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A  
Blessed  
Thanksgiving  
To  
You

Give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good; his love  
endures forever.

Psalms 107.1

## Haven Nursing Director Honored

by Donald Kovac, Executive Director



Pat Ward, RN, (middle); Ron Hollerand, Nursing Home Administrator; (right) and Annie Montgomery, Assistant Director of Nursing (left) following the ceremony honoring Pat with the "Nurse Administrator of the Year" award.

Of the Directors of Nursing for the 674 nursing homes in Florida, Pat Ward, RN, the Director of Nursing for Lutheran Haven's Nursing Home, was honored with the "Nurse Administrator of the Year" award by the Florida Health Care Association at their recent convention. Pat was honored for, "the outstanding contributions made in caring for Florida's elders and persons with disabilities of all ages and her continued commitment to long term care nursing at Lutheran Haven Nursing Home." Pat has been in nursing for more than 30 years and has taken advantage of educational and professional growth opportunities throughout her career. She has a Master's Degree in Health Science and is a certified Risk Manager along with other designations as well. "Pat is a hard worker; she puts in long hours; and is totally committed to quality resident care. The Haven is blessed to have her on its team," says Ron Hollerand, the Haven's Nursing Home Administrator. Pat is completing her sixth year of service at the Haven.

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[www.selc.lcms.org](http://www.selc.lcms.org)

# SYNOD - DISTRICT FINANCES

by Rev. Thomas Soltis, SELC Stewardship Director

## 2010 GOAL PERFORMANCE

Annually in the Fall, contribution goals are suggested to congregations for the SELC District budget. Increases are not based on communicant memberships. They are calculated on the basis of a percentage increase of a congregational goal accepted by a congregation for the previous year. The suggested increase for 2010 was only +1%.

7 increased above the suggested +1%

12 increased +1%

1 new congregation (Hope, Melbourne, FL)

10 reported the same goals as 2009

14 decreased goals

44 congregations reported

9 did not report (goals remained the same)

53 congregations

**Decrease \$27,293**

**Increase 5,097**

**Negative \$22,196**

## PROJECTED GOAL RECEIPTS

Congregational budget receipts for seven months (8/31/10) were \$334,217. Hopefully this good performance rate will translate into \$559,963 for the year at 103.37%. However, only a +1% increase was suggested for 2010 compared to +5% increases in pre-recession years. A 2010 budget deficit of \$148,337 is projected. Extra contributions above accepted goals will help deflate the deficit.

## PROJECTED BUDGET RECEIPTS

Congregational Remittances	\$559,963
Non-budget Donations	7,000
Interest Income	20,000
Ablaze & Fan into Flame	8,500
2010 Synodical Convention	<u>4,000</u>

**2010 Projected Budget Receipts \$599,463**

## 2010 DISTRICT BUDGET

Synodical Missions & Ministries	\$204,000
Seminary Support	22,000
Lutheran Haven	62,000
SELC Missions	155,500
SELC Services	240,800
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(To be met from treasury balance: \$994,211)

## COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP

13,058 - down 149 (-1.2%)

2009 average giving to district - \$40.16

## 2011 GOAL INCREASE

Only +1% increase is again being suggested (\$547,124) due to the economic downturn. Hopefully some congregations will exceed +1%.

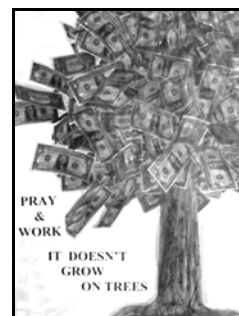
## SYNODICAL BUDGET

LCMS Synodical Boards	\$63,579,237
KFUO Radio	3,303,854
Veterans of Cross (retired pastors)	520,019
Ecclesiastical Services	2,871,146
LCMS Officers & Administration	5,844,748
General & Administrative	18,932,577
Interest	120,600
(Contra-Expense Adjustment)	<u>(7,570,535)</u>
<b>Budget (Fiscal Year 7/10-6/11)</b>	<b>\$87,601,646</b>

**Projected Receipts \$88,927,979**

**2010-11 Budget 87,601,646**

**Projected Surplus \$ 1,326,333**



## “ORA ET LABORA”

The Latin proverb above means “Pray and Work”. Slovaks have one also: “Bez Prace - Niet Kolace” (“Without Work - No Pastry). Prayer produces work and blesses it. Good advice for these poor economic times.

# HAPPENING AROUND THE SELC & LC-MS DISTRICTS



Our beloved Sister in the Lord, Elaine Babel (wife of Rev. Milan Babel, Emeritus, Pentecost, Racine WI) was translated to Glory on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. We rejoice in the peace she has received at our Savior's side in paradise, while we also extend our sincere condolences to Brother Milan and whole Babel Family . . . as we pray for their comfort and strength during this difficult time.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Rev. Samuel Mozolak as he celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. To our knowledge, he is the oldest living member of the SELC District, with 70 years in the ministry – *all served in the SELC*.

Pastor Samuel served in four parishes: Steubenville OH, Cleveland OH, Minneapolis MN, and Lakewood OH. After his retirement in 1980, he still continued serving locally until the age of 83. He was also privileged to serve the Synod and District in various offices.

His beloved wife, Mildred, was called to rest this past January. His son, Harvey is Pastor in Pittsburgh and daughter Karen Morris resides in Richmond VA.

The Lord blessed Pastor and Mildred with four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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New NJ JAM Grant! Register Now!  
by Claire Partlow

Due to a liberal grant, registration costs for NJ JAM have been slashed in half. Now, for \$25/individual or \$50/congregation (for as many people as you can bring) plus \$10/person for lunch you'll be able to take part in this first-ever NJ contemporary worship workshop. With two tracks—pastors/church leaders & worship leaders/musicians—breakout sessions will offer insights and resources for congregations small and large. Plus, musicians will get a chance to plug in with a live jam session led by our main speaker, Dave Frincke. At the end of the day we'll gather for a celebration service of Holy Communion.

You won't find a better deal, so be sure to take advantage of the generosity of Concordia Lutheran in Kirkwood, MO. Go to [www.njjam.com](http://www.njjam.com) to register online and/or print out the brochure and registration forms. **Mark your calendar: Saturday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 – 3:30, Somerset Lutheran, Basking Ridge.**

## CLEVELAND, OHIO STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

by Rev. Thomas Soltis  
On Sat., Sept. 25, 2010, the Ohio District, LC-MS,



Rev. Jeffrey Stephens; Dr. Waldo Werning;  
Rev. Thomas Soltis; Rev. Vern Bok

engaged Dr. Waldo Werning of the Discipling/Stewardship Center, Wauwatosa, WI, to conduct a stewardship workshop for pastors and lay leaders from the Ohio, English and SELC Districts.

Entitled, *Turning Donors into Disciples*, the presentation provided information and materials to help congregations abandon the concept of "need giving" and embrace the Biblical principles of proportionate, regular, first-fruit giving.

Rev. Jeffrey Stephens, Director of Ministry Resources of the Ohio District, presented information regarding the six week LC-MS "Consecrated Stewards" program and shared materials from "Stewardship Advisors".

Rev. Thomas Soltis, SELC Stewardship Director, introduced the eight LC-MS convention approved "Stewardship Principles", the new LCEF five week stewardship Bible study, "Journey of Discovery", and materials regarding love motivation for giving. The event took place at St. John Lutheran Church, Garfield Hts., OH, the Rev. Vern Bok, Pastor.

**Does the Beacon seem a little 'light' this month? Our Pastors are busy at the SELC General Pastoral Conference . . . so look for a "loaded" issue next month!**

**Send your articles to:**

[gailmail37-beacon@yahoo.com](mailto:gailmail37-beacon@yahoo.com).

**Photos should be sent as separate .jpeg attachments.**

Deadline for the December issue is November 12th



**EASTERN ZONE SELC DISTRICT JOINT RETREAT WITH ATLANTIC, NEW ENGLAND, NEW JERSEY,  
EASTERN AND ENGLISH DISTRICTS  
Friday, April 8 – Saturday, April 9, 2011  
Eden Resort, Lancaster, PA**

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Breakfast & Lunch on Saturday

Breakfast on Sunday

Lodging will be in Queen Suites (3 queen beds & a pull-out queen bed) Each Suite contains 2 separate rooms separated by a bathroom  
(please check your choice)

**G Triple \$170.00 per person**

**G Quad \$144 per person**

**G 5 people \$129 per person**

**G 6 People \$118 per person**

**Standard Guest Rooms Per Night** (please check your choice)

**G Single \$331**

**G Double \$188 per person**

**Optional One Night Stay on Friday Night**

Includes Breakfast & Lunch on Saturday

Queen Suites (same arrangement as above) (please check your choice)

**G Triple \$94 per person**

**G Quad \$81 per person**

**G 5 people \$73 per person**

**G 6 people \$68 per person**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Registration Deadline: February 8, 2011.** Questions? Please call Cheryl Rusiecki at 609-926-6573

Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran LWML, and mail them to:  
Cheryl Rusiecki, 120 Ruby Drive, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234.

# LWML NEWS

by Sharon Roegge, President LWML SELC District

**What's happening in LWML?** Lots! There are many things happening throughout the district. By now, all the LWML societies within our SELC District should have received an envelope from me with information from our past 2010 SELC District LWML Convention held at Concordia University-Chicago in River Forest.

The packet contains many reports of our officers which help keep us updated on what is happening. If your society did not receive the packet and would like one, please let me know. You're welcome to copy any of these items for your members.

Some of the other items included are an application for Young Women Representatives to the Peoria Convention, "My Spiritual Gifts and Talents" and Volunteer Application for serving on the coalition board for the 2013 Pittsburgh Convention, and a copy of our bylaws that were updated with the changes approved at our May convention.

The District Executive Board is asking that each society come up with \$125 toward SELC's share of the money for the 2013 Pittsburgh Coalition. See the letter from me for more details.

Serving on one of the committees will be a once in a life time opportunity. SELC needs to have as many ladies as possible at the Peoria Convention, please prayerfully consider attending. Zones will be selecting their delegates and alternates for the convention at the fall rallies.

One of my favorite events at the conventions is the processional of district banners. I'm looking for someone again to do that for me. If you, or your society is interested in doing one, please send me a sketch including what colors, fabrics etc. that you would use by December 1<sup>st</sup>. I have detailed specifications that need to be followed.

by Nona Schipull, SELC District Human Care Chairman

## **LWML Human Care—Love in Action**

*We love because He first loved us*, is a children's Bible song with clapping and praising. It's fun to sing, but really loving others as Christ loves us takes a lot of caring, sacrificing effort.

Mother Teresa is well-known for the loving care she bestowed on the poor, hungry, sick, disabled, and dying people of India. "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you took me in, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick . . ." (Matt. 25:35-36)

Mother Teresa served people because she saw each one as Jesus himself. If she fed a person, she was feeding Jesus. She loved Jesus so purely and completely and believed so strongly that loving and helping any person is loving and serving Jesus that she had to help all in need, especially the outcasts of society. She visited those who had leprosy and tuberculosis. She picked up hungry, diseased, sick, dying people from the streets and cleaned their bodies, removed worms, fed them and showed them that she cared. She gave them human dignity and love. She writes of the joy that it always gave her to see smiles from a person who felt wanted and loved by her care through her love for Jesus.

[For more information about Mother Teresa and her ministry you can read: *Where There Is Love, There Is God*, by Mother Theresa, edited by Brian Kolodiejchuk; Doubleday; 2010.]

"God so loved the world . . ." (John 3:16), and He put His love in action by sending Jesus to die for our sins. We show our love for Jesus by putting our love in action when we serve others who need help. "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me." (Matt. 25:40)

Pray that Almighty God will open your eyes and heart to see Jesus in others, especially the least in the eyes of this world, and help you put love in action for Him.

**Would you like a daily devotion emailed to you?** Go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) – click on Devotions under Resources at the bottom of the home page and subscribe today!

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Joel Batchler

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- Overture to Coriolan, Opus 62  
Benjamin Rauhala, Conductor
- Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, Opus 37  
Joel Batchler, Soloist
- Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Opus 92



Benjamin Rauhala



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