

ILLOWA LUTHERAN COALITION NEWS AND NOTES

August 12, 2004

FROM THE DIRECTOR

ILLOWA LUTHERAN COALITION HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 12, 2004

Over this past number of years, the Illowa Lutheran Coalition has had the privilege of partnering with the students of Augustana College in sponsoring the construction of a Habitat for Humanity house. In this cooperative effort, a number of families in our community have shared in the reality and joy of having a home of their own when it hadn't seemed possible. What a marvelous way to reach out with the love of Christ!

Once again, we have the opportunity to make a home for one of our neighbors a reality. Each congregation of the Illowa Lutheran Coalition is urged to designate Sunday, September 12, 2004, as Illowa Lutheran Coalition Habit for Humanity Sunday. On this day, your congregation is asked to designate a special gift toward our partnership with the students of Augustana in building a Habitat House. This gift could come from a special offering, an endowment or memorial fund, or perhaps a line item of the budget for this type of ministry. In whatever way you choose to share a gift, it will help us reach a minimum goal of \$5000 for this ministry. These gifts, along with the almost \$5000 already in the Illowa Habitat Fund, will help us achieve our hoped-for support of \$10,000 for the project.

I know that for some congregations, this date does not work well. So, let me encourage you to designate a time that does fit well in the life of your congregation and enables you to help in this very important way of sharing the love of Christ. In whatever method your congregation would choose to share gifts for a Habitat house, please know that together, we are about a blessed work in providing a home for one of our neighbors.

Please set aside September 12th to share gifts for the building of a home.

Thank you for your partnership and blessings in your ministry!

Pastor Kurt Nordby

ILLOWA LUTHERAN COALITION CONTINUING EDUCATION FORUM

On Thursday, September 16th, the Illowa Lutheran Coalition Continuing Education Forum will be launched. Our inaugural speaker will be Dr. Duane Larson, President of Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque. His topic will be "Pastor As Public Theologian".

We will begin our forum with a short worship service at 9:00 a.m. followed by the presentation beginning at 9:30 a.m. Ascension Chapel on the Augustana College campus will be the setting for our gatherings.

Enclosed in this newsletter is the entire schedule and forum information for the coming year. If you have not had the opportunity to send in a registration, bring it with you to the forum. Take a look at the registration materials and see what works for you. We hope to see you there!

DATES AND HAPPENINGS

September

7 - 12 noon Professional Leaders Luncheon, Augustana College Board Room. Sr. Audrey Cleary, Center of Prayer and Spirituality, will be our speaker.

16 - 9:00 a.m. Illowa Lutheran Coalition Continuing Education Forum, Ascension Chapel at Augustana College. Dr. Duane Larson, President of Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque will be our presenter.

22 - 4:00 p.m. Lay Leadership Ministry Team meets at the Illowa office.

28 - 4:00 p.m. Illowa Lutheran Coalition Board meeting at the Illowa office.

October

5 - 12 noon Professional Leaders Luncheon, Augustana College Board Room. Ms. Juanita Scriven, Church World Service, Bread for the World, will be our speaker.

6:30 p.m. Multicultural Ministry Event Planning Committee meets at St. Paul, Davenport.

6 - 2:00 p.m. Professional Leaders Ministry Team meets at the Illowa office.

9 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. "You Can Make A Difference" leadership event for people of color. This leadership development event is sponsored by the Anti-Racism Team of the Northern Illinois Synod and the Multicultural Ministry Team of the Illowa Lutheran Coalition. The event will be at Zion Lutheran Church, 925 Fifth Ave., Rockford, IL

21 - 9:00 a.m. Illowa Lutheran Coalition Continuing Education Forum, Ascension Chapel at Augustana College. Dr. Ritva Williams, Augustana College. Dr. Williams' topic will be "Stewards, Prophets, Keepers of the Word - Early Christian Models for Church Leadership".

30 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Illowa Lutheran Coalition Multicultural Ministry event: Anti Racism Training. Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline

November

2 - 12 noon Professional Leaders Luncheon, Augustana College Board Room. Bishop Philip Hougen, Southeastern Iowa Synod is our speaker.

16 - 4:00 p.m. Illowa Board meeting at Illowa office

18 - 9:00 a.m. Illowa Forum - Ascension Chapel. Dr. Barbara Rossing, LSTC will be our presenter. Dr. Rossings' topic is "The Rapture Exposed".

More News

The Illowa Lutheran Coalition wishes to extend a welcome to the following:

- Pastor Nate Montover, St. James, Bettendorf
- Pastor Michael Lawyer, St. Paul, Orion
- Ms. Anne Williams, Director of Christian Education at Trinity, Moline

The Illowa Lutheran Coalition bids farewell to:

- Pr. Gary LaCroix who has accepted a call to a congregation in sunny Florida
- Pr. Pat Bell who has begun a new and exciting journey in retirement

Congratulations to Pr. Peter Marty upon being named as speaker for the ELCA radio ministry, Lutheran Vespers. His first broadcast will be in February of 2005.

Church Organist Needed

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bettendorf, IA seeks an organist and principal musician for the congregation. Responsibilities will be: *Play for two worship services per Sunday * Play for all special worship services * Play for all wedding and funeral services * Serve as accompanist for the adult choir. Insure that the organ and pianos of the church are tuned and maintained * Attend all staff and worship and music committee meetings * Assist worship and music committee with the planning and coordination of the music program of the church * Collaborate with the pastor of the church in selection of hymns and liturgies for worship services.

For more information or to send a resume, contact the Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1107 Tanglefoot lane, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

Phone: (563) 355-8909 Fax: (563) 355-7657 email: office@redeemberbett.org

Spanish Classes

For those wishing to learn or improve their understanding of Spanish, Immanuel Lutheran Church in East Moline will be offering Spanish classes beginning Thursday, September 30th. Class will be each Thursday evening from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. For more info call Immanuel at 309 - 755 - 1018.

Please Remember Our Prayer Partners

Sunday, Sept. 5	All Saints, Davenport	Pr. Lisa Dietrich
Sunday, Sept. 12	First, Sherrard	Pr. Mark Carr
Sunday, Sept. 19	Grace, Davenport	Prs. Kent Garlinghouse & Linda Keeter Schultz
Sunday, Sept. 26	Bethany, Woodhull	Pr. Nancy Jaster
Sunday, Oct. 3	St. Mark, Davenport	Pr. Paul Tweeten
Sunday, Oct. 10	Messiah, Aledo	Pr. David Schweppe
Sunday, Oct. 17	St. Matthew, Davenport	Pr. Ed Ward
Sunday, Oct. 24	Augustana, Andover	Pr. Lynn Bergren
Sunday, Oct. 31	St. Paul, Davenport	Prs. Peter Marty, Jennifer Henry, & Ron Huber

**2004-2005
ILLOWA Continuing Education FORUM**

The ILLOWA Coalition is delighted to announce the birth of a new ministry of intellectual and spiritual nurturing for rostered and professional church leaders. We invite you to join us in this inaugural series of leadership development workshops.

DATES: On the next sheet you will find the schedule for the 2004-2005 academic year's ILLOWA Continuing Education FORUM.

PLACE: We will be meeting in **Ascension Chapel**, located on the **2nd floor of Founders Hall** on the campus of Augustana College.

(Travel directions are available at <http://www.augustana.edu> under the "Welcome" tab. On the campus map, Founders Hall is building 24. Limited parking is available in Lots A1, A2, C and E, as well as on the street).

TIME: Our sessions begin with devotions at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 12:00 noon. Coffee, tea and rolls will be available prior to 9:00 a.m. and during our mid-morning break. Some of our speakers travel a great distance and we want to have as much time as possible with them. So we'll start promptly at 9:00 a.m.

COST: An annual fee of **\$100** for participants (\$90 for retired and part-time clergy and professional ministry leaders) helps cover most of the costs for our eight speakers (travel, honoraria and lodging). Thanks to those who contribute a larger amount. Please **make your check payable to *The ILLOWA Coalition***. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience in returning your annual fee. The cost of coffee, tea and rolls will be covered by a free will offering.

Those persons who can only attend occasionally will be charged \$15 per event.

LUNCH: Participants who wish to visit informally with each other are invited to stay for lunch. Your meal may be purchased at the College Center Café or Cafeteria.

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2004 - 2005 Schedule
ILLOWA Continuing Education FORUM

- September 16** **Dr. Duane Larsen**, President of Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque.
Topic: *The Pastor as Public Theologian.*
- October 21** **Dr. Ritva Williams**, Assistant Professor of New Testament, Augustana College,
Topic: *Stewards, Prophets, Keepers of the Word - Early Christian Models for Church Leadership.*
- November 18** **Dr. Barbara Rossing**, Associate professor of New Testament, Lutheran School of
Theology at Chicago. Topic: *The Rapture Exposed.*
- December 9* *As a kickoff to "Christianity and the Arts" at Augustana College, **Dr. Martin Marty** will be speaking in Centennial Hall at 10:30 a.m. Free admission for the general public.*
- December 16** **Sr. Audrey Cleary, OSB**, Prayer and Spirituality Center of the Quad Cities.
Topic: *Open Mind, Open Heart: Centering Prayer and Spiritual Direction.*
- January 13** **Dr. Elise Feyherm**, Assistant Professor of Religion, Augustana College.
Topic: *Singing in the Desert: Music, Liturgy, and Spirituality During Lent.*
- January 20* ***Dr. Marcus Borg**, Hundere Distinguished Professor of Religion and Culture at Oregon State University will be speaking in Centennial Hall at 10:30 a.m. Free admission for the general public.*
- February 17** **Dr. Larry Rasmussen**, Reinhold Niebuhr Professor Emeritus of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary. Topic: *Earth Honoring Faith: A Song of Songs.*
- March 17** **Dr. Craig Nesson**, Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Contextual Theology, Wartburg Theological Seminary. Topic: *Many Members, Yet One Body: Committed Same-Gender Relationships and the Mission of the Church.*
- April 21* *Tri-State Forum, Wartburg Theological Seminary*
- May 19** **Rev. Eric Shafer**, Director of Communications, ELCA.
Topic: *Finding God on the West Wing.*

(N.B. dates and events in italics are not ILLOWA events but we think they may be of interest and relevance to rostered and professional leaders, and so we bring them to your attention.)

All ILLOWA Forum sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at noon.
Coffee, tea, and rolls are available before 9:00 a.m. and during the midmorning break for the cost of a free will offering.

**2004-2005 ILLOWA Continuing Education FORUM
Registration Form**

_____ I wish to register with the annual fee of **\$100** (**\$90** for retired and part-time professional leaders). This fee covers all ILLOWA FORUM events.
(Checks should be made payable to ILLOWA Lutheran Coalition.)

_____ I wish to attend selected events at **\$15** per event.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____