

LUTHERAN LAY FELLOWSHIP OF  
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, INC.

**Thursday, March 3, 2011—12:00 noon**

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

***“Lutheran Beginnings in the New World”***

**The Rev. George E. Handley  
President, Lutheran Archives Center, Philadelphia  
2010 Distinguished Alumnus, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia**

For over two decades, the Rev. George Handley has served on the board of the Lutheran Archives Center in Philadelphia, the last twelve as President. The caps his life-long interest in Lutheran Church history. His interest stems from the fact that his home congregation in the Hudson Valley dates from 1709 and the Palatine settlement at Quassaic (now, Newburgh), New York. He has written and spoken variously on themes of the history of the Lutheran Church, particularly on the East coast. His presentation at our meeting will focus on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century beginnings of our church in the New World. It begins in the 1640s and will conclude with Muhlenberg’s 45-year ministry as the “Patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America,” concluding at Revolutionary times.

Our speaker for March has served congregations in Queens, NY, York, PA and Waynesboro, VA. Following his 18 years in the parish, he was chosen to be Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod of the LCA and later the ELCA. Later, he served as the first ever Coordinator of Ministry Leadership, Region 7 (Northeast Region) and then Coordinator of United Lutheran Appeal in the Virginia and Metropolitan Washington, DC Synods. As he started his ministry as a parish pastor, so he returned to the parish as interim pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Trenton, NJ and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Gaithersburg, MD

As a parish pastor, synodical assistant, church wide coordinator and historian of the Lutheran Church, the Rev. George E. Handley has brought distinction to the life of the church by his leadership, faithful service and significant contributions. We look forward to his presence with us on March 3.

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 sending their RSVP to [luncheon@lutheranlayfellowship.org](mailto:luncheon@lutheranlayfellowship.org) by contacting **Vicki Porter at 301-229-9884** or no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 1**. The cost of the meal is \$9.00, payable at the door.

## Upcoming Speakers

- April 7: Claudia C. Thorne, MSW, Executive Director, Community Family Life Services on *"CLFS Programs and Poverty / Homelessness in DC"*
- May 5: The Rev. Pedro L. Lopez, LCMS Hispanic Mission Developer for Northern Virginia on *"Minorities and the Hispanic Challenge in Lutheranism"*.

## LUTHERAN LAY FELLOWSHIP MEETING MINUTES February 3, 2011

Our meeting began with a devotion and prayer led by Deacon Miller-Holland. The devotion was based on Isaiah 58:6-8 and Matthew 5:13-15. She spoke about beautiful and sincere works that fulfill God's purpose and give Him the glory and not us and asked everyone to provide an example that had inspired them, something that pointed us to the love of God (beautiful, lovely, helpful, sincere).

### Announcements

January and February 2011 birthdays celebrated were Norman Larsen, 31 Jan and Scott Mills, 8 Feb.

Wallace and Jean Knutsen celebrate their 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February.

President Robert Sargeant made the following announcements: encouraged everyone who has not enrolled to do so and those who get the minutes by mail will not get another one until they renew; those who haven't renewed will get a reminder letter in the next month. He encouraged everyone to check the new matches for Thrivent before it ends at the end of this month and they expire next month. Winter boxes were collected.

Dan Bella asked for any suggestions on how to increase LLF membership be provided to Ellie Wegener.

Ellie Wegener asked us to consider giving temple talks about LLF at our churches but coordinate with her first.

### Presentation

**"Counting Blessings" – Deacon Kati Miller-Holland, Director of Church and Community Ministries, Lutheran Social Services, National Capital Area.** We learned about an exciting new project in metropolitan Washington, DC that is bringing together nine Lutheran Social Ministry organizations and many congregational programs to serve the poor and needy. What if we could see what Lutherans were doing to care for their neighbor? What if we could shed light on all the ways Lutherans are helping others. Across the country, one of every 50 people who receives services get those through a Lutheran social ministry organization. But we don't know the real impact that our local programs have on meeting the needs of our neighbors. We need to let our light shine and not keep it under a bushel.

Kati gave a quiz asking us to select the correct answer: How many people received food assistance in the Metro DC area from Lutheran agencies or churches last year? How many people received assistance with a housing need? How many volunteers helped serve the needy last year with human care activities? How many DC area churches have at least one caring ministry for the needy in their community? We made our best guess, but discovered that the correct answer to each of those questions was "I have no idea!" Everyone agreed that it would be good to know the real answers, though.

The purpose of the Lutheran Asset Mapping Project (LAMP) is to shed light on the healing power of Lutheran caring ministries in the Metropolitan Washington, DC area. The goals of an asset map: gather information; analyze resources, capacity and needs; and encourage networking and growth. Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSS/NCA) received a grant from the Community Foundation of the National Capital Region to create a resource to bring together many of the Lutheran-based human service programs to create safety net programs. Large, non-profit organizations as well as local congregational ministries are able to participate in this project, dubbed "LAMP"—Lutheran Asset Mapping Project. Important partners in this project include: Community Family Life Services, Fellowship Square Foundation, Good Shepherd Housing, Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, National Lutheran Communities & Services (National Lutheran Home), Northern Virginia Coalition (NOVACO), Southeast Ministry (Lutheran Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill), and Transitional Housing Corporation.

A software program was developed in which partner information detailing safety net assets—such as emergency food, counseling services, housing, and employment services—can be gathered on a common internet website. Local food cupboards are able to connect with one another and with Lutheran-based programs that serve additional needs as well. LSS/NCA is looking for congregational partners to fill this database and she provided paper copies of a memorandum of understanding for congregational partners and a factsheet (electronic copies are attached). The database will help partners: make information available to needy people; exchange program information among leaders; analyze safety net resources and needs; report to Lutheran community aggregated services/resource capacity (annual report of social services ministry).

Examples of congregational programs: food/clothing pantries; shelters, meals; housing assistance, homelessness prevention; ESOL, GED, tutoring programs; support to elderly, ailing, grieving; pastoral care for needy neighbors; volunteer/donation mobilization on behalf of community service providers (e.g. Habitat for Humanity, interfaith assistance program).

The web resource has been developed so that: internet access-24/7; each partner controls its own listings, updates; link to maps and census data; different levels of access to information. Counting blessings, how many programs offered; needy people served; goods distributed; volunteers mobilized; dollars spent.

If congregations want to join LAMP they must do the following: congregation leader attends 2 hour "user" training; list each program's information online; share "output" information annually; use the database to get acceptance for needy neighbors; use the database to collaborate with other Lutheran programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney Smith



Shedding light on the healing power of Lutheran caring ministries in the Metropolitan Washington, DC area.

## LAMP Fact Sheet

### Introducing LAMP!

The Lutheran Asset Mapping Project (LAMP) is bringing together leaders from Lutheran congregations and Lutheran human service agencies to create a *web-based database* of resources available among Lutheran partners in the Washington, DC Area. Partner programs will use

this experience to work smarter and more efficiently—to make referrals more accessible to needy people, to identify gaps and redundancies across the region, and to be more effective in advocating for funding and other support of their programs.

### Why LAMP?

In the Washington Metro area, there are 135 Lutheran congregations, most of which provide some level of care to their neighbors in need. Currently, there is no systematic way for these congregations to coordinate *safety net services* such as food, shelter, clothing, financial assistance, etc. And, there are ten Lutheran affiliated human service agencies in the region, providing a wide variety of services and targeted populations. With growing needs and scarce resources, these programs need to work together—to cross-refer clients, to plan strategically, to reduce gaps in service, and to better engage their common Lutheran leaders in supporting these “safety net” ministries.

### What are our expectations and goals?

- Needy people will receive more referrals and services
- Leaders and prospective donors will receive data regarding community needs and program capabilities
- Program leaders will directly collaborate to achieve project goals
- Partners planning new projects will learn from those who have already established successful projects



Lutherans care for needy neighbors!

### How Can you get Involved?

Become a congregational program partner in the LAMP project. Plan now to have your social ministry programs included in the database. Upcoming trainings are offered to learn how to enter your program information and retrieve helpful information from the database. THERE IS NO CHARGE for congregations to participate in this project!

### Training Dates: (choose one)

Saturday, February 12	9:00-11:00 AM	First Trinity, Washington, DC
Wednesday, February 16	9:30-11:30 AM	First Trinity, Washington, DC
Saturday, February 26	9:00-11:00 AM	St. Mark's, Springfield, VA* <i>tentative location</i>
Friday, March 4	1:00-3:00 PM	First Trinity Lutheran, Washington, DC

**To sign up or for more questions, contact:** Deacon Kati Miller-Holland,  
Lutheran Social Services/NCA 202-723-3000 ext. 200 — [hollandk@lssnca.org](mailto:hollandk@lssnca.org)

## LAMP Frequently Asked Questions for Congregations

*What is this database?* A special website has been created which will allow us to share information about all Lutheran-sponsored programs that serve human needs in the greater DC area. It will allow persons to search programs by topic or location.

*What kind of information is being collected?* Two types—1) a program’s “information and referral” listing such as kind of service or assistance offered, location, who is eligible for the help, how to apply. This information is available to anyone who might search the Web for help. 2) program “performance” data shows information such as numbers of clients served, numbers of volunteers, and basic budget numbers. This information can be seen only by other partners and is used to analyze needs and help program leaders network with each other.

*What are examples of congregational social ministry programs that should be included in the database?* Any kind of assistance that the congregation distributes to needy persons that is not restricted to church members: food, clothing, furniture, vouchers for gas/groceries, rental assistance, pastoral “discretionary” assistance, sheltering, meals, counseling, health services, English or GED classes, transportation, child care. Also include congregational programs which provide volunteers and/or regular donations to community or interfaith projects working with needy people in the area.

*How is the database managed?* Every partner organization or church controls their own program listing. You receive a logon ID and receive a hands-on training in the components of the database. You can change, update or delete information from your own computer at any time. All partners are requested to update their information at least once per year. Security levels are set so that you can determine which information can be seen by the public, which can only be seen by other LAMP partners, and which can only be seen by you and the technical administrators of the database.

*How could my social ministry committee or program benefit from this?*

You can know more about similar programs taking place by other Lutherans in the area-- to help you network with them, plan joint projects, or coordinate efforts. You can refer needy people for services that you are unable to provide. You can use links to census data, for example, to research needs in your community and plan future projects more effectively.

*How do we become a partner?*

Discuss this project with your Pastor and Social Ministry Committee and identify who will serve as your LAMP representative and which programs your congregation will list in the database. Each congregation is listed once in the database with its basic information. Then, it may list as many individual “safety net” programs as it wants. Send one or more persons to the training. You will be responsible for updating your own information from then on. Periodically, LAMP partners will be invited to a gathering to receive reports and provide feedback on how the database is helping them.



February 21, 2011

Dear Friends of LLF,

Our new year began on January 1, 2011. That means it is time to renew your membership in the Lutheran Lay Fellowship, unless you have already joined. Your membership supports our lunches, our programs, and the solid base that enables our Board to represent you in its planning for the year.

The membership fee is \$25 for the year. Please fill out the enclosed membership page and attach your check made out to the Lutheran Lay Fellowship, a non-profit organization.

Remember you can also add your 2011 donation to the Fellowship Square Foundation Wegener chaplaincy, the Good Samaritan Fund, and the LLF scholarship fund at the same time.

Lay members and pastors from ELCA, Missouri Synod, and other Lutheran churches make up this stimulating fellowship. Your support makes the Lutheran Lay Fellowship a valuable part of the Lutheran presence in the Washington, D.C. area. Together, let's make 2011 an outstanding year.

Sincerely,

Ellie Wegener, Vice President  
Public Relations and Membership



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- I am a current member of LLF
- I am a former member of LLF and plan to renew my membership
- I am a visitor today and wish to join LLF
  
- Opt-out of E-mail Newsletters
- Opt-in of hardcopy Newsletters (*dues-paying members only*)

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Today's Date

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Full Name

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Name to appear on nametag

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Street Address

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City, State, Zip

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Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

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E-mail Address or write "NONE" if you do not have an E-mail address

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Name of your church

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City, State, Zip of your church

*Please return this form to LLF Treasurer, 5600 Inwood Street, Cheverly, MD 20785*

## Membership Options

- Volunteer to be an usher for the Reformation Service on the last Sunday in October.
- \$25 yearly dues for myself.
- \$25 additional yearly dues for my spouse.

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Spouse's name, if applicable

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Spouse's E-mail Address or write "NONE"

- \_\_\_\_\_ Tax-deductible Donation to the Fellowship Square Foundation Fund
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tax-deductible Donation to the Scholarship Fund
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tax-deductible Donation to the Wegener Chaplaincy Fund
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tax-deductible Donation to the LLF (*in addition to Membership Dues*)

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## Payment Options

- I will pay at this meeting
- I will pay at the next meeting
- I will mail my check to the Treasurer
- Bill me with PayPal so I can pay by Credit Card (*option not available yet*)

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