

LUTHERAN LAY FELLOWSHIP OF
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, INC.

Thursday, October 7, 2010—12:00 noon

**Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road at Dale Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20910**

“More than a Century of Caring for Seniors”

**Mr. Frank McGovern, Executive Director
The National Lutheran Home and Village, Rockville, MD
The Village at Orchard Ridge, Winchester, VA**

The National Lutheran Home and Village at Rockville is committed to providing excellent healthcare and quality of life for people 65 and older. The Health Care Facility addresses the needs of people seeking long term care; short term rehab to return home; or a trusted environment for caregivers needing respite assistance. Situated on a 30-acre campus nestled in a wooded landscape, NLHV is located in tranquil, beautiful and residential setting easily accessible from a major highway and 5 minutes from a local hospital.

The 300 bed facility features 80 percent private rooms and excellent rehab care. It serves residents 65 and over and has a reputation of providing exceptional expertise in the special care needed for geriatric rehab. Open to residents of all faiths, NLHV offers a tradition of caring rooted in a century of ministry serving the Washington, D.C. and Montgomery County, Maryland community.

Also planned as part of the ministry of the NLH is the development of The Village at Orchard Ridge at historic Winchester, VA. When developed on 132 acres, this Continuing Care Retirement Community will contain 178 residential apartments, short- and long-term health care and assisted living.

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We invite all Lutherans and their friends to join us for this luncheon meeting of **Lutheran Lay Fellowship**, scheduled for the first Thursday of each month from 12:00 noon till 2:00 p.m. at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 9100 Colesville Road at Dale Drive in Silver Spring, one mile south of the Capitol Beltway at Exit 30. Ample off-street parking is available. Interested persons can make reservations for a delicious lunch by sending your RSVP to luncheon@lutheranlayfellowship.org or by contacting **Vicki Porter at 301-229-9884** no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, October 5**. The cost of the meal is \$9.00, payable at the door.

Upcoming Speakers

- November 4 The Rev. Elizabeth Platz, Campus Pastor, University of Maryland
- December 2 The Rev. Thomas O'Brien, Good Samaritan, Lanham, on his recent trip to Tanzania
- January 6 The Rev. Eric Shafer, Senior Vice President for Philanthropy, Odyssey Networks

LLF Luncheon Minutes Thursday, September 2, 2010

Our meeting began with a devotion and prayer led by our speaker, The Rev. Orval Cullen. Psalm 46 was a favorite of Martin Luther and is his as well. He read these excerpts:

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
... Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*



*Left to right, Vice President David Berg,
President Bob Sargeant, and
Guest Speaker Orv Cullen.*

He spoke of the great turmoil in our world and the sin which causes us great pain. How we manage that pain is key and the Lord has told us He (God) is our refuge. The next time the power goes out or snow shuts down the city, remember the words: Be still and know that I am God. He related an experience in a boat on a lake in Wisconsin in a storm where this gave him great comfort.

Announcements

First time attendees recognized included Jim Schaefer, Russell and Vivian Hill.

Birthdays celebrated included: Stanley Leizear, 2 Sep; Janet Smith, 13 Sep; Jim Schaefer, 20 Sep and **Anniversaries:** the Wegeners 4 Sep and Orv Cullen 24 Sep.

Bob Sargeant asked everyone to review the directory to ensure their information is correct. He noted that the Fellowship Square is celebrating its 50th Anniversary and will have a banquet on November 14, which will cost \$50. He asked everyone to consider supporting Fellowship Square through LLF by donation, by sponsoring a table at the banquet for \$400, or hosting it by getting 7 others to pay to attend and sit at that table, or by participating in a raffle for a timeshare week at \$5 a ticket.

Rodney Smith described the Kicks for Christ Soccer Camp for underprivileged children held in August. He described the soccer experience in the mornings at the Franconia Baptist Church fields and the lunch and afternoon activities at St. John's Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Over 30 children learned some soccer, some for the first time, and also heard the Gospel presented and reinforced during the day. They also

received a soccer ball, shin guards, socks, shirt, water bottle and a Fellowship of Christian Athletes New Testament which also includes testimonials from many athletes on their walk with Christ.

Ellie Wegener: reiterated that she is still taking LLF memberships and that the Capitol Hill Career Support Group is still available though not meeting in August.

“Our Story and Yours: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Our Members”

**The Rev. Orval H. Cullen, Financial Associate
Mid-Atlantic Region, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**

The Rev. Orval H. Cullen has over 35 years of serving the church, both as an ordained Lutheran pastor and for the past 20 years as a Financial Representative with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. He “burned out” on the ministry and went to work with Thrivent where he can still help people altruistically but control his own time and agenda. Orv's deep passion for the church and for helping members of the church live joyful, generous lives is what drives his work. Orv gave a presentation entitled, *“Our Story and Yours: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Our Members.”* The presentation focused on helping the attendees understand how as a faith-based, not-for-profit membership organization, Thrivent Financial continues to serve the needs of its members, the church and the community while also being one of the strongest financial services organizations in the country.

He asked if anyone knew of any organization or individuals who had received Thrivent fraternal support and to relate those incidences. Fraternal dollars come from the money that Thrivent doesn't have to pay in taxes on profits and go back to the community. It is not a charity but a fraternal organization. It does have some wholly-owned subsidiaries and is the largest corporate sponsor for Habitat for Humanity. Its members own the company and the company is very strong, even during the recent downturn. Thrivent is rated in the top eight of companies ensuring that they can keep their financial promises. Thrivent has no debt since it does not borrow.

As the country's largest fraternal benefit society, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans does much more than offer financial services. It offers programs and outreach opportunities where members can connect with each other, learn new things, and help their communities and congregations. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans supports two foundations that address a variety of needs and serve charitable purposes that support individuals, organizations and communities: 1) The [Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation](#) is focused on the health and vitality of three key communities. The Foundation provides philanthropic support to Lutheran non-profit organizations. Corporate community grants provide financial support to non-profit organizations in the Fox Cities of Wisconsin and the Twin Cities of Minnesota that address the changing needs of our communities, with a particular focus on economic self-sufficiency. 2) The [Lutheran Community Foundation](#) provides charitable products and solutions to individuals, families and organizations, and supports the community through grants and initiatives.

Their volunteering programs add to the impact members make when they come together to help others. As a membership organization, it is focused on meeting members' financial needs, as well as helping them improve the quality of life in their communities and around the world. The volunteering programs provide financial assistance and resources to Thrivent Financial members who come together to help individuals and communities.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a faith-based, not-for-profit financial services organization with approximately 2.6 million members. For more information, see <http://www.thrivent.com>

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney Smith



Left to right, Vice President David Berg, President Bob Sargeant, Mrs. Lola Boehm and Pastor Bernie Boehm.

A SAD GOOD-BYE

At the conclusion of our meeting, Pastor Berg and the entire LLF Fellowship recognized Pastor Bernie and Lola Boehm who, after 25 years in the Washington area are returning to Ohio. They will reside in Columbus, not far from their two daughters. They have been a blessing to us. We wish them well.

WHAT IS THE LUTHERAN LAY FELLOWSHIP?

“As early as 1936, feeling there was a definite need for closer cooperation between Lutheran laity and clergy, a group of laymen in the Washington, DC. Metropolitan area, organized to hold meetings that would bring pastors and laity closer together. Due to jurisdictional differences as well as ministerial difficulties, very little success was achieved until the fall of 1941. Then the group met and decided to hold a luncheon once a month, invite their friends and bring visitors. The first luncheon was a success, and within three months every Lutheran judicatory was represented...” [From a **Lutheran Directory of Metropolitan Washington, DC**, published in 1999.]

Today, more than 70 years later, the Lutheran Lay Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington takes pride in knowing that every night, 365 nights each year, more than 700 low income seniors and disabled persons live in safety and friendship in four high rises owned and managed by Fellowship Square Foundation, Inc. By means of annual scholarships and grants, LLF also supports various college and seminary students; it also provides ushering services for major inter-Lutheran events. But most of all, LLF is known far and wide as a place to hear stimulating speakers on timely topics and to make friends from other Lutheran congregations—friendships that last for decades!

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