



Forward in Faith

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Lutheran Church - Canada, East District

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President's Corner by Al Maleske, President

“Let's Roll”...

Do you remember those words? They were spoken by one of the passengers on the 9/11 flight that crashed into a Pennsylvania farm field. He along with several others made a vain attempt to regain control of the aircraft from the terrorists. His last words heard over a cell phone were, “Let's Roll.”

We've had a tough time of it here in the District office over the last several months. First, our dedicated and hardworking Administrative Secretary, Dianne Engler, had to go on medical leave, then Carolyn Wiles, Accounting Clerk/Office Assistant, also had to take a medical leave and then subsequently resigned at the end of December. On December 17th, I had a heart episode that required an angioplasty and was hospitalized for 10 days (thankfully there was only a blockage and no heart damage). Meanwhile, our Business Manager, Lorne Campbell, who served faithfully in that capacity since last February, announced that he was resigning effective February 21, 2003. Lorne felt that he was no longer able to commute the distance from his home near Strathroy to the office every day without affecting valuable time with his wife and family. All in all it was and still is a stressful time in the office. We're thankful that our volunteers, Doreen Bannikoff, Lydia Weimer, and Vivian Austin were able to help out,

along with temporary workers, Barbara McCausland and Ilene Fortin. I am thankful for your prayers, patience and offers of support. Let me also express, on behalf of the East District, our thanks to Carolyn Wiles for her years of service in our office and our good wishes for continued good health. Also to Lorne Campbell, whose presence we will also miss. May God guide him as he makes plans for his future.



At this time we're in the process of interviewing candidates for a new business manager, hired Carolyn Mohr as our new Accounting Clerk/Office Assistant, and we're looking forward to Dianne's return maybe sometime in February (continue to keep her in prayer). All in all, with the Lord's help, we made the best of a bad situation. With your continuing cooperation, we can be about our Lord's work here in the East District.

LET'S ROLL ...

P.S. Enclosed with this packet is the current issue of “*Seasoned Adults*”. I strongly encourage you to register for the “*Engaging the Aging in the 21st Century*” seminar, scheduled for June 14th at St. Peter's, Stratford. Ideally, it would be wonderful if every congregation could have representation. Deadline for registration: **May 31, 2003.**

District Events

Feb 2

Concordia, Fonthill,
Service of Celebration
(on becoming a self-
supporting congregation)

Feb 12

Finance Department,
District Office

Feb 14

Valentine's Day

Feb 21 - 23

Ventures in Outreach,
Messiah, Waterloo

Feb 24

Local Arrangements,
Pre-convention Meeting,
District Office

Feb 28 - Mar 2

Confirmands' Retreat,
Fisherville, ON
(see enclosed flyer)

Mar 1

Dept. for Parish
Services,
10:00 a.m., District Office

Mar 4-6

Sabbath 2003
for Professional Church
Workers Conference,
Edmonton, AB
(non-clergy)

Mar 8

Board of Directors,
East District Office

Join Us In Prayer For:

- ★ **Rev. Howard Kuhl** has completed chemotherapy
- ★ **Rev. John Obeda** now recovering from surgery
- ★ **Victoria Lainen** suffering with fibromyalgia
- ★ **Dianne Engler** now recovering from a recent illness
- ★ **Rev. Al Maleske** recovering from angioplasty on Dec. 27th



<< DEADLINES



- Feb. 7** Deadline for VIO Registration
- Feb. 15** Deadline for Convention Report
- Mar. 1** Deadline for Vicar & Deacon Applications
- Mar. 15** Deadline for Pastoral &

Calls & Vacancies

Calls Issued & Pending

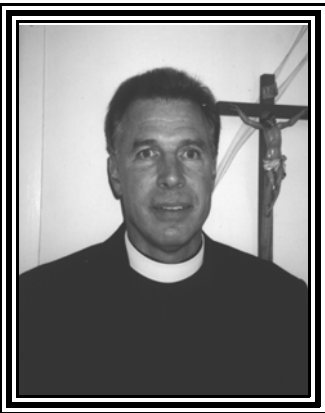


- **Rev. Larry Stojkovic**, Rochester, NY to Redeemer, St. Thomas
- Candidate to First Paul's, Wellesley

Rev. Peter Berg

June 1 - 3, 2003
Waterloo Inn, Waterloo, ON

Our convention essayist is Rev. Peter Berg, a 1974 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin. Rev. Berg has previously served parishes in Missouri and California. Since 1991 he has served as senior pastor of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Michigan. Rev. Berg has had articles published in theological journals, *Logia*, *Gottesdienst* and *The Bride of Christ*. Rev. Berg and his wife Susan, who is a preschool teacher, have six children; two daughters and four sons.



Open Arms Childhood Centre

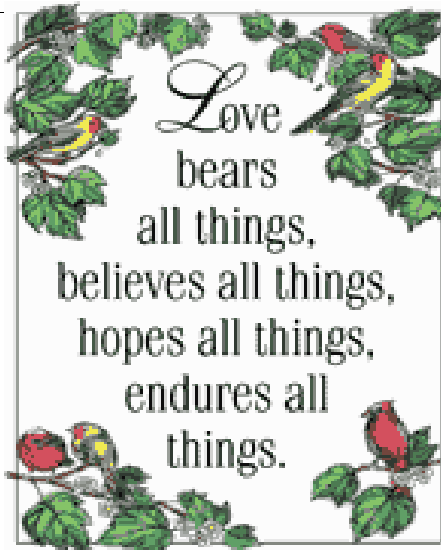


a ministry of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Barrie is now accepting resumes for:

Early Childhood Educators

The centre has 4 rooms for ages 18 months to 5 years and 'before & after school' for ages 6 to 10 years. If you are interested, please fax your resume to:

Attention: **Erin Acker**
705-728-7425



1 Corinthians 13:7

CELEBRATING

50

Fifty years of
Sunday
School
Workshops

Please join us in celebration on **October 25th** when our Guest Speaker will be Mary Simon Manz. East District, Kitchener, ON



Outreach Update by Konny Hahn

"The Department for Outreach will assist District congregations and ministries in their work of gathering more people into a faith relationship with their Saviour." (Mission Statement)



January Department for Outreach Meeting Highlights

Evangelism Committee:

Ventures in Outreach Group Sponsorship: Once again the Department will sponsor two groups: seminarians (students and their spouses only) and pastors and members from financially assisted ministries. Regrettably the Department will not be able to offer to reimburse the cost of meals.

The Evangelism Committee identified its top two priorities in 2003: a) To continue with the Forward in Faith Outreach Initiative utilizing the Forward in Faith Task Force and the Forward in Faith Circuit Teams; b) To assist pastors with resources for their task of providing leadership in outreach in their parishes.

Social Ministry Committee:

The top two priorities for 2003 are:

- Continued sponsorship of the church workers' wives retreat;
- Encourage all congregations to start a Lutherans for Life Chapter.

Other areas of emphasis will focus on the same sex marriage issue, Stephen Ministry sponsorships, the development of prayer chains and working closer with the Canadian Lutheran World Relief refugee office.

In the area of the same-sex marriage issue the Committee purchased a kit of resource materials from Lutherans for Life. Members of the Department will deliver the kit to each circuit.

The organizational meeting for Lutherans for Life-Canada is scheduled for March 29 from 1-4 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Elmira.

The Committee also approved a Stephen

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan 31	Synodical Parish Reports due in Winnipeg
Feb. 21-23	Ventures in Outreach
April 15	Quarterly Pastor's Reports
April 28	Evangelism Committee Meeting, Faith, London
May 12-13	Department Meeting

Ministry Grant to Prince of Peace, Burlington.

Campus Ministry Committee: Dr. Todd Sands and Rev. David Milette are in conversation about outreach via the internet.

Missions Committee:

Following lengthy and careful review by the Subsidy Review Committee and further discussion by the Missions Committee

subsidies were finalized for presentation to the Department for Finance and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors on March 8.

- ◆ Korean Lutheran Church - it was reported that due to lack of funding Korean Lutheran Church, Toronto had to lay off its Lay Assistant.
- ◆ Hispanic Ministry in National Capital Region - the Department after much deliberation at both its November and January meeting was forced to inform Familia de Dios and St. Luke, Ottawa that a total not exceeding \$60,000 would be available for Hispanic ministry in the NCR.

The Committee's top two priorities are: a) Promote and assist in the planting of new congregations and ministries; b) promote District sponsored missions and congregations in special circumstances requiring financial assistance.

Department:

Reviewed the responses to questionnaires submitted from congregations, individuals and circuit forums. Responses were received from eight of the nine circuits representing nine congregations. A total of 17 responses yielding 92 suggestions/observations were received. The Department identified nine suggestions/concerns that applied specifically to it and established time lines to address them.

*Right: Loving Saviour
Lutheran Church,
Barrie, ON*



Business Briefs from Lorne Campbell



REPORT OF MISSION RECEIPTS FROM CONGREGATIONS

For the period ended December 31, 2002

For the Month Ended:

DEC 2002

Anticipated Amount (1/12 of Budget)	\$101,833	100.00%
Actual Receipts	<u>\$105,877</u>	103.97%
Over (Under) Amount Required	<u>\$4,043</u>	3.97%

Year-To-Date Receipts

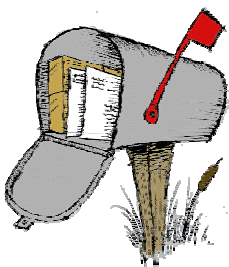
Anticipated Amount (Budget)	\$1,120,167	100.00%
Actual Receipts	<u>\$1,045,033</u>	93.29%
Over (Under) Amount Required	<u>-\$75,133</u>	-6.71%

Use of Mission Receipts

Remitted to Synod (Year-to-date)	\$426,250	34.80%
For District Operations	<u>\$798,771</u>	65.20%
	<u>\$1,225,021</u>	100.00%

Mission Receipts Compared With Year

Mission Receipts - Year-to-Date 2002	\$1,045,033	
Mission Receipts - Year-to-Date 2001	<u>\$1,076,315</u>	
Increase (Shortfall) to Previous Year	<u>-\$31,282</u>	-2.91%



HAVE YOU MOVED?? ARE YOU MOVING?

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NOTIFY THE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Your help is appreciated. From previous publications a number of our re-located investors have been found. If you are one of the investors listed below or if you know of the whereabouts of any of these people, please contact the District Office at **578-6500** or **1-800-465-8179**.

Leo Kantaneva - 38 Burr Ave.,	Toronto, ON
Tim Kaufman - 36 Cedar Crest Street,	Kitchener, ON
Stanley/Margaret Keffer - 491 Norwood Ave.,	North Bay, ON
William/Edna Kimmet - RR 2,	Beamsville, ON
Ian C. Klinck - 904 - 2101 Islington Ave.,	Weston, ON
Sharon K. Knarr - 565 Pioneer Dr.,	Kitchener, ON
Paul Knipfel - RR 2,	Petersburg, ON
Tracy, Jeffrey Knoll - 3 Kings Grant Cres.,	St. Catharines, ON
Lynn, David, Michael Knoll - 3 Kings Grant Cres.,	St. Catharines, ON