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Lutheran Laymen's League

Good News!

Effective March 14, 2010 THE LUTHERAN HOUR will air on nearly 400 additional stations across the country through Christian Satellite Network International. This endeavor will expand our stations broadcasting THE LUTHERAN HOUR by 25 percent. Christian Satellite Network International estimates its typical listening audience nationwide to be approximately two to three million people. Beginning during a time of tremendous turmoil and shocking need, THE LUTHERAN HOUR continues to touch hearts with the Gospel. On October 2, 1930 audiences heard the words of Dr. Walter A. Maier for the first time across the radio waves. As part of LHM's commitment in 2010 to utilize the latest technologies for spreading the message of the Gospel, this expansion is the latest effort to complement the program's broadcast on radio, the Armed Forces Network, and via the Internet. As we celebrate the 80th anniversary of this outstanding radio broadcast, we know that this work of planting the Gospel will continue to bear much fruit in lives redeemed for Christ's Kingdom. "I rejoice that the Holy Spirit has blessed us with the opportunity presented by these open doors," said the Rev. Kenneth Klaus, Speaker of THE LUTHERAN HOUR. "The addition of these radio stations comes at a critical time. While we cannot say what blessing the Holy Spirit will impart to those who hear our broadcasts, we can say what The Lutheran Hour message will be: 'Nothing save Jesus Christ and Him crucified in every message, every prayer, every hymn.'"

GOOD NEWS! God is doing great things through the various outreach programs that Lutheran Hour Ministries offers. Some ministry highlights: Besides the news above about the 400 additional stations, LHM launched a Spanish-language version which airs in 17 markets in the US, two stations in Peru, and over Internet stations in Ecuador, Costa Rica and Spain.

The LHM Men's NetWork is growing by leaps and bounds. More than 3,000 churches registered to use the materials within the first year. Has your congregation registered? LHM continues to hear success stories from congregations. Have you seen the latest -- "Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelation"?

LHM Bible Correspondence Courses continue to reach out to those who need to hear about the GOOD NEWS that CHRIST HAS RISEN.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO HELP: You can take advantage of a special opportunity to make your support of the ministry go even further. Thrivent Finan-

cial for Lutherans is offering Lutheran Hour Ministries a special challenge grant that, in total, would result in \$228,750 for the ministry. By June 30, 2010 LHM has to raise \$152,500; once this amount has been collected, Thrivent will donate \$76,250 to LHM. Please prayerfully consider supporting this challenge grant opportunity to increase the impact of your gift. A Thrivent Challenge Grant Form is available from your LHM Ministry Advancement Officer or by calling 1-877-33-1963.

GOOD NEWS! The Region 7 meeting in Spencer, Iowa was held on March 2. Registration was approximately 60 LLLers. It was a great facility. We had an excellent presentation over the Internet given by LHM staffer Faith Spellbring. It worked very well and I would invite you to contact LHM if you are interested in an Internet presentation given by a staff person for one of your meetings.

In Christ,
 Chuck Groth, Region 7 Governor

National Convention

The International Lutheran Laymen's League national convention will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, July 22-25. Having the convention this close to Iowa will give many of us the opportunity to attend. This will be a great opportunity for the LLL Congregation Ambassadors of our district to attend the Ambassador workshop on Friday, July 23 at 1:45 pm. In this workshop they will recognize the Outstanding Ambassadors, hand out packets of Ambassador training materials, and discuss enhancements to the Ambassador program. We can look forward to being introduced to new ideas in building the LLL presence in your congregation as well as being a helpful hand in bringing the Gospel to your community and the world.

The JCPlayZone web site for children has been redesigned to include new games such as the "12 Apostles Quiz" and Matching Bible Games, "Bible Baffle" and "Fill in the Blanks." These have been added to the favorites of "Leopardy," "Dino Drop," "Bramble Ramble," and the "Spanish Matching Game." Another new feature is "The Power of Prayer" an animated video that teaches kids how God answers prayer. Go to www.lhm.org and log on to JCPlayZone.

Lutheran Hour Sunday was a great blessing for Lutheran Hour Ministries. As of this writing, they have received \$53,000 and there are more celebrations scheduled. Only by the grace of God and the hard work of faithful volunteers can this kind of success happen. LHM is very thankful for the congregations

that participated in Lutheran Hour Sunday. If your congregation has not yet participated and would like to hold a Lutheran Hour Sunday, call Lutheran Hour Ministries at 1-800-944-3450 to order your materials. This is a great way to join people of Christ with the message of hope. God's blessing to all of you. Kaylan Abel

Minnesota South Report

The year was a busy one with the Minnesota South Division of Orphan Grain Train taking on a project in Sudan, Africa. Our shipping date was moved up about three weeks and we did make the deadline. On June 25 a full container and one about a third-full of the supplies needed for the project were picked up in Truman, Minn. and sent to Norfolk, Neb. where the second container was filled with more items. On Aug. 13 the two containers from MN South Division along with the medical clinic provided by the Missouri-Illinois Division left on their long journey to Sudan, Africa with the first stop in Omaha, Neb. for inspection.

Volunteers will go over when the containers reach their destination to install the fence and water lines and to re-assemble the farm equipment with the help of the Sudanese people. They will be trained in all phases at the same time.

This project has been a very uplifting experience for all involved. We all felt the presence of God with us as the materials were gathered and prepared. I want to thank all who were involved in the project in any way from donating items, volunteering their time, financial support, and especially their prayers. Funding is still needed for the project over and above what is raised at our Fish Feeds. Continue to keep this project in your prayers that the containers will arrive at their destination as scheduled and that the volunteers will be kept safe during their stay.

Six volunteers from Minnesota-South Division and three from Nebraska left on Thanksgiving Day 2009 for Malakal, Sudan to continue work on the Abundant Life project. The project turned out to be very successful. The Evangelical Lutheran Church Sudan is now holding their church services at the site that was prepared by our volunteers and local volunteers. All glory be to God. There will be more on this story at the June 19 Iowa District West LLL Convention at Mt. Calvary in Indianola, Iowa.

Upcoming LLL Events

- June 19, 2010 – Mt. Calvary – Indianola - IDW LLL District Convention – Hosted by Region 5 (Boone & Des Moines Zones)
- July 22-25, 2010 – Int. LLL Convention – Omaha, Nebraska
- August 12-22, 2010 – LLL State Fair Booth
- September 11-19, 2010 - LLL Clay County Fair Booth
- September 18, 2010 – Men's Ministry Breakfast - Mission Central, Mapleton

Lost at Algona Men's Ministry Breakfast

Did you mistakenly pick up a St. Louis Cardinals red jacket at the Algona Men's Breakfast in April? The jacket belongs to Mark Segebart (1820 350th Street, Vail, IA 51465). If you can, bring it along to the Mission Central Men's Breakfast this fall or give me a call 712-677-5547. There was a Pioneer Seed red jacket left in Algona if you are missing one. It is still there. Thank you!

Lutheran Hour Ministries

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM), www.lhm.org, is an outreach ministry supporting The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, Lutheran Church--Canada, and churches worldwide through media, congregational equipping, and a variety of other means. LHM's flagship ministry, The Lutheran Hour, is the world's longest-running Christ-centered radio program. Internationally, LHM produces and distributes radio, Internet and television programming through ministry centers in more than 30 nations. Lutheran Hour Ministries is also known as the International Lutheran Laymen's League.

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LHM Men's NetWork is an online men's ministry resource developed by Lutheran Hour Ministries to offer original video Bible studies, hands-on service opportunities known as "Impact Events," "How-To" instruction guides for ministry projects, mini-video features titled The Baloney Shop and Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School, blog- and forum-based opportunities for interaction, and more.

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'Fire and Ice' Event Brings Men Together in Michigan

Sometimes great things happen when you step outside your comfort zone. Such was undoubtedly the case when 38 men braved the elements for "Fire and Ice," a two-day fellowship and equipping event held in February at Bay Shore Camp in Sebewaing, Michigan. Fire and Ice was sponsored by Lutheran churches in Michigan's Thumb and by the Men's NetWork program of St. Louis-based Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM).

True to its name, Fire and Ice incorporated both fire and ice components. Friday's fire focus included a bonfire, along with Bible study and fellowship; then, following another Bible study, Saturday's concentration on ice included ice fishing and ice golf-and a six-mile hike in the icy air.

Driving the get-together was a Saturday presentation by Rich Cohrs, manager of congregational relations for Lutheran Hour Ministries. Cohrs' topic was "Man as Spiritual

Leader in the Worlds of Family and Church." At the conclusion of the Fire and Ice event, the men present moved to hold the event again next year. Rich Cohrs was invited back to participate in Fire and Ice 2011.

One of the aims of LHM Men's NetWork is to connect congregations with each other through men's ministry activities. Rev. Dan Hahn, pastor of host congregation Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing, sees the Men's NetWork-sponsored Fire and Ice event as a watershed. "It's the first time in about 10 years," he says, "that the congregations in the Thumb have done something together."

Another aim of Men's NetWork is to "ignite and challenge the faith lives of men." One Fire and Ice participant said, "I grew a lot and learned some things I intend to try out. You know, after signing up, I actually looked for a reason not to attend. Now I'm thankful I came."

64th Iowa West LLL District Convention

When: Saturday, June 19, 2010—9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Where: Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church—Indianola, IA
Speaker: Mick Onnen—President of Int. LLL
Noon Luncheon plus morning and afternoon snacks

Theme: "Share His Story" - Psalm 66:6

To pre-register please print your name, address, and phone number on the form below. Send to John Tews, 1499 Noah Ave, Bayard, IA 50029. Please include your fee to help with convention expense if possible or you may pay at the door. Everyone over 18 must register and pay appropriate fee. Please send pre-registration by June 1, 2010. You may register also by email to: jtewsrvi@netins.net or at the door.

The fee for the day is \$25 per person. Register by June 1, 2010.

Please join us to hear about the new changes on the way for Lutheran Laymen's League and Lutheran Hour Ministries

Directions to the church: 2 miles east on Hwy 92 from junction of 65/92.

Name: _____

Address _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

93rd International Convention International Lutheran Laymen's League July 22-25, 2010 • Omaha, Nebraska

Join us in Omaha! Highlights include:

- Family Night at the Strategic Air Museum
- Celebration of Pastor Ken Klaus' ministry as Speaker of The Lutheran Hour®
- The Lutheran Hour Celebration Event
- Thursday Luncheons: Men's NetWork event & ladies luncheon
- International Ministries Dinner with several of LHM's ministry center directors from around the world
- The Hoffmann Society Breakfast
- Outreach Workshops

You can also participate in a special pre-convention day trip to Concordia University, Seward-Nebraska, a winery, and Holy Family Shrine. You are encouraged to reserve your hotel room in Omaha as soon as possible. Hotel information is available at www.lhm.org/convention

Online registration is now open at www.lhm.org/convention

Monday Golf Outing with Executive Director Bruce Wurdeman

Consider arriving in Omaha early to take on LHM's Executive Director, Bruce Wurdeman, in a friendly game of golf on Monday July 19, 2010 at Quarry Oaks Golf Club (www.quarryoaks.com) in Ashland, Nebraska located only 30 minutes from Omaha. If interested, please call Melissa Bohlmann at 314-317-1478 or Lara Heisohn-Sidorski at 314-317-4102 for more information.



Thursday Men's NetWork Event at Rosenblatt Stadium

The Men's NetWork is at it again. This time it's Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium, home of the Omaha Royals—AAA team and farm club for the Kansas City Royals. For \$28 you can grab a ballpark lunch and watch a session from a Men's NetWork Bible study on the Jumbotron. Come join us and discover how Lutheran Hour Ministries' Men's NetWork is giving men's groups cutting-edge tools to grow spiritually, while making their lives—and their witness—more effective. We'll also recognize past officers at the lunch.

You don't want to miss out—Rosenblatt is the site for the College World Series and this is its last season in operation.

Friday Family Night at the Strategic Air and Space Museum

Join us for an evening of celebrating the history and future of aviation and space exploration. The museum is home to many aircraft and numerous missiles and rockets, and it also chronicles the history of the Strategic Air Command. The Avi8ors, a musical group that specializes in World War II era music, will entertain and impress you with their "USO show" style. Dinner, entertainment, transportation, and admission to the museum are included in the Family Night price.

The Lutheran Hour Celebration Event

Saturday, July 24 • 4:15- 5:30 p.m. Join more than 1,000 other Christians for worship at The Lutheran Hour Celebration Event. The event, with the theme "Blown Away," will feature the Parade of the Nations, where our International Directors, dressed in traditional costumes of their countries, will carry in flags from each nation where LHM has an international office. The service features Pastor Ken Klaus, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour.



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