

response effort in Haiti: cleanup and debris removal, with 400 homes and businesses completed and another 4,000 applications pending; building some 200 homes, including a clinic, orphanage and school; a medical mission project for those affected by the disaster; enhanced ministry and lay training to share the Gospel; development of a credit union, with economic incentives through microloans; and a clergy teaching program.

Following the presentations, delegates adopted Resolution 6-01, commending LCMS disaster relief work, particularly in Haiti.

The resolution expressed “thanks to the Lord for the good work He has done among us,” and specifically named LCMS World Relief and Human Care, LCMS World Mission, Orphan Grain Train, LCMS congregations and districts, Haitian mission societies, the ELCH and Lutheran Church in Haiti. The action called for the Synod to maintain its disaster response and human care capacity so it is ready for the next disaster, and that “enlivened by the gifts of Christ, the LCMS continue to make a bold witness to the world through works of mercy. Soli Deo Gloria.”

LCMS President Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick and Kessa signed a proclamation expressing grateful response to God's grace. Kieschnick and Kessa embraced, and delegates stood and applauded the adoption of the resolution and the proclamation's signing. Kieschnick thanked the people of both Haitian Lutheran churches; Rev. Matthew Harrison, executive director for LCMS World Relief and Human Care and president-elect of the Synod; Dr. Thomas R. Zehnder, executive director of LCMS World Mission; and their respective boards

“Thank God for the responses of many people in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod,” Kieschnick said, adding that the people of Haiti “are wonderful people of God who are suffering much.”



You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16

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Summer Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Friday: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Sunday Worship is at 9:00 AM

Summer Bible Study Opportunities

Adults

Pastor Klein is leading a DVD series of real topics that matter. It is an honest, clear, unmistakable approach to Bible study that doesn't leave you guessing about what God's grace really means. Each DVD topic runs 8-10 minutes on such themes as uncertainty, grief, loneliness, purpose, hope and more. The author and speaker in each short film is Rev. Kurt Klaus. He tells real stories that will challenge the way you think and may even question the way you feel, but with a purpose: to learn more about the profound love God has for you through His Son. Discussion follows the viewing of each film. This class meets Sunday mornings at 8:00 am in the fellowship hall of the church.

Men in the Morning

Come join your fellow men in the morning on Thursday's from 6:00 to 7:00 am in the gathering area of the church.



Child care is available during the service in room 12 of the Early Childhood Center. Ask an usher and they will guide you to the nursery.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Outreach

Prayer is one of the most important ways to grow as an effective Christian witness. God delights in bestowing good gifts upon those who approach Him in prayer. Pray for the boldness and confidence to be an effective witness to someone who desperately needs to hear about the Gospel of salvation through Jesus!

Stewardship

We became God’s stewards when the Holy Spirit called us to be God’s children through the washing of Holy Baptism and the word of salvation in Christ Jesus. In Christ God made us alive and gives us the power to use all that we are and have [time, life, relationships, skills and money] for His purposes. There is no greater calling in life than being a child of God in thoughts, words and actions!

IN AND AROUND ZION

Vacation Bible School

We begin next week! The theme is High Seas Expedition. It’s not too late to register. Come and set sail for VBS fun! Feel the sea spray in your face as sails snap overhead – and you and your crew experience the deep, rolling waters of God’s love. The registration fee is \$30.00 per child. Brochures and application forms are available in the church lobby.



Work Day at the ECEC

On Monday, July 26 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. the ECEC needs people to organize the Large Muscle Room closets (learning materials) and Atelier (art supplies). Learning materials include supplies for language arts, math, science, music, gym, puzzles and more. Lunch/refreshments will be provided. Please call Peggy at 630-323-0065 to help. All are welcomed. Thank you for the gift of time of your time and organization.

Haitian Lutherans Thank LCMS For Response To Earthquake

Delegates to The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod 2010 convention in Houston took formal action to commend the LCMS' immediate response and continuing follow-up relief work in Haiti in the wake of the devastating earthquake that struck the island nation Jan. 12. In addition, the president of the LCMS' partner church, Rev. Marky Kessa of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti (ELCH), expressed appreciation for the LCMS' response.

The 64th Regular LCMS Convention met July 10-17 at the George R. Brown Convention Center under the theme “ONE People – *Forgiven.*”

Among the approximately 3,000 participants are some 1,200 clergy and lay voting delegates.

Delegates viewed a video presentation on the LCMS response in Haiti. Kessa was joined by other representatives of the ELCH and a representative of the Lutheran Church in Haiti.

The earthquake resulted in an estimated 350,000 deaths, millions injured and some 2 million left homeless, Kessa said.

“Your spiritual, social and economic support has kept us going despite all odds,” Kessa told the delegates. “The earthquake has turned several cities in Haiti into piles of debris.” Families are still searching for loved ones, and it will take us many years to recover from the destruction, he said. Kessa asked the delegates to observe a moment of silence in memory of Jan. 12.

Kessa also warned that Haiti is at risk for hurricanes and that 2 million Haitians are still living in tents. He also noted that in the wake of the disaster, thousands have joined the church.

“Please continue to support us so that we might serve as Christian ambassadors among hurting people,” Kessa said. “No servant of Christ can live in peace when he or she sees people living in tents and crying out for survival.”

The ELCH president thanked the LCMS for its prayers, financial support, missionaries, and medical teams and supplies. He also expressed appreciation to LCMS World Mission and LCMS World Relief and Human Care for their continuing response to the ELCH and the Lutheran Church in Haiti.

Rev. Glen F. Merritt of Arlington, Texas, disaster response director for LCMS World Relief and Human Care, reported that the Missouri Synod is continuing a six-point

NOTHING CAN SEPARATE GOD'S PEOPLE FROM HIS LOVE

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” (Romans 8:35, 37)

No matter what we face in the days ahead, we know that God will never stop loving us. We know also that the Holy Spirit who dwells in us is interceding for us in whatever trial may challenge us. If God be for us, who can be against us?

Every day of our lives we need to listen and believe when Jesus tells us, “Do not fear, for I am with you. I will strengthen you and help you” (Isaiah 41:10).

God bless and keep you in His love and covenant Word of Promise!

July 25: “Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.” – Proverbs 16:20

July 26: “And Mary said: ‘My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.’” – Luke 1:46-48

July 27: “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.” – Psalm 46:1-3

July 28: “The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.” – Isaiah 58:11

July 29: “The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” – Psalm 103:8-12

July 30: “For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ. And so through him the ‘Amen’ is spoken by us to the glory of God.” – 2 Corinthians 1:21

July 31: “Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.” – James 1:12



MISSIONS AND HUMAN CARE

Global Links

Zion Congregation is linked to Macau, where GEO missionary David Pfeifer serves. He writes, “The highlight of all of my Easter activities was the Baptisms I was able to witness. Each one was very happy to be called a brother and sister in Christ. Their actions and words really reflected the new life they have. Jenny and Teri reflect their new life in the Bible studies, but are not without struggles as the Devil tries to get them back. Please keep them in your prayers. Recently, Jenny e-mailed us the words to a Christian song. The chorus reads, ‘Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am a life that was changed. Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am so glad you gave.’ Hearing these words from her was very encouraging. Of the 35 baptized, three were students that attend the English Center activities regularly. We pray that the students who say they believe and show it in their life, but are not baptized, will soon desire to be baptized also. I pray all of you had a blessed Easter season as you continue to celebrate the life we have because of what God has given us, Jesus our Savior and the Counselor, the Holy Spirit.”

Helping Our Neighbors

Have you wanted to be part of a mission team helping people to recover from a disaster but couldn't travel to the Gulf Coast? There are 800 families in NW Indiana who still need help because of flooding from the remnants of Hurricane Ike in 2008. Project LARRI (Lakeshore Area Regional Recovery of Indiana) is seeking volunteers to help with the rebuilding efforts.

Plan now to join the team the week of Sept 12-Sept 18. Projects could include framing, hanging wallboard, mudding the wallboard, painting, sanding and staining woodwork etc. Guys and gals are needed--if you would like to help, contact Jan Gerzevske, jgerz@netzero.com or 630.294.5014 for further details.

If you would like to help but are unable to arrange your schedule to volunteer, contributions for the purchase of materials are welcome.

To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice - Proverbs 21:3

Temporary Change of Address

Dorothy Robbert has a temporary address change while she is recuperating from her broken hip. Cards can be sent to: St. John's Mercy Villa, 1100 E Montclair, Room 304, Springfield MO 65807. Telephone: 417-820-8304.

NONPROFIT NEEDS HOUSEWARES FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

Sharing Connections Furniture Bank in Downers Grove provides furniture and household items to low-income families. They currently have a critical need for gently-used housewares such as dishes, glasses, pots and pans, and silverware for families.

If you can donate any of these items, please drop them off at the SCFB warehouse at 5111 Chase Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515. The warehouse is open to receive donations Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm and Saturday from 9am until noon. Financial donations are also welcome.

Residents of Downers Grove, Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Hinsdale, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Oak Brook, Western Springs, and Willowbrook can schedule a free pick up of large furniture by calling (630) 971-0565, x300, or by visiting the website. Their website www.sharingconnections.org explains what items are accepted. Please note that they cannot pick up small items.

Foreign Exchange Student

The Council on International Exchange, which places foreign exchange students with host families, is looking for a host family for the 2010-2011 school year for a Lutheran girl that is from Germany. The girl's name is Stina Wiedemann. She is 17 years old and speaks English. In school, she is in Art Club, Film Club, Speech and Debate Club, Drama Club, Newspaper and Creative Writing Club, and plays soccer. Her interests are drawing, painting, scuba diving, reading, dance, and movies. Her favorite sports are soccer, skateboarding, horseback riding, fishing and swimming.

If you are interested in being a host family, contact Carrie Brockie at 630-248-8181 or visit the Council on International Educational Exchange at www.ciee.org/highschool.

This Week at Zion

Sunday July 25

8:00 am Adult Bible Class

9:00 am Worship

10:15 am Mission Brunch

Tuesday July 27

9:00 am Quilters

Thursday July 29

6:00 pm Men in the Morning

9:00 am M.O.L.'s

Sunday August 1

8:00 am Adult Bible Class

9:00 am Worship

Serving Today

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Pastors

Jay Klein

Stephane Kalonji

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Diane Grover

Greeters

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Acolyte

Conor McCarthy

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