

Thursday, January 7, 2010—12:00 noon

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

“Being Church in a Post-Christian World”

The Rev. Wolfgang Herz-Lane

The Rev. Wolfgang D. Herz-Lane serves as Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission in the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Prior to his current assignment, he was the Mission Director for the ELCA’s Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission (EOCM) unit, serving as Church-wide deployed staff in both the Delaware-Maryland and Metropolitan Washington DC synods.

Trained as a journalist in his native Germany, he has also served as the executive director of the Good Samaritan Center, an ecumenical social-services agency serving the poor and homeless in Camden, New Jersey; as the administrative director of the five-church Camden Lutheran Parish; and as Mission Director in the New Jersey Synod.

Ordained in 2001, Pastor Wolfgang planted a new, multicultural congregation, Bridge of Peace Community Church, in Camden. He was instrumental in the founding of several community organizations, including the Camden Lutheran Housing Corporation, which is building affordable housing in one of America’s poorest cities. He holds a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from Rutgers University and a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Wolfgang is married to The Rev. Margaret Herz-Lane, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Camden, NJ; they have two sons, Kyle (24 and newly married) and Josef, 22.

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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 Saint 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 contacting **Vicki Porter at VICKI.PORTER@Longandfoster.com** or **301-229-9884** no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 5**. The cost of the luncheon is \$9.00, payable at the door.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

February 4: The Rev. Jessica Duckworth, ELCA pastor at Wesley Theological Seminary

**LUTHERAN LAY FELLOWSHIP
LUNCHEON MEETING
December 3, 2009**

Our meeting began with announcements by the president, Bob (Sarge) Sargeant.

Announcements

December birthdays recognized included Jesus on the 25th, Deborah Lambert on the 30th and Dave Lambert on the 31st.

The only first time visitor was Betty Shanklin from St. John's Lutheran Church in Alexandria, VA.

Jim Garrett, Executive Director of Fellowship Square Foundation, mentioned that he was standing in for Pastor Faye Codding who had injured herself recently. He thanked the LLF for its support on behalf of the FSF in providing winter boxes for its residents since some of the 800 residents of our Fellowship Houses receive no gifts during the holiday season. A number of LLF members put together winter boxes by finding a shoe box-type plastic container and filling it with the following items: a sheet of stamps and stationery; tea and soup mix; Dove body wash; magnetic notepad and pen; a new kitchen towel; sugar-free candy or cookies; a grocery gift card. They wrapped a colorful bow around the box and brought it to the December LLF meeting. For questions, please contact Faye Codding at 703-471-5370 or at fcodding@fellowshipsquare.org. This gift, or a donation of \$20, will bring a smile to someone in need.

Sarge presented a check for \$660.00 to Sally Hiller, Southeastern District, LCMS, which will be used to support new initiatives under the Ablaze effort such as the new Spanish Language Mission Development in Northern Virginia. She accepted on behalf of President Diefenthaler.

Dave Lambert will be the new LLF webmaster. Existing content will be migrated to the new site and looking forward to many improvements over the months to come. Dave can be contacted at webmaster@DavidRobertLambert.com.

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

ADVENT IN WORD, ART AND SONG

Our program for December 3 was a change of pace from our usual format. The staff of Saint Luke: the Rev. Connie A. Miller, senior pastor; Ruth Manchester, Parish Nurse / Director of Caring Ministries and Art Historian; and Dr. Jeffrey Pannebaker, Director of the Music Ministry, together presented, *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light,”* ADVENT IN WORD, ART AND SONG.

We thank Pastor Miller and the staff of Saint Luke for their imaginative approach to observing this penitential season of the year which deepened our knowledge of Him in whom “the Word was made flesh.” Dr. Jeffrey Pannebaker described the origin of the unique portable organ that provided the music to accompany the songs. Pastor Miller mentioned how happy they were to have LLF meet at her church. She also mentioned that she and Sally Hiller grew up at First Lutheran / Trinity in Bowie, MD.

Ruth Manchester described the wonderful pictures shown of the Mont St-Michel Cathedral, in Normandy France; Chartres, France and Sainte Chapelle, Paris including the stained glass windows and how they illustrated the theme. Windows included Tree of Jesse (Chartres); Annunciation Window NGA from a Florentine Church; Annunciation Window, Tiffany; Annunciation Window, Chartres; Incarnation Window, Chartres; Incarnation Window, St. Mary's Church; Blue Virgin Window, Chartres; Presentation in the Temple, Sainte Chapelle.

Pastor Miller led the group in the devotional aspect of the program. Hymns included “*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*”; *O Come*, “*O Come, Emmanuel*”; “*The King Shall Come*”; “*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*”; “*In Him There is No Darkness at All*”. Scriptures included: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 27:1-4, 14; Isaiah 9:2, 6; and Revelation 22:5.

Ruth provided the slide presentation in order that it could be added to the LLF website for others to access.

LLF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

The Executive Committee of Lutheran Lay Fellowship announces the following schedule of meetings for 2010: March 4; May 6; and July 1. All meetings are scheduled at Saint Luke.

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In our attempt to be eco-friendly and save on postage, we'd like to send this newsletter electronically as much as possible. If you're willing to receive our Newsletter by email, please contact Rev. David Berg at this address: dgberg@erols.com. Put "**LLF**" in the subject line. Thank you for your cooperation.

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?