

Bulletin Board September 2006

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The first **LSSNE Open Golf Tournament**, to benefit programs and clients, will take place Oct. 3 at the Wachusett Country Club, West Boylston, MA. See flyer in this Care Packet!

Hear contemporary Christian musician **Shawn Smith** in concert on Thursday, September 7, 2006, at Grace Lutheran Church, 150 Chapel St., Stratford, CT. Gather at 5:30 pm, Picnic at 6:00pm, Concert at 7:00 pm. Hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP for the picnic at 203-375-3151 or gracel@snet.net by September 5, 2006. Free will offering will help defray the cost of the concert. Email Nancy Mezzoni (njmezzoni@sbcglobal.net) or call Grace Lutheran at 203-375-3151 for additional information

October 24, 2006, is **Take Back Your Time Day**. This year's theme is "Let's get back to the table," emphasizing building relationships via activities that involve people gathering around a table. Set aside time this fall for slow, quiet, life-renewing activities, as an individual or with your family. Visit www.timeday.org for more ideas and resources.

Join the **All-Lutheran Candle Lighting for Mental Illness** during the month of October. On the Sunday of their choice, Lutheran congregations are encouraged to light a candle and pray for persons with mental illness and for their families. Get worship resources at www.elca.org/disability/candlelighting/

Become a ONE Lutheran: Sign this historic petition, aimed at convincing the United States' political leaders to give an *additional 1 percent of the US budget* to meeting the basic needs of the world's poorest - education, health, clean water, food, and care for orphans. Get details and resources at www.elca.org/advocacy/one (within the Church in Society pages of ELCA) or at www.one.org

Help **connect** newly graduated **high school students** to a Lutheran presence at college. Enter names into the **Project Connect** database, www.elcaconnect.com or www.projectconnect.org These names will be forwarded to a Lutheran campus pastor at the student's school, if a Lutheran ministry is present at the school, so that they can be in touch once the school year starts. (Students will not be solicited for Project Connect purposes unless you specifically indicate their interest.) Any rostered clergy or parish administrator can request a password for the database. Qs? carl.sharon@yale.edu

ELCA Board of Pensions News: 2007 contribution rates are now available online. For a link to rates for your area, see http://www.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/cost_coverage and/or use the calculators there.

Did your **child graduate**? Remember that children, ages 19-25, of sponsored **ELCA Board of Pensions** members, may purchase continuing health coverage for up to an additional 18 months if ending their full time student status. Get info at www.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/enrollment/index.asp

Traveling to New York City this year? Check out **Seafarer's and International House**. This organization provides ship visitation and pastoral care to seafarers, and offers lodging in an 84-room guesthouse at 123 East 15th St. for both seafarers and travelers from all over the world at economical rates. Visit www.sihnyc.org for lodging reservations and to learn more about their ministry.

St. John Lutheran Church in Sudbury, MA has the following **items to donate**: 7 confirmation gowns, 10 blue surplices with white rounded yokes (various sizes for children-previously used as acolyte robes), 1 large black surplice with white rounded yoke, various bulletin, white and chalk boards and easels, Executone phone system (including control panel & 7 desk phones), letter size bulletin covers for Lent,

Martin Yale folding machine (Model 1217A), 20 brown stackable adult size chairs on rolling base, 13 plastic and metal childrens' chairs. Contact Valerie at 978-443-8350 or office@stjohnsudbury.org

Community Lutheran Church, Enfield, NH, would like to **donate** their used **paraments**, green & white, to another congregation. Contact Polly at 603-632-5812 or office@clcenfield.org

Did you know that a used car given to **Good News Garage** is deductible at the blue book value, if that car is given to a client in need? Compare that to the \$400 limit of other charities' car donation programs and the choice is easy! Call 1-877-GIVE AUTO (448-3288) or go online to www.goodnewsgarage.org (a ministry of Lutheran Social Services of New England).

REMINDER: the **pulpit supply list** is on the synod website. Click resources/ documents/ pulpit supply.

Jobs

Concordia Lutheran Church, Manchester, CT, is seeking a part-time staff person to serve as **Parish Life Coordinator**. This person will coordinate and direct the youth, fellowship and education ministries of the congregation. Candidates must have a strong Christian commitment; experience with youth, education and/or family ministries; demonstrated organizational and planning skills; and an ability to work with and inspire people. For more information or to apply contact Concordia Lutheran Church 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT. Phone 860-649-5311. E-mail clcmanch@aol.com.

Grace Lutheran Church, Stratford, CT seeks a **Minister of Music**: an organist/ pianist to lead worship and direct an adult voice choir and a bell choir, for two services each Sunday and weekly rehearsals. Additional hours for seasonal and special celebrations. Salary negotiable. Contact Pr. Joan Sorenson, pastorjoan@snet.net or 203-375-3151

The **ELCA Foundation** seeks a qualified and self-motivated full-time **Regional Gift Planner** who will work in partnership with ELCA ministries and applicable ELCA synods within the territories of the New England Synod/ELCA. The Regional Gift Planner is responsible for coordination and support of the ELCA Foundation's major cash and deferred gift program for individual donors, provides educational and support services in gift planning programs to individuals, congregations, synods, ministries within the synod and churchwide ministries. The Gift Planner will relate to the Lutheran Planned Giving/New England Synod program and the ELCA Foundation. Questions or to apply: The Rev. Donald M. Hallberg, ELCA Foundation, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631; Phone: 773-380-2970

First Lutheran Church (ELCA) of **Beaver Dam, WI**, a large congregation located near Madison, Milwaukee, and the Wisconsin Dells, seeks a **part time pastor** for traditional visitation ministry responsibilities and involvement with our Retiree Fellowship; plus the developing, training and supervision of a core of lay ministers for the care of the congregation. Full-communion partner clergy welcome to apply. Contact Rev. Dr. Mark J. Molldrem at 920-885-4497 or revmolldrem@charter.net.

First Lutheran Church, Lynn MA, seeks an **organist and choir director** for weekly services. Contact Pr Karen Safstrom @ 781-598-0481 or Gretchen Stott @ gretstott@hotmail.com

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chelmsford, MA, (978) 256-6300, seeks a **Director of Discipleship Development**, to develop and maintain, in partnership with our pastor and lay leaders, activities in the following core areas—Evangelism, Youth Ministry, Christian Education, Social Ministry, and Parish Life Development—with a goal of helping individual members of our congregation discern and develop their own spiritual gifts and talents in becoming more effective disciples of Christ. For a more detailed job description, and to apply, contact Beth Confrancisco, at jobs@trinity-chelmsford.org, or visit www.trinity-chelmsford.org

WANTED: a **Minister of Music** (Organist and/or Pianist; Choir Director) for weekly services and choir rehearsals at St. Paul in Middletown, CT. Additional hours required for special celebrations. Salary negotiable. Contact Pr. Maureen Hawksley at StPaulLuthChurch@sbcglobal.net or 860-346-9107.

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