

Reformation Service

An annual celebration sponsored by the ELCA Metro D.C. Synod

Sunday, October 30
4:00 p.m.
at Lutheran Church
of the Reformation
on Capitol Hill

DIRECTIONS to Lutheran Church of the Reformation (212 E. Capitol St., 20003) can be found from www.reformationdc.org.

HANDICAP PARKING spots only behind building; street parking available.

METRO ACCESS from Capitol South (closest) and Union Station

OFFERING designated for National Cathedral repair work after earthquake.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS provided after worship service.



**LUNCHEON MEETING
October 6, 2011**

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

**Deborah Rutt
Vice President for Fund Development
LCMS National Housing Support Corporation
"Mission Fields outside Our Doors;
Loving Our Neighbors as Ourselves:
The Work of Lutheran Housing Support"**



For the last 15 years Deborah Rutt has been in the development business. For the last 4 years she has served as Vice President for Fund Development for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's National Housing Support Corporation. For 7½ years prior to that, she was the Assistant Vice President for Advancement at Concordia Theological Seminary in

Fort Wayne, IN, where she helped to grow the revenues of the seminary significantly and created a strategic plan that is in place to this day. In that capacity, she designed and implemented a one-hour asking event for the seminary that proved to be highly effective. In that event lasting one hour, over \$250,000 was raised. She also has held other development positions. Deborah has brought the donor base of LCMS National Housing Support Corporation from two to over 2500 donors in less than three years.

Deborah has voluntarily consulted with many non-profits, churches and schools to help them develop strong, viable fund development programs.

Deborah is married to Rev. Dr. Douglas Rutt. They have five married children and eight grandsons. She and her husband, along with their children, served for eight years as missionaries in Guatemala.

Announcements:

Nicole Ridley and Deborah Rutt, LCMS National Housing Support Corporations, were the first time attendees.

The birthdays celebrated were John Priebe, October 11th and David Berg, October 25th;

The devotion was led by Rev. Larry Schmidt and he spoke about St. Francis of Assisi and his blessing of the animals and how the whole world was a home for everyone including animals. This Sunday the 23rd Psalm will be emphasized in the church services. He spoke about a funeral service he held which focused on the deceased providing a wonderful home for her children in 29 different locations since they were a military family. The couple who had been married for 70 years had a favorite poem titled "This Day" by Anita Cushing which he shared and the original faded soiled copy that they had carried all those years was buried with her. "This is our Father's House" hymn was read as well.

Sarge announced that several members have accepted positions for the next year including a new position called Member Care. The board has approved going to a PayPal system for dues as well as luncheon reservations. He offered hard copies of the membership directory. In the future leftover food may be taken home and contributions will be welcomed. It was agreed to put out the reminder of the upcoming meeting at least a week in advance.

Faye Coddling spoke about the Wegener Chaplaincy Fund appeal and everyone should have received a letter offering the opportunity to support it along with a new brochure. She thanked the LLF for their past support.

Bonnie Priebe noted that the Folger Shakespeare Library has a special exposition on the King James Bible going through January 15th, 2012 entitled "Manifold Greatness-The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible.

Presentation:

"Mission Fields outside Our Doors; Loving Our Neighbors as Ourselves: The Work of Lutheran Housing Support" Deborah Rutt, Vice President for Fund Development, LCMS National Housing Support Corporation,
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Our Mission: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod National Housing Support Corporation is dedicated to providing support that promotes improvement of economic conditions, housing and other services to revitalize and prevent deteriorated communities.

Our Vision: Neighborhoods close to our altars are restored and revitalized by our members' faith active in love.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has been involved in community revitalization and homeownership for persons of modest means for more than 30 years. Lutheran Housing Support is a ministry of the LCMS which was founded by LCMS World Relief and Human Care as the housing and community revitalization arm of our church. Lutheran Housing Support is an incorporated nonreligious, nonprofit organization, whose primary focus is to help revitalize communities, strengthen churches and provide families with homeownership opportunities.

Many times congregations look out over the blighted, destroyed neighborhoods surrounding their churches and search for ways to help those they see in need. They want their neighborhoods to be vibrant, inviting, safe places once again but don't know where to begin or how to reach out and share the love of Christ with those who live close to the altars of their churches.

This is where Lutheran Housing Support can step in to help by sharing successful revitalization models such as the highly successful Nehemiah plan.

Finally, someone is giving us hope - someone who has the resources and expertise. This was a forgotten neighborhood. I welcome that someone is giving us residents a hand.

-Carmen Gamble, College Hill Resident

In an effort to achieve its primary goals, Lutheran Housing Support works with LCMS partners such as congregations, districts and Recognized Service Organizations that would like to be or are already engaged in community and economic development activities.

Activities are not consistent from community to community and are determined by each partner by what is relevant to the needs of its respective community. The community and economic development activities may include but may not be limited to:

- Assist congregations in gaining the technical expertise they lack
- Financial support through grants, etc.

- Community organizing
- Financial literacy education
- Homeownership education and counseling
- Housing development and rehabilitation
- Economic development
- Housing relief for disaster stricken areas

Loving our neighbor has been part of our Lutheran heritage since the time of Martin Luther.

Dr. Luther once wrote: “A person does not live for himself alone in this mortal body, as if to work for it alone; he lives for all men on earth; in fact, he lives solely for others and not for himself.”

This heritage blossomed way back in 1864 when Rev. J. F. Buegner encouraged his congregation in St. Louis, Mo., to open our first orphanage. Since then, the LCMS has been involved in housing and mercy work on many levels.

In the last 40 years our church has expanded its housing and community revitalization work through projects like Keys for Christ initiative in 1969 and the East Brooklyn Nehemiah housing and neighborhood revitalization project that was started in the 1980s with a \$1 million loan from LCMS which after repayment in the 1990s was set aside to fund a permanent low income housing loan pool. The East Brooklyn Nehemiah Project continues to change neighborhoods today.

I am overwhelmed when it comes to speaking about being here and living in a Nehemiah home and just the blessing it has been. ... What a different life it can bring to you when you are in your own home and everyone is focused. Finally, thank God, our own home!

-Termaine Pelzer, East Brooklyn Resident

The city of Chicago also followed this model in the Ezra Project where 88 homes have been built.

In 2006 the LCMS set out to make the issue of affordable homeownership for persons of modest means and the revitalization of blighted neighborhoods a priority by creating The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod National Housing Support Corporation, which functions under the registered trademark of Lutheran Housing Support www.lcms.org/lhs. As a non religious organization it can qualify for funds from many sources that it can leverage for its mission.

We exist to help our churches to take their place as center and soul of a community and carry out ministry to the whole person, body and soul and to change shattered communities into neighborhoods with homeowners who help and care for each other.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney Smith

Recovering neighborhoods . . . Transforming lives!



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**Mission Fields Outside Our Doors
Loving Our Neighbor As Ourselves**

Presented by: Deborah Rutt
Vice President for Fund Development

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Mission

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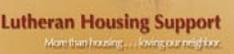



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Vision

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History

- LCMS has been in housing ministry for over 40 years
- 1982 Nehemiah Plan - \$1,000,000 loan from LCMS to the first New York Nehemiah Project
- 1990's - \$1,000,000 loan returned to LCMS; \$1,000,000 "profit" set aside by LCMS Board of Directors to fund a permanent Low-Incoming Housing Loan Pool
- LCMS National Housing Support Corporation founded in 2006




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Who is Lutheran Housing Support?

A non-religious 501c3 charity created by the Board of Directors of Synod to address the housing and community revitalization needs of the church at large




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Ways we Assist

Lutheran Housing Support provides assistance to our LCMS partners who have a desire to work with their communities to bring their neighborhoods back to life by sharing the love of Christ;

Support includes:

- Assist congregations in gaining the technical expertise they lack.
- Financial Support through grants, loans as well as help to identify additional private and public funding sources
- Training
- Access to information & Resources



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Some of our Successes

- Spring Creek Nehemiah, New York City
- Ezra Housing Project (Nehemiah), Chicago
- College Hill Neighborhood, St. Louis
- Elderly housing rehabilitation in Fort Wayne IN and St. Louis MO.



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Nehemiah Spring Creek homes in Process.



The finished product at Nehemiah, Spring Creek



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Ezra Project



And they fit on the more generous Chicago 30 foot lots!



Home ownership increased 40-60% in block after block!



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College Hill, St. Louis MO



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Monthly Social Security Check:	\$1041.00
Doctors & medicine:	-\$438.76
Groceries:	-\$167.03
Rent:	-\$200.00
Utilities:	-\$216.54

	\$18.67

Where else can I go?



To Change People's Future

"I am overwhelmed when it comes to speaking about being here and living in a Nehemiah home and just the blessings it has been. To see people that I grew up with that are here, and the people I have grown up with who are not here. They can either be incarcerated or deceased. What a different life it can bring to you when you are in your own home and everyone is focused. Finally, thank God, our own home!"

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To Better Peoples Lives on Earth

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To Keep the Gospel in Neighborhoods

"We want to stay here because it is important to us that there be a place in this neighborhood to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Teri Rose
Member of St. Paul Lutheran Church
College Hill Neighborhood



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Thank You!



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75th Anniversary of Baltimore's Martin Luther Statue

**Join us for a Prayer Service and Re-Dedication Ceremony
with special guest, Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**



**Saturday, October 29, 2011
3:00 p.m.
Montebello Lake Park
33rd and Hillen Road
Baltimore, MD**

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