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# PEACE PIPELINE

*Our Motto: "This is the place where love reigns supreme,  
God's love to us and our love to one another."*

May 2009

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## **From the Desk of the Pastor Mother's Day 2009 "A Charge to Keep"**

*"But the midwives feared God,  
and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded,  
but saved the male children alive.  
Therefore God dealt well with the midwives  
and the people multiplied and grew very mighty."  
Exodus 1:17 & 20 (NKJV)*

If you read the beginning chapters of Exodus one and two, you will find that the children of Israel, especially the boys faced the terrible reality that their lives and future potential could be snuffed out by the dictate and command of a wicked and selfish king. Yet the above words from Exodus 1:17 and 20 show us that God had a plan not only to rescue the boys but to empower the peoples and their families to grow in number, fortitude and strength to overcome the evil of there day and time.

A significant part of God's plan involved the active faith of the midwives whose reverent fear of God was greater than the command and threat of the wicked king. Although these two verses are only a small part of the larger liberation story they introduce us to the significant role "of biblical mothering." Womanist sociologist Cheryl Townsend Gilkes says, *"that if it wasn't for the women there would be no exodus, no Moses, no liberation of the Children of Israel of which to speak."* It was the active faith and guidance of a village of maternal women...mothering midwives, birth mothers, sisters and other mothers that gave a beginning momentum to one of the greatest human liberation stories ever told. They had a charge to keep to Almighty God and with His abiding support and divine help there intervention helped to chart the course of our human history, if the truth be told.

As we celebrate Mother's Day 2009, our nation, our families and especially our children boys and girls face an uncertain future. Not because we are threatened by the maniacal likes of a ruthless

dictator or evil king, we are threatened by sin, greed and a failing economy that has world wide implication. While I am certainly concerned about all the citizens of our nations as a pastor serving a predominately African American congregation and community I am concerned about what the statistics say about the impact upon the African American church and community. The majority of statistics show that the impact for us is much greater than for other racial groups.

While I am greatly concerned I am also greatly encouraged because I believe that just as God raised up a group of women with the gift of mothering to intervene, save and empower the families and children in Moses' day, I thank God for the mothers whom he has and is raising up to be the now generation of liberators who will not give into the dictates of a nation or society who will not subtle and more aggressive ways are truing it's back to God and His word. When I think of my mother, the mother of my children and the many women of Peace who are faithful and regular in their worship, service and commitment to God, His word and church it tells me that our greater days are still before us. For as Romans 8:37 says, *"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."* To all mother's and those who have to fulfill the role of mom and dad, as you keep your charge, know that just as God was with the faithful mothers of old he is with you. Happy and blessed Mother's Day!

**Pastor Wiggins**

## **PLC Facilitation Team**

As the work of the PLC Facilitation Team moves forward to help us press forward into a healthier place of leadership and service to God, we are please to announce that LCMS congregation Consultant and Coach Rev. Tim Fangmeier will be returning to Peace the weekend of May 29-31, 2009. All leaders and members are asked to mark to your calendars and plan to be in attendance for the following:

### **Saturday, May 30 - 9:00am to 3:00pm** *All PLC Senior Leaders Workshop*

(PLC Seniors Leaders are the Pastor, Discipleship Ministry members, current Church Officers, Elders, Lay Ministers, Financial Secretary, Finance Director, Assistant to the Pastor and the most recent past congregation President)

### **Sunday, May 31 - 3:00pm to 6:00pm** *Congregation Workshop*

(All members and leaders are asked to attend this workshop)

Watch the bulletin for more details regarding additional times and information regarding the various workshops.

## **Lutheran Church Missouri Synod – Southeastern District District Convention – Norfolk, VA May 1-3, 2009**

I, as pastoral delegate, and Sherry Edmonds, as lay delegate, will gather with other professional church workers and lay members of the LCMS – SED in convention around the theme; *One Name Jesus!* The district convention is held every three years, allowing elected delegates from each congregation to gather to elect new district leaders, approve resolutions, and chart the course and direction of the SED, worship, fellowship and share around God and His word. For more detail information please go to the SED website at [www.se.lcms.org](http://www.se.lcms.org). Remember our delegates and all others as they carry out the work of the Lord in convention. To God be the glory!

**Pastor Wiggins**

We welcomed: Nevaeh Elizabeth Edmonds and Roderick W. Washington, into our fellowship and God's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 26th after 11:15am worship service. Nevaeh's parents are Clarissa A. Edmonds and Anthony Osborne. Please remember Nevaeh and Roderick, parents and family in your prayers as we join with them in service and witness to fulfill the words of Ephesians 2:10: **For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

## Thrivent Builds

My name is Annette Schoonover and I am organizing a Thrivent Builds project with Habitat for Humanity here in DC - more details - see **ThriventBuilds.com**. For our local build, we obtained a Thrivent Builds Grant for \$ 124,805 (65%), Habitat will raise \$ 48,002 (25%), and the local Lutheran Congregations will collectively raise \$ 19,201 (10%). The 2009 Thrivent Builds Home Grant requires that 50% of the volunteers building the home be Lutherans and 25% of the Lutherans be Thrivent members.

Members of our local Lutheran Congregations will work side-by-side with the Kinde-Bekele family to build their 1600sq ft 2 story house with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. The 2009 Thrivent Builds home will be located at 307 54th St NE Washington DC 20019, which is around the corner from the 2006 Thrivent Builds Home.

A schedule of construction dates are listed for you below. I am currently assigning people to work days so just let me know what days are best for you and I'll add you to my list. You can volunteer as many days as you like and at any time can express your interest in working additional days.

We are asking Church congregations to "Adopt a construction day" which means providing the workforce and lunch. We know that everyone's availability varies, so just pick a day that works best for you, if you are not able to participate on the day "Adopted" by your church.

I will be sending you additional information as time goes by, do let me know if you'd rather not be contacted again. Feel free to share this information with others and invite anyone you think may be interested in participating in this ministry, interested parties can contact me at 202-797-1149 or [schoonoverak@aol.com](mailto:schoonoverak@aol.com).

There are other volunteer options for people who are not interested in construction - such as site host, safety monitor, providing lunch or fundraising. No previous construction experience is needed, Habitat will have staff on site to instruct and guide your way!!!

Mark your calendar! Our Wall-raising Celebration is planned for May 2, 2009, 11:00 am with a light lunch to follow. Please RSVP by April 28, 2009 - 202-797-1149 or [schoonoverak@aol.com](mailto:schoonoverak@aol.com)

Our first construction day is Saturday, April 25th! Over the next 2 weeks we have 5 weekdays in our construction schedule April 28th, May 5,6,7,8 (this is our framing blitz) and I'm eager to welcome some extra volunteers to reach my construction workers needs/goals for those days. Would you happen to know of some smiling faces that could help with construction during these weekdays?  
Peace and Health  
**Annette Schoonover**

### CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

1st build day is planned for Saturday April 25th - 15 volunteers needed

2nd build day - Tuesday April 28th - 15 volunteers needed

Start of Framing Blitz May 2-9<sup>th</sup>

May 2 - Saturday - 20 volunteers needed

May 5 - Tuesday - 20 volunteers needed

May 6 - Wed - 20 volunteers needed

May 7 - Thurs - 20 volunteers needed

May 8 - Friday - 15 volunteers needed

May 9 - Saturday - 15 volunteers needed

Vinyl siding - May 16th - Saturday - 15 volunteers needed

Vinyl siding - May 23rd - Saturday - 15 volunteers needed

Insulation - July 25th - Saturday - 15 volunteers needed

Drywall - August 1st - Saturday - 20 volunteers needed

Painting - August 15th - Saturday - 15 volunteers needed

Painting - August 22nd - Saturday - 15 volunteers needed

A site host and Meals will be needed for all of the days listed above.

## StewardCAST for April 2009

### “Saint and Sinner”

The following article is from StewardCAST, an “E-Newsletter” publication of LCMS District and Congregational Services – Stewardship Ministry. It contains timely information and updates from Wayne Knolhoff, Director of Stewardship Ministry. The focus of the StewardCAST for April 2009 is “Saint and Sinner.”

The third stewardship principle is: **God's stewards rejoice in and live out what God has declared them to be through the cross. At the same time His stewards recognize they are sinners who fight sin and its consequences each day.**

**Christian stewards live in tension.** They live in an "in the world but not of the world" tension. They also live in the saint and sinner tension. In his Lectures on Romans, Luther put it this way, "The saints in being righteous are at the same time sinners; they are righteous because they believe in Christ whose righteousness covers them and is imputed to them, but they are sinners because they do not fulfill the Law and are not without sinful desires.

**The Christian steward lives in the tension of being at the same time saint and sinner.**

Kolb and Arand make this point about being a saint and sinner in their book, *The Genius of Luther's Theology*, "Luther's *simul justus et peccator* means that in this life a person is a sinner in the eyes of the law, the world, and oneself, while at the same time completely a saint in the eyes of God on account of Christ. We should not take Luther's *simul* to mean that a person is partially a sinner and partially righteous, as if one could quantify it in terms of percentages...The Christian is simultaneously completely and totally righteous in the eyes of God, even as the believer is completely and totally sinful when considered in and of oneself." (page 49)

**The Christian steward lives in the tension of being completely and totally at the same time saint and sinner.**

C.F.W. Walther wrote, "The children of God here below have still not been perfectly delivered out of the bonds of their natural corruption. The old, loveless heart often continues to stir in them bad thoughts, to cling to its love of the creature, and even to break out into loveless words and deeds. But all of this cannot rule the one who is a true

child of God. When he succumbs to it, he at once falls on his face in the dust and asks, sighing and crying, for grace and forgiveness. God has no stillborn children. If someone is a true child of God, he is not only obligated to walk in holy love, he also has the desire and power and grace to do it." *God Grant It: Daily Devotions from C.F.W. Walther* page 289.

**The Christian steward is empowered to live in this saint and sinner tension by the Gospel.**

**What does this paradox of being at the same time saint and sinner mean for the Christian steward?** It means first of all that we "*fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*" (Hebrews 12:2-3)

Jesus lived the perfect life we cannot live. He did it for us. Jesus suffered and died on the cross taking all sin upon Himself. He did it for us. Jesus rose from the dead so that we too might one day rise. We are forgiven in Christ. Luther called what happened on the cross "the joyous exchange." God has exchanged our sin for Christ's righteousness. And so, as we face the tension of being saint and sinner every day we fix our eyes on Jesus.

**What does this paradox of being at the same time saint and sinner mean for the Christian steward?** It means that we recognize our sinfulness and remember our Baptism. As Luther says in the Small Catechism, "What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever." This is an everyday occurrence!

In his book, *Keeping the Servant Spark*, Arnold Kuntz writes:

This is the eternal paradox of Christian ministry. It all begins on your knees with the self-assessment of Martin Luther, "a lost and condemned creature," but rises up then on the wings of each morning until I am "His own, and

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Hello Rev. Wiggins,

It was great to have had the opportunity to meet with you. As I mentioned I've been certified as a Community Representative for College Admissions Assistance, LLC ("CAA"). I have been working with this company for well over a year now. I can honestly say that it has become a passion for me at this point. During my time with CAA, I have traveled throughout the country meeting with middle and high school students and their families as they confront the challenges of preparing for the cost and stress associated with sending their children to college. As you are well aware, our economy has become ever more difficult, while at the same time the cost of college has rapidly increased. The families that I have met and connected with CAA over the last year have had the same concerns: 1) How do we find the best fit college for our children; 2) How do we ensure that our children start and finish their education in four years without changing their course of study and adding time and expense; and 3) How can we reduce or eliminate the cost of college while giving our children the best education available? My work with CAA has provided the answers to these questions for countless families. I have now accepted a new and more involved role with CAA. I am now able to reach out to the community, churches, schools, and individual families to provide much needed advise and help. This is particularly important for our community, inasmuch as there is a world of opportunity to reduce or eliminate the cost of college *regardless* of the level of a family's income.

When you have an opportunity, take a look at the CAA website at [www.caaconnect.com](http://www.caaconnect.com). If you know of any families or students who would like some valuable guidance and insight on managing these difficult issues, have them give me a call or email me at [christie.cook@caaconnect.com](mailto:christie.cook@caaconnect.com) ... We begin working with students as early as the 7th grade. Indeed, beginning your planning this early can eliminate the stress and anxiety most families experience by the time their children reach their junior year of high school.

I am contacting parents by email and then following up with those interested with a phone call so that I can schedule an appointment to provide more information. We can also have an educational workshop for the youth and their parents. We can schedule the workshop in the evening any day Monday thru Thursday.

Thank you for your time

**Christie Bennett**

(Christie is the daughter-in-law of our member Veronica Bennett).

## **Easter Monday Festival**

THANKS BE TO GOD!!! The Youth Ministry's Easter Monday Festival was a blessed event! About 45 youth and adults attended and enjoyed the festivities, including the Christian puppet show by Streamer Da Clown, moon bounces, face painting, arts and crafts, and of course, the Easter Egg Hunt. The children learned the real meaning of Easter, and they memorized John 3:16. Min. Kim Green and the coordinator, Dawn Doakes, wish to thank everyone who helped to make the event a success. Special thanks go out to Jolethia Chalmers, June Hoyt, Joyce Matthews and all who contributed to the Easter Egg Hunt; Jossalyn Ford, Mickey Ellis and all who helped with the lunch; and Min. John Peters for setting up the microphone, DVDs and for videotaping the festivities. Also, huge thanks go out to Vivian Morgan, Janice Ford, Deborah Reeder, Marcus

Doakes and all who helped with the children's activities and to Teddy Oldes and those who helped with the setting up the fellowship hall and nursery. And a hearty thanks to Romaine Peters, Theresa Lucas, Daris Coleman, James Belton, Tia Boykin, Min. Brenda Anderson, Yvonne Brown, Evelyn Russell, Preston Blue, Sr., Veronica Smith, and all who gave donations. GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME!!

**Submitted by Dawn Doakes**



### **New e-mail address for Pipeline submissions:**

Please submit articles for the *Peace Pipeline* newsletter to [jo\\_dooley@yahoo.com](mailto:jo_dooley@yahoo.com).

## Youth Ministry Highlights

Last month, I encouraged all of us to make sure we continually are engaged and connected in the lives of our teens and young adults no matter whether they "seem to be old enough" to be totally independent or seem to be pushing us away. I hope you find this information helpful and affirming that "Men Make a Difference" in the lives of our young men and women. Stay encouraged and never quit!

Check out the website for complete and wonderful insights:

<http://www.three4me.com/dadinvolved.htm>

Research shows that the more involved dads are, the better the child does in school. When dad is involved, whether he lives in the home or not:

1. Children learn more.
2. Perform better in school.
3. Exhibit healthier behavior.
4. Fewer behavioral problems.
5. Higher level of sociability.
6. Boosts children's confidence.
7. Children enjoy school more.

### Ways for Dad to Get Involved at the High School.

Dads can discuss academic choices; help the teen discover their talents and skills. Dads can get involved in something their teen cares about, such as, the marching band pit crew, chaperone field trips, help fill water coolers for the football or soccer team, help build sets for the drama team, and dozens of other ideas. Yes, there's plenty of "guy stuff" that needs to be done; it's there waiting for dads! Dads should be supportive and help teenagers through independence, maturity, collegiate choices, and helping the teen recognize their talents. Dads need to attend their teen's academic and sporting events, parent/teacher conferences, concerts, and more. Be the anchor at home and continue to help develop sons and daughters into healthy, educated and loving adults. Don't let yourself fall into dropping out of your sons/daughters academic lives. The more connected, supportive and involved that you are in your teens lives will increase their chances of attending college and graduating with a degree. Stay connected to your teen; they are counting on you!

**Submitted by Minister Kim Green**

## Christian Education Ministry Highlights

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION:** Parents of students in grades 7-12 who are interested in youth confirmation are asked to please contact Minister Pamela Edge by telephone (703)968-5880 or **e-mail:bradeledge@aol.com** with the following information: student's first and last name, student's date of birth, current grade, whether or not student has been baptized, parent/guardian's first and last name, telephone number and/or e-mail address.

### **THE MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

is seeking members with a head and a heart for service in the following positions:

Youth Confirmation Instructors

Youth Confirmation Director/Co-Director

Honor the Graduates Program Coordinator

Vacation Bible School Director/Co-Director

Please contact Minister Pamela Edge at (703)968-5880 or **e-mail:bradeledge@aol.com**.

**HONOR THE GRADUATES 2009:** On June 14, 2009, The Christian Education Ministry will recognize our congregation's Class of 2009 high school, college, and technical school graduates (including Winter 2008 graduates). Planning and preparation have begun. Graduates or graduate candidates are asked to please contact Minister Pamela Edge at (703)968-5880 or **e-mail:bradeledge@aol.com** with your name, telephone number and/or e-mail address. Further information will be forwarded to graduates/graduate candidates.

**Submitted by Minister Pam Edge**

### **(StewardCast, Continued from page 4)**

live under Him in his kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness." You are nobody, and so am I, except God's messenger-that's the truth...Those who fail to keep these two extremes in everlasting tension, not thinking more highly of themselves than they ought, yet not underrating the task or the calling either, will find the rigors of working in the church quite beyond them.

**What does this paradox of being at the same time saint and sinner mean for the Christian steward?** It means this tension will exist as long as we live on earth, but God gives us the strength we need to live in this tension. In Romans 7:15 St. Paul writes that he faced this tension as well.

## **First Communion**

Several of our young people received their first communion in January after attending first communion classes taught by me. They are: Jarrel Bailey, Michael Ford, Jr., Devin Lattimore, Taylor Reeder, Malachi Woodruff, and Lamont Young. We will publish each of their essays on the topic of what they learned in their first communion class in the Pipeline newsletter.

**Pastor Wiggins**

### **First Communion Essay:**

#### **Why I Want to Take Communion**

I want to take communion because I want to become closer to the Lord. When I take communion I can also connect with everyone else. I will be able to drink GOD's blood and eat his flesh in the real presence of the sacrament. But I must still remember the night JESUS was betrayed and that we wouldn't be taking communion if GOD did not send his only begotten son – JESUS CHRIST.

I also want to take communion because I can forgive and be forgiven, I know you cannot ask for forgiveness if you are not willing to forgive. I can have my own personal time with JESUS CHRIST. I must remember to pray about our triune GOD.

Another reason I want to take communion is because I will fulfill both sacraments. I am already baptized and ready to take my FIRST communion. I will be closer to the LORD. I am born again and will have eternal life.

My last reason to take communion is to complete a goal in my life. I am excited and happy to be connected to the LORD and to my friends and family. I am a child of GOD.

**Devin Lattimore**

## **20th Anniversary Celebration for PLC Girl Scouts**

Hello everyone it's great to be back in the swing of everything!!!! Well I'll just jump into it with this news of our 20th celebration of GSCNC at PLC coming soon this summer. The Girl Scouts troop at Peace started under the leadership of Karen Vestal back in the 1980s. Thanks to her for getting the ball started. I was asked by her if I wanted to keep it going. So by GOD's Blessing and GRACE it grew and grew until it blossomed. Now I prayed on it about whether or not to go forward with marking this milestone in our church's history, and some of my older girls convinced me of the meaning of the celebration. The anniversary celebration is planned for this summer. I'm sending out this first call to all past and present girl scouts and to those girls who may be interested in learning more about scouting to come to the anniversary cookout at Haines Point. Please pass the word to any young ladies you know who might be interest in learning more about the experience of being a girl scout. My e-mail is [reneepowell134@yahoo.com](mailto:reneepowell134@yahoo.com). Also look for my new My Space page with more information and to send out the word that way. I hope to see the girls and their families and friends real soon.

**ALWAYS BE PREPARED!!!!**

Troops 167, 2311, and 3321.

**Submitted by Renee Powell**

## **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**

We are pleased to announce and thank Mrs. Valerie Dancy for serving as a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Congregational Promotional Coordinator. As a fraternal benefit society, Thrivent chapters can promote increased member participation through educational and member social activities as well as charitable activities. The other two coordinators are Mrs. Evelyn Russell, Lead Coordinator and Mrs. Carolyn Kimbrough, Activity Coordinator. We are in the process of forming a service team for Join Hands Day. The focus of this day is to bring youth and adults together to plan and conduct an activity that will improve your community and build relationships. If you are interested in working on the team, please contact one of the coordinators.

**Submitted by Mrs. Carolyn Kimbrough, Activity Coordinator**

## **Ward 7 Food Center New Year, New Beginnings**

This is a New Year with a lot of new beginnings for the Ward 7 Food Center. Can you believe that spring is already here and summer is just waiting to knock on the door? Children in the Ward 7 Area will be out of school looking in the refrigerator or pantry for food, will it be empty?

The Food Center team would like to thank Families and Friends of the Food Center for assisting us with a new beginning:

1. Talent – for coming out to support the vision for the process to start the rearranging of the Food Center, along with assisting to remove some of the items that are not being used.
2. Time- for coming out to complete reports, going to CAFB to pick up food, and unloading delivery trucks to restock the center.
3. Treasures –providing can goods, financial support and bags to the center.

At this time the Food Center can only accept food. We do not have the space or the manpower to accept clothing or household items.

In case you are not aware, the Ward 7 Food Center is a member of the Capital Area Food Bank. This gives us the opportunity to attend various free workshops the Agency Achievement Academy offers. If we bring a friend, our Food Center gets a credit on account. If you are interested in seeing what workshops are offered, stop pass the Ward 7 Food Center and review.

On Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Groone, the Food Center's assistant, and Mrs. Brown, attended a workshop, "Focus on Nutrition - How to Set Up an Educational Food Pantry." Two guests, Mrs. Jossalyn Ford and Ms. Shadeja Groone, (Ms. Groone's daughter on spring break) accompanied them. The goal of this workshop was to learn how to set up an educational food pantry that engages our clients and teaches them new skills! Topics included: the basics of the heart healthy diet and the diabetic diet, how to create nutrition messages that are simple and practical, and how to communicate this information to clients. From this workshop we received some great ideas that can be provided to our clients. Peace, we need some assistance from you. Do you have any quick, inexpensive, healthy recipes to share with our clients? You can fax them to the church office (202-388-4667), bring them to the Food Center, or email: [ward7foodcenter@yahoo.com](mailto:ward7foodcenter@yahoo.com). As you give to the Ward 7 Food Center your Time, Talents and Treasure, God is truly smiling on you and saying, "Good Job my Good and Faithful Servant."

On Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Brown, had the pleasure of going to Harriett Tubman Elementary School for a Fresh Produce Distribution. Please look for more information about this program. We would like to establish one in the Ward 7 Area.

**Submitted by Yvonne Brown**

## Woman to Woman Radio Program

The **Woman to Woman**® radio program was created by Phyllis Wallace and began airing on KFUE-AM radio in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1991. The show was picked up by Lutheran Hour Ministries in 1993 and was expanded to 400 stations. Phyllis' guest list has included Charles Schulz, Art Linkletter, Lynne Cheney, several former Miss Americas, Betty Ford, Dom DeLuise, Joni Eareckson Tada, Suze Orman, and Mary Hunt.

This award-winning radio program offers hope and help for the great challenges facing women today. By introducing her listeners to guests who have expertise and the experience to back it up, Phyllis fills each show with talk you can trust.

According to Phyllis, "Women today have more choices and resources than perhaps ever before in history. But we're stressed and feel pushed to the max. We accurately perceive our culture expecting us to 'do' and 'be' everything, and we're saying, 'Wait a minute! Where's the change agent for me in all of this?'" Phyllis' objective for the show is simple. "My goal is to inform, inspire, transform, and set fire to the hearts of women, to apply God's very practical, loving genius to the demands of everyday life. He adds the 'extra' to 'ordinary', and this show is about how that works in a very practical day-to-day sense.

"Woman to Woman" radio promotes women's well-being and spiritual growth through in-depth discussion of women's issues, to give practical lifestyle information. Phyllis Wallace and her guests motivate and instruct listeners on how to make the transition from "hearing" to "doing." To learn more, please visit their website at: [www.womantowomanradio.com/about.asp](http://www.womantowomanradio.com/about.asp)

Listen to "Woman to Woman" on XM Satellite Radio station XM170 Family Talk Saturdays @ 1:30pm EST or online. Local listening for Lutheran Hour Ministries can be found on the following stations:

Annapolis	WNAV 1430AM	Sunday @ 6:00am
Baltimore	WBAL 1090AM	Sunday @ 6:30am
Rockville	WMZQ 98.7FM	Sunday @ 7:00am

Submitted by Minister Sheryl Freeman

## LWML Exceeds Mission Goal for 2007-09 Biennium

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League has exceeded its 2007-09 mission goal of \$1.7 million by \$75,730.17, according to President Janice Wendorf.

"In the midst of these uncertain times, God's people have responded and supported the mission goal of the LWML for the 2007-09 biennium," Wendorf said. "Thanks to all the districts and individuals who have sent special offerings and gifts."

Among contributions received by the March 31 deadline was an anonymous "memorial" gift of \$100,000.

Funds for the mission goal come from the LWML's 40 districts, which receive "mite box" and other contributions from members, and pass along one-fourth of those monies to the national LWML for distribution to mission projects worldwide.

The last LWML convention, in 2007 in Sioux Falls, S.D., chose 18 mission projects -- from supporting an inner-city children's ministry in Minneapolis/St. Paul, to building 10 churches in India.

LWML districts use 75 percent of what they receive for local mission-related projects. Although final reports are not yet available, the auxiliary's 250,000 members nationwide have likely raised a total of more than \$6.5 million during the 2007-09 biennium, according to the LWML office in St. Louis.

The next LWML convention, June 25-28 in Portland, Ore., will adopt a new mission goal for the 2009-11 biennium and choose new projects to receive funding.

For more information about the LWML or its upcoming convention, visit the organization's Web site at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) or call 800-252-5965  
Submitted by Minister Sheryl Freeman

## **Lutheran Hour Ministries – Ministry Update**

### **Key Lutheran Organizations**

#### **Church Bodies**

**The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS)**, with 2.5 million baptized members, is the second largest Lutheran church body in North America and the 11th largest denomination in the U.S. (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is the largest Lutheran denomination.) There are 66 million Lutherans worldwide in 250 autonomous Lutheran church bodies. There are 9.5 million Lutherans in North America in 21 different church bodies. For more information, visit [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) or call 1-888-843-5267.

**Lutheran Church – Canada** has approximately 90,000 members in more than 325 congregations. The church is based in Winnipeg, Manitoba. For more information, visit [www.lutheranchurch-canada.ca](http://www.lutheranchurch-canada.ca) or call 1-800-588-4226.

#### **Lutheran Organizations**

**Concordia Historical Institute (CHI)** is the department of archives and history for The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. The materials stored at CHI include records of synodical officers, boards, commissions, committees, and other entities, as well as personal papers of church leaders, seminary professors, pastors, teachers, laypersons, and missionaries. CHI's reference library contains books, periodicals, parish histories, pamphlets, tracts, and other publications relating to the history of Lutheranism in North America and its European antecedents. For more information about CHI, visit <http://chi.lcms.org>.

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**LCMS World Relief and Human Care** is an alliance of disaster relief, self-help, and human care ministries of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. LCMS World Relief reaches out in compassion to those in need in the name of Christ. For more information, visit [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) > Ministry Areas > LCMS World Relief and Human Care.

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**Lutheran Education Association** (LEA) is a professional organization that links, equips, and affirms educators in Lutheran ministries. Today, LEA serves more than 3,000 professionals involved in education ministries. For more information, visit [www.lea.org](http://www.lea.org).

**Lutherans for Life** is a pro-life, pro-family life ministry whose mission is to "Witness to the Sanctity of Human Life through education based on the Word of God." It is a recognized service organization of LCMS. For more information, visit [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

**Lutheran Services in America** (LSA) is an alliance of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and their related social ministry organizations. LSA strengthens and adds value to the ministries of its member organizations, facilitates ministries best done together, and enhances the witness of Lutheran social ministry. For more information, visit [www.lutheranservices.org](http://www.lutheranservices.org).

**Lutheran Women in Mission** (LWML), with 250,000 members, is the official women's organization of the LCMS. It was formerly known as The Lutheran Women's Missionary League. It, like the Int'l LLL, is an official auxiliary of the LCMS and, like the Int'l LLL, does not receive funding from the LCMS or LCC synods.

In existence for more than 60 years, the LWML affirms women in their relationship with Christ and encourages and equips them to live their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to financially support global missions. For more information, visit [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

**Lutheran World Relief** (LWR) responds to international need on behalf of the major U.S. Lutheran church bodies. Through a network of faith-based and non-governmental relief organizations, LWR plays a major role in disaster response efforts around the world. As a non-evangelistic humanitarian organization, LWR can often respond to emergencies on behalf of U.S. Lutherans in areas where governments have closed their countries to Christian mission work. Wherever it is practical, LWR partners with national Lutheran churches, LCMS World Mission, and LCMS World Relief and Human Care to provide physical relief and spiritual comfort and strength in the name of Jesus to survivors of disaster. LWR also assists in economic development efforts the world over. For more information, visit [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org).

**Orphan Grain Train** is a volunteer network of Christians, particularly Lutherans, who gather donations of clothing, materials, supplies, food, and Christian literature in response to the needs of people around the world. For more information, visit [www.orphangraintrain.org](http://www.orphangraintrain.org).

**Submitted by Minister Sheryl Freeman**

## Awarding of Neighborhood Funds to Large Nonprofits Draws Criticism

By Nikita Stewart  
Washington Post Staff Writer  
Friday, March 27, 2009; B03

A D.C. fund created to improve the city's neglected neighborhoods is being divided among several agencies and funneled to big-budget nonprofits such as the Kennedy Center in Mayor Adrian M. Fenty's new proposed spending plan.

The Neighborhood Investment Fund was set up in 2004 after community groups, in particular the Washington Interfaith Network, raised an outcry about neighborhoods that sorely needed improvements. Up to \$10 million annually from personal property taxes goes into the fund. By law, the office of the deputy mayor for planning and economic development is supposed to gather community input before deciding how to use the fund, which will have more than \$17 million in 2010, according to the budget.

But some D.C. Council members say that has not happened during this budget cycle.

"This particular budget, they've eliminated the whole process of coming to the community with a spending plan. They just want to give the money to who they want to give the money to," said council member Kwame R. Brown (D-At Large). "It's just another way to do earmarks."

Sean Madigan, a spokesman for the deputy mayor's office, said in an e-mail last night that there was an error in the budget book and that more money will be awarded to community-based projects than is currently reflected in the document.

In the past, community groups have jockeyed for the money after city officials have met with neighborhood leaders. The targeted neighborhoods are spread across the city: Anacostia, Bellevue, Bloomingdale, Brookland, Brightwood, Columbia Heights, Congress Heights, Deanwood Heights, Eckington, Edgewood, H Street NW, Logan Circle, Shaw, Upper Georgia Avenue and Washington Highlands.

Under the proposed budget, only \$5.4 million of the \$17 million will be set aside for neighborhood

groups. About \$1.6 million will be transferred to the Commission on Arts and Humanities and distributed through grants of mostly \$250,000 to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Washington National Opera, the D.C. Jewish Community Center and other groups, all based in Northwest.

Madigan said that the budget is actually less than \$17 million and that the deputy mayor's office will award \$11.8 million to neighborhood groups.

But any transfer of funds could set off a controversy similar to one that arose in 2008 when Ford's Theatre, controlled by the National Park Service, received \$10 million despite protests from local groups.

Council member Jack Evans (D-Ward 2), who has supported the arts and earmarking for them, said, "They're good organizations."

Although the Kennedy Center is considered a national organization, Evans said it has programs for D.C. public school students.

"We're both local and national," said Darrell Ayers, vice president for education at the Kennedy Center. "We are a D.C. organization, and we have to be responsive to the community here."

The Kennedy Center has a special program that allows every public school fifth-grader to see a show there, including performances by the National Symphony Orchestra, Ayers said. "We pay for tickets and transportation," he added.

Brown, chairman of the Committee on Economic Development, said that the groups may be "worthy" but that he is disappointed with the process and how some remaining funds could be used under the plan.

Under the proposed spending plan, the deputy mayor's office would receive \$2.4 million to "restore economic development capacity" within the agency -- money that Brown said would be better used by neighborhood groups.

Other money would go to the departments of parks and recreation, human services and health for various programs and projects, including \$900,000 for playground equipment and green space at Shepherd Park in Northwest.

## **Why God Made Moms**

Answers given by 2<sup>nd</sup> grade school children to the following questions:

### **Why did God make mothers?**

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

### **How did God make mothers?**

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my Mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

### **What ingredients are mothers made of?**

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

### **Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?**

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

### **What kind of little girl was your mom?**

1. My Mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

### **What did Mom need to know about dad before she married him?**

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

### **Why did your mom marry your dad?**

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my Mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that Mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

### **Who's the boss at your house?**

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

### **What's the difference between moms and dads?**

1. Moms work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller & stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.
4. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

### **What does your mom do in her spare time?**

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

### **What would it take to make your mom perfect?**

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

### **If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?**

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

WHEN YOU STOP LAUGHING --  
PASS THIS ON TO OTHER MOTHERS,  
GRANDMOTHERS, AUNTS  
And anyone else who just needs a good laugh!!  
(Thanks to Jossalyn Ford for sharing this)

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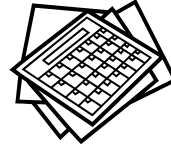
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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**May 1-3:** LCMS – Southeastern District  
District Convention – Norfolk, VA

**May 7-9:** Men's Retreat

**May 10 :** Mother's Day

**May 25:** Memorial Day (Church office closed)

**May 30:** All PLC Senior Leaders Workshop,  
9:00am to 3:00pm

**May 31:** Congregation Workshop,  
3:00pm to 6:00pm

**Pipeline Publication Schedule:** Articles for the **June 2009** issue of the Pipeline newsletter are due on **May 10**. Articles may be submitted via e-mail to Jo-Anne Dooley at **jo\_dooley@yahoo.com**.

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