



Illowa Lutheran Coalition of the Quad Cities Area

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ILLOWA LUTHERAN COALITION NEWS AND NOTES JUNE 2008

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings, partners in ministry! Exciting things are happening in the ministry we share through our Illowa Lutheran Coalition. As you may know, the mission statement for our ministry together is “mission in community.” As a Coalition, we are embarking on a journey that will be a dual path to “mission in community.”

Lutherans Building for Hope

The first path is a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to build a home for one of our neighbors in Rock Island. This build will be our 8th partnership, dating back to 1995, and will be located at 808 9th Avenue. The theme of this effort of “mission in community” is “**Lutherans Building for Hope.**” We are asking our congregations to bring their resources of time, abilities, and money to enable this ministry to take place in a way that is full of abundance, joy, and vibrancy. The joy of this ministry is that we will also be in partnership with the Augustana Student Chapter of Habitat and other groups assigned by Habitat. For this build, we have the privilege and responsibility of being the lead partner. As such, our goal is to provide gifts totaling \$35,000 towards the \$70,000 building cost.

In order to reach our goal of \$35,000 we have designated Sunday, September 14th as “**Lutherans Building for Hope**” Miracle Sunday. This will be a one time ingathering of gifts for this partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

During the first week of July, your congregation will receive a packet of materials that will provide resources and a time line to lead you through the preparation for our Miracle Sunday. Remember that it is the joy of all gifts, both large and small, that will make this important ministry possible. Be watching for this resource packet and commit your congregation to a bold and abundant participation in this important ministry.

Barnabas Uplift CNA Training Program

The second path of our journey to provide “mission in community” is through a collaboration with Lutheran Services in Iowa, the Barnabas Uplift program, and the Illowa Lutheran Coalition Social Ministry team. The Barnabas Uplift program is an economic and health care initiative for our neighbors in need.

Through this collaboration, we are planning a program to bring training to individuals seeking to be Certified Nurse Assistants (CNA's) in order to enter the job market with specific skills. We are getting closer to offering our first training opportunity. **We need your help.** We are seeking nurses who are willing to be trained to be trainers and to provide instruction to students. Please ask nurses in your congregation if they would like to participate in a ministry that is so meaningful and helpful in lifting up one of our neighbors who need a helping hand. You may contact the Coalition office at 309-794-4000 with the names of anyone who might be interested.

We are on an exciting journey! But for us to be on this journey with gusto, it needs the support and partnership of each congregation. So put on your walking shoes and let's be on this journey together!

A grateful partner in ministry,
Pastor Kurt Nordby

Mission in Community

“LUTHERANS BUILDING FOR HOPE”
Illowa Lutheran Coalition in Partnership with Habitat for Humanity

What is “Lutherans Building for Hope”?

Our Illowa Lutheran Coalition is on an exciting journey. **“Lutherans Building for Hope”** is a journey that partners with Habitat for Humanity to build our eighth Habitat house. This partnership began in 1995 and we are excited to have this opportunity to significantly be about mission in our community with this building project. We hope to break ground for this build in September of 2008.

What is the purpose of “Lutherans Building for Hope”?

“Lutherans Building for Hope” is the Illowa Lutheran Coalition’s Miracle Sunday program to receive gifts for the building of this house. The approximate cost for a Habitat build is \$70,000. Habitat for Humanity has designated other partners in this build, one of which is the Augustana College Students Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The Illowa Lutheran Coalition has been designated as the lead partner in this build and as such will be the leader in providing gifts for this build. Our excitement lies in making the dream of a home a reality for a family of our greater Quad City community. Our Illowa Lutheran Coalition is a cooperative ministry of the 35 ELCA congregations of the greater Quad City area and as such, the excitement of this project also lies in our congregations working together in making this build a success. Our mission statement is “Mission in Community”. **“Lutherans Building for Hope”** is a meaningful expression of our mission together as a Coalition.

What is the goal of “Lutherans Building for Hope”?

The goal of our program is \$35,000 or approximately half of the cost of this Habitat build.

How can we reach the goal of our “Lutherans Building for Hope” program?

In order to reach this goal, we are asking that each of our congregations participate in the **“Lutherans Building for Hope”** Miracle Sunday on September 14, 2008. This will be a one time ingathering of gifts for our Habitat build. Gifts both large and small will celebrate with joy the partnership we share together in this building and making a home for neighbors in our Quad Cities community.

How can we share our gifts?

At worship on Miracle Sunday, September 14th. If you are making your gift by check, please make it out to your church and indicate “Lutherans Building for Hope”.

Please note the following announcement from Augustana College:

Community Lecture Series

2008-2009

Funded by the Augustana Center for the Study of Ethics as a way of expressing appreciation for the support the College receives from the community, the Community Lecture Series is made available without charge to area schools, churches, libraries, civic groups and other community organizations. Each participant has agreed to present his lecture up to four times to different groups and organizations. Participants do their own scheduling and should be contacted via e-mail or at the phone number listed below to arrange a presentation.

Lectures and Presenters

Ethics and Reason: Eliminating the Distinction between Science and Morals

David K. Hill, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy (telephone: 794-7412; e-mail: davidhill@augustana.edu)

Diatribes, the Culture War, and Civil Discourse

Stephen A. Klien, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Speech Communication and Theatre Arts (telephone: 794-7562; e-mail: stephenklien@augustana.edu)

Land Use: Private Property Rights and the Public Good

Norman T. Moline, Edward Hamming Professor of Geography (telephone: 794-7303; e-mail: normmoline@augustana.edu)

Building Peace from the Ground Up: Untold Stories of Israeli-Palestinian Coexistence

Allan Ross, Executive Director, Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities, and Member, Augustana Center for the Study of Ethics Community Advisory Committee (telephone: 793-1300; e-mail: aross@jfqc.org)

Mission in Community

Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline, IL has the following positions available:

Confirmation Minister

Do you have enthusiasm for helping junior high-age youth grow in faith? Trinity Lutheran Church seeks a Confirmation Minister (non-clergy) to serve an average of 15 hours/week (plus camps and retreats) in leading our Faith Builder's 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Ministry. Applicants should also have experience in, and a passion for, calling, training, motivating, and mentoring small group leaders, youth counselors and teachers for confirmation ministries. Applications available through the church office at 309-762-3624 To view the Confirmation Handbook, Confirmation Minister job description & qualifications or to download an application, go to www.trinitylutheranmoline.org. Mail signed application to Trinity Lutheran Church at 1330 13th St. Moline IL 61265, Attention: Rev. Laura Koppenhoefer, by July 1, 2008.

Music Minister

Do you have musical talent and enjoy working with people in a musical setting? Trinity Lutheran Church seeks a Music Minister (non-clergy) to serve as our coordinator for all of our varied music ministries. This part time salaried position involves providing or coordinating the skills of others for all music for our Traditional and Contemporary services, including youth choir and hand bell choir. Applicants should also have experience in, and a passion for, calling, training, motivating, and mentoring choir members along with abilities in working with and providing oversight for other musicians. Compensation is based on the skills and abilities you bring to the position. Applications available through the church office at 309-762-3624 To view the Music Minister job description & qualifications or to download an application, go to www.trinitylutheranmoline.org. Mail signed application to Trinity Lutheran Church at 1330 13th St. Moline IL 61265, Attention: Rev. Larry Conway, by July 15th, 2008.

Continuing Education Forum Speakers Announced

Our list is complete for the upcoming series of speakers for the monthly Forum series, but we are awaiting a few details. To whet your appetite for learning, here are the presenters for the 2008-2009 series:

September 11, 2008	Ms. Lynn Batcher
October 9, 2008	Rev. Dwight DuBois
November 13, 2008	Dr. Craig Satterlee
December 11, 2008	Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger
January 8, 2009	Ms. Rosemary Dyson
February 12, 2009	Rev. Rebecca David
March 12, 2009	Rev. Eugene Grimm
April 9, 2009	Dr. Duane A. Priebe
May 21, 2009	Dr. Robert Haak

The subscription fee remains the same as last year: \$125 for the entire series (\$100 for retired or part-time clergy) or \$20 per individual session. These events are geared to religious professionals, but anyone with an interest in the topics (to be announced) is welcome to attend these sessions.

Calendar of Events

JUNE

13-14 Northern Illinois Synod Assembly, Augustana College, Rock Island

JULY

NO Professional Leaders luncheon this month—see you in August!

8 Administrative Assistants luncheon at noon

30 Illowa Lutheran Coalition Board meeting at Lutheran House beginning at 4 p.m.

AUGUST

5 Illowa Professional Leaders luncheon at the Augustana College Center Board Room, beginning at 12 noon. Speaker is Pastor Kurt Nordby of Illowa who will give an update on “The State of the Coalition.”

12 Administrative Assistants luncheon at noon

SEPTEMBER

2 Illowa Professional Leaders luncheon at the Augustana College Center Board Room, beginning at 12 noon. Speaker will be announced.

9 Administrative Assistant luncheon at noon

11 Continuing Education Forum event at Wallenberg Hall on the Augustana College campus beginning at 9 a.m. Speaker is Ms. Lynn Batchner, Director of Pastoral Care, Trinity Medical Center, Rock Island, IL. Her topic is “Advance Healthcare Planning and the Role of the Congregation.”

14 Miracle Sunday for Habitat for Humanity—Lutherans Building for Hope

Please remember our partner ministries in prayer

Sunday, June 1	Zion, Princeton	Pastor Peter Sickels
Sunday, June 8	Illowa Lutheran Coalition	Pastor Kurt Nordby
Sunday, June 15	Trinity, Moline	Pastors Larry Conway and Laura Koppenhoefer
Sunday, June 22	Redeemer, Bettendorf	Pastor Richard Pokora
Sunday, June 29	Calvary, New Windsor	Pastor Jane McChesney
Sunday, July 6	St. James, Bettendorf	Pastor Nate Montover
Sunday, July 13	Grace, Opheim	Pastor Nancy Jaster and Pastor Ronald Ferrell, Interim Associate
Sunday, July 20	Calvary, Buffalo	Pastor Jane Granzow
Sunday, July 27	St. Paul, Orion	Pastor Michael Lawyer
Sunday, August 3	All Saints, Davenport	Pastor Lisa Dietrich
Sunday, August 10	Messiah, Port Byron	Pastors Barbara and Wayne Melaas-Swanson
Sunday, August 17	Grace, Davenport	Pastors John Grebner and Kristin Berglund
Sunday, August 24	Peace, Port Byron	Pastor Richard Housman
Sunday, August 31	St. Mark, Davenport	Pastor Travis Fisher, Interim
Sunday, September 7	First, Rock Island	Pastor Gregory Mayer
Sunday, September 14	St. Matthew, Davenport	Pastor Todd Hunter
Sunday, September 21	St. James, Rock Island	Pastor Janet Lepp
Sunday, September 28	St. Paul, Davenport	Pastors Peter Marty, Ronald Huber, Matthew Poock, and Ann Rosendale