



Illowa Lutheran Coalition of the Quad Cities Area

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Greetings Partners in Ministry!

MINISTRY NEWS

These past few months have been both busy and exciting. This is true because of the many things that have been taking place through our ministry together as a Coalition.

In September, we began our third year of offerings for the Continuing Education forum. Dr. Mary Hinkle Shore kicked off this year's line up with a presentation on preaching stewardship from the Gospel of Mark. Dr. Paul Hill was with us to provide some insight in ministry to youth and young adults. ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson was the presenter for our November offering. It was a tremendous event that was well-attended and highlighted by Bishop Hanson's address as well as a very good question-and-answer session. It was great having Bishop Hanson here with Illowa and Augustana College.

Some more exciting news lies with our newly-organized Social Ministry Team under the leadership of Pastor Michael Stadie. The purpose of this team is to move our Coalition into ministries that can use our combined gifts in addressing issues and opportunities in our communities. There are four task forces that compose this team. They are: education and advocacy, Habitat for Humanity, disaster response, and Barnabas Uplift.

As we move forward with the composition of this team, we have already made some progress with the Barnabas Uplift program. First of all, Joe Lindsay from Grace in Davenport will lead this task force. Secondly, Joe and I attended a meeting recently to learn more about the Barnabas program. The Barnabas program, through Lutheran Services in Iowa, is one that addresses economic and health issues in the community. The focus is twofold. One is to help people build economic self-sufficiency. This is done by helping people to earn, keep, and grow their income along with helping individuals and families to purchase their first home. A second focus is "Mission Health". This program seeks to provide access to quality and affordable health care. Barnabas is about building partnerships, and this provides a wonderful opportunity for Illowa and our congregations to be partners with others in the faith and health communities to address these very important issues in our communities.

Be watching for more information about Barnabas and the other ministry areas of the Social Ministry team.

2007 Support Intents

In October, each of our congregations received information concerning 2007 support intents for the Coalition. As you move through the final phases of planning your ministry for 2007, please prayerfully consider your financial support of the ministry we share as a Coalition. As you can see by our news, the ministry we do together as a Coalition is growing. As we grow, hopefully

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our financial support will grow as well. As soon as you are able, please send your intent along to the Coalition office.

Thanks for all you do in ministry and thanks for your partnership in all that we do together as a Coalition.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 8, 9,10 Annual presentation of *Messiah* by the Handel Oratorio Society and the Augustana Symphony Orchestra, Centennial Hall on the Augustana College campus 8:00 p.m. on the 8th and 9th , 2:00 p.m. on the 10th . Call the Augustana Ticket Office for ticket information: 309-794-7306.
- 12 Illowa Luncheon at Augustana College Campus Center Chicago Room, beginning at 12:00 noon. Special guest speaker is Kristi Crafton, Executive Director of Quad Cities Habitat for Humanity, with news and updates about the Habitat activities in this area. *NOTE: This luncheon is the second Tuesday, not the first Tuesday, this month only!*
- 14 9 a.m. to noon, Illowa Continuing Education Forum, Wallenberg Hall, Augustana College. Presentation by Dr. Craig Nesson of Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque: "Ending Hunger as a Core Conviction." *NOTE: This Forum event is the second Thursday, not the third Thursday, this month only!*

Las Posadas events will be happening during December. Watch for a special announcement!

JANUARY

- 9 Illowa Luncheon at Augustana College Campus Center Board Room, beginning at 12:00 noon. Special guest speaker is Pastor Kurt Nordby of the Illowa Lutheran Coalition.
- 18 9 a.m. to noon. Illowa Continuing Education Forum, Wallenberg Hall, Augustana College. Presentation by Dr. Winston Persaud of Wartburg Theological Seminary: "Continued Discussion of God's Mission in a Multi-Cultural World."

FEBRUARY

- 6 Illowa Luncheon at Augustana College Campus Center Loft, beginning at 12:00 noon. Special speaker is Pastor Ginger Anderson-Larson, Director for Spiritual Formation and Associate Director of Contextual Education at Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque
- 15 9 a.m. to noon. Illowa Continuing Education Forum, Wallenberg Hall, Augustana College. Presentation by Rev Roy Nilsen and Mary Ylvisaker Nilsen: "Spiritual Direction: What is it? Who needs it?"

MARCH

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- 6 Illowa Luncheon at Augustana College Campus Center Board Room, beginning at 12:00 noon. Guest speaker to be announced.
- 15 9 a.m. to noon. Illowa Continuing Education Forum, Wallenberg Hall, Augustana College. Presentation by Dr. Craig Satterlee of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago: "Preaching Easter."

Please remember our Partner Ministries in prayer

Sunday, December 3	Grace, Davenport	Pr. John Grebner and Jan Rippentrop, Interim
Sunday, December 10	Messiah, Port Byron	Prs. Wayne and Barbara Melaas-Swanson
Sunday, December 17	St. Mark, Davenport	Pr. Paul Tweeten
Sunday, December 24	Peace, Port Byron	Pr. Richard Housman
Sunday, December 31	St. Matthew, Davenport	Pr. Todd Hunter
Sunday, January 7	First, Rock Island	Pr. Gregory Mayer
Sunday, January 14	St. Paul, Davenport	Prs. Peter Marty, Ron Huber, Lorin Darst, Lowell Michelson, and Elizabeth Lerohl
Sunday, January 21	St. James, Rock Island	Pr. Alfred Beck
Sunday, January 28	Zion, Davenport	Pr. Del Preston
Sunday, February 4	St. John's, Rock Island	Pr. Stacie Fidler
Sunday, February 11	Hope, Dixon	Pr. Shelly Nelson
Sunday, February 18	First, Sherrard	Pr. Jane McChesney and Dr. Robert Haak, Interims
Sunday, February 25	Gloria Dei, Durant	Pr. Nancy Hoelter