



DISTRICT NEWS

INDIANA

Redeemer Lutheran Offers Hope To Its Ill and Impoverished Neighbors



Imagine worshipping with a congregation located in the heart of your city's drug and violence problem. You come to this church on a regular basis, not just to worship but also to serve. That is exactly where the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Louisville, find themselves, and that is where they plan to stay.

More than 50 percent of Redeemer's neighbors live in poverty, and many suffer from chronic illness, obesity and a host of other medical conditions. A recent study by the Louisville Health Department found that, compared to the national average, residents of Redeemer's neighborhood are 18 percent more likely to die of cancer and heart disease, twice as likely to die from diabetes, nearly four times as likely to die from HIV/AIDS and more

than seven times as likely to die from homicide.

In this environment, the Redeemer congregation shines as a ray of hope. In fact, you could say this congregation thrives on ministering to those around them, those who — just like all of us — so desperately need Jesus' grace and mercy. With a long tradition of service and outreach, volunteers place a particular emphasis on food and health programs, garnering national attention and securing a two-year Stand with Your Community grant in the process.

It all started with a food pantry, which has grown exponentially in the past 10 years. Last year alone, Redeemer distributed more than 37,000 meals, feeding more than 8,000 people. That's more than \$38,000 worth of food!

In addition, the church hosts a bi-weekly farmer's market during the summer-growing season. Known as Fresh Stop, this grass-roots co-op is dedicated to providing urban neighborhoods with access to fresh, local, organic produce. They even offer special rates for people who receive supplemental nutrition benefits.

But that's not all. Redeemer also hosts an annual street and health fair, offering local residents food, live music, children's games and free health education and screenings,

including vision, hearing, diabetes, colon cancer and mammograms

In the last few years, these simple yet effective programs have expanded further into health and wellness, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Karen Krigger, a University of Louisville physician and Redeemer member. Specializing in HIV and AIDS, Krigger has helped the church launch HIV testing as part of its monthly food-pantry ministry. "HIV is not the killer that it used to be," Rev. Steven Ensley, Redeemer pastor, said, "particularly with early treatment. Our mission is to help people who are HIV-positive get on track for a better and longer life."

Krigger's efforts recently captured the attention of the staff of *Thrivent Magazine* and she was featured on the cover of the Winter 2015 issue. Building on Krigger's efforts, Redeemer is poised to launch a two-year health ministry program that will organize lay members to provide a different health and wellness outreach program every month for 24 months, thanks to a Stand with Your Community grant. "These programs say a lot about our members and what they believe about the love of Jesus," Rev. Ensley says. "We have been blessed with a lot of people with loving hearts."

To learn more about these efforts, please visit redeemerlouky.com.



Lutheran Schools Unite to Support Education in Remote Regions of Liberia

How "Kids Love Liberia" is making a difference for hundreds of students

Several area Lutheran schools are teaming up to bring education to students in Ebola-stricken Liberia, and you can help. It's all part of the efforts of Joe Boway, a Lutheran South Unity School (LSUS), Fort Wayne, parent and native-born Liberian who has worked hard to establish Lutheran schools in remote regions of his homeland.

Last year, LSUS students and parents partnered with area churches and businesses to send a full-sized, mobile-trucking container filled with much-needed medical and sanitizing supplies

and equipment, educational supplies, footwear, library books, packaged food and building materials to Zorzor, Lofa County, Liberia, an area hit hardest by the current outbreak of Ebola.

This year, they're at it again, only with a larger team — and a larger project. In addition to sending another 40-foot shipping container filled with materials and resources to Boway's Lutheran schools in Liberia, 13 area schools are working to raise more than \$20,000 to build a school with six to eight classrooms in a remote region of the country. (The container will be

converted into a community library space and resource room for the people of Liberia as well.)

In order to reach their goals, students are planning a variety of fundraisers in the next few months, in addition to collecting money through weekly offerings, to help them meet their \$24,500 goal.

To learn how you can help our schools bless children and families in Liberia, please contact Krista Nagy, Lutheran South Unity School principal, at 260-744-0459.

Living Life Together with *All* People



Walking into the congregation on Sunday morning, you first notice Kayla's welcoming smile. Something is different, but that smile keeps you from turning away. As you take the bulletin from her hand, you walk to your seat with a warmth in your heart for this person who is serving the Church, using the gifts and abilities God has given her.

At first, the people in her congregation recognized Kayla by the wheelchair she uses and the others who came with her from her group home. Today, they see her as a beloved child of God who is included in the life of the congregation and who has been given the gift to greet people with warmth and sincerity.

Including people with disabilities in church life is the focus of the Indiana District Task Force (IDTF). The IDTF supports spreading the love of Jesus

Christ to congregations who minister with people who have disabilities — whether physical, mental, intellectual or developmental. When a congregation enters into ministry with someone who experiences a disability, it is walking alongside someone who can be an active member and who brings unique gifts and talents to serve the Lord.

The IDTF serves as a resource and connection to congregations. As the recently appointed chairperson for this task force, Deaconess Kimberly Trombley continues her journey of living life together with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

After graduating from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Trombley was placed with Bethesda Lutheran Communities. At Bethesda, Trombley has witnessed the many ways people with intellectual and developmental disabilities serve in the Church. Bethesda was founded by Lutherans who wanted to include people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the everyday activities of life as a Christian. More than 110 years later, Bethesda is still committed to encouraging the people they support to grow in their faith.

“While rooted in our Lutheran tradition, we assist the people we

support in pursuing the faith of their choice,” said the Rev. Jim Pressnell, vice-president of Religious Life and Church Relations at Bethesda. “We partner with fully inclusive congregations and ministries to enhance the lives of the people we support through services that share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We're excited that Kim's leadership and the work of the task force will further our mission in Indiana.”

Each person on the task force has experienced how people with disabilities have served in the church, and how congregations have lived life with them. There are many more stories to tell. We live life together with all people and when we do, we create a church that incorporates the fullness of the body of Christ.

Look for more information about the Indiana Disability Task Force in the coming months.

Learn more about Bethesda Lutheran Communities at bethesdalutherancommunities.org.

If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Trombley at Kimberly.Trombley@mailblc.org.

Deaconess Kimberly Trombley is the Corporate Director of Religious Life Operations at Bethesda Lutheran Communities, headquartered in Watertown, Wis.

LSM Sunday a Great Success!

This winter, Lutheran Music Program (LMP) organized LSM Sunday, a nationwide event to raise awareness of its summer programs: Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM) and the *new* two-week program, Sounds of Summer Institute (SOSI). Throughout January, current students, alumni, parents and other supporters were encouraged to speak and participate musically during their congregation's worship services. Program information was also available to help spread LMP's mission

to transform lives and connect people through faith and music.

More than 25 churches across 14 states participated in the 2016 LSM Sunday event. LMP received excellent feedback from participating churches, and there is strong interest to make this an annual event. If you are interested in holding an LSM Sunday at your church, or for more information about Lutheran Music Program and the summer programs, visit lutheransummertime.org or call 612-879-9555.



**LUTHERAN
SUMMER
MUSIC**
ACADEMY & FESTIVAL

Looking Within to Reach Out

Bringing Christ-centered professional counseling to Indianapolis



As the Christian community celebrates the eternal gift of salvation brought to us through the innocent and bitter suffering and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ — and the eternal hope that it brings to us — the biblical counseling ministry of Cross Connections, Inc. in Fort Wayne is looking to reach out with hope to the Indianapolis area.

For the past 16 years, the Holy Spirit has been working through Scripture in the professional counseling ministry of Cross Connections, Inc. to change lives in the Christian community of Northeast Indiana. Beginning as an outreach ministry of Bethlehem, Fort Wayne, in 1999, the ministry has grown to include 64 churches and organizations that specialize in using Scripture within the professional counseling setting to comfort and encourage brothers and sisters in Christ who are experiencing loss, facing marital difficulties, recovering from substance abuse, struggling with family strife — all of the many difficulties that this sinful world throws at us.

The professional and lay counselors (Covenant Partners) at Cross Connection work as an extension of the pastoral office within the church to help pastors. This means they only see clients who are referred to them by the churches and organizations in the ministry partnership. “The Lord is accomplishing amazing things within the church through the work of the ministry,” Executive Director Matt Konow said. “The professional

counselors and Covenant Partners use the clinical gifts that they have been given to reach out with love and hope to the clients that the Lord leads to them.”

At the end of 2014, the leadership of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Avon, recognized the need for a trusted theological resource as the need for professional counseling became more and more evident within their community. “Our hope when we reached out to Cross Connections was three-fold,” the Rev. Dan Lepley, senior pastor of Our Shepherd, said. “We wanted to be able to offer our members additional spiritual care through biblical, confessional counseling, open this resource to sister congregations and foster a closer working relationship with neighboring churches.”

Working together, Cross Connections and Our Shepherd reached out to the other area pastors in the Indianapolis area at the district convention in 2015 to share how the ministry works and the impact that it has made in the Lutheran community of Northeast Indiana and to discuss how they can become involved. Since that time, the Lord has connected Cross Connections with six professional counselors in the Indianapolis area who agree to support and uphold the Statement of Faith and provide their services to their brothers and sisters in the church.

One of the ministry founders, Terrie Ensley, LCSW (licensed clinical social worker), will work to train them in the biblical counseling model of Cross Connections and to help establish the culture of hope and grace that has flourished in Northeast Indiana. Terrie,

whose husband, the Rev. Steve Ensley, serves as the senior pastor of Redeemer, Louisville, Ky., is excited to see the ministry that she helped start with her friend and colleague, Kathy Eggold, branch out to the Indianapolis area.

“Cross Connections was originally formed because it became obvious to Kathy and me that Christians need to hear words and principles from the Bible in order to heal,” Terrie says. “They need to hear God’s Word as final authority. They flourish in the forgiveness, grace and love of their Savior. Those are basic tenets at Cross Connections. After 16 years, it is now time to take the Cross Connections model to other locations. God has truly blessed this model in Northeast Indiana, and He will bless it in the Indianapolis area as well.”

“We all know that there is a great need for hope in the world today,” Konow says. “The hope that we have as Christians is critical to help not only those outside the church, but also those within the church as we struggle with the challenges that we all sometimes face in our lives.”

We are told in Romans 5:3-5 that:

“We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance produces character; and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

That is what the biblical counseling ministry of Cross Connections is — a ministry of hope.

What If...

by Ken Schilf, Council of Resources

What if Jesus came to be served? What if Christ didn't die on the cross? And what if He didn't rise from the dead? How would that change our lifestyle? Would we have to earn our salvation?

Fortunately, Jesus came to live a life of service all the way to the cross and beyond. As Jesus came *not* to be served but to serve, so then we too might serve. The writer of Hebrews tells us that we are called "... to serve the living God" (Heb. 9:14). How is this done?

We serve God by serving others: Human Care! When we, in Jesus' name, clothe the people in need, visit the sick or homebound or share food and drink with the hungry, we are serving Christ. You can find such people just about everywhere — in our family or congregation, at our job, in our neighborhood or where we shop.

Just as Jesus came to serve, by the Holy Spirit working in us through Word and Sacrament, we are transformed into the image of Christ and enabled to be and do all that God has in mind for us. We are transformed from selfish individuals into stewards who respond to God's grace. We are no longer takers, but givers.

Undeserving as we are, God uses us as His hands, feet and mouth. Lest you hesitate and say, "What if...?", I would encourage you to remember the words of this hymn, "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying" (LSB#826). It says in part:

If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
 You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
 With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God commands;
 You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.

Dear Christian friend, my prayer for you comes from Heb. 13:20-21:
"Now may the God of peace...equip you with everything good that you may do His Will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."



Ken Schilf
Council of Resources

April Prayer List

Week of Apr. 4

- > Southeastern District
- > Circuit 15
- > St. Paul, Indianapolis
- > St. Peter, Indianapolis
- > First Timothy, Indianapolis
- > Mount Olive, Greenwood
- > Christ the King, Mooresville
- > Mission: Kenya Compassionate Care, Emanuel, New Haven
- > RSO: Lutheran Child and Family Services, Indianapolis

Week of Apr. 11

- > Southern District
- > Circuit 24
- > Gloria Dei, Elizabethtown
- > Holy Trinity, Leitchfield
- > Faith, Louisville
- > Our Savior, Louisville
- > Peace, Louisville
- > Mission: TIM Support, Enoch Petersen, Messiah, Indianapolis
- > RSO: Lutheran Foundation, Fort Wayne

Week of Apr. 18

- > Southern Illinois District
- > Circuit 2
- > St. Philip, Gary
- > St. Michael, Hebron
- > Trinity, Hobart
- > Redeemer, Lake Station
- > Trinity Memorial, Merrillville
- > Holy Cross, Portage
- > Mission: Africian American Assistance, First Timothy, Messiah, Indianapolis
- > RSO: Lutheran Life Villages, Fort Wayne-Kendallville

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EVENTS

TELL US YOUR NEWS!

Do you have exciting news you'd like to see published in the Indiana District *Lutheran Witness* supplement? We love to hear news and updates and see photos from around our district! Be sure to send in your submissions, especially if you enjoy writing or taking photos at church events.

The deadline for the June-July issue of The Lutheran Witness is April 10.

Your stories and photos are welcomed and most appreciated.
Please send all submissions to Jan Koenig via email at:

jan.koenig@in.lcms.org

or by postal mail to:

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Please remember that photos sent electronically should
have a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.

April Prayer List

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Week of Apr. 25

- > Texas District
- > Circuit 6
- > Trinity, Auburn
- > Immanuel, Avilla
- > St. John, Columbia City
- > Zion, Columbia City
- > Zion, Corunna
- > Clear Lake, Fremont
- > Zion, Garrett
- > Mission: Global/Local
Foreign Missions,
Concordia, Fort Wayne
- > RSO: Lutheran Military
Veterans and Families,
Fort Wayne

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

8-10

Spring Confirmation Retreat
Concordia Theological Seminary

*For more information email
Retreats@ctsfw.edu or call 260-452-2204.

22

Senior Adult Fest
Immanuel, Seymour

23

Senior Adult Fest
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

25

Vicarage Assignments/Candidate Placement
St. Louis

26-27

DCE Conference
Wingate, Indianapolis

26

Vicarage/Deaconess Internship Assignments
Concordia Theological Seminary

27

Candidate Placement Service
Concordia Theological Seminary

MAY

2-4

Southern Pastors Conference
Camp Lakeview

9-11

Northern Pastors Conference,
Oakwood Resort

19

Deaconess Placement
Concordia Theological Seminary

20

Graduation
Concordia Theological Seminary

JUNE

13-14

Indiana District Early Childhood Conference
Indianapolis

24-26

Indiana District LWML Convention
Bloomington

28- JULY 1

Higher Things Youth Conference*
Vanderbilt University, Nashville

JULY

5-8

Higher Things Youth Conference*
*University of Northern Iowa,
Cedar Falls, Iowa*

8-14

LCMS Convention
Milwaukee, Wis.

16-20

LCMS National Youth Gathering,
"In Christ Alone"
New Orleans

21-22

Indiana District Administrators Conference
Brown County

26-29

"Higher Things" Youth Conference*
*Colorado State University,
Fort Collins, Colorado*

*More information and registration for
the Higher Things Youth Conferences are
available at breadoflife2016.org.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 2

Dorothy Ellerman, 90
St. Peter's, Brownstown

APRIL 3

Margaret Ross, 94
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Jack Janz, 91, St. Matthew's, Delphi

APRIL 4

Irene Norton, 99, Grace, New Albany
Esther Blank, 92, St. John, Lanesville

APRIL 4

Peter Vitkus, 91, Carmel
Bill Abel, 90, Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

APRIL 5

Eugenia Gruenke, 91
St. James, Lafayette
Florence Koenig, 90, Heritage, Valparaiso

APRIL 6

Glenna Otte, 96, Zion, Seymour

APRIL 7

Evelyn Ross, 96, Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

APRIL 9

Dorothy Hehman, 94
St. Peter's, Brownstown

APRIL 10

Ted Decker, 92, Calvary, Plymouth

APRIL 12

Lorna Connelly, 93, St. Paul's, Evansville
Richard Kilpatrick, 92
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

APRIL 14

Anne French, 94, Bethlehem, Fort Wayne
Nell Arbeiter, 91
Our Redeemer, Evansville

APRIL 15

Clois Kull, 99, St. James, Lafayette
Orpha Emkes, 92, Zion, Seymour
Clark Matson, 91, Immanuel, Avilla

APRIL 17

Dorothy Wiegman, 95
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

APRIL 21

Harold Wolf, 91, St. John, Indianapolis
Doris Householder, 90, Immanuel, Avilla

APRIL 22

Eugene Gordon, 94, St. James, Lafayette
Robert Scheumann, 92
St. John (Bingen), Decatur
Dorothy Boesenberg, 94
Calvary, Indianapolis

Naomi Krueckeberg, 90, Zion, Decatur

APRIL 23

Clifford Sierp, 96, Immanuel, Seymour

APRIL 24

Estelle Wick, 92, Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

APRIL 25

Helen Busche, 90, St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

APRIL 26

Edna Kellmermeier, 99
Immanuel, Seymour
Joyce Kleppinger, 92
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne
Martha Howard, 91
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

APRIL 28

Charlotte Doeping, 98
Heritage, Valparaiso
Eleda Barille, 92, St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Werner Hospers, 91
Heritage, Valparaiso

APRIL 29

Lucille Scott, 102, St. James, Lafayette
Betty Zimmermann, 96
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Dot Crosbie, 95, Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Charlotte Brown, 92

St. Peter, North Judson

APRIL 30

Virginia Hubbard, 93
Immanuel, Seymour
Edith Hawkins, 92, St. James, Lafayette
Dottie Bruick, 90, Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Arnold Bultemeier, 90
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

Belated Birthdays

MARCH 10

Maryanna Baker, 91, St. James, Lafayette

MARCH 16

Grace Muenich, 104, Trinity, Hammond

MARCH 27

Dorothy Allen, 101

St. James, Lafayette

Byron Veath, 91, Concordia, Louisville

MARCH 30

Ruth Wien, 93, St. James, Lafayette

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL 1

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Marks, 55
St. James, Lafayette

APRIL 2

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Habegger, 50
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Meek, 50
Grace, New Albany
Rev. and Mrs. Mark Pflughoeft, 20
Faith, DeMotte

APRIL 3

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allman, 51,
Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. and Mrs. John Mader, 51,
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

APRIL 4

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Casso, 63
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nolting, 54
St. Peter's, Brownstown
Mr. and Mrs. James Braun, 52
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gardin, 51
St. Peter, North Judson

APRIL 5

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Wulf, 64
St. John, Indianapolis

APRIL 8

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hoffman, 65
St. John, Monroeville
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hackman, 60
Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gumz, 55
St. Paul, Chesterton
Mr. and Mrs. Travis Cummings, 54
St. John's, White Creek

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lambert Sr., 54
St. Peter, North Judson

APRIL 9

Mr. and Mrs. William Rathjen, 61
St. John, Indianapolis
Mr. and Mrs. William Moeller, 56
St. John, Indianapolis

APRIL 10

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Imler, 62
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

APRIL 11

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bullard, 52
Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wood, 52
St. John, Lanesville

APRIL 12

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Price, 59
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Saalfrank, 52
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

APRIL 14

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, 66
Heritage, Valparaiso

APRIL 16

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Adams, 61
Carmel
Mr. and Mrs. James Althoff, 57
St. John, Vincennes

APRIL 17

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holt, 67
St. John, Monroeville
Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Bultemeier, 57
Zion, Decatur

APRIL 18

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nichols, 52

Trinity, Darmstadt

APRIL 20

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Leiter, 58
Immanuel, Avilla
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Coolman, 53
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

APRIL 21

Mr. and Mrs. Judd Bleeke, 70
St. Paul (Preble), Decatur
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Schott, 60
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Culter, 59, Carmel

APRIL 22

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hackman, 54
St. Peter's, Brownstown
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Buuck, 50
St. James, Lafayette

APRIL 23

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lindeman, 50
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schellenbach, 50
Carmel

APRIL 24

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wernert, 51
Grace, New Albany
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Knipstein, 50
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

APRIL 25

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tittman, 57
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Claycamp, 51
Zion, Seymour

APRIL 26

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wick, 69
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Jones, 64
St. James, Lafayette
Mr. and Mrs. Ron Radeke, 58
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

APRIL 28

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Baumis, 65
St. James, Lafayette
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goeglein, 65
Holy Cross, Indianapolis

APRIL 29

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Turmail, 61
St. Peter's, Brownstown
Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Blank, 58
St. John, Lanesville

APRIL 30

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cecil, 56
St. Paul's, Evansville
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Woempner, 56
St. John, Indianapolis

Belated Anniversaries

MARCH 5

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Baker, 72
St. James, Lafayette

MARCH 10

Mr. and Mrs. Mayes Pierce, 60
Concordia, Louisville

MARCH 16

Mr. and Mrs. David Ancil, 65
St. James, Lafayette

MARCH 26

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Juengel, 50
Zion, Decatur



Indiana District Senior Fest

WHAT

The Indiana District is sponsoring two Senior Fests this spring. The theme is “God’s Gifts of Heart, Mind and Soul” (James 1: 17). The purpose of Senior Fest is to bring together seniors (age 50 and older) in our congregations to inspire, educate and inform regarding the things that matter as we grow older.

These Senior Fests will be an exciting way to learn and grow and meet our brothers and sisters in Christ from our churches.

WHEN/WHERE

The first Senior Fest will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 22, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 605 S. Walnut St., Seymour.

The second Senior Fest will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on

Saturday, April 23, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3425 Crescent Ave., Fort Wayne

SPEAKERS

The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and former Lutheran Hour Speaker. His topic will be “God’s Gift of Soul.”

The Rev. Ed Keinath, director of CrossLife Ministries in Seymour, will speak on “God’s Gift of Mind.”

Trisha Neary and Lesley Freidel, senior directors of Lutheran Life Villages in Fort Wayne, will speak on topics including music, memory and physical activities for older adults.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The **cost**, including lunch, is \$150 per person. Checks should be made payable

to “Indiana District — LCMS” and marked “Senior Fest” on the memo line.

The **deadline** is April 12, so mark your calendars and get your reservations in as soon as possible.

Send the **registration** form, along with your check, to Nancy Loshier, Indiana District Office, 1145 South Barr St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

You may also register by calling Nancy at 260-423-1511, ext. 2208, or 800-837-1145, ext. 2208.

Your registration is confirmed upon receipt of payment.

Information and registration forms are available on our web site: in.lcms.org.