



The 2007 Minnesota South District Finance Committee members are, from left, Erv Kurth, Vice Chair Duane Helm, District Treasurer Lu Clemmensen, Dale Ortloff, Kristi Lueth, District Legal Counsel Mike Melchert, Carol Olson, Rev. Robert Gehrke, Glenn Meints, LCEF Vice President Kurt Fuhr, Lane Nordquist, and Chairman Steve Krause.

Finance Committee welcomes new members

The Minnesota South District Finance Committee met last month and welcomed new members Rev. Robert Gehrke, South Shore Lake Trinity, White Bear Lake; Lane Nordquist, Hosanna, Mankato; Carol Olson, St. John, Woodbury; and Dale Ortloff, Our Savior, Hutchinson.

The new members give even more depth and expertise to an already well-qualified group. Gehrke has more than 20 years experience as a parish pastor. Nordquist comes to the committee with a finance MBA and more than 30 years in business, including his current position as president of a technology company.

Olson has previous experience serving on the Minnesota South District Board of Directors and Mission Committee, plus more than 20 years experience in foundation work. Ortloff, a CPA and bank controller, also has served on the Minnesota South District Board of Directors.

Other committee members with their years of service and home congregations include Chairman Steve Krause (10-plus, Redeemer, Wayzata), an architect specializing in church design.

Vice Chairman Duane Helm (20-plus, Mount Calvary, Richfield) has more than 40 years of banking and financial experience. Mike Melchert (eight-plus, Trinity, Waconia) is a practicing attorney. Erv Kurth (30-plus, Our Savior, Mankato) has more than 40 years of banking experience, including serving as a bank president. Kristi Lueth (four, St. Michael, Bloomington) is a licensed CPA. Glenn Meints (four, University Chapel, Minneapolis) is a district board member and former church president.

“These members bring a vast amount of skills, gifts, and work experience to the committee. It’s a joy to work with such dedicated and gifted people who have such a love for the church and its mission,” said LCEF Vice President Kurt Fuhr.

Two district chaplains honored

Four pastors earned the *Christus In Mundo* award, the highest honor granted for distinguished service by the Inter-Lutheran Coordinating Committee for Ministries in Chaplaincy, Pastoral Counseling, and Clinical Education (ILCC-MCPC-CE), at a Feb. 8-11 conference in San Antonio, Texas.

The ILCC is a joint committee of the The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s Board for Human Care Ministries and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s Vocation and

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August deadline: June 21

Send information two months in advance for the district portion of *The Lutheran Witness* to Rev. David Anderson, Immanuel Lutheran, 1200 N. North Ave., Fairmont, MN 56031; or e-mail *pastoranderson@yahoo.com*.

DEADLINE is the third Monday of each month. Note: the 2007 June and July issues will be one combined issue.

If you submit photos and wish to have the photos returned to you, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The Synod’s 63rd Regular Convention is set for July 14-19 in Houston under the theme “One Message: Christ.” That theme, part of the Synod’s three-point vision statement of “One Mission, One Message, One People,” has the sub-theme: “His Love Is Here for You,” based on 1 John 4:9-11.

COMMENTS/FINANCES

Daily living Easter's promise

Several weeks ago, we reached what many people consider to be the climax of Christian worship—the Festival of the Resurrection! On Easter Sunday, we “pull out all the stops” and celebrate with all of the joy we can muster. And why shouldn't we? Christ's resurrection from the dead, which follows His crucifixion and death, announces to us that our heavenly Father has accepted His sacrifice for our sins and that we now have forgiveness and eternal life.

Our celebration of Christ's resurrection is not just a one-day experience, however. While the Easter lilies may disappear and the worship service may lose some of its robust features, the effects of Easter remain.

I was reminded of that several weeks ago when I received an unexpected telephone call late one evening. It came from the father of a woman I had ministered to 30 years ago as a parish pastor. She was 18 at the time, and they had discovered that she had Hodgkin's Disease. It was serious! Through a long ordeal of hospitalization and treatments, she survived. As I ministered to her for a number of months, we developed a strong relationship and had the opportunity to talk about life and death. It was an opportunity for me to share God's Word with her and for her to share her faith with me.

When that recent telephone call came, her father informed me that she was in a coma and that they weren't sure if she would pull through this time. He asked if I would come to the hospital. I told him I would. When I arrived, her hospital room was filled with people. A family waiting room was filled with even more family members. I knew many of them, but hadn't seen most of them in more than 20 years. Eventually I was able to make my way to the woman's bedside. Despite the fact she was in a coma, I knew I had an opportunity to do what I had done many times before—remind her of the grace of God in Christ. So, I proceeded to talk to her and have a devotion with her. I based it on Rom. 8:18 and Revelation 21. After listening, talking, and supporting the members of her family, I went home. Several minutes after I got home, the telephone rang. It was her father. He informed me that she had died. He wondered if I could come back to the hospital and meet with the family before everyone left to go home. I went.

Once I got back to the hospital, I found the family huddled together in the waiting room. What do you say to loved ones at a time like this? I chose to focus their attention on 1 Corinthians 15. There the apostle Paul reminds us that Easter is not just a day or a worship service. It is a source of comfort and strength for us who believe in Christ as our Savior. He reminds us, “If there is

no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ... But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.” The fact that Christ has been raised from the dead means that our loved ones are safely in His arms and that we will see them again!

So, the message of Easter lives on day-after-day to comfort and strengthen us as we encounter the challenges, obstacles, and moments of grief in our lives. With Christ as our Lord and Savior, we face life with resurrection power every day!

Dr. Lane R. Seitz, District President

District congregation mission receipts

*for the period ending Feb. 28**

For the month ending Feb. 28:*

Anticipated amount (7.26% of budget)**	\$206,910
Actual receipts	\$198,025
Over (under) amount	(\$8,885)

Year-to-Date Receipts:

Anticipated amount (23.1% of budget)**	\$ 658,350
Actual receipts	\$438,374
Over (under) anticipated amount	(\$219,976)

Use of Mission Receipts:

50% remitted to Synod (Year-to-Date/YTD)	\$219,187
50% for district operations (YTD)	\$219,187
Total receipts	\$438,374

Mission Receipts—Compared with Last Year:

Mission receipts—YTD 2007	\$438,374
Mission receipts—YTD 2006	\$384,915
Over (under) last year	\$53,459

Mission receipts—YTD 2007	\$438,374
Mission receipts—YTD 1997 (10 yrs. ago)	\$386,141
Mission receipts—YTD 1987 (20 yrs. ago)	\$386,290

* Fiscal Year End (FYE) is now Dec. 31

** Based on average receipts for the past five years, 2007 congregational receipts budgeted at \$2.85 million

MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Month of February 2007:

New investments	\$803,048
Withdrawals	\$1,141,039
Net increase (decrease)	(\$337,991)

Year-to-Date July 1, 2005-Feb. 28, 2007:

New investments	\$13,006,457
Withdrawals	\$9,377,662
Net increase (decrease)	\$3,628,795



LCEF grant helps fund district youth gathering

An LCEF grant helped fund speakers and presenters for the third Minnesota South District Youth Gathering Jan. 26-28. Nearly 150 youth and adult leaders gathered at the Holiday Inn Select in Bloomington for the event.

Recording artist Peder Eide led the music, while Pastor Bill Yonker (from the Chicago area) shared the weekend message based on their theme, "iGod." Attendees were led through a journey in Jer. 1:5-10, with the sub-themes "iFormed," "iKnew," "iProtect," "iBlessed," and "iSend." On Saturday afternoon, youth helped serve meals at the VEAP Food Shelf.

Sunday morning breakout sessions were led by student Concordia University, St. Paul, representatives Craig McCourt of Trinity, Waconia, and Keith Lorensen, a survivor of the terrorist attack on the *USS Cole*.

Sunday's divine service was hosted by South Shore Trinity, White Bear Lake, with Pastor Ben Dose serving as officiant. Offering from the worship service (\$648) benefited Faith Comes By Hearing, a Bible translation ministry that records the Bible in an MP3 format in the languages for those who cannot read or write.

All gathering participants received an MP3 file disk of the entire New Testament that they could later listen to on their computers or download to their MP3 type player (*i.e.*

iPod). The Youth Advocacy Team—Rev. Ben Dose and DCEs Carl Eliason, Tim Stroming, Mark Anderson, Traci Kohls, and Melanie Beier—organized the event.



The District Youth Gathering's main speaker, Rev. Bill Yonker from the Chicago area (back row, left of center), poses here with attendees from Christ Victorious, Chaska. Photo submitted by DCE Tim Stroming (back row, right of center).

College-age students job op

Spend an exciting and challenging summer in outdoor ministry at one of many Lutheran camps across the country as a cabin counselor, cook, lifeguard, program leader, maintenance worker, wrangler, craft leader, etc.

Potential summer salaries range from \$1,000 to

\$4,000. Apply online or download your application form at www.nloma.org today! Apply soon for the best chance of desired placement.

S.A.G.E.S. to meet in May

S.A.G.E.S. (Saints Alive, Growing Ever Serving) of the Minnesota South District will meet May 7-8 at the Best Western Inn in North Mankato.

Using the themes "Leader and Servant," the group will present two men who have served their country and Lord as both leaders and servant—Merle Freitag, current president of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, who also has served in the armed forces with honor; and dinner speaker General Jon Vessey, Ret., who served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

There will be seven workshops with mission topics and practical advice, the usual opportunity to sing and exercise, and devotions for encouragement.

Complete information about registration and the program can be found in the January and April *Sagacity*, which should be available in all church offices.

St. Louis sem to host LutherHostel '07

ST. LOUIS—LutherHostel 2007 will be held Oct. 6-9 on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

LutherHostel is an event for adults 55 and older that is designed to provide growth in biblical knowledge and understanding, fun, fellowship, and a chance to gain helpful insights for daily living. The theme for the event will be "Christianity and the Competition."

Noted author and lecturer Dr. Paul L. Maier will be presenter for the event. Maier is professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich., and LCMS second vice president. His research includes a variety of methodologies involved in manuscript and text analysis, archaeology, and comparison of sacred and secular sources from the first century A.D.

LutherHostel plans include a reception and dinner with President and Mrs. Dale A. Meyer, presentations, class visitation, student-led evening devotions, opportunities for informal interaction with faculty, a private demonstration of the chapel organ, and a tour of selected St. Louis area sites. An optional tour of Lutheran historical sites in Perry County, Mo., is available Oct. 10, immediately following LutherHostel.

The \$325-per-person LutherHostel fee includes all meals and refreshments for the event. Housing is available on campus (on a limited basis for an additional cost) or in nearby hotels. For more information, contact (314) 505-7123 or ce@csledu.

EDUCATION

Student assistants needed at Winona State

The Winona State University chapter of Lutheran Student Fellowship is looking for students to live at the LSF House and serve as student assistants in campus ministry for the 2007-08 school year.

Application forms are available in the entryway of the LSF House, 303 Winona St., Winona; on the Web site at www.lsfwinona.org; or by e-mailing Ruth Badciong at badciong@hbc.com.

Teaching English as a foreign language

Teaching English can be an effective outreach instrument, especially in areas that are home to recent immigrants. Well-meaning teachers of English can reach across cultural "boundaries" not only with language, but also with God's love.

Well-meaning teachers, however, also need to be well-informed; that is, they need to understand how to best help someone acquire English as a second language. If you have a bachelor's or master's degree in Applied Linguistics, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Teaching English as a Second Language, or Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, you can help.

You can enable well-meaning teachers in Minnesota South District congregations to become well-informed and provide quality service to immigrants. You can equip English teachers by identifying materials (assessment instruments, graded curricula, etc.) for congregations using English as a second language as an outreach and by conducting training courses in these congregations.

If you can serve in this way, contact Rev.

Gary Kirschke, Risen Christ Lutheran Church, at risenchrist.pastor@comcast.net or Rev. Peter Meier at the district office.

Writing for the Church workshop

The Writing for the Church workshop will be held July 15-21 at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. It is an intensive one-week experience designed to help participants:

- develop creative writing and editing skills through regular practice;
- get to know individual CPH and Lutheran Hour Ministries editors and their editorial needs;
- explore possibilities—and understand the steps involved—in writing for publication; and
- commit themselves to witnessing through the written word as they communicate the Good News of grace

and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

The workshop will be sufficiently flexible so the participants may choose areas of special or personal interest. Enrollment is limited to 20 participants. For more information, contact Rodney Rathmann at (314) 268-1084 or e-mail rodney.rathmann@cph.org.

Concordia Seminary offers nationwide summer workshops

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, announces its summer 2007 series of workshops for pastors, professional church workers, and interested laypeople. Thirteen workshops are offered nationwide.

The cost for each summer workshop is \$115, except "Church-State Issues from a Lutheran Perspective" (June 18-20), which is \$200 and is limited to seven participants. Payment is due 21 days before the beginning of each workshop, and workshops have a minimum required enrollment. Housing and meal information may be obtained from the host pastor.

To register or for more information, contact (314) 505-7123; ce@csl.edu.

- "Church-State Issues from a Lutheran Perspective," June 18-20, Washington, D.C., by Dr. Dale Meyer (limited to seven participants).
- "Martin Luther for the Parish Pastor," June 25-27, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour, Ind., by Dr. Timothy Dost.
- "The Minor Prophets: Then and Now," July 9-11, Christ Church Lutheran, Phoenix, Ariz., by Dr. Paul Raabe.
- "Two Kinds of Righteousness: A Better Paradigm than Law and Gospel," July 9-11, St. Peter Lutheran Church, Whitefish, Mont., by Dr. Joel Biermann.
- "Journey with Jonah," July 16-18, College Hill Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa, by Dr. Reed Lessing.
- "In Christ and in the World: 1 Corinthians and the Christian Life in a (Sometimes) Hostile Culture," July 23-25, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, N.D., by Prof. Jeffrey Kloha.
- "Practicing Ambidexterity," July 23-25, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kan., by Dr. Joel Biermann.
- "Journey with Jonah," July 23-25, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Albany, N.Y., by Dr. Reed Lessing.
- "James the Apostle of Faith and Works," July 30-Aug. 1, St. John Lutheran Church, Waverly, Iowa, by Dr. Louis Brighton.
- "The Johannine Epistles and the Apostle of Love," Aug. 6-8, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Colo., by Dr. Louis Brighton.
- "In Christ and In the World: 1 Corinthians and the Christian Life in a (Sometimes) Hostile Culture," Aug. 13-15, St. James Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio, by Prof. Jeffrey Kloha.
- "Martin Luther for the Parish Pastor," Aug. 13-15, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Cedar Crest, N.M., by Dr. Timothy Dost.
- "Restore the Roar: Studies in the Book of Amos," Aug. 13-15, Trinity Lutheran Church, Tryon, N.C., by Dr. Reed Lessing.

For more information, visit www.csl.edu.



Convention registration deadline is May 18

Register up until the day of the convention, but have your registration post-marked by May 18 to avoid the \$15 late fee. Don't miss out on the Lutheran

Women's Missionary League 32nd Biennial Convention June 21-24 in Sioux Falls, S.D. The theme is **"ROCK! Rest On Christ the King."**

Delegates will set a new mite goal for 2007-09, select new mission grants to support with those mites, and elect new officers. Servant Events on-site Thursday, June 21, at the Sioux Falls Arena and Convention Center include Habitat for Humanity, quilt assembly, blood donation, assembly of cough pillows, and baptismal banners.

Be there to hear Dr. Dean Nadasdy (pastor at Woodbury Lutheran Church), LCMS third vice president, opening communion worship service proclaimer; Dr. Mary Manz Simon, Bible study leader; Terry Kieschnick (wife of LCMS President Gerald Kieschnick), keynote speaker; Dina Vendetti, song leader; or the mission speakers.

And watch for the Minnesota "act" in the Friday night LWML ROCK Star Idol Reality show with mistress of ceremonies Jan Struck, who was the keynote speaker at the past district convention. Enjoy the Saturday night entertainment—classical jazz singer Erin Bode, daughter of Minnesota's own Rev. Gerhard H. Bode.

Come rest, worship, sing, pray, be inspired, grow, laugh, learn, make new friends, reach out, be touched, share, shop, witness, and sightsee with your LWML sisters from across the nation.

Young Woman Representatives chosen

The Minnesota South District young woman representatives to the 2007 national convention in Sioux Falls this June are Lana Morris, St. John, Sherburn, Fairmont Zone, South Central Conference; Linda Erickson, Our Savior, Pipestone, Pipestone Zone, Southwest Conference; and alternate Amy Meyer, St. Paul, Lester Prairie, Hutchison Zone, Crow River Conference.

Thank you to all the young women who applied. Each applicant had her own service and talents for the Lord.

Pray for the Host Committee

Let us join in prayer for the Host Committee and Convention Programming Committee for the Sioux Falls convention as they finalize all the details for the June 21-24 gathering. Let us pray for President Linda Reiser as she prepares to conduct the business of the convention and for the speakers and proclaimers.

And let us pray that each of our hearts will be open to new experiences and friendships. As final preparations are made, we give thanks for the opportunities this convention presents for each attendee.

Christian Life Resources available in Sioux Falls

The new 2007-09 edition of the *LWML Meeting and Event Planner* will be available. This is a great resource with more than 26 new devotions based on the "Rest on Christ the King" theme and complete set of program ideas for two years. In our busy world, why try to recreate the wheel?

Look for new Mustard Seeds that are in the form of a complete devotion. They are the perfect size to slip in a letter or greeting card.

Also keep an eye out for many other new items for Christian life, along with new LWML logo merchandise to visually spread the Good News of Christ. Pick up the new LWML catalog for yourself, your society, or zone.

District Christian Life Retreat 2007

Join the Minnesota South District LWML Christian Life Committee as we take a Journey of Faith July 27-28 through Bible study and worship. We will look at our faith walk with Jesus guided by the theme verse Eph. 5:8 (NKJ): "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."

From the beginning in Genesis, to some first steps, and then the generous gifts of God, we will take a look at our journey with God, checking on where we are now and then gearing up for a strong finish. God has promised us His presence through Word and sacrament. By His Spirit, we are equipped for every challenge of life.

This trip will include air-conditioned accommodations on the beautiful campus of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, meals, and free admittance to the Friday evening "LWML Road Show"* (a showcase of talents).

Registration information is in the spring issue of the *WOM*. Early check-in is 7-9 p.m., Thursday, July 26, with a mixer from 8 to 9 p.m. for those who wish to come the night before. The retreat starts with opening devotions at 9 a.m. Friday and concludes with a noon lunch on Saturday.

* *The committee is looking for participants in the "LWML Road Show." If you have a talent to share, please contact Irene Mensing by July 1. Whether you sing, dance, play a musical instrument, or act in a sketch, all are invited to participate in this showcase of LWML talents.*

DISTRICT SONSHINE

New windows shine with light of Christ's life

On March 4, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and School, Spring Lake Park, dedicated their new stained glass windows. This was a four-year project. The windows depict events in the life of Christ our Lord.

The first window is the birth of Christ (Gospel), with the lower portion showing the 10 Commandments (Law). We are reminded that God's Law tells us what we are to do and not to do, and how to act. No one can keep God's Law. Jesus kept the Law in our place and without sin.

The second window is the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist, with the lower portion showing the dove, a symbol for the Holy Spirit, descending like a dove and lighting on Jesus as a voice proclaims Jesus as the Son of God. The shell and three drops of water remind us of the Triune God in whose name we are baptized.

The third window is Jesus and the children with a book representing God's Word through which the Holy Spirit works faith, as faith leads to eternal life. One mission of Prince of Peace is to educate children in God's way. A lamp symbolizes the Word of God, which directs and enlightens God's people. The flame is a reminder for Christians to let their light shine as they share the Good News of salvation through Jesus, the Light of the world.

The fourth window shows the crucifixion of Christ. The lower symbols represent the Sacrament of the Altar. Those participating in the Lord's Supper receive bread and wine together with the body and blood of Christ Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, new life, and eternal salvation.



The fifth window is the Ascension of Christ into heaven. The lamb represent Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The following Bible verse appears across the windows in the ribbon portion. "And He shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Is. 9:6).

March 4 was also Concordia Academy Sunday at Prince of Peace with the "His People" choir singing and Pastor Tim Berner as the guest pastor. Berner, who grew up at Prince of Peace, centered his sermon on the theme of windows.

Stonehouse Stained Glass Company of Avon, Minn., was commissioned to create the windows.

Paraments for SONshine worship

Sometimes a parament used in worship may wear out from use or fade. This is especially true of a green parament used during the long season of Pentecost.

Mission congregations are sometimes looking for paraments. If your congregation is looking for a green or white parament, the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Windom, has older white and green paraments in very good condition that it will give away to a congregation in need. That congregation may pick up the paraments or Our Savior can send them.

Send inquiries to lcoos@windomnet.com or call (507) 831-3522. The congregation also has, in very good condition, hard-cover copies of Large Print *Lutheran Worship*.

TWO DISTRICT CHAPLAINS HONORED

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Education program unit.

Honored at the Zion XIII conference were Rev. Harvey M. Berg of Waukesha, Wis., and Rev. Serge A. Castigliano of Putnam, N.Y. (ELCA); and Rev. Kenneth J. Siess of St. Paul, Minn. (LCMS), and Rev. Richard "Dick" Tetzloff of Hackensack, Minn. (LCMS).

About 170 participants attended the 13th triennial conference, which marked the event's 40-year anniversary. Rev. John Fale, associate executive director of LCMS World Relief/Human Care, served as program master of ceremonies.

The two district *Christus In Mundo* awardees were:

- Siess, an ACPE supervisor, who previously served on the faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; as director of chaplaincy and clinical pastoral education at the University of Minnesota Hospitals and Clinic; and as director of chaplaincy with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.

- Tetzloff, former director of specialized pastoral care and clinical education for the LCMS and former executive director of Lutheran Ministries Association, St. Louis.

The Zion conference tradition began in 1967 in Zion, Ill., to offer an opportunity for personal reflection and renewal for professionals who serve others and to highlight the importance of ministries in specialized settings. The conference was made possible by grants from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and the ILCC.



Join us and support life

Fish Lake 5K Run/Walk • Saturday, May 5

Join the fourth annual Fish Lake 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by Fish Lake Immanuel Lutheran Church and a number of local businesses. Funds raised will be supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, with all proceeds donated to Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center.

This scenic, gently rolling 5K course winds around Fish Lake in rural Scott County. The course is 75 percent paved and 25 percent gravel, with one moderate hill.

In addition to the 5K, there is a quarter-mile Minnows Fun Run for children, with a certificate and free T-shirt for each child.

Prizes and awards will be given to the top three fundraisers and the top race finishers in each age and gender category.

- Location: Fish Lake Immanuel, 20200 Fairlawn Ave., Prior Lake, MN 55372
- Schedule:
 - 9 a.m. Race Day Registration (no registration fee for participants under 12 years old)
 - 10 a.m. 5K Run/Walk
 - 10:45 a.m. Quarter-mile Minnows Fun Run
 - 11 a.m. Awards followed by door prizes
- Food and beverages will be available for purchase at this event.
- To register, access www.immanuel-fishlake.org or call Fish Lake Immanuel Church at (952) 492-6010.

International Lutheran Single Adult Conference

“Rejoice & Sing” is the theme for the 20th anniversary International Lutheran Single Adult (ILSA) Conference to be held July 5-8 at the Radisson Inn in Branson, Mo. Single adults from all over the United States will gather for fellowship, learning, outreach, worship, and service this summer.

The keynote speaker for the weekend is Rev. John Nunes of Wheat Ridge Ministries.

Participants may choose from various workshops to attend on topics including “Singles Seeking: Connecting Singles Virtually” by Lutherans Online; “Single Traveler”; and “Singles Group Training.” Open Forums for divorced singles, never-been-married singles, and widow/widowers also will highlight the weekend.

Bible studies will be presented by Dr. Paul Maier. Registration is \$250 per person (which includes lunch each day, conference fees, and entertainment). Daily rates also are available.

Conference brochures are available for download at

www.ilsalcms.org. To receive one by mail, contact an ILSA member; leave a message at (414) 299-9127 with your name and address; fax your request to (240) 238-6697; or e-mail president@ilsalcms.org.

ILSA is a non-profit network of single adults that exists to reach out to all single adults with the message of salvation in Jesus Christ; to provide resources for spiritual growth; and to promote the activities of single adults across the United States.

Grace Place Lutheran Retreats

The Grace Place Retreat schedule for 2007 has been established. The total cost for any couple to attend one of these five-day programs is \$300 (and only \$95 for a parish nurse to attend the retreat for parish nurses at Camp Arcadia, Mich., in September).

- **Retreats for Parish Pastors and District Staff Pastors:** June 18-23: Inn at Aspen, Aspen, Colo.; Aug. 5-10: Alderbrook Resort, Olympic Peninsula, Seattle, Wash.; Sept. 17-22: Mission Point Inn, Mackinac Island, Mich.; and Oct. 7-12: Camp Okobojo, Iowa West.
- **Retreats for Ministers of Music:** June 25-30: Inn at Aspen, Aspen, Colo. (associated with Aspen Music Festival); July 17-22: Holiday Inn, Mankato, Minn. (associated with Lutheran Summer Music Camp at Gustavus Adolphus College).
- **Retreats for Lutheran Educators:** June 25-30: Inn at Aspen, Aspen, Colo.; July 9-14: Heartwood Retreat Center, Trego, Wis.
- **Retreat for Parish Nurses:** (This is an individual rather than couples retreat) Sept. 24-28: Camp Arcadia, Arcadia, Mich.

Church workers can register for a retreat by contacting Executive Assistant Annette Woehlke by e-mail at annette.woehlke@graceplaceretreats.com, or by calling her for information at (314) 842-3077.

LSM and ALOA team up for Lutherhostel

Lutheran Summer Music and Association of Lutheran Older Adults will join together to offer the Minnesota Lutherhostel, a five-day musical feast July 18-22 at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn.

Dr. Ralph C. Schultz, president emeritus of Concordia College at Bronxville, N.Y., will be the main presenter.

Per-person cost for registration, lodging, and meals for the Minnesota Lutherhostel is \$450 (two per room, singles add \$35). Cost for commuters is \$350 (includes all meals and program costs).

For more information about ALOA Lutherhostels, visit ALOAserves.org. To register, contact Walt Schmidt at (623) 937-8835 or waltlois@cos.net.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL

Upcoming events at Concordia University, St. Paul

FINE ARTS

Spring Fine Arts Instrumental Concert*

May 11, 3:30 p.m.
Buetow Music Center Auditorium

Fifth Annual High School Honors Exhibition*

May 9-25, Concordia Gallery
Opening Reception: May 9, 4:30-7 p.m.
Awards Presentation 5 p.m.

Third Annual St. Paul Central Exhibition*

June 1-15, Concordia Gallery
Opening Reception: June 1, 6-8 p.m.

* Free event

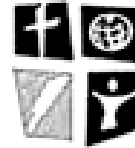
SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

Hmong Culture & Language Program Summer Camp

July 30-Aug. 10
Annual day camp open to youth in grades K-12. Campers develop Hmong language literacy skills, and cultural experiences in Hmong arts, gardening, music, and dance. For registration information, fees, and deadlines, visit <http://www.csp.edu/HmongCultureLanguage>.

Concordia Music Theatre Camp

June 17-22
Residential camp open to youth in grades six through 12. Camp experience blends the elements of song, movement, and improvisational drama culminating in a live performance. Participation fee \$595. Includes housing, meals, classes, and seminars. For registration forms and deadlines, visit <http://www.csp.edu/MusicTheatreCamp/index.html>.



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CSP moves ahead with new student housing construction

Concordia University, St. Paul, recently received approval from its Board of Regents to proceed with plans for construction of new apartment-style student housing. The project calls for the demolition of three aging residence halls and replacing them with an apartment-style facility that would house 290 students.

The \$17 million project comes in response to current and prospective students' concerns about the quality of campus housing, particularly as it compares to other schools in the Twin Cities area and in the Concordia University System.

The existing 40-plus-year-old residence halls were in need of major upgrades to electrical, plumbing, and heating systems. Compared to the expense of remodeling and upgrading the aging halls, the university's research and analysis showed that new construction would provide a contemporary housing option that better responds to student needs with far less expense.

Today's incoming students already are sophisticated consumers by the time they begin their college search; they (and their parents) are doing more comparison shopping during the search process. Students want—and expect—increased privacy and more amenities. In fact, according to research, their expectations about student life and campus housing are as important to them as the academic aspects of their college selection.

Unlike resident students of decades past, today's students have little or no experience with shared living space. They bring more to campus. A mini-fridge, stereo system, iPod, and furniture are just a few of the “essen-

tials” for resident students. And they regard conveniences like wireless Web, air conditioning, cable TV, and vending machines as necessities.

“In our highly competitive market, prospective students have many college choices available to them,” said Brian Heinemann, CSP vice president for Admission and Marketing. “Modern and attractive housing is not a matter of ‘campus beautification.’ It is a crucial student recruitment and retention issue.”

CSP hopes to be ready to receive students for fall semester 2008. Before construction can begin, the LCMS Board for University Education and LCMS Board of Directors must approve the proposal.



Concordia University's new residence hall will provide apartment-style living for nearly 300 students. The 94,000-square-foot facility will offer fully furnished apartments with air conditioning, cable TV, and wireless Web access. Residents would have private bedrooms, in-unit bathrooms, and shared living room and kitchen space.