

**Thursday, July 2, 2009—12:00 noon**

**Saint Luke Lutheran Church  
9100 Colesville Road at Dale Drive  
Silver Spring, MD 20910**

**Molly Shane, CFRE, Director of Advancement  
Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg**

Molly Anderson Shane joined the Advancement staff for the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in March 2007 as Director of Advancement with a role focusing on major gifts and planned giving. A native of York, Pennsylvania and a graduate of St. Olaf College, Molly is thrilled to be back in Central Pennsylvania with the opportunity to help raise awareness and build support for the mission of Gettysburg Seminary.

As a resource development professional, Molly has nine years of full-time development experience, covering everything from annual funds, capital campaigns, grant writing, planned giving, corporate giving, and special events, raising over \$7 million for a variety of not-for-profit institutions in Indianapolis, Indiana and Central Pennsylvania. In 2006 she earned the development profession's distinguished Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) credential. She also holds a master's degree in arts administration from the University of Cincinnati.

In her position with Gettysburg Seminary, Molly is excited to focus on individual giving. "It is building relationships with donors at a personal level and helping them to fulfill their individual philanthropic goals that I find most rewarding."

Molly currently resides in Carlisle, PA with her husband Joe, a Ph.D. in Science Education, who joined Shippensburg University's chemistry department in 2005.

In her spare time, Molly enjoys playing cello in Carlisle's West Shore Symphony Orchestra, singing in her church choir, taking and teaching ballet classes, hiking, reading and baking.

**We are pleased that Ms. Shane will join us at our July meeting and we look forward to her presentation.**

We invite all Lutherans and their friends to join us for this luncheon meeting of **Lutheran Lay Fellowship**, scheduled for the first Thursday of each month from 12:00 noon till 2:00 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9100 Colesville Road at Dale Drive in Silver Spring, one mile south of the Capitol Beltway at Exit 30. Ample off-street parking is available. Interested persons can make reservations for a delicious lunch by calling **Harlan Oelke at 301-545-1910** no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 30**. The cost of the luncheon is \$9.00, payable at the door.

**LUTHERAN LAY FELLOWSHIP  
LUNCHEON MEETING  
June 4, 2009**

Our meeting began with a hymn and prayer led by our speaker, Rev. James McDonald.

**Announcements**

**June Birthday** greetings were sung to Bob (Sarge) Sargeant for his birthday on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Sue Schmidt on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Walter Belter and Rev. James McDonald on the 16<sup>th</sup>. *[Editor's note: those present also also recognized the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rev. Larry and Sue Schmidt on June 7.]*

First time **visitors** were Ms. Lesley Hollon, a summer intern at Lutheran Social Services, Rev. Phil Carl, pastor of Christ the Servant, Hunters Woods Plaza in Reston, VA, and Rev. Dan Rift, Director of ELCA World Hunger Offices.

Dan Bella reported on the LLF **Scholarship Program**. Applications will still be accepted until June 15. In July the recipient will be announced and a check can be presented to the designee in the August meeting.

**Betty Fredericks, Chair of the Nominations Committee** for LLF, reported that no new candidates had been added to the slate of officers for the 2009-2010 year and presented the following candidates. They were elected unanimously and then installed into office.

President – **Robert (Sarge) Sargeant**  
Vice President for Programs – **Rev. David G. Berg**  
Vice President for Public Relations and Membership - **Ellie Wegener**  
Vice President for Special Arrangements – **Betty Fredericks**  
Secretary for Executive Committee Meetings – **Sue Schmidt**  
Assistant Secretary, Thank you notes – **Bonnie Priebe**  
Assistant Secretary for Luncheon meetings – **Rodney Smith**  
Treasurer - **John Priebe**  
Assistant Treasurer, luncheons - **Linda Everett**  
Assistant Treasurer, luncheons – **Vicki Porter**  
Chaplain – **Rev. Bill Wegener**  
Board Members at Large: **Dan Bella, Leslie Bergman, Rev. Bernie Boehm, Rev. Faye Coddling, Rev. Tom and Dolores O'Brien, and Rev. Larry Schmidt.**

**Louise Anderson, Phil Langhough and Harlan Oelke** were named Board Members, Emeritus for their tireless work in LLF throughout the years. Louise, the first woman elected to the LLF Executive Board, was presented a dozen red roses. Phil and Harlan were not able to attend.

**Speaker Notes**

**Rev. James McDonald**, Vice President for Policy and Programs for Bread for the World, spoke on **“Rising Hunger: Crisis and Opportunity.”** Jim manages Bread for the World’s policy issues and their programs of advocacy, education and social change.

Rev. McDonald began showing a picture of Jorge Luis Hernandez, 8 years of age, who has a small bowl of rice before going to work picking coffee beans near his home in El Salvador. In the afternoon while attending school, he eats a meal of rice, beans and tortillas, provided by **World Food Program (WFP)**. It's his only meal for the day.

Jorge is not alone. Rising food prices in the US have strained the budgets of many families. For poor people in developing countries, such increases have been devastating. Worldwide, it is estimated the food crisis has pushed an additional 130 million people into poverty. Nearly 1 billion people do not know where their next meal will come from.

The food emergency of the past two years imperils decades of progress made against hunger and poverty. Since 1980, the poverty has fallen from 50 to 25 percent. The percentage of undernourished people in the world declined from 28 to about 18%. But the worldwide food crisis threatens to undo that progress.

Faced with higher prices for food, poor people have to make difficult decisions. They limit the amount of food they consume, forgo meals and reduce other health expenditures such as health care or sending their children to school. The poorest people are coping by shifting to one meal a day and by eating famine foods: grass, roots and mud cakes.

There is ample proof that large gains can be made in the fight against hunger and poverty through agricultural growth. Extreme poverty in Vietnam declined from 58% of the population in 1993 to 16 % in 2006. It is due to a combination of economic reforms and technological innovations in its agricultural sector. Relieving hunger in third world countries can make a difference in securing peace in the world.

Rev. McDonald spoke of Representatives Howard Berman and Mark Kirk's bipartisan legislation introduced in the House of Representatives as a first step toward a new Foreign Assistance Act-one that would help confront today's world food emergency. H.R. 2139, the Initiating Foreign Assistance Reform Act of 2009, was introduced at the end of April and will be taken up by the committee in the next few weeks.

For 35 years, Bread for the World has been playing a leadership role in easing the suffering of the most vulnerable among us. Members can write personal letters or emails, make phone calls and make visits to members of Congress that have and can make a difference. Bread for the World calls itself a collective Christian voice urging the nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Marvelous things have been done through the efforts of individuals. Our letters to Congress do change minds. That's the power of advocacy and the power of Bread for the World. Go to their website: [www//bread.org/](http://www//bread.org/) and see how you can also make a difference in hunger throughout the world. A lively question and answer session followed Rev. McDonald's presentation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Schmidt

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET**

The Executive Committee of LLF will meet on Thursday, July 2 at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring.

## **WHAT IS THE LUTHERAN LAY FELLOWSHIP?**

*“As early as 1936, feeling there was a definite need for closer cooperation between Lutheran laity and clergy, a group of laymen in the Washington, DC. Metropolitan area, organized to hold meetings that would bring pastors and laity closer together. Due to jurisdictional differences as well as ministerial difficulties, very little success was achieved until the fall of 1941. Then the group met and decided to hold a luncheon once a month, invite their friends and bring visitors. The first luncheon was a success, and within three months every Lutheran judicatory was represented...”* [From a **Lutheran Directory of Metropolitan Washington, DC**, published in 1999.]

Today, more than 70 years later, the Lutheran Lay Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington takes pride in knowing that every night, 365 nights each year, more than 700 low income seniors and disabled persons live in safety and friendship in four high rises owned and managed by Fellowship Square Foundation, Inc. By means of annual scholarships and grants, LLF also supports various college and seminary students; it also provides ushering services for major inter-Lutheran events. But most of all, LLF is known far and wide as a place to hear stimulating speakers on timely topics and to make friends from other Lutheran congregations—friendships that last for decades!

Won't you join us?