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From the President's Office

Patchwork Ministry by President Keith Kohlmeier

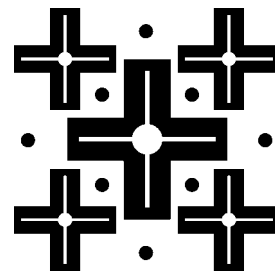
Quilters are interesting people. I know that not everyone will think I'm being honest. I used to tease one of the members of a previous parish by viewing one of her newest creations and saying, "Nice blanket." I was promptly corrected! Quilters have the ability to piece together unrelated items into a uniquely new creation that fits together. This month my article is an attempt at quilting.

Start first with my enjoyment of FM Radio. I've learned to enjoy this innovation during my travels and travails across Kansas. I don't know that I'll ever consider a vehicle without it again. Among the stations that I listen to, I enjoy the comedy channel. I was listening to it recently and heard "Larry the Cable Guy." (Did you know that he is related to one of the people who works in our office?) If you have heard him, you know that one of his punch lines is, "Eye don't care who yarrre. That's funnie!" (Misspellings are intentional.)

Next Patch. During the summer there is a lot of reading time beyond my usual devotional reading and reading for presentations and sermons. Most of it is done in airports and motel rooms. Among the new finds of this summer is a book that I would like to recommend to ya'll. The title is "Leading the Small Church: How to develop a Transformational Ministry" written by Glenn C. Daman.

I'm not going to give away the detail. That would be like telling you if Harry Potter lives or dies in the latest release. But I do recommend this read to every worker and leader of our churches of Kansas. Don't let the title deter you. This is a look at the church today that transcends place or size. He caught my attention right away when he wrote, "Too many workers come out of seminaries today believing that they have to start in the minors, but they hope to make it to the 'big's' one day." In a world that has succeeded in enticing the best ministries into believing that success is measured in programs, worship numbers or long range planning, Glenn brings us back to the simple truth that all these things come together only when they form a patchwork that gives birth to new or renewed relationships.

So my quilt would say to you, "Eye don't care who yarrre. That's important!" It is not often when one subject can touch us all, but this one clearly does. Our Lord came to establish a relationship with every man, woman and child of this earth of all times. His life, suffering and death forms one quilt that covers us all. Our Lord called us to be the church at this time in order to be His hands, voice and heart to establish relationships with all those we can touch in His name, be they family, friends or neighbors. He is quilting today as He would gather this entire world to himself. And He would do that through each and all of us. His simple call is, "Gitter Done!"



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Deadline: 15th of each month

Calls Accepted

- Andrea White from Concordia, Seward to St. John, Alma, Teacher

Calls Pending

- Rev. Tom Brewer from Shawnee to First, Venice, Calif.
- Rev. Christopher Bushre from St. John, Lyons, Neb. to Bethlehem, Greenleaf
- Chuck Merriman from St. John, Ellinwood to St. John, Mattoon, Ill., DCE
- Rev. Gary Werling from Good Shepherd, Gretna, Neb. to Immanuel, Lawrence, Sr. Pastor

Calling Congregations/Schools

St. John, Aliceville
 St. John, Alma (Teacher)
 St. Peter, Barnes
 St. Luke, Bazine
 Zion, Downs
 Bethlehem, Greenleaf
 St. Paul, Junction City
 St. Paul, Lincoln
 Christ, Manhattan
 Trinity, Mission (Min. of Outreach)
 Zion, Newton
 Christ, Overland Park (Senior Pastor)
 Trinity, Parsons
 Trinity, Salina (DCE)
 Calvary, Topeka



Elder Training Workshops

September 22

Messiah Lutheran Church
 2000 Main St.
 Hays, Kansas 67601
 Deadline: Sept. 7

November 3

Trinity Lutheran Church
 702 S. 9th St.
 Salina, Kansas 67401
 Deadline: Oct. 5

The cost is \$25 per attendee or \$100 per congregation, which includes lunch and materials. Elders should be accompanied by their pastor and all pastors attend free! Contact Marie at 785-357-4441 ext. 219 or marie@kslcms.org for more details or to register.

District Congregation Mission Receipts

Last month:	July 16, 2007 - Aug. 15, 2007 ... \$132,681
	July 16, 2006 - Aug. 15, 2006 ... \$142,686
Year-to-date:	Jan. 16, 2007 - Aug. 15, 2007 ... \$978,459
	Jan. 16, 2006 - Aug. 15, 2006 ... \$965,021
To LCMS:	Jan. 16, 2007 - Aug. 15, 2007 ... \$410,953
	Jan. 16, 2006 - Aug. 15, 2006 ... \$405,309

District Calendar

September

14-16 Lay Leadership Institute, District Office
 17-18 Timothy Gathering, District Office
 22 Elders Training Workshop, Messiah, Hays
 25 Education Loan Repayment Committee, District Office
 27-28 Principals' Conference, Topeka

October

2 KAIRS, District Office
 5-7 Singles Fall Retreat, Salina
 7-9 Professional Workers Conference, Topeka
 19-21 Lay Leadership Institute, District Office
 25-27 Board of Directors, District Office

Prayers

- Barb McComas, District Office staff, health concerns
- Terry Wiechman, Trinity, Wichita, health concerns
- Barb Teske, Board of Directors, 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.



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Caring Ministry

Reverend Rocky Mease, District Chaplain

Disaster Updates

Here is a brief update on Disaster Recovery around Kansas.

Greensburg and South Central Tornado Recovery Area

◆ Volunteers should call Julie Hillshafer, Lutheran Disaster Response Site Coordinator at 620-388-3760 or email her at jewels_034@yahoo.com.

◆ We hope to have volunteer housing sometime after Labor Day.

◆ Donations can continue to be sent to: LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-9810 marked "Kansas Tornadoes."

◆ This summer we have had several volunteer groups. Currently we are arranging housing through other disaster organizations. We had about 60 children participate in our Camp Noah (a VBS type program for children who have gone through a disaster). The South Central Tornado Recovery Organization continues to do case work and is close to beginning work on the first of our rebuild projects.

Coffeyville and Southeast Flood Recovery

◆ As of today, we are still on hold with volunteers.

◆ Contributions for the Southeast Flood Recovery can be sent to the Kansas District, 1000 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604 marked "SE Kansas Floods."

◆ The recovery effort in SE Kansas has been slower to form (in large part due to the number of disasters going on around the state). Assessment has also been more difficult due to the nature of this disaster. We continue to be involved in the formation of their Long Term Recovery Committee (setting their first formal meeting September 5).

◆ Lutheran Disaster Response continues to provide support for this disaster along with LCMS World Relief and Human Care.

Other Areas

◆ We continue to try to catch up with other unmet needs around the District. If your congregation knows of persons with unmet needs caused by disasters, please contact Rocky Mease at chaprm@aol.com.

◆ If you know of Long Term Recovery Organizations meeting in your area, get involved! These LTR organizations most often are formed by local ministerial associations. If you want more information about these committees and what they do, check out the www.ksvoad.com website or contact Rocky Mease at chaprm@aol.com.

Business Office

Debbie Crites, Business Manager

Concordia Health Plan Deadlines

The fall deadlines for choosing Concordia Health Plan (CHP) coverage options for 2008 have been established. The dates for requesting changes in coverage are as follows:

◆ Late August – election forms and information will be mailed to all employers and all forms will be available on the Concordia Plan Services website: www.ConcordiaPlans.org.

◆ September 1 through October 5 – employers may elect a different plan coverage option for year 2008.

◆ October 15 through November 16 – Annual Open Enrollment – active, full-time workers employed by a CHP-participating organization can enroll themselves and/or their dependents in the Concordia Health Plan (subject to Annual Open Enrollment guidelines).

Remember that employers enrolled in the CHP may choose to remain with their current health plan option or choose from the other options available. Employers wishing to choose a plan coverage option different from their current one will need to inform Concordia Plans of their decision no later than October 5, 2007. If you are not making a change in coverage, then no action is necessary and the current plan coverage option will continue for 2008. Make your arrangements now for the necessary meetings needed in order to make your decision before the October 5 deadline.

Lutheran Witness Renewals

Renewal packets for Lutheran Witness 2007/2008 subscriptions were sent to each congregation in July. Concordia Publishing House requires that the renewal instruction sheet (follow instructions completely) and the original computer printout be returned to the District Office for processing, even if there are no changes. Changes (additions, cancellations) were due on August 15, 2007.

Lutheran Witness billings will go out in November using the current subscription number, so please make sure that your congregation is up to date as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need the change forms, please contact Tami at 800-357-4421 ext. 200 or tami@kslcms.org.

2008 Salary Guidelines Available

The Kansas District Salary Guidelines for 2008 have been finalized and are now available on the District website at www.kslcms.org. You can access them by clicking on the "Publications" tab and scrolling down to the "Business Department." If you are unable to download and view this online, contact Debbie Crites, 800-357-4421 ext. 204 or debbie@kslcms.org.

Mission & Stewardship

Rev. Mark T. Frith, Assistant to the President

“Wait for the Gift” by Rev. Mark T. Frith

“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 1:4-5.

The Lord teaches us from the beginning of Acts that we wait on Him and for Him for the gifts needed for ministry. There is a reason for that, I believe. Does it not often feel that what we envision for mission and ministry in our parishes or schools seems to take too long to accomplish? At times we may feel like simply walking away. “It’s just taking too long!” But hear Jesus’ words, “*Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised...*”

September often means new classes, new students and new ministry recipients. These new opportunities often present new objectives for the larger mission of the Church. Pastors, DCEs, DCOs, Deacons serve their posts. Teachers teach their classroom students. These are services that can fully occupy our hearts, minds and souls. However, by God’s kingdom standards you are a part of a much larger Church and ministry. You are a bigger part of the Lord’s ministry than what meets the eye. What is that old axiom: “Don’t miss the forest for the trees”?

From the Ascension outlook of our Lord, looking down from on high, each of our posts is a mission and ministry post, connected by the Lord’s Spirit and the Word’s proclamation. From the human eye it might very well look like a spider’s web. By the Holy Spirit’s weaving through Word and sacrament we are all interconnected, with small centering posts. We are one of those centering posts as the Kansas District of the LCMS. The Lord has put us here to serve together in this corner of His Kingdom. As children of the heavenly Father, we work to encourage one another, bless one another, at times admonish one another, but ever support one another.

It is my job to lift up before you two areas of importance for us as Kansas congregations and schools - Mission and Stewardship. I am working to make current our section of the website (www.kslcms.org). Through the website you should be able to look at your computer screen and see a glimpse of what are working on together. These are Ablaze days and years for us as an LCMS. We seek to make Christ known to those who do not know Him. To do that best we are encouraged by our Lord, even in these days, to wait on the Lord’s gifts. If you take a look at our Mission/Stewardship Department on the website, scroll through and take a look at just what we are waiting for in terms of gifts in people and resources. You are the District. What we accomplish as faithful stewards in our region will be what the LORD accomplishes through you.

Visit the Kansas District website:
www.kslcms.org

Mission Grant Applications

Applications for mission grants are now being taken from congregations needing financial assistance to expand ministry. The documents must be completed and returned to the District office by Sept. 15 to be considered by the Board of Mission for the fiscal year 2008.

If you have any questions or need 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. These grants are available to all **rostered synodical graduates** working in the Kansas District with graduation dates of 1998 or later.

If you need an application, please contact Lori Hennessey at 800-357-4421 ext. 223 or lori@kslcms.org. The deadline for submitting applications is Sept. 7.

Timothy Gathering

Sept. 17-18

Topic: Building Worship

For all pastors new to the Kansas District within the last 3 years and vicars.

Stewardship News

Look in your congregational mailing for two pieces:

- ◆ Stewardship in the Fall of 2007 - information and resources for your congregation
- ◆ Kansas District 2006 Income/Expense Charts - see how your dollars work for mission and ministry in our district.

Team Leaders & Members Needed

If you have checked out our Mission/Stewardship Department page on the website, you will have noticed there are several vacancies for both team leaders and team members - for professional church workers and laity.

Mission:

- ◆ Outreach Leader & Members - Ablaze Connections
- ◆ Hispanic Ministry Leader & Members
- ◆ Mission Vision Giving Leader & Members
- ◆ New Church Starts/Covenant Congregations Leader & Members
- ◆ Rural/Small Town Ministry Members

Stewardship:

- ◆ Church Worker Development Leader & Members
- ◆ District/Synod Support Leader & Members

If you have an interest in any of these areas, please contact Lori at 800-357-4421 ext. 223 or lori@kslcms.org.

Planned Giving Garry Niehoff, Counselor

Charitable Giving through Individual Retirement Accounts

In order to help charities further their good work, Congress recently changed the rules for charitable gifts made from individual retirement accounts (IRAs). If you are over age 70 ½, the Federal government now permits you to rollover amounts from your IRA to charity without claiming any increased income or paying any additional tax. These tax-free rollover gifts could be \$1,000, \$10,000 or any amount up to \$100,000 in one year. Here are several reasons why you might want to take advantage of this special opportunity.

Simple, Easy Gift

If you are like many individuals, your IRA has increased in value over the years and you have more income than you may need. The IRA rollover gift is a simple and easy way to provide for your favorite charity, while not increasing your taxable income. Simply contact your custodian and request that an amount be transferred to charity. Charity gets a nice gift and you avoid any additional tax.

You Can Give More!

Perhaps you have already made cash gifts to charity this year up to the Federal limit. Your charitable deductions for cash gifts are limited to 50% of your adjusted gross income for a given year. Maybe you are a generous donor and desire to give even more this year. With an IRA rollover gift, you can transfer excess funds from your IRA to charity and still make your regular cash gifts up to the Federal level. You can give more without paying any more in tax.

Make a Major Gift

Perhaps you are considering your tax planning goals and would like to make a major gift to charity. Like many individuals, your IRA may be the largest asset in your estate. Your CPA may be looking for ways to save taxes. By making annual IRA charitable rollover gifts of up to \$100,000, you can reach your goals of helping charity in a significant way and reducing taxable income.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Larry Crume, Vice President

Joyful Giving with Joyful Response®

Joyful Response for Congregations

The Joyful Response Electronic Offering Program is a free service that allows direct contributions from a church member's personal account to the church's LCEF StewardAccount®, an easy access savings investment. Several designated church funds can be credited through a single transfer from a member's account.

Joyful Response for Schools

The Joyful Response Electronic Tuition Payment Program allows families to make tuition payments electronically to the school's LCEF StewardAccount. LCMS preschool, elementary, secondary or university/seminary programs can offer this safe and convenient method of electronic funds transfer.

Joyful Response for LCMS Ministries

Through the Joyful Response Electronic Donation Program, LCMS ministries can now give their donors a safe and easy method of completing their donation commitments. Utilizing LCEF's StewardAccount, ministries will receive deposits from a donor's personal account on a timely, consistent basis. The donation payment plan allows donors to fulfill their commitments with ease.

Joyful Response Benefits for LCMS Organizations:

- ◆ The service is free!
- ◆ Setup of member accounts is easy with online access and maintenance through Vanco Services, LLC.
- ◆ Online transactions are available with LCEF StewardAccount (MyAccount authorization required).
- ◆ A consistent cash flow is created.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Interest Rates - September 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	4.585%	4.664%
\$10,000	4.710%	4.794%
\$100,000	4.835%	4.923%

Joyful Response Benefits for Members, Families & Donors:

- ◆ Less time and money are spent handling personal checks or cash.
- ◆ Commitments to the organization are easily completed with electronic transfers.
- ◆ The simple enrollment form makes registering effortless.

To find out more information about Joyful Response, contact Larry Crume at 800-357-4421 ext. 205 or lcrume@kslcms.org.

Educational Services

Jim Bradshaw, Executive

Professional Workers Conference

❖ Sunday-Tuesday, Oct. 7-9 at the Capitol Plaza (1717 SW Topeka Blvd) in Topeka

❖ This year's 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 \$115 August 15-September 15, \$120 after September 15, which includes the Sunday evening banquet, Monday/Tuesday lunch and mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack breaks.

❖ This conference is for all active and retired church workers and their spouses.

❖ For questions, call the district office 785-357-4441 or 800-357-4421 ext. 206.

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

❖ 5+ clockhour points will be available for Early Childhood Educators.

Family Life "Monthly Connections" *from Holy Cross, Wichita*

August is the time to "gear-up" after a more relaxed schedule of activities during the summer months. The start of school signals the start of fall activities: promotion to the next Sunday School Class, fall schedule of adult Bible Classes, Catechism classes for 7th and 8th graders and their parents.

We continue helping parents (and grandparents) to remember the Biblical mandate that parents are the primary faith teachers – by word and especially by example. The faith life demonstrated by the parents will be a very powerful model that the children will follow. When parents are faithful in prayer, devotions, public worship and service, the family value of faith life will be a powerful influence. When parents do not model a prayer, devotional, public worship and service life, the children (and others) see a very powerful witness as well – contrary to the growing in faith that is promised at infant baptism and contrary to God's Word and commission to fathers and mothers.

In our weekly newsletter we continue to include Family Ministry Minutes in which one or more of the Scripture readings is developed in a Bible Study for families to do together - view this on-line at www.holycrosslutheran.net.

Our confirmation ministry continues with full involvement by parents. We begin with a Saturday morning "orientation" meeting the Saturday before school begins in which parents and 7th and 8th graders spend quality time preparing for the year of instructions. Then, parents and youth meet with the pastors (separately as Level I and Level II – possibly not just 7th and 8th graders) every other

Looking Ahead

Sept. 27-28	Principals' Conference, Clubhouse Inn, Topeka
Oct. 2	KAIRS, District Office
Oct. 5-7	Fall Singles Retreat, Camp Webster, Salina
Oct. 7-9	Professional Workers Conference, Topeka
Nov. 16-18	District Youth Gathering, Hyatt, Wichita

Fall Singles' Retreat

The Kansas District Singles' Steering Committee invites you to the annual Fall Singles' Retreat, Oct. 5-7 at Camp Webster Conference Center in Salina. The theme is "Are Kansas Singles Still Ablaze?" led by Rev. Terry Dittmer. Together we will unpack what scriptures have to say about "keeping the fires burning within us."

The cost for the weekend is \$75, which includes meals and lodging. The commuter rate is \$50 (meals only). The deadline for registration is Sept. 15. For more information, please contact Joyce Tate at 785-357-4441 ext. 206 or Staci Timm, Singles Steering Committee Chair, at 785-823-6727 (evenings). Hope to see you there!

Wednesday evening from 7- 8:45 PM. Pastor, parents and youth from each level meet for the first hour for instruction and activities on the Catechism. Then the youth go with Small Group leaders for the final 45 minutes for small group Bible study while the parents remain with the pastor for additional discussion and instruction. On the Wednesdays that the whole group does not meet, the parents work with their students on memory work, homework and special activities at home. We are finding that this model of confirmation instruction is very beneficial for all involved – parents review (or maybe learn for the first time) the basic doctrines; students, participating with their parents, are encouraged and focus better (no discipline problems!) and pastors "equip the saints for the work of ministry," Eph. 4:12. Contact us if you are interested in receiving more information.

We also continue to offer a "Family Life" Bible Class each quarter in our Sunday School hour. This fall, two Family Life classes are being offered dealing with life and fertility issues and raising adolescents (using Kevin Lehman's video series: Running the Rapids). Plans are to offer classes on marriage, parents of young children, single-parents, blended families, divorce recovery, empty-nesters, grandparenting, care for elderly parents and others.

We continue the milestone ministries of 2nd grader Bible presentations in January and High School Senior blessings in May. Contact us at revdmyers@holycrosslutheran.net if we can be of assistance to you in family life ministry.

Rexford Jr. High Rally

The 2nd annual Kansas District Junior High Youth Event will be held Nov. 9-10 at Shepherd's Staff Retreat Center in Rexford. The theme for the overnight is "Where Your Heart Is So There Be Your Treasure," based on Matthew 6:21. The Concordia Youth Ministry Team from Seward, Neb. will be with us.

The cost is \$50, which includes lodging and Saturday breakfast and lunch. To register, contact Pastor Warren Prochnow (620-872-2294 or pastor@hclscottcity.org) or DCE Leland Jackson (620-276-3110 or dceleland@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com). Registration deadline is Oct. 28.

Workshops for Ministry Teams & Spouses of Church Workers

Redeemer, Olathe is hosting two workshops on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Jim Bradshaw will facilitate "Teams Building Healthier Teams" and Marlene Kohlmeier will facilitate "Married to a Church Worker."

Here is the agenda for Ministry Teams:

9:00 a.m. Registration/Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Opening Devotion (both groups together)
9:30 a.m. Team Building Exercises
10:30 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. Staff Operations: Clarifying Goals; Organizing; Cooperating; Planning/Implementing; Problem Solving; Evaluating
12:30 p.m. Lunch (both groups together)
1:15 p.m. Staff Climate: Attitude; Communication; Conflict; Relationships
2:30 p.m. Break
2:45 p.m. Staff Covenanting
3:45 p.m. Closing Devotion (both groups together)
4:00 p.m. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

A Parallel Track for Spouses will follow a similar time frame.

The cost is \$10/person and includes lunch. Registration deadline for both workshops is Sept. 14. For more information or to register, contact Redeemer at 913-764-2359.

Biblesta Weekend in Humboldt

The weekend of October 6 is BIBLESTA weekend in Humboldt. The main feature of this 50-year tradition is a parade at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday with all floats depicting stories from the Bible. Musical entertainment following the parade will feature the well-known Gatlin Brothers. This is a one-of-a-kind event and everyone is invited to come and be a part of it. Plan to come in the morning for a tour of Humboldt and the opportunity to see store windows decorated for Biblesta. St. Peter Lutheran Church invites you for lunch at the church preceding the parade. Call the church if you plan to attend. There is also a free bean feed in the town square at 5:00 p.m.

For more information, call St. Peter Lutheran Church at 620-473-2343. If you need overnight accommodations, try the Super 8 motel in Iola, 620-365-3030.

District Youth Gathering

The Kansas District Youth Gathering will take place Nov. 16-18 at the Hyatt in Wichita. The theme, "i.e.," is a Latin phrase meaning "that is" and indicates that an explanation is about to follow. Focusing on 1 Timothy 4:12-14, we hope to challenge participants to put their faith into action and be intentional in their worship and witness. The Gathering band is Daniels Window from Nashville, TN and speakers for this year's event are Rev. Jeff Meyer and Rev. LeRoy Sullivan. Both serve in the greater Kansas City area.

Registration for "i.e." is \$70 which includes all programming and gathering wear. Registration packets will be mailed soon. Online registration will be available - check the website at www.kslcms.org/kdyg. If you have questions after receiving your Gathering packet, contact Donna Williams at 316-283-1441 or deczion@sbcglobal.net.

Voyages Curriculum Workshop

A Voyages Curriculum Training Workshop will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Gardner, 306 E. Madison St. Participants will examine the Voyages Curriculum Preschool A, Preschool B and Kindergarten. Information about this curriculum can be found at www.cph.org. Carolyn Bergt from Concordia Publishing House will provide the training. The training will begin promptly at noon and will end at 4:00 p.m. Lunch will not be provided, but drinks and a snack will be available halfway through the training. The training is FREE of charge! Please contact Carol Hill (Center Director, Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center, Gardner) at 913-856-4250 or openarmsdirector@earthlink.net to register.

LLL Hosts Service at State Fair

On Sunday, Sept. 9, the Lutheran Laymen's League of Kansas will host a church service at the Farm Bureau Building at the Kansas State Fair. Pastor Mark Eichler, the LLL Kansas District Pastoral Advisor, will lead the service. A "favorite hymns" sing will begin about 9:45 a.m. with worship to begin at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to join us for worship. Also, anyone desiring to participate in a mass choir for the service is encouraged to learn their part from Lutheran Service Book, hymns 839 and 914, and then join us for practice at 9:30 a.m. at the Farm Bureau Building. Don Froelich, of Faith Lutheran Church, Emporia, will direct the choir. For more information, you may contact Pastor Mark Eichler at 620-342-3590 or faithlu@birch.net.

68th Convention of the Kansas District LLL/LHM

When: Oct. 12-13

Where: Heartland Inn Motel, Salina

Cost: \$59 plus tax for room, \$10 convention registration, \$5 for Sat. lunch, \$12.50 for banquet

Register: Send your name, address, phone, email and payment (to: Zone 12 LLL) to Norm & Helen Jones, 1201 Louise Ln, Salina, KS 67401.

Guinea Prayers

Prayer Requests from the Heiney family

✠ Pray for the young church in Guinea. July 2008 begins a new year for them. They are being asked to take a much bigger role in the planning and the implementation of those plans, and also a bigger role in their financing. The concern with all this is that the church here and its leaders are much younger in age and in Christ than most other churches that have been asked to take on such responsibilities. It is also a concern that these responsibilities will take their attention away from the real work and move it in a more administrative direction.

Prayer Requests from the Norton family

✠ Praise God for the work of evangelist Sacko in village "L" and pray that the three men he has trained continue with evangelism in that area. May they be strengthened by God to carry out this good work.

✠ Praise God for the help of Abou Sano who moved to Siguiri with his family in June and will help with church planting and translation of materials for theological education and discipleship.

✠ Praise God for the life of Dorothy Muhly, Heidi's paternal grandmother, who fell asleep in Jesus on July 20. To the end she kept her faith in Christ.

Prayer Requests from Andrea Herman

Praise God for:

✠ a new nephew (and getting to meet him while home for the Ablaze! Conference)

✠ the blessing of the Ablaze Conference and vacation time with family

✠ peace and relative stability in Guinea

✠ the arrival of my long-lost furniture (Thanks for all your prayers!)

✠ the Maninka family who is now living with me (great for language learning)

✠ a generous grant from LWML supporting my ministry to Maninka women. *Thanks LWML!!!*

Ask God for:

✠ time and discipline to set aside time in prayer specifically for the Maninka

✠ wisdom in dealing with changes in language learning and language helpers

✠ good balance between work and play, and in all other areas of life

✠ help remembering all the useful new words and phrases I hear each day

✠ a joyful heart and positive attitude

Prayer Requests from Donna Meyer

✠ Donna is preparing for a new adventure in Indonesia. Please pray for her as she begins her service to the Lord in this mission. We thank God for the years of service as volunteer teacher and for her ministry to the Guinean people.



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