

TOGETHER we serve

The Volunteer Connection serving LCMS Ministries

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Volunteer Connection Purpose Statement

Volunteer Connection engages, equips and empowers individuals to serve The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and its national and international ministries, as together we make known the love of Christ.

Next Fellowship Event

Our next fellowship is **Nov. 14**, starting with chapel at 10 a.m. Presentations will begin at 10:45 a.m.



Presentations:

Britt Odemba, international missionary in Kenya, via Skype

Jennifer Hummel, Christ's Care for Children: Kenya

Rev. Antonio Lopez, national missionary in Texas, via Skype



Please bring a friend!

500th Anniversary of the Reformation



A new Bible study is available to accompany “Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World,” the full-length feature film that aired nationally on PBS in September. The study breaks the movie down into six sessions. Each session consists of watching approximately 15 minutes of the movie, reviewing what you have seen, making scriptural connections and discussing how it applies to our lives today. At the conclusion of the study, participants will have watched the entire movie.

To get started:

- The Bible study is available as a free download at lutheranreformation.org/resources/worship/reformation-pbs-documentary-bible-study/.
- A DVD of the movie can be pre-ordered from PBS or Amazon. It will be available Nov. 21.
- Order the “Study Package” for \$75 to receive the DVD and additional resources now at newluthermovie.com/study.html.

Please RSVP at 314-996-1629 or via email to Maureen.Lenz@lcms.org.



Special Thanks

The Witness & Outreach and Revitalization ministries of the LCMS Office of National Mission thank all the volunteers who have supported ministry efforts over the past two years.



Your help in completing the data entry for surveys and assembling promotional materials made a difference! You were an integral part of building, piloting and enhancing the *Every One His Witness* program.

This program, which is designed to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to share the Gospel in their everyday lives with the people whom God has placed into relationships with them, is now available as a brand-new resource for LCMS congregations through Concordia Publishing House.

The *Every One His Witness* Lutheran Evangelism Core Module Kit addresses the reasons we witness through a theological foundation for witnessing, and it explores how to witness by introducing the LASSIE (Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage) approach.

For more information about this new resource, visit lcms.org/witness-outreach or cph.org/everyonehiswitness.

“For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do” (Heb. 6:10).

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Connection is working to increase the number of volunteers available throughout the week for the following types of projects:

- Data entry
- Scanning
 - National and international projects
- Organizational projects
- Phone calls
 - Further Together in Mission’s efforts with friendly phone calls to LCMS congregations to see if they received their missionary information packet.

Please consider sharing your time in these ways. Additionally, if you know someone who is looking for a volunteer opportunity, please have them contact Maureen at 314-996-1629 or via email at Maureen.Lenz@lcms.org.



Christ's Care for Children: Kenya



Christ's Care for Children: Kenya is a child sponsorship program initiated by the LCMS Office of International Mission. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya identifies high-risk, vulnerable children to be placed into one of five boarding facilities, where they have the opportunity to complete primary or secondary school. It is through this care and compassion that these children receive safe housing, food, education, self-sustaining skills and spiritual care.

Two ways to support the program:

- Pray for the children, leaders and missionaries who work with these children.
- Prayerfully consider sponsoring a child for one year or giving a one-time donation.



Disaster Response

Check out the new devotional resource, *The Lord's Mercy Endures Forever: 40 Daily Devotions of God's Comfort*. The LCMS Disaster Response team has made this resource available for those in the midst of disaster.

Please visit blogs.lcms.org/2017/free-devotional-booklet-affected-disaster to download this free resource for yourself and/or to share with others. You may request a hard copy of this resource by calling 888-843-5267 (888-THE-LCMS) or by emailing disaster@lcms.org.



To get the **latest updates** on the LCMS response to various disasters, visit lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response.

For Disaster Response **resources**, visit lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response/resources#disaster-response-2.

Volunteer Connection: Engage, Equip and Empower

- ✓ Do you have a few hours a week, and are you looking to serve somewhere to benefit others?
- ✓ Is your schedule so busy that you can only volunteer once a month?
- ✓ Would you like to volunteer to utilize your skills to make an impact?
- ✓ Are you looking to learn more about the various ministries within the LCMS?

If **YES**, then call Volunteer Connection and learn how volunteering can meet your interests and availability to further your journey in service!

Call [314-996-1629](tel:314-996-1629)

Thank you for all you do!

