduates for pastoral ministry in 2010 while actuarial tables for Concordia Plan Services shows that 300-350 men are needed to replace those who will leave the pastoral ministry this year. The number of new pastoral ministry students entering the seminaries this fall is reported to be a total of about 160 (including all categories). That falls short of need! In fact, this means 1,500 fewer pastors between now and 2019.

In spite of this research and data, there are some among us who believe that there is a glut of church workers. They say it, and they write about it publicly.

On retention of current church workers note that about 100 pastors annually leave the ministry for personal reasons. It stands to reason that each pastor who is retained in his service is one fewer pastor who needs to be replaced. Better and more effective means to retain pastors are worthy of our Synod's best efforts.



A similar trend holds for Ministers of Religion—Commissioned. Not only are about 45 percent of these workers at least 50 years old, but also the number is projected to decrease from 7,941 to 6,461 by 2019.

“It’s only about the future of the church!” I said in my address to the July LCMS Convention (www.lcms.org/ca/convention/vids/tuesday/7.html). To replace current workers will help to maintain the status quo, perhaps, but does that mean we do nothing in our consideration of additional workers for a church body that seeks to bring people to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior? And there is also a shrinking pool of young people to encourage and prepare for service. For example, high school age students in the LCMS went from an estimated 109,450 in 2003 to 87,817 in 2008.

The *What a Way* blog is a remarkable and relevant community of writers and readers discussing aspects of recruitment and retention and commenting on pertinent issues (<http://blog.whataway.org>). There are twelve writers who contribute regularly to the blog, and we welcome the increasing number of readers who participate in the discussion. In June that readership was about 1,800; in July it was over 2,500; and now it is over 5,000.

Monthly emails remind church workers and leaders of available resources, information, and new items on the website (www.whataway.org). Over 60 partners walk with us in the work of fostering recruitment and retention of church workers.

Some exemplary pastors and congregations have supplied the most men to the pastoral ministry between 2005 and 2009. These ten congregations sent a total of 55 men into pastoral ministry during this four-year period. The ten congregations are Faith, Plano, TX; St. John, Ellisville, MO; St. Paul, Fort Wayne, IN; Zion, Lewisville, MN; University, Minneapolis, MN; Luther Memorial, Shorewood, WI; St. Luke, Ann Arbor, MI; Woodbury, Woodbury, MN; Timothy, Blue Springs, MO; and Trinity, Wausau, WI.

What a Way offers numerous resources to congregations and church workers. Note Bene: Released in September is a *What a Way* and Lutheran Hour Ministries production of a Bible Study with a video introduction to each session on Christian Vocation (<http://www.lhmmen.com>) entitled “Working for the Man Upstairs . . . Your Job . . . Your Calling.” See box to click on the right side.

These are some of the ways *What a Way* helps the goal of getting people back into a lifestyle of thinking and praying about church work and taking care of the workers already serving.

What a Way . . . To Serve the Lord!

**The Director, *What a Way*, Rev. Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann
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Roster Reports

CALLS EXTENDED

St Paul, Ogden, UT to Terry Miller, Ogden, UT
Zion, Ashton, ID to Rev. Les Judge, Our Savior, Pagosa Springs, CO

CALLS ACCEPTED

Christa Stec, Wentzville, MO to Our Father, Centennial, CO as Music Director
Julie Lemke, Denver, CO to St. John's, Denver, CO
Sheryl Stults, Littleton, CO to St. John's, Denver, CO as ELC Director
Terry Miller, Ogden, UT to St. Paul, Ogden, UT as Director of Parish Music
Rev. Les Judge, Our Savior, Pagosa Springs, CO to Zion, Ashton, ID
Rev. Jason Reitz, St Paul, Ogden, UT to Zion, St. Charles, MO
Rev. Charles Westby, Mt. Olive, Aurora, CO to Our Saviour, Commerce City, CO

CHANGE OF STATUS

Amy Landgraf, Candidate to Non-Candidate
Jane Fields, Active to Emeritus

TRANSFERRED TO DISTRICT

Sara Borgstede, Non-Candidate Status, Kansas District to RMD

Upcoming Events – Rocky Mountain District

2011 Calendar

January

14 LEAD Meeting, Denver, CO
24-25 RMD Board of Directors Meetin

February

28 Nurturing the Faith, Immanuel, Albuquerque, NM

March

6-12 Lutheran Schools Week
11 LEAD Meeting, Denver, CO
15 Nurturing the Faith, Zion, Brighton, CO

17 Nurturing the Faith, St John's, Denver, CO
18 Nurturing the Faith, Utah

May

6 LEAD Meeting, Denver, CO

August

1-2 RMD Board of Directors Meeting

November

4-5 "Conversations of Grace at the ROC!" Conference, Colorado Springs, CO, Crowne Plaza
7-8 RMD Board of Directors Meeting



We Encourage your Prayers

Gracious Father, assure **Rev. Hans Fiene**, Mt. Calvary, Denver Co, and his wife **Katie** of Your blessing and guidance as they welcome Anders Glen (born October 19) into their home. Grace this family with Your gifts of peace and joy. Amen.

Heavenly Father, may Your presence sustain and comfort **Trudy Chittick**, wife of **Rev. Barr Chittick**, Trinity, Cortez, CO as she continues in hospice care. May Your Spirit enable Rev. and Trudy Chittick to trust that Your guiding hand is with them so that they turn to You for strength and courage. Amen.

Dear Jesus, You have compassion on us in all of our difficulties. By Your Spirit keep **Rev. Mario Lozano**, Rey de Reyes, Las Cruces, NM mindful of Your presence as his health issues due to cancer are being addressed. Grant Pastor Lozano and his loved ones Your strength and peace and his doctors guidance and utilization of the skills You have given them. Amen.

Dear Father, You are our haven, our place of refuge. We ask that even in our times of trouble: in our families, in our workplaces, and even in our churches, Your Spirit enable us to place all things into Your gracious hands so that our minds are free from worries and our hearts are free from fears. Thank You for revealing Yourself to us as our gentle, faithful Savior in whose name we pray. Amen.

Mark your Calendars!



RMD LCMS Evangelism Team is partnering with Lutheran Hour Ministries to host a Conversations of Grace Conference on November 4-5 2011.

The theme is "Conversations of Grace at the ROC!"

It will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO. Wonderful speakers and terrific workshops are being planned.

This will be a much bigger event than our past conferences, so you won't want to miss it.

Check out the website for more information.

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