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DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR 'SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD' YOUTH PROGRAM

You are invited to apply for a three week program from June 14 to July 6, 2008. This is a journey that includes time in Chicago, Mexico City, and Texas. Our seminary faculty and students [at [LSTC](#)], our hosts in The Lutheran Center, Mexico City and our host at The Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest are very excited about our time together. We are planning lots of time to learn, experience and just have fun!

What do you need to do? The application process is simple. It includes a two page application, an essay, two recommendations, and an academic form. The application deadline is **February 20, 2008**. Download: [Cover Letter & Application](#) or visit www.css-elca.org/Youth.html.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY AT KU TRIVIA NIGHT

HOW MANY TIMES HAS KU PLAYED IN THE ORANGE BOWL? ... OUT OF EVERY 400 YEARS, HOW MANY ARE LEAP YEARS? ... WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE WHO MAKE FUN OF A BALD GUY?

If your mind is full of random information just waiting to get out, here's your chance to put it to good use. Attend the fourth annual **Lutheran Campus Ministry Trivia Night**. Join us for this fun filled evening of excitement, entertainment, prizes, and yes, trivia at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1700 Westport Rd., Kansas City, Mo. on February 29, 2008. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the contest starts at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$160 per team (of up to eight players). Soda and snacks are provided. Heartier food will be available for purchase. Teams are welcome to bring their own food, snacks, beverages, and table decorations. Call 785-843-4948, or email lutherans@ku.edu by **February 23** to reserve your table.

REGISTER FOR CAMP TOMAH SHINGA TODAY

Summer Camp at Tomah Shinga is going to ROCK! You'll see lots of the same activities and challenges, mixed with some fresh faces and tons of new adventures! You won't want to miss this. The camp is filled with faith, fun, friends and adventures! The programs are designed specifically for different age groups - 1st-3rd, 4th-6th, 6th-8th and senior high.

[2008 Schedule](#) — [Get Registered TODAY!](#)

Questions? E-mail Tammie or call her toll free at 1-888-656-6254.

'GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. MAKING ALL THINGS NEW!'

The 21st Annual Assembly of the Central States Synod. Go to www.css-elca.org/assembly2008.html for information and online registration.

'MISSIONAL MINISTRY: FROM DRY BONES TO LIFE-GIVING BREATH; FROM THEORY TOWARDS ACTION'

APRIL 23-24, 2008 — HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, OVERLAND PARK, KAN.

This event will give everyone the tools for participating in God's mission in their daily lives. For more information and to register online, go to <http://css-elca.org/MissionalAction.html>.

5TH ANNUAL 'CHURCHES STARTING CHURCHES' CONFERENCE

APRIL 13-15, 2008 — DESERT CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE, ARIZONA

This conference is sponsored by Desert Cross Lutheran Church and the ELCA's Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission. More information: www.DesertCross.org. Download

'STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION'

Formerly *Making Christ Known* is posted on the Web along with downloadable bulletin inserts and crossword puzzles. Go to: <http://www.elca.org/stewardship/interpreting.html>.

DRAFT OF PROPOSED ELCA SOCIAL STATEMENT ON SEXUALITY AVAILABLE MARCH 13

FROM ELCA NEWS SERVICE

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- The draft of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) proposed social statement on human sexuality will be available March 13. The Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality met here Jan. 25-26 to complete its work on the draft and give final instructions to its writing team.

The task force received a final report on responses for "Free in Christ to Serve the Neighbor: Lutherans Talk about Human Sexuality" -- part three of the "Journey Together Faithfully" study materials for members of the ELCA -- and the group spent eight sessions reviewing draft material of the social statement in closed, off-the-record sessions.

The draft of the proposed social statement on human sexuality will be posted at <http://www.ELCA.org/faithfuljourney> and sent to clergy and other professional leaders of the ELCA.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS

BY SANDY VAN TUYL, SYNOD STATISTICIAN

To those of you who have filed - thank you very much! Just a reminder to the rest of you of the Feb. 15 deadline. Take a snowy day (of which we have had many) and file them. You can go online to file at <http://www.elca.org/ScriptLib/OS/FormAC/facLogin.asp> it's a simple process. If you need help or have questions please contact me at svantuyl@css-elca.org. The data in these reports is important to the Churchwide offices and they are also the information used to compile annual directory, so time is of the essence! One pastor of three congregations said it was a snap — now I need to hear from more individual congregations. Thanks for your help!

'OPEN TO THE FUTURE'

LUTHERAN SERVICES IN AMERICA PRESENTS THE 2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 23-25 — St. Louis, Mo. — Adam's Mark Hotel

[Learn More about LSA Conference!](#) [Download Brochure - 1.5 mb pdf](#)

CHURCH RESOURCE CENTER SUBSCRIPTION

The Church Resource Center are due so please check our web site to get the form — churchresourcecenter.org. Please pass this information on to whoever is charge of your education, stewardship, and outreach programs, or other special ministry. The Resource Center has a wealth of resources to assist your congregational ministries.

JOURNEY TO WELLNESS

As you may know, the Board of Pensions is currently offering a 2% discount on 2008 health plan contributions to ELCA organizations and employers within a synod. This discount only kicks in, however, after at least 75% of ELCA-primary health plan member employees and spouses in that organization or synod take the Mayo Clinic Health Risk Assessment (HRA). Because the discount applies starting the month AFTER the synod or organization reaches the 75% goal, the earlier you reach 75%, the more money you'll save in 2008. Visit www.elcaforwellness.org today!

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