

Over \$9,000 Raised for ELCA World Hunger

Through generous giving from individuals and congregations at opening worship, the 2005 Synod Assembly raised \$9,292.15 for ELCA World Hunger. Wow!

Congregation Health and Hope Grants Available

Wheat Ridge Ministries invites and encourages Lutheran congregations to submit applications from July 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005 for its Congregation Health and Hope Grant program.



The purpose of the Congregation Health and Hope Grants is to facilitate the initial development of congregation-based health and wellness ministries. Priority in 2005 will be given to proposals that address: 1) child/youth obesity, or 2) the initial development of a congregation health ministry program.

All Lutheran congregations – individually or in partnership with other congregations – are eligible for these grants. The maximum amount per grant is \$2,000 for a single congregation and \$6,000 for collaborative efforts involving two or more congregations. The amount granted by Wheat Ridge must be matched dollar for dollar by the congregation.

Projects must support and promote the health and well-being of people in the congregation and local community.

Grant funds may be invested in health-related events and leadership development; staff training; planning; materials, resources or equipment directly related to program development; or contract services or new staff essential for program development.

Congregations interested in applying for a Wheat Ridge Congregation Health and Hope Grant can visit the Wheat Ridge website (www.wheatridge.org) to download a complete list of guidelines as well as the proposal format. Any questions may be referred to the Wheat Ridge office at 800-762-6748. Deadline for submitting applications is September 30, 2005.

Fall Stewardship Meetings Announced

This September, the bishop and synod ministers will be meeting with pastors and congregational presidents for half hour appointments in each of the five conferences to talk about stewardship. They will be setting up a site in each conference and then calling congregations to schedule times between 3 and 9 p.m. This will allow some time to share mutual accomplishments, goals and plans for the 2006 year. Stay tuned for more information!

Golf for Good Earth

Aug. 1 (Mon.): **10th Annual Good Earth Village Open**

10:30 a.m. - evening (dinner, award show, and auction begin at 6:30 p.m.)

Somerby Golf Club

Bryon, MN

Cost: \$110/golfer

The Good Earth Village Open is a benefit to help raise funds to help kids attend camp at Good Earth

Village Bible Camp. Registration costs include green fees for 18 holes, carts, driving range, dinner, door prizes, hole in one prizes, and hole event prizes. Lunch is available for \$9 with golf registration, or for \$12 at the event. Visit www.goodearthvillage.org or call 507-346-2494 for more information. Register early – registrations are received on a first-come, first-served basis.



Remember in Prayer

Health Concerns

- The Rev. Christine Finsand
- The Rev. Curtis Johnson
- Jenelle Mandsager, wife of the Rev. Michael Mandsager
- Shannon Reuss, wife of the Rev. Peter Reuss
- The Rev. Don Roberts

Sympathies

- The Rev. Alice Durst, whose mother-in-law died May 29.
- The Rev. Jeffrey Laeger-Hagemeister, whose father-in-law died May 3.

Serving Overseas

- The Rev. Russell P. Graef, stationed in Bahrain with the U.S. Navy.