

## Summer/Fall Placement at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, is pleased to announce that 12 students received calls to be pastors and 42 students received vicarage assignments in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). One student in the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) program is awaiting a vicarage assignment. In this case, the details of the assignment to a specific site are being finalized and should be completed soon. Many of the assignments were given in summer/early fall 2009 and were celebrated during the Seminary's morning chapel service on Oct. 21.

Iowa West District received the following students:

- Eugene Krueger, as a pastor to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa (DELTO)
- Joshua Frazee, as a vicar to Timothy Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa (M.Div.)

These students join more than 12,000 graduates from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, who have been prepared to serve as pastors, deaconesses, missionaries, and chaplains in the LCMS. The Seminary's spring placement is scheduled for April 27, 2010.

For more information, contact Communications, Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105; 314-505-7379; [communications@csl.edu](mailto:communications@csl.edu).

## Help Us Change Lives!

What if you could make an eternal difference in the life of a child? One opportunity is to make a gift to the Amigos en Cristo campaign offered through the District's World Mission Subcommittee.

God is bringing Hispanic immigrants to western Iowa where they hope to provide a good life for their family. Included in that "good life" could be the opportunity to attend one of our District's preschools or day schools where the Gospel is preeminent. Because Hispanic families often lack the necessary financial means for this Christian education, the Amigos en Cristo campaign hopes to address that. The Amigos en Cristo campaign is a two-year program for our Sunday schools and day schools to raise \$20,000 a year to provide scholarships for Hispanic children to attend Lutheran day schools and preschools

in Iowa District West. If your Sunday school or day school has not adopted the campaign, gifts can also be sent to the District office (PO Box 1155, Fort Dodge, IA 50501). Make your check payable to Iowa District West and note Amigos en Cristo on the memo line.

## Missionary Monroe Update



Pat Monroe

One of IDW's missionaries to the deaf, Pat Monroe, was involved in an accident in October. By God's grace Pat's life was spared, but she did suffer a broken pelvis and other broken bones in the hip and leg area, as well as multiple bruises.

Following a week's stay in the hospital, Pat continues to recover at home. She is grateful for all the cards she has received and the prayers offered on her behalf. Please continue to remember her in your prayers and with cards. Her address is 128 N 40th Street, Apt. A, Council Bluffs, IA 51501.

## Church & Clergy Finance/Treasurer's Workshop

This financial workshop will be presented on Saturday, January 9 at Immanuel, Guthrie Center and Saturday, January 16 at First English, Spencer from 9 am – 3 pm. Cost will be \$22 per congregation which includes registration, materials, and lunch. Any individuals within the church having financial responsibilities are encouraged attend. The guest speaker on January 9 will be Mr. Robert Joy, a CPA, consultant and speaker who specializes in church and clergy taxes and non-profit audits. The speakers on January 16 will be Sally Bohmer who has in interest in finances and clergy taxes and Randy Gayken, South Dakota District Business Manager, who has nearly 30 years of church treasurer experience.

Thanks to Carole White and Lutheran Church Extension Fund for providing lunch. The afternoon session (from 1-3 pm) will include a presentation from Concordia Plan Services and is open to all at no charge. Please register by January 5. The brochure and registration form is online at [www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org) and click on [Treasurer's Workshop](#) under events. For more information, contact Business Manager Roger Curtis at [Roger.Curtis@idwlcms.org](mailto:Roger.Curtis@idwlcms.org) or 515-576-7666.

## Personal Missions Subcommittee

Our congregations often provide planned outreach events or other organized opportunities to tell other people about Jesus. However, some of the most effective witnessing is done by individual Christians in their everyday lives. A pastor of a district congregation shared the following suggestion with the IDW Personal Missions Subcommittee.

Most of 2010 lies ahead of us. It is a year in which we can do much for the Lord with His help. Pray that He would mightily use what you do and say to make a difference for Christ in the lives of the people around you. Try this: include a note in some of your e-mails or handwritten notes to friends, co-workers, and relatives such as; "Jesus took your place so you can go to His place" or "Jesus was dead in your stead." Or a Christmas related statement such as, "Jesus was born so you won't be forlorn." All three have a short and concise Gospel message. Supply the law too, but get the Gospel out! God bless you all!

The Personal Missions Subcommittee is looking for stories of pastors or members of district congregations who have told others about Jesus. If you have a story of an everyday event which provided an opportunity to tell someone else about Jesus, please share that story with the IDW Personal Missions Subcommittee. Stories can be submitted by email to [revjpeterson@LutheranReformation.com](mailto:revjpeterson@LutheranReformation.com) or mailed to Rev. Jason Peterson at P.O. Box 195, Burt, IA 50522.

## Outreach Workshops

The Personal Missions Subcommittee will be sponsoring Outreach Workshops in February at four locations throughout Iowa District West. These workshops will include an opening presentation on personal evangelism before breaking into several discussion groups on more specialized types of outreach. Look for a mailing in early January with full details about the workshops or check the monthly to keep up on further developments. The dates and locations for the workshops are:

- Saturday, February 6, 2010, 8-11:30AM - Faith, Council Bluffs
- Saturday, February 13, 2010, 8-11:30AM - Gloria Dei, Urbandale
- Saturday, February 20, 2010, 8-11:30AM - Prince of Peace, Fort Dodge
- Sunday, February 21, 2010, 3-6:30PM - First English, Spencer

## Pastor Arthur Porter Retiring



*Pastor Arthur Porter*

Pastor Arthur Porter, Executive Director of Nehemiah Ministries in Los Angeles, recently announced his intention to retire at the end of 2009. Since June 2006 Porter, called by Iowa District West, has worked tirelessly to unite the congregations in the city of Los Angeles in the work God has called them to do.

Pastor Porter believes God has used him to get the congregations that make up Nehemiah Ministries "back into the Word together and thinking with some sense of unity". His prayer is that they will continue in the Word and do collectively what they can't do individually. One sign that this will happen is the fact that Good Shepherd, Inglewood is calling a pastor, part of whose stated responsibilities will be to keep the congregation working together with their partner churches in Nehemiah Ministries.

Even during the tenure of Pastor Porter's predecessor, Pastor Lee Settgest, Iowa District West has enjoyed a partnership that goes beyond providing financial support. Numerous mission trips, under the organization of IOWAY Director Ellie Menz, have gone to Los Angeles. "The people of Iowa West have demonstrated a mission heart to the Los Angeles congregations. God bless them!" said Porter.

Leaders of Iowa District West, the Nehemiah congregations, and the Pacific Southwest District are in conversation, study, and prayer to determine the direction the partnership will take. "The city of Los Angeles remains a mission field where millions do not know Christ. We intend to boldly go through the doors that the Lord opens for us," shared IDW Mission Executive Mark Gerken.

Those wishing to send cards to Pastor Porter may do so at his new address: 2086 Edgewood Drive, Moody, AL 35004.

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### Abundantly Blessed—Focus on Stewardship Ministry

Abundantly blessed with another harvest and with God's daily sustenance, we respond by generously supporting the mission and ministry of our local congregation and the church at large. "Consecrated Stewards" encourages percentage giving—setting aside a percentage of one's income and each week returning to the Lord from what He has given us. Congregations are then encouraged to sacrifice a percentage in supporting the District and Synod of which they are a member. Together, we send missionaries into the world. Together, we support those who go into the mission fields of the District (Hispanic communities, Sudanese neighbors, isolated deaf families). Contributions for the 2009 District budget can be made through January 2010. Congregations are urged to prayerfully consider their District commitment for 2010. Iowa District West offers a variety of stewardship education resources.

### Camp VBS - 2010

The theme of Camp VBS 2010 is "Creation Station." Children will climb aboard the "Truth Train" and follow the tracks of God's plan for His creation as He shares it in Genesis 1-11. In a culture which denies God's creative power, it is extremely important that our children know the Truth of Jesus. Camp VBS will again offer five Bible-based stories,

theme crafts, special skits, crafts, Bible bops and more. More information will be coming soon!

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the valley of the shadow of death...all the way home...to the glory, the joy of our heavenly Father's house. He has promised you the Light of everlasting life.

That is what all of the lights are about this season. They are all about Jesus, the Light of the world...about the Light of life...about the glory of heaven. The lights of Christmas push back the darkness with their special glow, don't they?

Have you noticed that it doesn't take bright spotlights or floodlights to make this season bright? A lot of little lights accomplish the same purpose. Each one adding its own special luster to the total brightness. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men..." Your light might be small. Your influence in this dark world might seem insignificant... but each of us glows with the brightness of our Lord's love. As He fills your heart and life...your world will become brighter...and the darkness, whatever it might be, will be driven back, farther and farther. And you'll see, the Light will keep shining before us all the way home.

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## Ordination Anniversaries – 2010

We share with the leadership of our congregations the names and ordination dates of Iowa District West pastors who will celebrate “special” ordination anniversaries during 2010. Congregations are encouraged to observe these ministry milestones with some kind of appropriate celebration.

If we have erred or failed to include someone who is observing an anniversary this year, please contact Bette Habhab at the District Office.

We rejoice and give thanks to God with these gifts to His Church.

### Five (5) Years

The Rev. Jon Dunbar of Trinity, Algona	7/10/2005
The Rev. Paul Frank of Trinity, Manilla	7/14/2005
The Rev. Marcel Kohlmeyer of St. Paul, Ireton	6/26/2005
The Rev. Kendall Meyer of Mt. Olive, Des Moines	7/10/2005
The Rev. Donald Peterson of Emmanuel, Lake View	6/19/2005
The Rev. Kenneth Schmidt of Concordia, Sioux City	7/10/2005
The Rev. Nathan Sherrill of St. Paul, Council Bluffs	6/19/2005

### Ten (10) Years

The Rev. Arthur Porter, Los Angeles, CA, missionary	7/16/2000
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### Fifteen (15) Years

The Rev. Tim Schiller of Shepherd of Peace, Sergeant Bluff	6/25/1995
The Rev. Ralph Shorey of Faith, Sioux City	7/23/1995

### Twenty (20) Years

The Rev. John Burger of Faith, Adel	7/01/1990
The Rev. Paul Egger of St. John, Galva	6/17/1990

### Twenty-five (25) Years

The Rev. David Bergquist of St. Luke, Cylinder and Immanuel, Lone Rock	6/16/1985
The Rev. Thomas Cole of Our Saviour, Des Moines	6/16/1985
The Rev. Klaus Raab of St. John, Climbing Hill	3/24/1985
The Rev. David Simonson of Trinity, Jefferson	7/15/1985
The Rev. Steve Turner of Trinity, Algona	7/07/1985

### Thirty (30) Years

The Rev. Paul Johnson of St. John, May City	6/01/1980
The Rev. David Schoop of Sioux City (Emeritus)	6/15/1980

### Thirty-five (35) Years

The Rev. Phill Andreasen of Immanuel, Spirit Lake	6/22/1975
The Rev. Larry Lemke of St. Paul, Aurelia	7/13/1975
The Rev. Phil Ritter of Redeemer, Corning	6/09/1975
The Rev. Eric Schillo, Lutheran Family Service, Fort Dodge	6/29/1975

### Forty (40) Years

The Rev. Roland Pillack of Des Moines (Emeritus)	6/21/1970
The Rev. Leroy Riemer of Bethel, Sutherland	6/14/1970

### Fifty (50) Years

The Rev. Henry Kuhn of Alta (Emeritus)	8/15/1960
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### Sixty-five (65) Years

The Rev. Helmut Schauland of Sioux City (Emeritus)	2/11/1945
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