

LUTHERAN LAY FELLOWSHIP OF
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, INC.

Thursday, February 3, 2011—12:00 noon

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

***"Counting Blessings:
The Lutheran Asset Mapping Project--LAMP"***

**Deacon Katherine Miller-Holland
Director, Church and Community Ministries
Lutheran Social Services, NCA**

Through grants from the Community Foundation of Greater Washington, and several area Thrivent chapters, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area is bringing together 8 other Lutheran non-profits and a variety of congregationally-based programs to create an interactive data base of information about the many resources that the Lutheran community provides to care for people in need. This growing network of social ministries hopes to shed light on the many ways Lutherans care for their neighbors, and strengthen and multiply these resources to meet growing needs.

Deacon Kati Miller-Holland is the Director of Church and Community Ministries for Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area, where she has been under a synodical call to specialized ministry since 2004. She oversees several programs for LSS, including Youth Haven camp programs for children and youth affected by HIV/AIDS, Disaster Preparedness and Response, and the cooperative project "LAMP" for which she will speak at this gathering. Kati and her husband Bob Holland are members of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Burtonsville, Maryland.

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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 their RSVP to luncheon@lutheranlayfellowship.org by contacting **Vicki Porter at 301-229-9884** or no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 1**. The cost of the meal is \$9.00, payable at the door.

Upcoming Speakers

March 3 The Rev. George E. Handley (retired), Former Director of United Lutheran Giving and Secretary of the Virginia Synod, ELCA

LUTHERAN LAY FELLOWSHIP MEETING MINUTES January 6, 2011

Devotions: Our meeting began with devotion and prayer led by our speaker, Pastor Eric Shafer. The devotion was based on Isaiah 60:1-6 , Psalm 72, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12. He spoke about the traditions of Epiphany and the Slaughter of the Innocents

Announcements: January 2011 birthdays celebrated were Betty Frederick, 8th ; Betty Shanklin, 16th; Rodney Smith, 22nd

President Robert Sargeant made the following announcements: encouraged everyone to check the new matches for Thrivent and to renew their membership. He noted that collection for **winter boxes** will be moved to the next meeting. 1-2 BPA free microwavable dishes, 1 reusable shopping bag, 1 small/medium sized BPA free reusable water bottle, box of healthy snack bars, antibacterial hand soap and sanitizer. Gift cards, especially for Rite Aid and CVS are also welcome. It's not too late, wrap a colorful bow around the box and bring your donations to the LLF February meeting. See flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Dave Lambert introduced **Barry Lemley** of Christ Lutheran, a first-time visitor.

Ellie Wegener thanked everyone for their support and kind remembrances on her husband's passing and the memorial gifts.

Sarge clarified that the online option will not be available to renew their membership this year. Forms were made available in last month's newsletter and at this meeting. Membership forms are also attached to this newsletter.

Presentation:

Odyssey Networks
The Rev. Eric C. Shafer, Senior Vice President for Philanthropy
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Odyssey Networks is the nation's largest multi-faith coalition dedicated to promoting tolerance, peace and social justice through the production and distribution of media. Odyssey's membership includes over 60 faith groups and organizations. Odyssey Networks is a service of the National Interfaith Cable Coalition, Inc., established in 1987. They seek to build bridges of understanding between people of faith through media.

They see religion and spirituality as a bridge by telling stories of faith in action and focusing on what they have in common. Bring the positive aspects of religion and faith. He mentioned many occasions when he met with leaders of other faiths. He works at the Interchurch Center in Manhattan, affectionately known as the "God Box," which is located at 120th & Claremont. They provide awards to secular TV that address significant issues to encourage them to continue.

In 1987 they began an interfaith cable channel first called VISN and combined with Hallmark for a while until 7 years ago when Hallmark wanted them to leave so they agreed based on reimbursement from Hallmark. They are now an interfaith programming group including Hindu and Baha'i. Hallmark still pays for their films to show on their channel. They are doing a film for Oprah on her new network. They have an interfaith app for smartphones, callonfaith.com. They look for a big story in the media involving religion and look at the other side. Most of their growth has been in faith related groups. He would like to get all of the inter-Lutheran agencies, like Lutheran World Relief, to join. They let others use their videos for their purposes. They need to develop a fund-raising effort to replace the Hallmark funding.

You can sign up on their website for Daybook which comes out 5 days a week and announces what is being broadcast on media. Membership in Odyssey Networks is open to:

- **FAITH GROUPS** representing various institutional faith traditions in the United States, which are incorporated or are qualified for incorporation as a not-for-profit body.
- **ORGANIZATIONS** whose primary purpose is religious, and who are related to institutional faith traditions in the United States.
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 1. Is committed to the mission and goals of Odyssey Networks
 2. Is an active member of a U.S. faith group
 3. Spends a major portion of their time in faith-related media work
 4. Is endorsed by a current Odyssey Networks member

You can make a donation to Odyssey on their website, odysseynetworks.org , or by sending a check or money order to Odyssey Networks at 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 530, New York, New York 10115.

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney Smith



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- I am a current member of LLF
- I am a former member of LLF and plan to renew my membership
- I am a visitor today and wish to join LLF

- Opt-out of E-mail Newsletters
- Opt-in of hardcopy Newsletters (*dues-paying members only*)

Today's Date

Full Name

Name to appear on nametag

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

E-mail Address or write "NONE" if you do not have an E-mail address

Name of your church

City, State, Zip of your church

Please return this form to LLF Treasurer, 5600 Inwood Street, Cheverly, MD 20785

Membership Options

- Volunteer to be an usher for the Reformation Service on the last Sunday in October.
- \$25 yearly dues for myself.
- \$25 additional yearly dues for my spouse.

Spouse's name, if applicable

Spouse's E-mail Address or write "NONE"

- _____ Tax-deductible Donation to the Fellowship Square Foundation Fund
- _____ Tax-deductible Donation to the Scholarship Fund
- _____ Tax-deductible Donation to the Wegener Chaplaincy Fund
- _____ Tax-deductible Donation to the LLF (*in addition to Membership Dues*)

Payment Options

- I will pay at this meeting
- I will pay at the next meeting
- I will mail my check to the Treasurer
- Bill me with PayPal so I can pay by Credit Card (*option not available yet*)

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The Day of Epiphany, January 6, 2011

Lutheran Lay Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington

Prayer:

Father, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Give the king thy justice,
O God, and thy righteousness to the royal son!
May he judge thy people with righteousness,
and thy poor with justice!

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

In his days may righteousness flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation. Which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

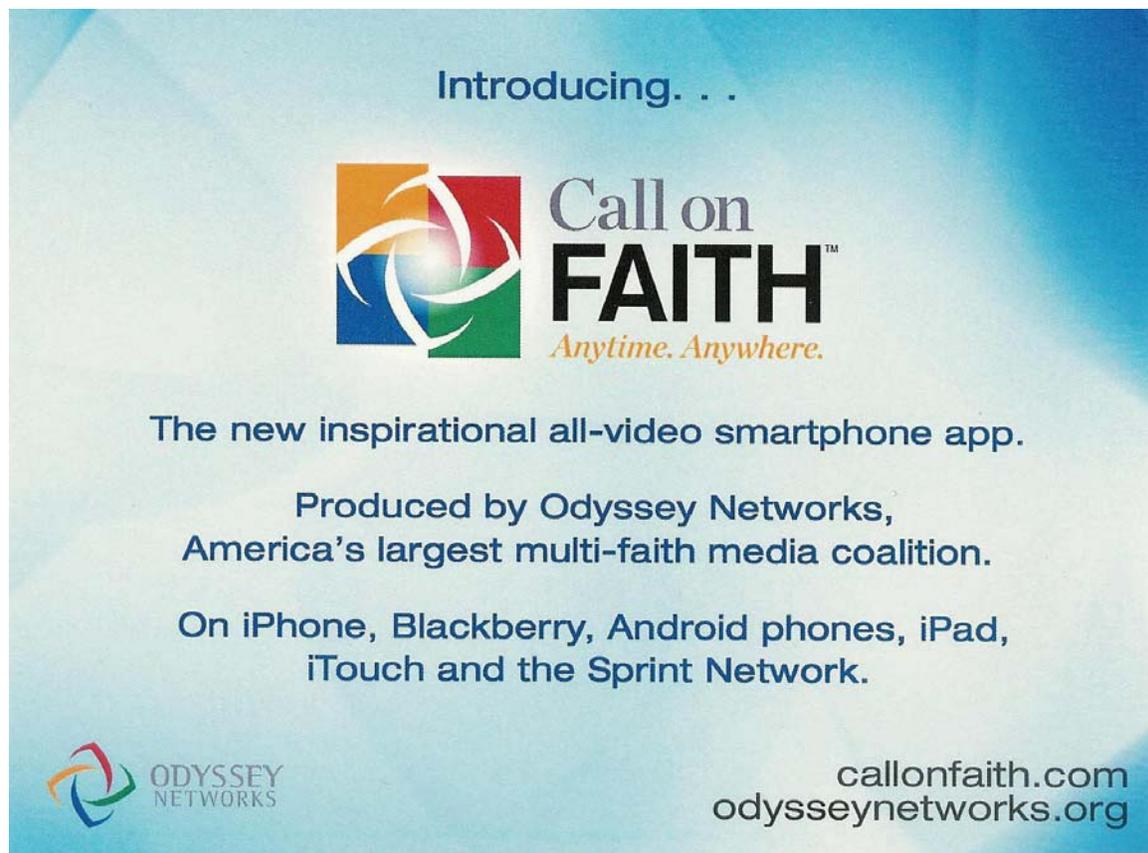
Gospel Reading - Matthew 2:1-12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler, who will govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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If you would prefer to send a check and have someone else shop, please send it to Fellowship Square and write on the memo line "Winter Boxes".

Please enclose the following items in a plastic shoe box size box with a lid. The water bottle can be tied onto the box with a festive bow. Please bring to the next LLF meeting or contact the Fellowship Square office at 703-471-5370.

1-2 BPA free microwavable dishes

1 reusable shopping bag

1 small/medium sized BPA free reusable water bottle

Box of healthy snack bars

Antibacterial hand soap

Antibacterial hand sanitizer

Grocery Card or Pharmacy Card

Safeway, Giant, Rite-Aid and CVS are preferred.

Thank you making a difference in the life of a low income elderly or disabled person.

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