

Women of the Word

"WOW" News



A District of Lutheran Congregations
in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

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Second Annual Gathering of Women of the Word to be held October 1, 2011



"Coming Together"

We are excited to invite you to attend the second Annual Gathering of Women of the Word - Augustana District. This Gathering will be held on Saturday, October 1, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, Minnesota. The theme for this year's gathering is **"Coming Together"** and is based on Ephesians 4: 1-6: *"I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."*

More information regarding this Gathering and a registration form is included with this mailing.
We hope everyone will plan to attend!

Augustana's Women of the Word

Lutheran women have always been a "Force for Good" within the Church. Throughout the years, they have provided the backbone in many churches – serving their churches faithfully, selflessly, and enthusiastically. And even in churches where Bible Study may not have been a regular or significant ministry, one could always be sure the women were gathered monthly to study and reflect together on the Holy Scriptures. Even more, beyond their local churches, Lutheran women have displayed a deep heart and passion for world missions, spending countless of volunteer hours to create and ship quilts, layettes, or whatever the needs might be.

The Augustana District is so entirely thankful that women of the district have stepped forward to organize Women of the Word in the Augustana District. They are off to a terrific start. This fall's gathering, "Coming Together", will mark a milestone in the growing and developing of a district-wide cooperation among LCMC women. It will be well worth your effort to attend, and we hope you will – whether you are from a church affiliated with the Augustana District or not. All women are invited to attend.

May God grant His special blessing to the women of our churches, and to the faithful ways they serve!

Pastor Mark Richardson
Interim Service Coordinator
Augustana District, LCMC

From the WOW Committee Coordinator....

"I will declare the sweetness of the gospel, for I am not ashamed of the good news about Christ." Romans 1:16

Go tell everyone the Good News and also invite them to join Women of the Word. It is a place to belong, to join in mission, to experience pastoral and collegial support, and to find help and support for congregations doing ministry.

Summer is just around the corner because I think spring passed us by! Our WOW board has been busy planning for our second Annual Gathering to be held on October 1. Please save the date.

On October 30, we had a wonderful group of women and men participate in the WOW breakout sessions at the Augustana District Convention. We heard from ladies about what they were doing for their programs and missions. Some ideas were program on aprons, a shoe theme based on scripture, hats around the bible, Midsummer Victorian Tea (fair trade tea), etc. We need to remember to invite – invite – invite. People need to feel invited.

We hope you will join us for more discussion at our October 1 Annual Gathering.

Carreen Pierson
WOW Committee Coordinator

Featured WOW Group.....

Christ the King Women - "Coming Together"

Saturday, April 30, from 10:30-1:30

Ten women volunteered to invite 7 to 10 other members of our church to a free, catered luncheon. The hostess decided on the theme for her table. The program was the hostess introducing her guests and telling why she picked the theme at her table. Ninety attended plus six men served as waiters.

Nancy McGraw is pictured with her apple dishes and guests who were all involved in teaching, either in the public sector, church, or daycare for teachers' children.



MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Our last newsletter featured Global Health Ministries Newborn Kits. This newsletter will feature another Global Health Ministry project that will assist health workers in Africa as they minister to innocent HIV/AIDS victims. The children and wives, who are suffering from end stage symptoms, need our help. The AIDS/Hospice Kit can provide cleanliness, comfort and hope. As you pack the kits, pray for the church visitation team and medical professionals who provide spiritual and medical care to those who are affected by AIDS.

Newborn Kits

Please use new or gently used, clean items

- 36" square muslin or sheeting – not necessary to hem
- Regular size bath towel – no longer than 48"
- Wash cloth
- Bath size bar of white Ivory soap
- Newborn stocking cap, this may be sewn, knit or crocheted
- Small baby shirt, size 0-3 or newborn
- 1 receiving blanket (approximate size is 30"x30")

Assembling Instructions:

- ❖ Wrap all items in the towel.
- ❖ Place in a large Ziploc bag (2 gal. or larger)
- ❖ Include note: AIDS/Hospice Kit - Note should be visible through the bag
- ❖ Squeeze air out of bag before sealing.
- ❖ Pack 10-15 kits in a box.

Hospice Kits

- 1 regular size bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 bath size bar of soap in a plastic Ziploc bag
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube tooth paste
- 1 'pick' style comb
- 1 nail clipper
- 6 band-aids
- 1 jar or tube petroleum jelly
- 1 pair heavy duty household gloves – med size
- 1 small devotional booklet such as Portal of Prayer (may be used)

WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE HOSPICE KITS AND THE NEWBORN KITS AT THE OCTOBER 1 MEETING AT CHRIST THE KING, HUTCHINSON
Please donate \$5 per kit for shipping costs.

If you are not able to attend this meeting, please mail your projects to Global Health Ministries, 7831 Hickory Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432

WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!!

Host the 2012 Third Annual Gathering of WOW at your church. All you would need to do is:

1. Arrange snacks and noon lunch
2. Arrange rooms for breakout sessions

LOOKING AHEAD:

11th National Annual Gathering of LCMC will be held October 2 through October 5, 2011 in Des Moines, Iowa. Watch for additional information. WOW will have a display at the national convention.



