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Hispanic Outreach Ministry

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Opportunities to reach our Hispanic neighbors continue to expand in SWD. CPTLN (“Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones” or “Christ for all Nations”), a unique partnership between SWD congregations, SWD, and Lutheran Hour Ministries, and a grant from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation, has solidified outreach efforts on the south side of Milwaukee and in Racine. Pastor Alfonso Prada, at St. Martini, Milwaukee, has



forged a great relationship with our LUMIN school there. Pastor German Novelli, Jr. leads Grace Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, and expands efforts in their Hispanic community. Edmundo Rosales, a student at the Center for Hispanic Studies at Concordia Seminary, helps lead Santa Cruz (“Primera Iglesia”) in Racine with his mentor, Pastor German Novelli, Sr. Vicar David Blas is working with the Hispanic ministry outreach in Sheboygan with leadership from the pastors and people of St. John (Plymouth), St. Paul (Sheboygan Falls) and Immanuel and St. Paul (Sheboygan). This ministry was the result of a coalition of three circuits, who also have received support from SWD and LCMS-Hispanic Ministry. www.cptlnwisconsin.com



Ministry at the SOS Center in Milwaukee

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An old funeral home at 46th and North Ave. in Milwaukee has been the site of mercy ministry in the name of Jesus for decades. Begun by LCMS laypeople with a heart for reaching the city, this ministry – like many other similar ministries – ran into financial problems in 2012 and was forced to close. With the help of SWD, congregations from

both the city and suburbs, and generous individual donors, the SOS was able to reopen in the Spring of 2014. Assisted by the Siebert Lutheran Foundation, the SOS Center is focusing on after-school programming using the Rebekah’s Garden of Hope (an LCMS RSO) curriculum and summer school programming. This ministry is once again reaching kids with the Gospel.

www.soscenterinc.org



Ministry in the Dominican Republic

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Along with LCMS International Mission, Bethesda, and the English District, SWD continues to support the growing work in the Dominican Republic, led by Pastor Ted Krey. Teams from SWD have helped with construction projects, outreach endeavors, and the growing school ministry in Palmar Arriba. A new preschool in Licey (lee-SAY) is also a worship site, and a rented space in Santiago has become a center for worship and a satellite site for Lutheran Hour Ministries. Pastor Willy Gaspar, the first Dominican Lutheran pastor, serves in the capitol of

Santa Domingo. A new seminary facility has opened and will serve Latin America. A growing number of pastors and deaconesses from the U.S. and Latin America serve these many ministries in the Dominican Republic. As this ministry grows, more and more support is needed for the many missionaries. For more information, go to www.lcms.org/dominicanrepublic.





Cross Lutheran Church Plant

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In 2014 the dream of a Lutheran church on the northwest side of Madison took a gigantic leap forward when three factors all converged in a “perfect storm” to make that dream possible. With the people, the location, and the financial support all in place, Cross Lutheran Church was ready to launch. Located between the communities of Waunakee and Middleton, Cross Lutheran will be situated in a new housing development known as the Community of Bishop’s Bay, a residential community



that will one day host up to 6,000 people in 2,000 homes. But for now they hold their services in a clubhouse building within the community. Financial assistance comes from the mother church, Bethlehem of Sun Prairie, and your mission offerings to the South Wisconsin District.



Muslim Outreach

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Our District’s Muslim Outreach ministry sends trained ethnic missionaries to minister in partnership with congregations, bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to new Americans. Ebou Faye, who was brought up as a Muslim in West Africa, is active in this mission. When he came to the United States he was eager for the chance to read the Bible for the first time. The Holy Spirit brought him to faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior. He became an LCMS Lutheran through his connection with several of our District pastors. Today, Ebou works primarily with Muslim Somalis at Bethany and Mt. Calvary Lutheran Churches in Milwaukee, and makes presentations at our District congregations.



International Student Ministry at UW-Milwaukee

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Pastor Michael Larson serves Luther Memorial Chapel in Shorewood, a diverse congregation that includes many long-time LCMS members, LCMS undergrads studying at UWM and MSOE, and international students and their families from all over the world! With the help of a seminary vicar, this congregation reaches out with ESL classes, Bible studies, and fellowship events for international students and scholars, many of them from China. www.lmcusc.org



Calvary Lutheran Chapel at UW-Madison

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Pastor Dan Anderson (left) serves the university community at UW-Madison. This ministry continues to serve not only the large undergrad and graduate student populations in Madison, but also the growing international student community. Judy Tang utilizes ESL classes and fellowship events to share the love of Jesus with these students, many of whom are from China and other parts of Asia. We praise God for the new believers who have been baptized at Calvary through this ministry. Blessed with a beautiful remodeled facility, this ministry continues to grow. If you know of any LCMS young people studying at UW, send them to the Chapel (701 State Street), directly above the UW bookstore. www.calvarymadison.org



Hmong Ministry

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Trailing only California and Minnesota in population, the Wisconsin Hmong community is one of the nation’s largest. We have been blessed with four Hmong ministries. Pastor Faiv Neng Her leads Hmong Hope, which worships at Berea on Milwaukee’s northwest side. Pastor Blong Vang’s congregation meets at Trinity in Oshkosh, Pastor Moses Thao’s group worships at Redeemer in Manitowoc, and Pastor Moua Vang serves the Hmong community at Benediction in Milwaukee. There is



still a vast number of Hmong who have not heard the Good News of salvation in our District, and new fields are ready for harvest!



Urban Ministry in Milwaukee

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Led by two Nigerian-born LCMS pastors, Bethany (Pastor Christian Ikanih, far left) and Holy Ghost (Pastor Elijah Ndon, right) are reaching their unique communities with the Gospel. In two very challenging neighborhoods, where urban blight and decay are very real, these congregations are serving with the love of Jesus. Through mercy ministry initiatives and solid Word and Sacrament care, the Gospel is being shared. SWD is proud to help these congregations share hope where it is needed most.



French African Ministry

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Pastor Gui Kasongo Kabeo and his French African immigrant congregation have celebrated more than 10 years of ministry. The International Lutheran Church of Zion is the result of a congregation, Benediction Lutheran in Milwaukee, seeing the mission field white for the harvest and seizing the opportunity to spread the Gospel. Under the mentoring of Pastor Don Hougard, Pastor Gui has built an immigrant congregation that not only reaches the growing



French speaking African community here in Milwaukee, but also supports the Lutheran church in the Congo, where Gui and many of his members are from.



Free at Last Ministry

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“If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed!” (John 8:36) Pastor Afam Ikanih continues his amazing ministry at the House of Correction in Franklin. By God’s grace, hundreds of inmates have been baptized and catechized. Through regular worship with both men and women, Bible study, and one-on-one counseling, he



is able to bring the Gospel of freedom from sin to the incarcerated. In addition, with the help of layman Patrick Batom and members of Mission of Christ congregation in Milwaukee, ex-offenders can find the support, encouragement, and resources for life after prison.



Karenni Ministry

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The Karenni are a minority ethnic group from Myanmar (formerly Burma). Persecuted by the Buddhist majority government there, many were forced over the border to refugee camps in Thailand. From there, more than 200 Karenni have emigrated to the Milwaukee area. Trinity-Freistadt “adopted” the first Karenni family that came in 2009. The care they offered these immigrants has led to Word and Sacrament ministry that regularly includes nearly 100 for worship, ESL, Sunday School and Adult



Instruction at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church on the south side of Milwaukee (Pastor David Zeuschner). Pastors Carl Lehenbauer and Joshua Ruser (Trinity-Freistadt), Phil Hillenbrand (Beautiful Savior-Mequon) and Tom Kaul (Faith-Germantown) help Pastor Zeuschner in this growing ministry. More than 30 students are attending Trinity-Freistadt’s elementary school, and a growing number of high school students attend Milwaukee Lutheran. God has blessed this growing immigrant community!



Deaf Ministry

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Did you know that deaf people are among the most unchurched in our nation? While ministry to the deaf flourished in many LCMS Districts in the past, many of those ministries have struggled or even died completely. We are blessed to have three men serving the deaf in SWD: Pastor John Reinke and Deacon Ted Pulfer at Our Savior Deaf in Madison, and Pastor Bud Palmer at Emmanuel Deaf in West Allis. These men also serve the deaf community in Delavan and at other locations throughout SWD. Not only do these men serve local congregations, but through streaming video of their Bible classes and worship services they reach out to the often-isolated deaf Christian population in the U.S. and other countries, training leaders to reach the Deaf with God’s Word. Several deaconesses, who have been trained through the DIT (Deaf Institute of Theology) at the St. Louis Seminary, help with their work.

Pastors Bud Palmer (left) and John Reinke (right).

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Deaconess, Patricia Hycnar.



Hope & Mission of Christ Ministry

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A lot of outreach ministry happens on a daily basis in Milwaukee’s central city because of the presence of Hope Lutheran and Mission of Christ Lutheran congregations. Under the guidance of Rev. Dennis Harmon (pictured left), and the support of the members of these two congregations, physical and spiritual help is given graciously and plentifully to many in their community. Besides the food pantries and Bible classes in both locations, and the assistance to the District’s Free at Last ministry at Mission of Christ, Hope

Lutheran also has regular “Grief Support” group meetings to offer loving Christian care and support to many who have lost loved ones to death due to violence, drugs and terminal illness.



Let’s do missions together!

Please keep these missions in your prayers and consider helping the South Wisconsin District support them with your gifts. Many congregations, schools and Sunday schools focus on one ministry at a time, making it their “Mission of the Month.”

Checks should be made out to “South Wisconsin District—LCMS” and mailed to 8100 W. Capitol Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53222. Please make a notation of the mission(s) you would like to support. Donations may also be made on our website, swd.lcms.org. Click on the word “Donate” on the homepage and select the ministry from the drop-down menu there.

If you would like more information on any of these missions, please call Rev. Jonah Burakowski at the District Office, 414-464-8101, or email burakowski@swd.lcms.org. **Thank you!**