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Of Conventions, Committees, and Meetings

When we talk about the seasons of the church we usually refer to those settings for Divine Worship which form around festivals of the church, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, etc. But at this time of the year there is another season that also has a great affect upon the life and work of the church. This is the season of conventions and meetings. Most of you are aware that we will be meeting in Houston in the middle of July for the regular convention of our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. But there will also be many other meetings, convocations, and planning sessions conducted in our local congregations and areas as we prepare for the continued work of the church locally, in our area, and beyond.

Most who are familiar with me know that I am not a “meeting” person. In fact, I’ve said in the context of meetings, “The problem with most meetings is that they begin with the premise that we are only one rule or resolution away from getting it right”. But the work of Christ’s church has long been set in the context of meetings. Acts Chapter Fifteen records one of the first official meetings of the Christian church, and sets good parameters for ours today.

Note that this was a very pivotal meeting for the church. These were significant issues, they emoted passion from both sides, and they were pitted in tradition, experience, and relation to both the teaching and practice of the church.

Not unlike many of our meetings. Also note, that none of these meetings are ends in themselves. The minutes of these meetings never end “And all lived happily ever after”, only “the meeting was adjourned”.

But there are some healthy points for our learning from that early church meeting. First, meetings should focus more on the wind that is setting their sails than who is controlling the ruder. Ultimately, there is only One who is in charge here. That is the Spirit of God who blows upon us with the same “God Breath” that has inspired and moved His church from the first day. Our meeting together should never be a contest of who will have their way, but a common pursuit of the direction that God is moving among us.

A good friend once said, “We spend too much time planning what we want to do and then turn to God and ask Him to bless it. We are His church. We should be spending our time considering what God is blessing, and then doing it!”.

And thus the Spirit of Acts 15 leads us to the ultimate truth of the season of meetings: “For I know that plans I have for you, says the Lord... plans to give you a hope and a future”. Those words spoken through the prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 29:11) are core of why we have meetings. We strive together to know the plans that God has for us. Note the word, “us”! Meetings are about body life. No one of us can determine these things. There is value in our different perspectives and health in our conversation. Join me in praying over those perspectives and conversations in this season of meetings and conventions. In the end, we would ask God’s help in pursuing the hope and the future He has designed and worked for us all.

“For I know that plans I have for you, says the Lord... plans to give you a hope and a future”

Jeremiah 29:11

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Calls Accepted

- Mark Frith from Beautiful Savior, Olathe to Kansas District as Assistant to the President in Missions and Stewardship
- Paul Meiger from Desoto, Texas to Faith, Derby, Principal (July 1)
- Jennifer Scheuring from Concordia, Seward to Zion, Independence, Teacher, Grades 1 & 2 (July 22)
- Andrea Gibson from Concordia, Seward to Topeka Lutheran School, Teacher

Calls Pending

- Timothy Holste, Teacher, Knoxville TN to St. John Lutheran School, Alma
- Paul White, DCE, Concordia Seward (placement) to Mount Calvary, Wamego
- Chuck , DCE, St. John, Ellinwood to Trinity, Salina

Calls Declined

- Tom Harmon, Risen Savior, Wichita to Zion, Hastings NE
- Mark Boxman, Redeemer, Arkansas City to Christ of Immanuel, Sweet Springs MO

Calling Congregations/Schools

St. Paul, Cheney (Teacher)
Zion, Downs
Bethlehem, Greenleaf
St. Paul, Junction City
Linn Lutheran School (Principal/Teacher)
Christ, Manhattan
Trinity, Mission (2nd Campus)
Christ, Overland Park (Senior Pastor)
Trinity, Parsons
Calvary, Topeka
Faith, Topeka (Director of Worship)
St. Luke, Wheaton

Candidate Ordinations and Installations

Fort Wayne

Kermit Rickenberg - Bethel, Kansas City, Ordination June 10 (Ohio), Installation, July
Troy Scroggins - Hope, Topeka, Ordination/Installation July 8
Thomas Stark - St. John, Topeka (Associate), Ordination/Installation June 10
Robert Weinkauff - St. Martin, Basehor, Ordination July 1 (SJ Topeka), Installation July 8

St. Louis

Matthew Christensen - Immanuel, Junction City, Ordination/Installation June 10
Michael Dunaway - Northeast Kansas Partnership, Ordination/Installation June 24
Jeff Frakes - St. John, Ellinwood, Ordination/Installation July 28
Michael Schmidt - Peace, Natoma, Ordination August 19 (New York), Installation August 26
Michael Van Velzer - St. Matthew, Nortonville

District Calendar

July

14-19 Synodical Convention, Houston
29-31 SAA55 Gathering, Wichita

Aug

4 Education Finance Workshop, District Office
17-18 District Board of Directors, District Office
17-19 Lay Leadership Institute, District Office

Prayers

- Carol Schmidt wife of Rev. Gene Schmidt health concerns
- Terry Wiechman, health concerns
- Rev. John Drush, health concerns
- Barb Teske, Board of Directors, health concerns
- Mother of Rev. Dan Galchutt, health concerns

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 636-627-7315.

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.

District Congregation Mission Receipts

Last month:	Apr. 16, 2007 - May 15, 2007 ...	\$160,817
	Apr. 16, 2006 - May 15, 2006 ...	\$151,851
Year-to-date:	Jan. 16, 2007 - May 15, 2007	\$615,872
	Jan. 16, 2006 - May 15, 2006	\$577,285
To LCMS:	Jan. 16, 2007 - May 15, 2007	\$258,666
	Jan. 16, 2006 - May 15, 2006	\$242,460

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Caring Ministry
Reverend Rocky Mease, District Chaplain

South Central Kansas Tornado Recovery
Update as of June 7, 2007

What can you do to help?

Prayers are very much needed for Peace Lutheran Church of Greensburg and Zion Lutheran Church of Claflin. Zion had water damage from the May 4 storm system. Peace was completely destroyed. Pray for Pastor Tim Henning (Peace) and Pastor John Sharp (Zion), their members and their communities.

Beyond these two communities, much of the state of Kansas has been impacted by May storms. As of June 7, 2007 nineteen counties in Kansas have been added to the FEMA declaration.

Volunteers are needed for clean up (currently 75% completed in Greensburg) or in rebuilding efforts. Volunteers may contact Rocky Mease at 316-993-0746 or by email at Chaprm@aol.com. Groups can continue to contact Americorp to volunteer at 211 (in state) or 888-413-4327 until July 4. Plans are currently underway for the South Central Kansas Tornado Recovery Organization to assume responsibility for volunteers.

What are we doing to help?

Pastoral Care and presence has been provided to the Pastors, members and community. Glen Merritt and Carlos Hernandez from LCMS World Relief and Human Care, Keith Kohlmeier and Rocky Mease from the Kansas District have met with church leaders and supported the beginning of their recovery efforts.

LCMS World Relief and Human Care has made funds available for persons from the Peace congregation who lived in Greensburg.

We are currently working with other members of the South Central Kansas Tornado Recovery Committee to form a single volunteer camp. Plans are underway for all rebuilding, done by volunteers, to be coordinated out of this work camp.

Kansas Lutheran Disaster Response plans to provide Camp Noah (a VBS type program for children who have gone through a disaster) just before school resumes.

What to do if you need help?

Register with FEMA by July 5. No grants, aid or assistance will be available for those who have not registered with FEMA.

If you are a resident of Kiowa, Comanche, Edwards, Pratt or Stafford counties, contact the South Central Kansas Tornado Recovery Office at 201 N Main (Banco Insurance Building) in Haviland, Kansas. The phone number is 620-862-5882. You will need to complete an intake interview with this office. Please ask what financial records you need to bring with you for this interview.

Once your intake interview is completed, you will be assigned a case manager. If you would like Kansas Lutheran Disaster Response to provide your case management, please let that be known during your intake interview. Your case management may involve a follow up interview.

Your case manager will then present your case to the South Central Kansas Tornado Recovery Committee, which will assign resources to meet your unmet needs. In other words – we will combine the resources you bring, with other resources and volunteer labor.

What this means for you is, that if you don't have the resources to rebuild your home, the South Central Kansas Tornado Recovery Committee will do all that can be done to help you rebuild your home. While the process seems rather long and complicated, it is designed to insure that those who most need the help receive the most help. Funds for outbuildings and other farm related losses will also be considered through this same process.

Monetary contributions for the South Central Kansas Tornado Recovery can be sent to:

LCMS World Relief and Human Care,
P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-9810,
marked "Kansas tornadoes". Credit card donations are accepted by calling 1-888-930-4438. Online donations are also accepted at <http://www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=11801>.

Corporate and private donations will be matched up to \$200,000.

Or send to: Kansas District LCMS
1000 SW 10th Street, Topeka, KS 66604 and indicate "Disaster Response" in the memo or with the remittance voucher.

Donations Can Also Be Sent To:
Lutheran Disaster Response- www.LDR.org
Orphan Grain Train- www.ogt.org
Lutheran Women's Missionary League-
Kansas
www.kansaslwml.homestead.com
Lutheran Laymen's League- www.lhm.org
Lutheran Church Charities-
www.lcc.lutheranchurchcharities.org
Cannonball Chapter of the Red Cross
114 N. Main
Pratt, Kansas 67124

Synodical Convention

The 63rd Convention will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center July 14-19, 2007, in Houston, Texas.

The Kansas delegation will be housed at the Hilton Americas Hotel which is located adjacent to the convention center. The District has made arrangements at the hotel for breakfast meetings Sunday through Wednesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. These breakfast meetings will introduce some Synodical leaders, highlight the day's special business and provide for discussion of significant issues.

Open Floor Committee hearings will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning, July 10. All-Delegate Orientation will be held Saturday, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Information on the Convention can be found on the LCMS website, www.lcms.org, or you can contact the Kansas District President's Office at 1-800-357-4421 ext. 219 or marie@kslcms.org.



Professional Workers Conference

The Professional Church Workers Conference (PCWC) will take place October 7-9 at the Capitol Plaza in Topeka. This conference is for all active and retired church workers and their spouses.

Go to www.kslcms.org/pcwc for up-to-the-minute conference registration details regarding schedule, speakers, and the NEW on-line registration process.

**ABBA, Father:
His Plan, Our Purpose**
Rom. 8:15

This year's conference theme is "Abba, Father: His Plan, Our Purpose" which is based on Romans 8:15b-16, 26ff. The Rev. Walt Waiser (chair of the Texas District LCMS Committee on Prayer and Spiritual Formation) will be our keynote presenter.

Your registration cost is \$110 before August 15, \$115 from August 15 to September 15, \$120 after September 15. This includes the Sunday evening banquet, lunch on Monday and Tuesday and mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack breaks.

If you have any questions, call the Joyce at the District Office, 785-357-4441 ext. 206 or 800-357-4421 ext. 206.

Missions & Stewardship

Mission Grant Applications

Applications for mission aid grants are now being taken from congregations needing financial assistance. The documents must be completed and returned to the District office by Sept. 22 to be considered by the Board of Mission for the fiscal year 2008.

The goal of the Mission Board is to help those congregations needing assistance move quickly beyond the need for assistance to self-support.

The District asks the congregation requesting mission aid grants to provide the Board with necessary information concerning their congregation's history, current and projected expectations related to budget, membership and worship attendance.

To request a grant application, please contact Lori Hennessey at 800-357-4421 ext. 223 or lori@kslcms.org.

Education Loan Repayment

Applications are now being accepted for the Kansas District Education Loan Repayment Grants. This program began in 1998 and helps newly graduated professional church workers with assistance in repayment of their educational loans. These grants are available to all rostered synodical graduates working in the Kansas District with graduation dates of 1998 or later.

Applications will be sent in late July to all Kansas professional workers that are eligible for the program. If you do not receive an application, please contact Lori Hennessey at 800-357-4421 ext. 223 or lori@kslcms.org. The deadline for submitting applications is September 8.

Business Office Debbie Crites, Business Manager

It's Time to Check 2006 Housing Allowances

Now is a good time to review the housing allowance designated for any minister on your staff for 2007. It may be that the allowance designated for 2007 was too low. If so, the housing allowance can be increased for the remainder of the year. Simply have the church board (or other group that designated the original allowance) adopt a resolution

amending the allowance and be sure that the amendment is recorded in the official minutes of the group.

An increase in housing allowance does not result in any additional compensation being paid to the minister; rather the minister's salary is decreased by the amount of the increase in the housing allowance. Remember – any amended housing allowance is only effective from the date of the amendment. It cannot be applied retroactively.

Planned Giving Garry Niehoff, Counselor

Expressing Your Philanthropic Desires

*"Each man should give what he has decided
in his heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion."
2 Corinthians 9:7*



Expressions of philanthropy are intensely personal. And thanks to strategies made possible in large part by tax laws that recognize the benefits of philanthropy, there is more than one way to demonstrate your support for your church.

Since the earliest hours of our history as a nation, the support of organizations that strengthen the fabric of our society has been encouraged.

Today there are tax incentives for making gifts of cash before December 31 that can reduce your taxable

income for the calendar year. Gifts of stock and real estate also may produce tax benefits and savings.

Trust agreements make it possible to bypass capital gains tax on appreciated assets, receive a tax deduction, and even increase income. And, of course, bequests via the Last Will and Testament offer a way for anyone to give lasting voice to important values.

For more information on the ways to make a charitable gift, please call our office at 1-800-357-4421 ext. 101. We will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Larry Crume, Vice President

Money Concerns with 2007 National Youth Gathering?

Use the services and products of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) before, during and after your youth group travels to Orlando in 2007.

The LCEF StewardAccount offers competitive interest rates and easy access to funds with an ATM/debit card for cash withdrawals and purchases. Youth groups can pay registration fees, hotel bills, travel costs, meals, etc. all with the StewardAccount ATM/VISA Check Card.

On site at the Youth Gathering the "LCEF Exchange" will be available to help you cash traveler's checks, withdraw funds from an LCEF StewardAccount and transfer funds. The "LCEF Exchange" offers a safe convenient on site location, with no waiting in bank lines or foreign ATM usage fees.

LCEF wants your groups experience at the 2007 Gathering to be fun, memorable and safe. Using LCEF's services and products offers convenient, secure access to funds before, during and after the event, while supporting the Great Commission. Call for more information 1-800-843-5233.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Interest Rates - June 2007

Steward Account Rates:

Congregational Certificates

Demand	3.375%
Steward Account	4.125%

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	4.125%



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

Monthly, quarterly or annual adjustable	6.000%
5 Year fixed	6.500%

Congregation Endowment (60-Month Fixed or Floating):

Min. Investment	Rate	APY
\$1,000	4.415%	4.489%
\$10,000	4.540%	4.618%
\$100,000	4.665%	4.747%

Thank You Kansas District Congregations

During the past year, LCEF has sent several promotional inserts to our Kansas District congregations. These have been met with enthusiasm and distributed to our members. The Kansas District LCEF staff would like to thank all the churches and individuals that have help distribute our bulletin inserts. We are grateful and appreciate the help you provide LCEF in reaching the goals of our ministry.

Educational Services

Jim Bradshaw, Executive



Family Life Academy III Will Launch in Fall, 2008

The Kansas District has completed its second cycle of two years of training of parish leadership teams and plans to launch a third cycle of classes that will now begin in September, 2008. The rationale for the delayed start is a desire to register a minimum of three leadership teams for financial viability. Are you one of those three?

It is not too early to begin assessing the need to budget ministry dollars for the 2008 calendar year and recruit leaders who will carry forth a vision for family ministry.

Just what is Family Ministry? Family ministry is a congregational partnership with households in God's mission of nurturing faith and inspiring individuals in the family to pass the faith on to the next generation. The Family Life Academy is a viable model for the intentional training of congregational leadership teams. The two year curriculum is presented in four semesters. Each year involves four training weekends (Friday evening through Sunday afternoon) between the months of September through March. Each year also includes a "practicum" experience to be completed on-site of the local congregation following the completion of the four modules. The Family Life Ministry committee provides oversight for each practicum for the purposes of on-site evaluation/consultation.

The first year focuses on these four themes: family systems; theology of the family; family dynamics; and, life span family education. The second year addresses these topics: milestones ministry; marriage and parenting; responding to crisis in families; and adult ministries. Each of the eight modules incorporates three emphases: team leadership development; instruction; and, an experiential lab in a local congregation, followed by debriefing. "Homework" assignments between sessions involve reading, journaling the experience, and the articulation of a mission/vision statement for the parish.

Instructors are professionals who have rich experiences in the fields of youth and family ministries, including university professors and family life practitioners, who bring current research, conceptual models, creative resources, inspiring worship, and networking. Congregations who have a passion for family ministry are ripe for a training of this nature. It is expected that the senior pastor, any staff responsible for family ministry, and at least three-five key congregational leaders will attend.

We will accept registration applications now for the Fall of 2008. Registration information is available on-line at www.kslcms.org. If you are looking for a family ministry "primer", a one-day Family Ministry Basics Workshop may be what is needed. For further questions, contact the department of Educational Services at 785.357.4441 x 206.

Sunday School Training Workshops

In an on-going effort to build up the Sunday School ministry in the Kansas District, St. Paul, Clay Center, and Trinity, Colby are sponsoring Sunday School training workshops in August led by DCE Tom Nummela from Concordia Publishing House. The workshops will be held at St. Paul, Clay Center, on Saturday, August 11 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and at Trinity, Colby, on Sunday, August 12 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Messiah Lutheran Church, Emporia, is a new workshop location site for Saturday, August 25. For further information, contact DCE Elaine Whiteneck at ekwhite@messiahlutheran.org.

These are exciting and interactive presentations on effectively leading Sunday School ministry. The workshops will provide basic training for the new teacher as well as timely reminders for the veteran teacher. Ideas for generating enthusiasm for Sunday School and increasing congregation support will also be presented. The \$20 workshop fee includes a one-year subscription to *Teachers Interaction* magazine. To register, log on to <http://sundayschool.cph.org/workshops>.

Announcing 2008 KINDLE class

The 2008 KINDLE class has been set!! KINDLE is the Karpenko Institute for Nurturing and Developing Leadership Excellence for Directors of Christian Education (DCEs). Congratulations to two of our Kansas District DCEs who were approved by KINDLE Board of Directors on May 31, 2007, to begin their training this fall along with fifteen other DCEs throughout the LCMS. They are DCE Leland Jackson (Garden City, KS) and DCE Chuck Merriman (Ellinwood, KS). Previously trained KINDLE Associates who currently serve in Kansas include: Jim Bradshaw; Mary Ginkel; Deb Hartje; Denise Sprengeler; Cindy Twillman; and, Audrey Duensing-Werner. The mission of KINDLE is to enhance the Church by fostering and multiplying servant leaders. Please keep these Associates in your prayers!

Looking Ahead

July 28- Aug. 1	LCMS National Youth Gathering, Orlando, Fla.
Aug. 4	District Single's Summer Workshop, Holy Cross, Wichita
Aug. 4	District Early Childhood Educators Summer Workshop, Holy Cross, Wichita
Aug. 11	CPH "Sunday School Basics" Workshop, St. Paul, Clay Center
Aug. 12	CPH "Sunday School Basics" Workshop, Trinity, Colby
Aug. 24-26 Aug. 25	Teen Leadership Retreat, Rock Springs 4H Youth Ministry Academy, Rock Springs 4H

Singles “Re-launch” Seminar

Are you a single adult or know of someone who is? Does your church need assistance in ministry with single adults? If so, you are invited to attend a one day seminar on Saturday, August 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (600 N. Greenwich Rd., Wichita), on the topic “Starting a New Singles Ministry and Strengthening Existing Ones.” Linda Gerbitz, President of International Lutheran Single Adults, will lead us in the exploration of how we can grow and strengthen ministry with all single adults. We need YOUR participation or the involvement of someone you know who could benefit from this workshop.

The cost is only \$25, which includes lunch. You may register by contacting the Kansas District Singles Chairperson, Staci Timm, at 785-823-6727 (evenings), or the Kansas District Educational Services department at 785-357-4441 ext. 206 or joyce@kslclms.org. Please register by July 15!

Early Childhood Conference

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 4, 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., and encourage your early childhood staff members to gather at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita for this annual one day ECE Conference. Our keynote presenter is Barb Menninga, an LCMS Christian Counselor, who works with preschool students and their families. She will show ways to help resolve various behavioral challenges which are common in the classroom.

Participants can earn up to 5 clock hours (CEU’s). A continental breakfast and lunch from Jason’s Deli are included in the conference fee of \$30 for early registration, \$35 for late. Look for your registration form soon! Questions? Contact Kara Thomas at 913.780.4439 or mrstthomas@sbcglobal.net.

Final Call for Media Library Requests

As you are now probably aware, the Media Library will soon be closing and all materials liquidated in August. This is the FINAL notice for congregations and schools to access the Media Library catalog on-line at www.kslclms.org to “lay claim” to those titles that might be of use. The videos are in VHS format. There are books available also. The deadline to submit requests to Joyce Tate is August 1 at joyce@kslclms.org.

Saints Alive After 55 Gathering

Do you need to put “Zip in your Sap!” This is the title of one of the sessions that Dr. Walter Schoedel will be sharing with people attending the Saints Alive After 55 event on July 29-31, 2007 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, KS. There is lots more happening during the three days to make you want to be where the action is! There will be bible study, insight sessions, singing, displays, music and entertainment! Six excellent meals are included in the registration fee. Registration information and schedules were sent to churches in May. Check your planner, mark the dates, send in your registration and be ready to enjoy a wonderful time.

Education Financing Workshop

Do you have a student going to one of our synodical schools or one of the seminaries? If so, this is a “must do” workshop. This is intended not only for the students, but their spouses of married, and their parent. It is also intended to serve those students who might be considering one of our synodical schools.

This workshop is the result of the District’s and church’s concern for the amount of debt some of our church workers are accumulating while in school. It will cover many financial subjects including credit card debt, student loans, scholarships, alternative methods of funding education, ways of cutting expenses, and a number of other subjects that we hope they will find helpful.

We have scheduled this workshop for Saturday August 4th at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Kansas District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Office, 1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, Kansas. We plan to be punctual. Please call Garry or Doris at 1-800-357-4421 ext. 101 so we can plan for the appropriate number.

Youth Ministry Leadership Training

Two awesome events occurring on the same weekend targeted at youth ministry. Consider The Teen Leadership Retreat and the Youth Ministry Academy at Rock Springs 4H Camp, near Junction City on August 24-26

These are two separate events held at the same time and in the same location. Even though meals and lodging space will be held in common, each event targets a different audience. TLR is for youth and one adult (from the same parish) and YMA is an adult only event.

TLR requires a full weekend experience while YMA allows adults to attend a Saturday only event. Full weekend YMA participants are encouraged to attend a Friday evening orientation session and remain following the Saturday afternoon YMA session and join TLR through its conclusion on Sunday. (This is for church groups attending both events).

Note that only Saturday meals are included. Also note that since this is a camp setting (A/C dorms including bunk beds with mattresses), all participants will be required to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, towel, personal toiletries, and changes of clothes.

Space is limited for both events! Hurry and publicize these events... the registration deadline is August 3! The full per person registration fee and health forms will be due this time also (make church check payable to Kansas District, LCMS) and may be mailed to Educational Services, 1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604.

For questions pertaining to TLR contact Lay Leader Vicki Lessman (Trinity, Wichita) at 316-685-1571 and for questions pertaining to YMA contact DCE Bill Prann (Bethany, Overland Park) at 913-648-2228.

Guinea Prayers

Prayer Requests from the Heiney family

- ✠ for the Church in the Forest while they're away on home leave
- ✠ for the seminarians that are returning to Guinea this month and for their vicarage next year. Pray that they can be a blessing to the church and that God uses them to reach and teach many
- ✠ for the country of Guinea, for peace and stability as a transition is made to a different form of government
- ✠ for the Heiney family as there will be much travel in the next few months. Pray for safety for all of them

Prayer Requests from the Norton family

- ✠ For Evangelist Sacko Koulibaly as he goes out with his family to encourage the young believers in village "L." He is planning on staying there for three months to help these new Christians in their walk of faith.
- ✠ For the many places that have invited us to do evangelism, that they would still be open to the Lord even if we don't have the people resources to reach them quickly.
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the camp that was held for Maninka believers in Mali last month and what an encouragement it was to the faith of the participants.
- ✠ For Evangelist Abdurahmane Sano and his family who are planning on moving to Siguiri soon to help in the work here.
- ✠ For the three young men that Sacko will be training in leadership - "Al," "Sam," and "Dave."

Prayer Requests from Andrea Herman

Praise God for:

- ✠ God's protection and provision during the recent military unrest in Guinea
- ✠ as extremely productive time of language learning while unexpectedly in Bamako, Mali
- ✠ continued encouragement in the language learning process
- ✠ spiritual encouragement from the Christian community in Bamako
- ✠ good health

Ask God for:

- ✠ His continued blessing on her language learning, especially back in Guinea
- ✠ wisdom for changes that need to be made with her language helpers in Guinea (that no one would be offended or have extra difficulties as a result of the changes)
- ✠ restful sleep (so she can stay healthy and energized)
- ✠ the furniture she purchased from another missionary to arrive (from southern Guinea)
- ✠ peace in Guinea
- ✠ an openness to hearts to the Gospel in Guinea



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