

Calendar Briefs

FAITH'S CRAFT SHOPPE — Saturday, November 12, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, November 13, from 1-5 p.m. Unique handcrafted items, 33 booths, food court, bake sale. Faith Lutheran Church & School Gym, 2111 Lower Roswell Rd, Marietta,

GA 30068. More info. 770-973-8877 or <http://faithcraftshoppe.tripod.com>

THE MESSIAH — Sunday, December 4, at 3 p.m. For the 20th consecutive season, the Pinellas Lutheran Choir will present the

Advent/Christmas portions of Handel's *The Messiah* at Grace Lutheran Church, 4301 16th St. N., St. Petersburg, FL. Under the direction of Dr. William Brusick, Grace's minister of music, the 30-voice choir will be accompanied by an instrumental ensemble

and will feature soloists and readers of the prophecies. The concert is jointly sponsored by the St. Petersburg chapter of the Valparaiso University Guild. A freewill offering will be received but patrons are also invited. For further information, contact Brusick at 727-527-1168 ext. 500, or Margaret Zobel at 727-535-6042. A reception will follow the concert.

will present a program featuring the music of Gioacchino Rossini and Concert Band standards by well-known composers. The concert is hosted by St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2021 W. SR #426, Oviedo. (Exit #417 at Redbug Road, then south ½ mile on Aloma Ave. [SR #426]). Free admission to the Concert is made possible by gifts of individual donors and grant support from the Seminole Cultural Arts Council. Nursery care is available. For more information call the church office at 407-365-3408 or visit website: www.stlukes-oviedo.org. □

Hispanic Seminary Begins in Miami

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nity infrastructure and found that developers were planning on selling to foreign "seasonal," home owners.

Pastor Knudson and core leaders gathered to discuss the past with many saying, "We may be closing our church but God touched our lives deeply through this ministry. We will forever remember the Manger."

The congregation voted to disband with the membership of 14 going to other churches in the area, including the Woodlands.

Perry, GA Mission — Vicar Steve Shave has been assigned to Mt. Calvary Warner Robins, GA, to start work in the Perry Mission. Steve, Kim and their four children have moved to Kathleen, GA, located close to both Mt. Calvary and Perry.

Steve came through Fort Wayne Theological Seminary as a mission track vicar and will serve both Mt. Calvary and

the new mission his first year. He will then be placed by the seminary at the mission site upon satisfactory completion of his vicarage.

Steve is already gathering up a core group and plans to develop outreach strategies for the Perry and Kathleen communities. He also will focus on developing the core group and involving them in the ministry by utilizing their spiritual gifts. He also said I know we have to develop some sort of a budget real soon.

Oxford, FL Mission: This new mission will begin worship tentatively after the first of the year and is meeting regularly with a core group mostly made up of members from Trinity Lutheran-Lady Lake.

The new mission has small group Bible study and is also being equipped in outreach through Share Life classes lead by Lois Schaeffer, a Director of Christian Outreach of Trinity.

The new mission is also working on selecting a name. Finally the 15 acre parcel of land was closed on and is ready for the congregation.

Journey of Life, Orlando, will attend the Open Arms Conference November 7-8 held in Dulles, VA. Journey of Life hopes to secure property in the Lake Nona area and is planning to pursue an Early Childhood Learning Center as part of it's ministry to the community.

After several meetings with city and county planners it is clear that there is a great need for child care in the area. Mission congregations can receive up to three free registrations if they have attended the Mission Planters Institute. To register for the Open Arms "Reaching Out to the City," conference visit the www.flga-lcms.org website. Information is found on the home page. □

THE ORLANDO CONCERT BAND — Saturday, November 12, at 7 p.m. The Orlando Concert Bank under the direction of conductors Rick Greenwood, Aaron Lefkowitz and John Christian



LUTHERAN HAVEN CLOSER TO MOVING IN — Paint, wall-coverings, carpet and landscape are the finishing touches under way as residents of Lutheran Haven in Oviedo, FL, gets closer to moving into their new nursing home and assisted living residence. Projected move-in date is mid-November. Dedication is Sunday, January 22, 2006, at 3 PM. □

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Workshop Provides Cross-Cultural Training

Some 48 participants gathered at Hope Lutheran Church and the Amigos en Cristo site in Bonita Springs, FL, on September 23-24 for a Cross Cultural Workshop.

Keynote presentations were offered by Connie Sikkema of Migrant Ministries-Tampa; Danielle Kearney of Lutheran Services of Florida; Laticia Godoy and Christina Leddin, who spoke on immigration. Workshop topics included "Raising Leaders" by Rev. Benito Perez-Lopez; "Funding the Mission" by Rev. Bob Selle; "Doing Cross Cultural Ministry" by Rev. Doug Kallesen; "ESOL" by Sarah Paganese and Kathy Donlan; "Giving a Christian Hand not a

Hand Out" by Connie Sikkema; "Disaster Preparedness" by Danielle Kearney; "Latin Worship and Music" by JR Pagan; "Family Immigration Law" by Christina Leddin; and "Social Service Issues" faced by Immigrants by Marisol Dickerson.

"The workshop was targeted to assist both Anglo and ethnic ministries faced with reaching and ministering to our growing communities," said Kallesen.

Please contact Selle, executive director for Amigos en Cristo, at 239-437-6727 or Kallesen, Executive Director of Outreach for the Florida-Georgia District, at 877-457-5556, ext. 2, for more information on anyone of the above topics. □



Participants at the September Cross Cultural Workshop.