



# LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

*People Of Christ With A Message Of Hope*

*North Dakota District  
Lutheran Laymen's League  
September 2008 Newsletter  
Elissa Rosin, Information Services*

## **PRISON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

*by Leroy Siedschlag*

This coming November and December there will be opportunities for Prison Ministry. I will not be able to attend the one in Jamestown December 5-6, 2008. If you know of others that would be interested in going to any of the 3 retreats, they can call me. Their names, address and social security number has to be sent to Don Hanson of Ray, ND so they can be cleared 2 months before they can attend a retreat in the ND prisons. Listed below are the prison retreats. Thank you,

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PO Box 116  
Ray, ND 58849  
(701)568-3528

### **Faith & Life for Women**

*November 14-15, 2008*  
ND Women's Prison  
New England, ND

### **Faith & Life for Men**

*November 21-22, 2008*  
ND State Penitentiary  
Bismarck, ND

### **Faith & Life for Men**

*December 5-6, 2008*  
James River Correctional Ctr  
Jamestown, ND

## **2009 NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT CONVENTION**

The 2009 North Dakota District Lutheran Laymen's Convention will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks on February 13 – 14, 2009. It promises to be a great time of worship and fellowship under the theme of "Live by the Spirit," (Galatians 5:16). As we live by the Spirit, our fruits will be love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and other good fruits. The program and schedule is currently being developed and will be distributed in late November or early December. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

## **YOUNG FAMILY CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIP**

The North Dakota District LLL Board of Directors has established a Young Family Scholarship Program to attend the International Convention. The next convention will be held on July 16 – 19 in Greensboro, NC.

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship you must be

1. 35 years old or younger
2. a member of a LCMS congregation in North Dakota
3. have never attended a previous International Convention.

If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested contact Robert Bauer, 927 Elm Avenue, Dickinson, ND or e-mailed to [jrbauer@ndsupernet.com](mailto:jrbauer@ndsupernet.com).

## **NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE**

### **MISSION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The North Dakota Lutheran Laymen's League has set up a Mission Scholarship Program to help promote interest in their mission program, which may include mission trips to Mexico, Disaster Relief trips to aid people in time of disasters, and Global Work and Witness Trips. The Scholarship will be available to any Lutheran Laymen's League member (in North Dakota all members, men and women, of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod are considered members of the Lutheran Laymen's League) between the age of 18 and 35. After receiving the nomination (nominations may be made by anyone, and you may nominate yourself), a committee of the North Dakota District of the Lutheran Laymen's League will send an application to the nominee for the individual to complete. Nominations may be submitted to Robert Bauer, 927 Elm Avenue, Dickinson, ND or e-mailed to [jrbauer@ndsupernet.com](mailto:jrbauer@ndsupernet.com). The next scheduled trip is to Mexico at the end of January.

## **2008 CONVENTION REFLECTIONS**

I want you all to know I appreciate the support given to me the last four years as I served as International Lutheran Laymen's League Region 12 Governor it truly was an honor to meet so many "People of Christ with The Message Of Hope" . Please give our new Governor Mr. Bill Snow your welcome & your encouragement as you did me. Drop him an email [g.gwithtoys@wat.midco.net](mailto:g.gwithtoys@wat.midco.net)

One thing that always stands out to me at the Conventions is the observance of the Lutheran Hour & the Parade of Flags representing the International 41 Offices . For me to see all the national flags "Bringing Christ To The Nations & The Nations To The Church" gives great joy in knowing we have a small part in sharing that precious Gospel message. May the Holy Spirit move mightily in all who hear God's Word some for the first time . To God Be The Glory !! May we always continue in His Name.

*Don Brandenburg*

*Former LHM Region 12 Governor*

The visit to the Creation Museum was more than I had expected. It was great to see all the scientific information backing up the Creation, and also the scientific information that showed the fallacies in evolution. As I walked through the museum, I thought of all the people that I would want to see this museum. It truly was a highlight for me.

As for the convention, it is always great to see your friends, from all over the country, who have a common heart for the Lord. I certainly enjoyed the presentations done by Pastor Klaus, and as always, you get inspired by the reports from the field of what is happening. I was very encouraged and excited to hear about the mens' network program that is being put together by Pastor Klaus. This seems *to be something that is needed in the church and could be used.*

Kirk Rosin

Disaster Relief



Coming soon January 2009...

As part of its outreach toward men inside and outside the church, Lutheran Hour Ministries' Men's NetWork is introducing a blog for guys to read and react to.

Coming in September. <http://mnmanstuff.blogspot>

will invite readers to comment on topics ranging from the importance of male leadership to differences between being a nice guy and a good guy. Along the way, we'll even tackle the perpetual riddle of what do women really want. Check it out; post a comment; tell us what you think - it's all about having a conversation. For more information visit: <http://www.lhmmensnetwork.org/>

## **LLL and OGT WORK TOGETHER**

*By Myrlin Hall, Outreach and Development*

On September 19-20 Kirk and Judy Rosin, Don and Marlene Brandenburg, Shirl and I attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Orphan Grain Train (OGT) Convention in Norfolk, NE. People from the 18 Divisions across the US came to discuss the work of OGT. Presenters included the co-founders Rev. Ray Wilke and Clayton Andrews. Others were Gary Thies, Mission Developer of Nebraska and Iowa West Districts, LCMS; Rev. Glenn Merritt, LCMS World Relief and Human Care; Mick Onnen, Pres. Int'l LLL; Mr. Kurtis Smith, Director of Christian Outreach (Disaster Response in Gulf hurricanes: Mr. Vern Steinman, OGT Disaster Response Coordinator; Rev. Karl Heimer, Ysleta Lutheran Mission, El Paso, TX; Rev. Dr. William Dickelman, First VP, LCMS; and Rev. John Reehl, OGT Missionary to the Baltics and Russia, and guest Mr. Nikolai Devyatkin, St. Petersburg, Russia.

In the year 2007, 153 humanitarian relief shipments were made to national and international locations. The US shipments were made to hurricane victims, tornado victims, and flood disaster victims. A good example of international work being done was reported by Rev. John Reehl. He stated that they are working in 48 orphanages in five countries and are serving over 3,000 children in Russia alone. The ministry also includes three hospitals and five prisons. Just listening to Rev. Reehl and Russian worker Nikolai share their story made a profound impression on me. Orphans are living in unclean conditions, disease, filth, sickness, etc. I just bowed in thankfulness for the many blessings we have here in America. Gary Thies reported on work being done in Africa by our various missionaries. Great poverty and suffering is seen in so many places in our world. Also it was reported that in the course of a recent week's time, OGT headquarters sent out \$92,593. worth of relief items to the hurricane Ike victims in Texas. This included a number of large storage containers, generators, a skid steer loader, a fork lift, 15 wheel barrows, and many other smaller items. OGT is a major relief "player" in our hurricane areas.

But the best gift of all we have and our privileged to share is God's Word of salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ and the comfort that He brings. This is what the world-wide ministries of the LLL and OGT are all about.

## DISASTER RESPONSE REPORT

*From Kirk Rosin*

I just felt that it was time to send an e-mail out to everyone to let them know some about the Disaster Response opportunities going on. I have not heard anything further from the North Dakota District or the Iowa District in regards to help needed in Iowa, but I have received some information on possibilities. Judy and I will be in China from September 29 to October 29, so we will not be immediately available to organize anything. However, if someone is interested in organizing something, I would be happy to help them.

With the reports coming in from Hurricane Ike, I am sure there will be opportunities in the Houston/Galveston area. I also know there is still work to be done in the New Orleans and Mississippi areas. We in North Dakota have been considering the possibility of helping at the church at Grassy Butte, which burned. We have had no further information on that church and the status of their future.

Following is an e-mail which I received from Pastor Asmus in Missouri. He is our former Pastor from St. Andrew.

*With all the hurricane damage in Texas and Louisiana, there are many choices where volunteers may go to help. I talked to Pastor Bill Doubek at First Lutheran, Neosho, MO, last week, and he indicated there is a family of theirs that can use help in reconstructing their home after the tornado destroyed it on May 10. They are having a hard time getting workers though she has funds to pay for materials. If at all interested, you may contact Pastor Doubek by emailing [1stlutheran@joplin.com](mailto:1stlutheran@joplin.com). He could give you more information.*

*Following is information on a call for help in Baton Rouge.*

*LCMS World Missions*

*The Global Gospel Outreach of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

*TOP STORIES - September 5, 2008*

Archives: [www.lcmsworldmission.org/news](http://www.lcmsworldmission.org/news)

### Gustav Relief - Urgent Need for Volunteers in Baton Rouge

Volunteers are needed as soon as possible or even today to help serve in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Hurricane Gustav battered the city of Baton Rouge with heavy winds and rain. The wind brought down trees and left debris all over the city. Volunteers are needed to serve on Chain Saw and debris removal gangs. Rev. David Buss, LCMS Southern District Disaster Relief Coordinator stated that, "it may take three months or longer to clean up the city."

Volunteers will stay at a property owned by Trinity Lutheran Church, Baton Rouge. The property has power provided by a generator, showers, and cots. They will attempt to provide food for volunteers, but it may be helpful to bring food with you. Volunteers will also need to bring work clothes, towels, and bedding. Tools, chainsaws, and other equipment are available, although volunteers are welcome to bring their own.

If you are able to respond to this call for volunteers, please contact Recovery Assistance Incorporated at one of its two locations:

Camp Biloxi:  
1996 Pass Rd.  
Biloxi, MS 39531  
[www.campbiloxi.org](http://www.campbiloxi.org)  
Phone: (228) 594-0008

Camp Restore:  
9301 Chef Menteur Hwy  
New Orleans, LA 70127  
[www.camprestore.org](http://www.camprestore.org)  
Toll-Free: (888) 248-2636  
Phone: (504) 242-2636

Both camps are helping organize volunteers for Baton Rouge.

As members of the LCMS respond to the needs of current disasters, we would also like to remind our faithful servants that the need in New Orleans and Biloxi, Miss., from Hurricane Katrina are great. The LCMS, its partners, and LCMS members are making a difference in the disaster area and now, more than ever, we need your help to serve those who lost so much.

Learn more about hurricane disaster relief efforts through the LCMS, visit [www.lcms.org?8800](http://www.lcms.org?8800) or [www.camprestore.org](http://www.camprestore.org).



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## CALENDAR of EVENTS

- October 12th** - Outreach Event - Upham, ND
- November 6th-8th** - Heartland Conference - Mahoney State Park, Ashland, NE
- November 14-15** - Faith & Life for Women - ND Women's Prison - New England, ND
- November 21-22** - Faith & Life for Men - ND State Penitentiary - Bismarck, ND
- December 5-6** - Faith & Life for Men - James River Correctional Ctr - Jamestown, ND
- Dec 6th** - District Meeting - TBA
- February 13-14 2009** - District Convention - Grand Forks
- July 16-19 2009** - International Convention - Greensboro, NC



## **It's never too early...**

To start planning for the 2009 Convention in Greensboro, NC. **Early registrations** are out and the deadline is Oct 1 to get the fee of \$75. After Oct 1st it will be \$95. Visit [www.ndlll.org](http://www.ndlll.org) to get the [Advance Registration Form](#).



## CONTACT US

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Newest Radio Program from Lutheran Hour Ministries! You can listen to [Woman to Woman](#) on these stations:  
- Mayville, ND KMAV RADIO Sunday 7:00 AM 1520 AM AND 105.5 FM



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