

LUTHERAN LAY FELLOWSHIP OF  
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, INC.

**Thursday, November 4, 2010—12:00 noon**

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

***“Generation to Generation”***

**The Rev. Elizabeth A. Platz  
Chaplain, Lutheran Campus Ministry  
University of Maryland at College Park**

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Platz is first Lutheran woman to be ordained in the Western hemisphere. After graduating from Chatham College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, this Pittsburgh native was ordained on November 22, 1970 by the Rev. Dr. Paul M. Orso of the Maryland Synod, Lutheran Church in America at a special service at the Chapel at the University of Maryland.

Forty years later, Pastor Platz continues to serve as campus pastor and has made her mark in a large variety of ways on the University's campus, in the Metropolitan Washington DC Synod and especially in the areas of worship and higher education in the church at large.

Pastor Platz has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors. In 1984, she was honored by her Lutheran Campus Ministry colleagues with the NLCM Distinguished Service Award. In 1990 she was the first recipient of the Samuel Simon Schmucker Award, given by the Board of Directors to a member of the clergy for distinguished service to church and community. In 1995 she was named Distinguished Alumna of the Seminary. She was honored as the UMCP Outstanding Woman of the Year for 1995 for her work with the CARing Project, the Center for Young Children and the Emergency Loan Fund. In 1998, she was made an honorary Brother of Alpha Phi Omega. Epsilon Mu Chapter for her work with the CARing Project. She was elected to ODK in 2000. In 2005 she received the Hess-Pearson Award from Campus Ministry for her service to the Lutheran Student Movement.

We are pleased that on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination, Pastor Platz will be with us to speak on the topic of *“Generation to Generation.”*

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](mailto:luncheon@lutheranlayfellowship.org) or by contacting **Vicki Porter at 301-229-9884** no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 2**. The cost of the meal is \$9.00, payable at the door.

### **Upcoming Speakers**

- 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
- February 3    Deacon Katherine Miller-Holland, Director, Church and Community Ministries, LSS / NCA

### **LLF Luncheon Minutes Thursday, October 7, 2010**

Our meeting began with a devotion and prayer led by Frank McGovern. The devotion was based on one of his favorite psalms: Psalm 133:1: "*Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!*"

It stressed unity in church and family; oneness in Christ Jesus; closer the better. Christian unity is good for everyone including those on the outside. Such a church is a well of goodness for all about.

### **Announcements**

First time attendees recognized included Pastor Sylvia from Namibia.

Birthdays celebrated included: Phyllis Percy, 4 Oct; John Priebe, 11 Oct; Pastor David Berg, 25 Oct.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Herndon is hosting the Fellowship Square 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for a banquet in November, which will cost \$50.

Katy Miller-Holland, Lutheran Social Services/National Capital Region (LSS/NCA), extended an invitation to sponsor refugee walkers in the Walk for the Homeless since most of them cannot afford the registration fee.

Ruth Manchester invited everyone to participate in the Compassion Walks, a tour of LSS/NCA's mission, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month at their Northern Virginia office, 7401 Leesburg

Pike, Falls Church, VA. RSVP by noon Monday prior to the date to Summer Parish, ParrishS@lssnca.org , 703-698-5026 x 138.

Dan Bella: Ushers needed for Reformation Day at the National Cathedral starting at 3:15PM.

Presentation: "More than a Century of Caring for Seniors", Mr. Frank McGovern, Executive Director, The National Lutheran Home and Village, Rockville, MD and The Village at Orchard Ridge, Winchester, VA:

The National Lutheran Home and Village (NLHV) at Rockville <http://www.nlhv.org> is committed to providing excellent health care and quality of life for people 62 and older. Situated on a 30-acre wooded campus in Rockville, NLHV offers rehab, respite, residential living and skilled nursing care.

Open to residents of all faiths, NLHV offers a tradition of caring rooted in a century of ministry serving Washington, D.C., and Maryland communities. Soon to serve Virginia is NLHV's sister ministry The Village at Orchard Ridge, located in 132-acres in Winchester, Va. The Village at Orchard Ridge will be a Continuing Care Retirement Community with residential apartments, cottages and short- and long-term health care and assisted living. He was joined by Courtney Malengo, Community Relations Marketing Specialist.



Photo, left to right: Courtney R. Malengo, NLHV Marketing Specialist; Frank McGovern, NLHV Executive Director; Bob Sargeant, LLF President

He showed a video of what the Village at Orchard Ridge in Virginia will look like. The Rockville campus is undergoing a reinvention plan to focus more on keeping residents at the center of care and serving more seniors with their mission while making it much more homelike. Currently the facility has 300 beds mostly in private rooms but they are looking to provide more services to independent living to bridge the gap between independent living and skilled nursing care costs. Skilled nursing beds will decrease to 94, while 50 units of assisted living will be introduced as part of the plan, including some dedicated to Memory Care. All units will feature country style kitchens and all private suites. Also as part of the renovations the rehab wing will expand to 66 private suites with a new state-of-the-art Physical Therapy Gym. Currently NLHV provides more than \$3.2 million dollars in benevolent care to those who cannot afford the entire cost of care. As Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) is introduced, they will be able to expand care into the homes of their independent living community and then beyond in the homes of people in the greater community. NLHV wants to provide seniors with choice,

independence and quality health care, coupled with ability to preserve assets by featuring fee-for-service options.

Rockville renovations are slated to start in January 2011 and take approximately three and a half years.

Courtney mentioned the packet of information available along with hand sanitizer bottles with contact information and that they are **offering flu shots for seniors 60+ for \$1.20** donation in honor of their 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Medicare will be accepted.

**Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> (9AM-1PM) and Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> (Noon-4PM) at NLHV, 9701 Veirs Drive, Rockville, MD 20850. Questions? Call Courtney Malengo at 301-354-8446**

### **Volunteers Wanted:**

The Volunteer Program at NLHV offers adults and students, families and groups the opportunity to serve in and around the Home. Our Volunteer Program strives to recruit individuals who desire to serve seniors and provide an enriching and valuable experience. If you have a flexible schedule, there is a volunteer opportunity for you! If you have a group who is interested in serving, whether hosting our Friday movie night or providing entertainment, contact Volunteer Manager Felicia Brown at 301-424-9560 ext. 17600 or email [volunteers@nlhv.org](mailto:volunteers@nlhv.org)

Admissions Inquiries/Tours: Deidra Robinson or Katie Lopez, 301-354-4600  
Independent Living Program Info/Tours: Tracy DeMattos, 301-354-8444



**Fellowship Square**  
Foundation, Inc.

## **Anniversary Celebration**

A celebration of the 50th anniversary of Fellowship Square Foundation will kick-off with a festive gathering on Sunday, November 14 at 5:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Herndon.

Tickets for the dinner will be \$50. Fellowship Square Foundation is a Lutheran ministry that provides housing for low income seniors and the disabled. An opportunity during the year-long anniversary celebration is raising \$50,000 for the caring fund, which will provide for residence services, the chaplain and community outreach. Sponsorship of a resident or staff member to attend the dinner is welcome. Find information and donation details at

<http://www.fellowshipsquare.org>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rodney Smith

## 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!

Won't you join us?