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## From the President's Office

### How Is Your Lent Spent?

by President Keith E. Kohlmeier

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With the coming of the "40 days," beginning in the Ashes of Wednesday, February 21, I recall a sentence from Divine Service. In the preparation for the celebration of the Lord's Supper the Pastor faces the altar and leads us by saying, within the Prayer of Thanksgiving, "With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross."

Even when I was the celebrant those words always caused me to pause, at least mentally. I do believe that it is one of the most complete sentences in Divine Worship. In a short sentence the story of salvation is told. In one sentence we are moved from the depth of death to the height of hallelujahs. In one sentence we define ourselves uniquely as Lutherans among the Christian world. We wrap this truth in words like "law and gospel," or "theology of the cross," or simul justis et peccator," (we are at the same time saint and sinner).

At first glance it sounds like an oxymoron. You know, when two words that we use together just don't seem to fit together. Things like Pretty Ugly, Head Butt, Working Vacation, Tax Return, Virtual Reality, Dodge Ram, Work Party, Jumbo Shrimp, Healthy Tan, and my favorite (and often most frustrating), Microsoft Works. By the way, if you want to look at more during your recreational time I suggest <http://www.oxymoronlist.com/>.

But I digress. The words that befuddle me when they are used together in that sentence are the words "repentant joy." As a student of communication I am hard pressed as to where to lay the emphasis. Is the proper enunciation "REPENTANT joy" or is it better to say "repentant JOY"?

My wife, Marlene, and I have talked about this. We agree that you can usually tell how individual people answer that question by looking at their faces when they are returning from the communion rail. But I don't know that any one of us has one common response. It is probably conditioned by where we are in our own journey at the foot of the cross. But there is the heart of this season. It is a season that begins and ends at the foot of the cross. The beginning expresses our desperate need for the cross, and the conclusion of the season expresses the fulfillment of that need on the cross, trumped by the resurrection promise.

Upon reflection of these truths, I believe that the correct enunciation of this prayer throughout this season, and our lives, is "REPENTANT JOY"! They are part and parcel of the same and single relationship that we partake of with our God and His love for each of us. Those two words are the entire communication to each of us, and the soul of the message that we have to share with the world, beginning with those we know and touch every day.

May "REPENTANT JOY" be the singular message that you know personally and the truth that you communicate in your living of the message in this season and your earthly life. And may the peace of God, which transcends all of our human understanding, keep your heart and mind in Christ Jesus, the crucified and risen Lord.

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## Calls Accepted

- Jeffrey Bellach from Pacific Southwest District to Beautiful Savior, Olathe, DCE
- Patricia Koepelke from Jackson, Wis. to Lord of Life, Leawood, DCM
- David Willingham from Good Shepherd, Cedar Park, Texas to Redeemer, Olathe, DCE

## Calls Pending

- Rev. Vernon Schindler from South Dakota to NE KS Partnership, Senior Pastor

## Calls Declined

- Rev. Kenton Birtell from Holdrege, Neb. to St. John, Ellinwood
- Rev. John Hopkins from Calvary, Topeka to Trinity, Cape Coral, Florida

## Calling Congregations/Schools

St. Martin, Basehor  
Faith, Derby (Principal)  
Zion, Downs  
St. John, Ellinwood  
Bethlehem, Greenleaf  
Zion, Independence (Teacher)  
Immanuel, Junction City  
St. Paul, Junction City  
NE Kansas Partnership (Senior Pastor)  
Linn Lutheran School (Principal/Teacher)  
Christ, Manhattan  
Trinity, Mission (2nd Campus)  
Peace, Natoma  
Christ, Overland Park (DCM)  
Trinity, Parsons  
Trinity, Salina (DCE)  
Hope, Topeka  
Mt. Calvary, Wamego (DCE)  
St. Luke, Wheaton

## 2006 Statistical Reports

Congregational Statistical Reports for 2006 were mailed by Synod in December. Please remember to make a copy of the completed form and mail it to the District office. Thank you!

### District Congregation Mission Receipts

Last month:	Jan. 16, 2007 - Feb. 15, 2007 ....	\$153,080
	Jan. 16, 2006 - Feb. 15, 2006 ....	\$157,204
Year-to-date:	Jan. 16, 2007 - Feb. 15, 2007 ....	\$153,080
	Jan. 16, 2006 - Feb. 15, 2006 ....	\$157,204
To LCMS:	Jan. 16, 2007 - Feb. 15, 2007 .....	\$64,294
	Jan. 16, 2006 - Feb. 15, 2006 .....	\$66,026

## District Calendar

### March

- 2-3 Pastors' Wives Retreat, Salina
- 2-4 Singles Retreat, Salina
- 9-11 Family Life Academy, District Office
- 16-18 Lay Leadership Training, District Office
- 27 KDYG Committee, District Office

### April

- 16-17 Timothy Gathering, Wichita
- 20-22 Lay Leadership Training, District Office
- 21 Elder Training Seminar, Olathe
- 26 Family Life Ministry Committee, Salina
- 27-28 Board of Directors, District Office

## Prayers

- Rev. Vic Streuffert, retired, recovery from auto accident.
- Rev. John Drush, St. Peter, Barnes, health concerns.
- Vicar Terry Wiechman, Trinity, Wichita, recovery from surgery.
- Garry Niehoff, District Office, recovery from surgery.

## Milestone Ordination Anniversaries

### January

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## Area Chaplains

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

*Topeka* - For hospital visits in Topeka, contact Reverend George Bruening at 785-273-5769 or 785-627-7315.

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

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Doris Wilson (101)

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**Extension by name** press 9

**Operator** press 0



## Caring Ministry Reverend Rocky Mease, District Chaplain

### Caring Ministry Funds Available

The Kansas District Board of Caring Ministry is seeking ideas and places to assist congregations in being "Christ in Action" within their communities. The BOCM seeks to provide up to \$5,000 to establish a pilot project with a congregation in the District. The District BOCM will also work with the congregation to secure matching funds from other sources.

How could your congregation be "Christ in Action" within your community if you had addition funds to do so? We invite you to contact Chaplain Rocky Mease at [chaprnm@aol.com](mailto:chaprnm@aol.com) before April 19, 2007 to express your interest in being a part of this pilot program.



### Targeted District Response Volunteers Needed!

#### Camp Restore

[www.camprestore.org](http://www.camprestore.org)

888-248-2636 or

[camprestore@yahoo.com](mailto:camprestore@yahoo.com)

... "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."  
*Matthew 25:34*

### Breakthrough Leadership Conference

The Breakthrough Leadership Conference from Stephen Ministries takes place at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, from Sunday, October 7 to Friday, October 12, 2007. This is a powerful training experience to help leaders maximize their potential and lead even more effectively in the face of ever-growing challenges and changes.

This training course for leaders goes far beyond mere theory and inspiration. You'll come away equipped with extensive knowledge, valuable insights, and practical skills that will strengthen your leadership and energize those you lead. This is a personal and professional growth opportunity you won't want to miss.

At the conference, you can experience personal breakthroughs:

- \* Discover and build on your own leadership strengths
- \* Identify and overcome barriers you might have as a leader
- \* Integrate the power of faith into your leadership
- \* Learn and apply practical skills that will increase your effectiveness and produce real results.

You can also help your organization experience breakthroughs:

- \* Find new ways to inspire vision and turn challenges into opportunities
- \* Build a culture that attracts gifted, passionate people who are committed to excellence and will help your organization succeed
- \* Multiply the number of effective leaders and guide others to experience breakthroughs
- \* Lead your organization to the next level so it's not merely good but truly extraordinary.

The conference includes 15 interconnected whole-group (plenary) sessions that equip participants with key insights and skills essential to any leader. In addition to the whole-group sessions, seven breakout sessions allow you to customize your learning to meet your unique situation and goals.

The Breakthrough Leadership Conference employs a variety of learning methods - lecture, discussion, video, demonstration, question-and-answer, small group activities, reading, and skill practice - for an enjoyable and productive learning experience.

You will have numerous opportunities to network and exchange ideas with other leaders from your own area and from across North America.

For more information - speakers, conference schedule, breakout sessions, registration form, cost - go to [www.breakthroughleadership.org](http://www.breakthroughleadership.org). You can attend as an individual or as part of a leadership team from your organization.

Stephen Ministries is a not-for-profit Christian educational organization based in St. Louis. Founded in 1975, the organization now provides training and resources to more than 10,000 congregations and other organizations across the U.S. and Canada and in 22 other countries.

In addition to the Breakthrough Leadership Conference, Stephen Ministries provides training and resources in many other areas, including caring ministry, small group ministry, spiritual gifts discovery, lay ministry mobilization, church and business antagonism, and grief support. For more information go to [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org) or call 314-428-2600.

## Missions & Stewardship

### Financial Aid Available

Do you know of any student(s) pursuing a career in professional church work at one of the LCMS colleges or seminaries? Financial aid is available for these students from the Kansas District, LLL, LWML and St. John College Alumni. Scholarship applications were sent to all students who applied to the Kansas District last year for scholarships. Scholarship information was also sent to all congregations.

Please contact Lori Hennessey at 800-357-4421 ext. 223 or [lori@kslcms.org](mailto:lori@kslcms.org) for application information. The deadline for the Kansas District is June 1.

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### 2007 Mission Commitments

Please prayerfully consider your support of District and Synod. You can submit your commitment any of the following ways: 1) send the **green** copy to Lori Hennessey, 1000 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604; 2) call Lori at 800-357-4421 ext. 223; 3) email Lori at [lori@kslcms.org](mailto:lori@kslcms.org). For budget purposes, we would appreciate receiving your commitment as soon as possible.

## Business Office Debbie Crites, Business Manager

### Be Well...Serve Well Programs

On March 1, Concordia Plans Services is rolling out comprehensive and wide-ranging health and wellness programs available to Concordia Health Plan members at no additional cost. These programs are designed to:

- ◆ Help church workers understand their health risks
- ◆ Provide tools necessary to help them make and sustain lifestyle changes
- ◆ Encourage church workers to maintain a healthy lifestyle that will benefit their lives and ultimately the lives of the people they serve.

The hope is that all professional church workers will “be well” to lead healthy and productive lives while “serving well” in their ministry to God and God’s people. “The holistic health of our church workers is vital to the health of the church,” said LCMS President Jerry Kieschnick.

Anytime after March 1, CHP members can begin active participation by taking an online Health Risk Assessment (HRA) to determine their health status. Members should refer to their Welcome Packet to be mailed by CareAllies for details and directions to access the health and wellness programs.

### District Stewardship Team News

by Rev. Ken Kaufmann

When many of us think “Congregational Stewardship Emphasis” we immediately think Fall. Have you ever considered the season of Lent or the season of Easter? Is there a better time to talk about commitment than the time when we think of Jesus and His commitment to death for us? Name a better time than after the Resurrection to focus on our response to the abundant life now and eternal life. It’s not too late to think about a Stewardship Emphasis during Lent or in the days after Easter. It’s certainly not too early to set up a Fall emphasis.

Two programs we highly recommend are Herb Miller’s “New Consecration Sunday” and LCEF’s enhancement of Miller’s program called “Consecrated Stewards.” Both programs make use of guest leaders. We have trained leaders in our District for both. Contact Don Copely for help with “New Consecration Sunday” leaders at 620-473-2222 or [dcopley1@cox.net](mailto:dcopley1@cox.net). Contact Larry Crume for help with “Consecrated Stewards” at 800-357-4421 ext. 205.

Two new stewardship articles are available on the District website: “A ‘Model T’ For Our Families” and “Stewardship in the Spring, 2007.” Go to [www.kslcms.org](http://www.kslcms.org), click Departments, Mission & Stewardship, Stewardship Resources.

“Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.”

### Non-Profit Annual Report

Kansas law requires all non-profit organizations that are incorporated with the Secretary of State to file an annual report. The form requires basic information along with a \$40 annual fee. The deadline for filing the report is the sixth month and fifteenth day following the end of the organization’s fiscal year, I.E. fiscal year-end of Dec. 31 would have a filing due date of June 15. Failure to file on a timely basis will result in delinquent status and loss of good standing with the Secretary of State and could eventually jeopardize your corporation’s certificate of incorporation.

You are now able to file your annual report online. Under “Featured Links” click on “File Annual Reports Online.” Enter your business entity ID number and complete the questions on the screen. The online transaction charge is \$2.00, payable with any major credit card or by electronic check.

If you are unsure of your organization’s filing due date, its current filing status, or your business entity ID number, you can check it at the Secretary of State’s website [www.kssos.org](http://www.kssos.org). Under “Quick Links” select “Search Business Entity Information.” Search for the organization by either business entity number or by name.

## Planned Giving Garry Niehoff, Counselor

### Avoiding the Potholes of Estate Planning - Part 3

An estate plan should be a roadmap that is easy to follow. It should move your assets to the next generation by minimizing taxes and avoiding probate.

Accidental disinheritance is a “pothole” of estate planning. Your estate may be distributed to an unintended party. Due to unclear legal documents, or changes in the property or family circumstances, the estate may be distributed to an unintended party. Be sure you periodically review your estate plan to make sure it still works for you.

Beneficiary designations and Payable-on-Death contracts need to be reviewed on a regular basis. These are contracts that pass life insurance, annuities, savings accounts, CD’s, money market accounts, bank accounts and mutual funds to beneficiaries outside the will, thus avoiding probate. These need to be reviewed in case your goals change or your wishes change.

If you would like more information, please call our office at 1-800-357-4421 ext. 101. We will be happy to answer any questions you might have regarding your estate plan.

## Lutheran Church Extension Fund Larry Crume, Vice President



### New, Improved MyAccount Service

LCEF recently updated MyAccount, our online financial service. New menu selections, transaction choices, and state-of-the-art security features make your online experience easier, faster, and safer.

A few enhancements include:

- ◆ Personalized login ID and password protection
- ◆ Availability of extended transaction history
- ◆ Personal notification options
- ◆ Recurring transfers capability
- ◆ Online ordering of new checks or copies
- ◆ Additional loan information.

We appreciate your support of Church Extension, and we hope you enjoy our improved online service. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call an LCEF Information Representative at 1-800-843-5233.

### LCEF Stepping Stones

Now available to all visitors of the LCEF IRA website is the online resource *Stepping Stones*. This free tool helps investors manage their funds throughout the many twists and turns that occur in life.

The *Stepping Stones* website provides valuable information for everyone. Updated monthly, this site is a source for information in retirement topics, legislative updates on tax and IRA matters and general financial planning. Also available are numerous tutorials and planning tools to assist investors in evaluating and meeting the many financial challenges presented by “life-changing events” such as Putting Kids through College, Hoping to Retire Early, Nearing Retirement, In Retirement, etc.

LCEF IRA Products:

- ◆ Traditional IRA - The traditional IRA offers a tax-advantaged approach to accumulating funds for retirement.
- ◆ Roth IRA - The Roth IRA is a tax-favored financial vehicle to accumulate funds for your retirement.
- ◆ Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA) - The Coverdell ESA is designated to help you set aside money for qualified education expenses for your children, grandchildren, or any other eligible beneficiaries.

For more information and application forms call 1-800-843-5233 or visit our website at [www.lcef.org](http://www.lcef.org).

### Lutheran Church Extension Fund Interest Rates - March 2007

#### Steward Account Rates:

##### Congregational Certificates

Demand	3.250%
Steward Account	4.000%

##### Individual Accounts

Less than \$1,000	2.375%
\$1,000 - less than \$5,000	2.500%
\$5,000 - less than \$10,000	2.875%
\$10,000 and over	4.000%



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

Monthly, quarterly or annual adjustable	5.875%
5 Year fixed	6.375%

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

Min. Investment	Rate	APY
\$1,000	4.545%	4.623%
\$10,000	4.670%	4.752%
\$100,000	4.795%	4.882%

## Educational Services

Jim Bradshaw, Executive

*The Kansas Association of Religious and Independent Schools (KAIRS) is the state's largest organization of non-public schools. Now in its 35th year, KAIRS is committed to excellence in education and to maintaining unity within its membership and productive relationships with public school leadership. As it represents more than 38,000 Kansas school children and 2,700 teachers, KAIRS strives to ensure that children attending religious and independent schools are treated equitably in educational law, policy and programs. Our Lutheran Schools are members of KAIRS.*

### KAIRS Hall of Fame Member

Ed Bierbaum was inducted into the KAIRS Hall of Fame, which recognizes and honors outstanding life-long contributions to religious and independent schools in Kansas.

Ed has been a devoted Lutheran educator for 40 years, beginning his career at St. John Lutheran School in Victor, Iowa in 1966 and serving the last 13 years as principal of Linn Lutheran School and teacher of grades six through eight. He has also served as Chair of the District Professional Development Council, 2000-2006; Kansas National Lutheran Schools Accreditation Commissioner, 1998-present; District Board of Directors member, 2003-present; chair and past chair of the Kansas Lutheran Educators' Conference.

"The force that moved me to enter the teaching profession would have to be God. As I look back, I can see God's hand guiding what I have done. I have spent my entire teaching career in Lutheran schools because I wanted to be free to share with children and young adults that Jesus Christ was their Lord and Savior," Ed explained. "There are many disruptive forces that affect young people today. If I can be a small part in giving a child some stability in his or her life by sharing what Jesus has done for me, I have accomplished my task."

Congratulations to Ed for his extraordinary service!

### Family Life Academy News

The 2005-07 class will complete its eighth and final module on the weekend of March 9-11. St. John, Ellinwood and St. Peter, Humboldt will be recognized as Regional Mentoring Congregations for Family Ministry at the 11:00 a.m. service at Faith, Topeka on March 11. Representatives from the Family Life Committee will visit these two new churches to make presentations in their local parishes in the coming months. They will also visit previously trained Academy congregations, Holy Cross, Wichita and St. Paul, Cheney, who had new members in training during this cycle.

Does your congregation want to grow in the area of Family Ministry? Then the District Family Life Academy might be for your church! The Academy is unique in providing training for leader teams, including the Pastor. This eight weekend process over two years will equip congregations for intentional ministry with all households of the parish.

For further information, including costs, the 2007-2009 schedule, an informational brochure and an application, please see [www.kslcms.org/ks\\_fm](http://www.kslcms.org/ks_fm).

### KAIRS Distinguished Teacher

Donna Longhauser, a second grade teacher at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Wichita, received the KAIRS Distinguished Teacher for 2007 award. For the past eight and one-half years at Holy Cross and more than 29 years in her teaching career, Donna has had the gift of making each child feel special. She is particularly talented in working with struggling students.

"Donna works hard to educate the whole child. She is concerned with all aspects of each child's life," said Bill Dieckhoff, principal at Holy Cross. "She seems to very naturally be able to identify specific needs children have and determine how to find solutions for those needs."

Congratulations to Donna for her excellent service!

### Upcoming Events

Mar. 2-4	Spring Single's Retreat, Salina
Mar. 9-11	FLA, Topeka - final module for 2005-2007 class
Mar. 11	FLA Service of Blessing, Faith, Topeka

### Early Childhood Directors Event

The Lutheran Education Association ECEnet Leadership Institute for early childhood directors will take place at St. John's Lutheran Church in Seward, Nebraska on June 20-21. The goal of this second annual event is to help link, equip and affirm early childhood educators for ministry.

The cost (not including travel) per person is \$195 and includes registration, materials, meals and one night lodging at Concordia University.

This event begins immediately following the conclusion of Concordia's Early Childhood Conference at 5:30 p.m. and concludes at 6:00 p.m. the next day. Registration materials are available upon request of the District Office Educational Services Department at 800-357-4421 ext. 206.

Beth Eubanks recently concluded her service with the Kansas District. We thank Beth for her dedicated years of service as Media Librarian and Lutheran Witness editor dating back to the year 2000! Joyce Tate has assumed the interim Media Librarian duties. You can contact Joyce at 800-357-4421 ext. 206.

## Saints Alive After 55 Gathering

The 19th Annual Saints Alive After 55 Get-Together will take place July 29-31 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita.

The theme is "The Lord ... Will Set Me Upon A Rock" taken from Psalm 27. Rev. Walter Schoedel, Pastor Emeritus of Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood and Director of Church Relations for Lutheran Senior Services in St. Louis, is the guest speaker.

Sharing and discussion groups will focus on a variety of subjects. Rev. Dan Myers from Holy Cross will lead in-depth Bible studies. Rev. John Pool will preach at the closing service and Rev. Earl Zimmerman will lead a lively Vesper Service.

Registration forms and a tentative schedule will be available at a later date. Mark your calendars now!

## Servant Events Scheduled

Trinity, Garden City has three servant events coming up.

◆The Annual Mexico Trip will be March 17-24 to build homes for the poor in Juarez, Mexico under Amor Ministries based out of San Deigo. Cost of \$325.00 will cover all expenses for the trip. Contact DCE Leland Jackson at 620-276-3110 or [dceleland@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com](mailto:dceleland@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com).

◆A College Servant Event is being planned for Memorial Weekend, May 24-28 at Lutheran Valley Retreat in Colorado. Activities may include hiking, rappelling and high rope elements. The cost is \$175-\$200, depending on the number attending - transportation out of Wichita, meals, housing and program are included. A \$50 registration fee is due April 1. Contact Leland Jackson at [dceleland@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com](mailto:dceleland@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com).

◆New Orleans Hurricane Rebuild, June 2-9. Cost is \$200. Registrations are due May 1 with a \$50 deposit.



## New Testament Translated

For the first time, God's Word from the New Testament became available to the Anufo people of Northern Ghana, Benin and Togo in their own language. About 137,000 people now have access to the Scriptures in their heart language.

Mary and Tom Holman, Lutheran Bible Translator (LBT) missionaries, have devoted 25 years of their lives to the translation and related literacy activities.

"God made us to do this," Mary Holman said. "We love the work of Bible translation."

"The dedication of our national translators here, coupled with the prayers, emotional and financial support of congregations and individuals in the U.S. sustained us through this process," Tom Holman said.

St. Andrew, Wichita is one of those congregations whose support has been invaluable to the Holmans.

While they were working with nationals on translating the Bible, the Holmans were also instrumental in spearheading efforts to teach thousands of Anufo speakers how to read and write their language.

## Elder Training Seminars

led by Rev. Robert Ziegler & Elders  
from Trinity, Atchison

April 21 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beautiful Savior, Olathe  
May 12 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Holy Cross, Wichita

The cost is \$25 per person (pastors are free) with a maximum of \$100 per church, which includes lunch & materials. For more information or to register, contact: Marvin Kohlmeier at 785-547-6096 OR David Shrum at 785-448-6930.

## LLTI Presents Lecture

The Kansas District Lay Leadership Training Institute (LLTI) presents "The Pre-Flood World," a lecture by Brian Young, on Friday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 3509 Burlingame Rd, Topeka. There is no charge to attend the lecture.

Brian Young, a nationally known speaker and author of "Doubts about Creation? Not After This!"; "Genesis: Yesterday's Answers to Today's Problems"; "Revelation: All of God's Word Revealed"; and others, is the founder and director of the Creation Instruction Association. He served as a principal and teacher of Christian schools for ten years before becoming a full time evangelist in the Creation ministry. He does jail and nursing home ministry as well as weekly street evangelism along with speaking around the country on the important issue of Creation versus evolution. His topics cover a wide range of areas in which he has done research; while at the same time, stresses Biblical Creationism as the foundation for good education and theology. The Creation Instruction Association is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the teaching of Scientific Creationism as opposed to the Theory of Evolution.

## 2007 LCMS National Offering

"Preparing Pastors Worldwide" is the theme of the 2007 national offering. Two-thirds of the gifts received will support Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, and one-third will support the preparation of pastors at seminaries of LCMS partner churches around the world.

LCMS President Dr. Gerald Kieschnick will invite the entire church, including individuals, congregations, and other organizations to participate in gathering the 2007 national offering at this summer's 63rd Regular Convention.

Opportunities to make direct gifts to the national offering will be available beginning in April at [www.GiveNowLCMS.org](http://www.GiveNowLCMS.org). The offering will remain open through the next convention in 2010.

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# Guinea Prayers

## Prayers of Supplication:

- ✠ The biggest prayer request is the one that is affecting all of the missionaries the most – the unrest and uncertainty in Guinea. The Church Leaders for the most part are of good spirits that these troubles will pass. Pray that is the case.
- ✠ Continue to pray for changes in Guinea and for resolution to all the troubles - for good leadership and especially that God will open the ears of all hearing His glorious message!
- ✠ Please pray for the country of Guinea and the people there. Pray that this can be dealt with calmly and that God will hold back any evil that is trying to take advantage of this situation.
- ✠ Please also pray for Katie Heiney. Beth reports, “We found out recently (now that she is somewhere with an x-ray machine) that the broken foot she had last fall was not set right (actually I don’t remember it being “set” at all, only put into a cast) and that’s why she has continued to have trouble with it. Not sure where we’re going with that yet.”
- ✠ Please do not slow down prayers for Guinea because the missionaries are out. They want things to work out so that His work can continue and they can all get back to their homes. There are also still some missionaries in Guinea. Some have chosen to stay, some can’t get out. Please keep them covered in prayer daily.
- ✠ Pray for Evangelist Sacko Koulibaly and his work in the prefecture. Sacko was working hard in a new village near Siguiri to share the gospel. At first this village was really resistant (even though they agreed to learn about Scripture) but through patient reasoning, Sacko was able to convince them, that the Scriptures are worth learning. Another village also opened up during the strike, and had great potential. There was a large crowd there eager to learn.

## Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- ✠ Praise to God that Andrea Herman arrived safely. Her primary responsibility will be ministry among the Maninka women in Siguiri once things quiet down. In the meantime she hopes to engage in some ministry activities in Bamako. She has already met a language helper who worked with the Norwegian mission and may help her get started with language learning.
- ✠ Praise to God that all of our missionary families are safe. The Norton family along with Andrea Herman is in Bamako and is grateful for the missionary friends from the Norwegian Lutheran Mission who have taken them in. The Heineys and Donna Meyer are in Dakar.
- ✠ There is a large neighborhood in Bamako of Maninka both from Mali and Guinea, which Tim Norton is planning on visiting. Praise God for the opportunity to share His love, the open doors, and for God’s leading to make this waiting time in Bamako productive.
- ✠ Praise God for the eight men baptized in December in the Siguiri area. May their faith continue to grow.

*We do continue to trust that God is in control of all this and that He is our protection. Thanks for all the notes of support. We appreciate all the prayers for us here. – Tim, Beth, Katie, and Andrea Heiney; Tim, Heidi, Philip, and Leslie Norton; Donna Meyer; and Andrea Herman*



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