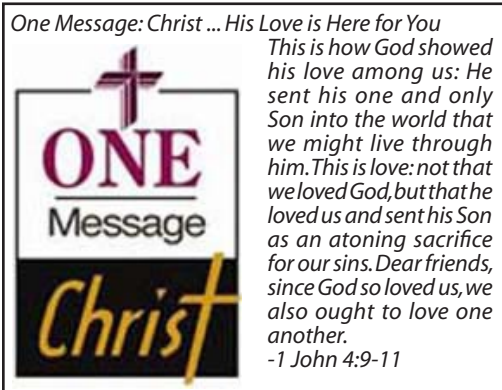


## 63rd LCMS convention meets in July



The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's 63rd Regular Convention is set for July 14-19 in Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center under the theme "One Message: Christ." Part of the Synod's three-point

vision statement of "One Mission, One Message, One People," that focus has the sub-theme: "His Love is Here for You," based on I John 4:9-11.

The Synod convention is "the principle legislative assembly" of the 2.4-million-member church body. Elections and action on scores of resolutions are its main items of business.

The opening Communion service is set for Saturday, July 14, with Synod President Gerald

B. Kieschnick preaching. Sunday worship will follow the "Service of Prayer and Preaching" from the Synod's new *Lutheran Service Book*, according to Rev. Larry Krueger, assistant to Kieschnick and convention coordinator.

Convention floor committees will meet in St. Louis May 18-21, and in Houston July 13-14. These committees will form the convention resolutions, based primarily on overtures submitted by LCMS congregations, districts, Synod boards and commissions, college or seminary faculties, and other groups of those who are ordained or commissioned members of the Synod.

Overtures and reports for the convention will be printed in the Convention Workbook, which is scheduled to be mailed in early May to all ordained and commissioned ministers on the Synod's roster, lay and alternate convention delegates, lay members of Synod boards and commissions, and to all teachers and lay ministers designated by district presidents.

Krueger said that although convention action may garner headlines in Houston and beyond, planners hope that an outreach training and door-to-door calling event July 13-14 "has a more lasting impact on the lives of people in and around

the city." Sponsored by Apple of His Eye Mission Society, Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ, and Lutheran Student Fellowship, the outreach event is open to "anyone in our Houston-area congregations and those in town for the convention," Krueger said.

Krueger suggested that those interested in details about the outreach event should periodically visit the convention pages on the Synod's Web pages, as given above.

The 2007 Synod convention is being held in Houston at the invitation of the LCMS Texas District, which marked its 100th anniversary last year. □

## Offering to Support Pastoral Formation

A \$1 million goal has been announced for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's 2007 national offering, "Preparing Pastors Worldwide."

Two-thirds of all gifts received will support Concordia Seminary-St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne. The remaining one-third will support the preparation of pastors at seminaries of LCMS partner churches around the world.

LCMS President Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick will invite the entire church — including individuals, congregations and other organizations — to participate in gathering the 2007 national offering at this summer's 63rd Regular Convention.

Opportunities to make direct gifts to the national offering will be available beginning in April at [www.GiveNowLCMS.org](http://www.GiveNowLCMS.org). The offering will remain open through the next convention in 2010. □

## Seminary Announces LutherHostel 2007

LutherHostel 2007 will be held October 6-9 on the campus of Concordia Seminary-St. Louis.

LutherHostel is an event designed to provide growth in Biblical knowledge and understanding, fun and fellowship, and a chance to gain helpful insights for daily living. It is offered for adults, age 55 and above. The theme for the event will be "Christianity and the Competition."

Presenter for LutherHostel 2007 will be Dr. Paul L. Maier, the Russell H. Seibert Professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University and second vice president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. His research includes a variety of methodologies involved in manuscript and text analysis, archaeology and comparison of sacred and secular sources from the first century A.D. He has written numerous books and more than 200 articles and reviews.

Scheduled LutherHostel activities will include a reception and dinner with President and Mrs. Dale A. Meyer; presentations; class visitation;

student-led evening devotions; opportunities for informal interaction with faculty; a private demonstration of the organ at The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus; and a tour of selected St. Louis area sites.

The LutherHostel fee is \$325 per person, which covers all meals and refreshments for the event. Housing is available on campus (on a limited basis for an additional cost) or in nearby hotels.

For more information about LutherHostel, contact the Seminary's Office of Continuing Education and Parish Services at 314-505-7123 or [ce@csl.edu](mailto:ce@csl.edu). □

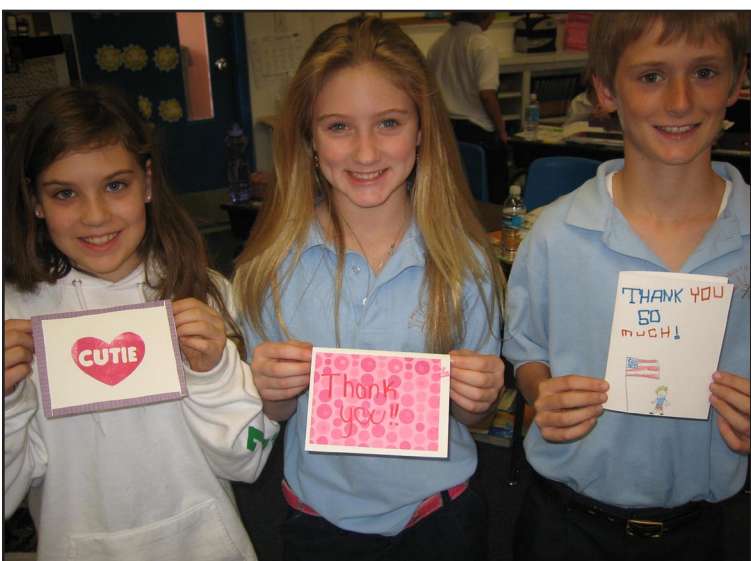
## Gathering Registration Still Open

Registration for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's 2007 National Youth Gathering and the concurrent Adult Gathering remains open. The Gathering, with the theme CHOSEN, is set for July 29-August 1 in Orlando.

As previously announced by Gathering planners, participants registered after March 1 will be admitted on a space-available basis at a late-registration fee of \$285 per person.

Those who register must complete the registration form and an all-participants signa-

ture form. The forms may be downloaded from the Web at <http://lcmsgathering.com/Index.asp?PageID=3717> or photocopied from pages 12-14 of the Gathering Registration Book, which was sent to each LCMS congregation in late August of 2006. □



ST. PAUL-Boca Raton, FL, fifth, seventh and eighth-grade students on January 30 wrote personalized letters of gratitude and support to U.S. military personnel who are on active duty in Iraq as part of Stamping for Freedom Day. The cards were then sent to the residents of the city's Mae Volen Senior Center who head up the project to benefit our troops. Shown here are fifth-grade students Victoria Breeding, Chandler Day and Tyler Papera with their messages.

## CPH Gifts Aid Schools, Churches

Concordia Publishing House has sent \$100 gift certificates to Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations and elementary and high schools in thanks for their partnership.

The gifts certificates are redeemable through CPH, which just concluded one of the most successful years in its history.

In his letter accompanying the certificates, CPH President and CEO Bruce G. Kintz, wrote, "We at Concordia Publishing House are grateful for your partnership. It is an honor to serve you as you carry out the Lord's mission and ministry."

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