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2010 BSA National Jamboree Chaplains Appointed

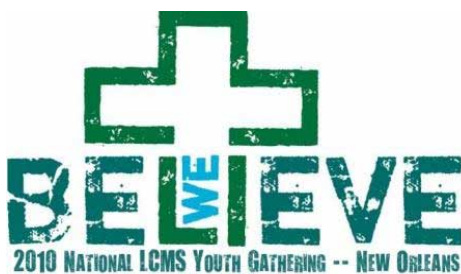
Charles Dahlquist, chief of chaplains for the 2010 BSA National Jamboree, and Pastor Sherman Martell, Headquarters Lutheran chaplain for the Jamboree, have announced the Lutheran chaplains for the Jamboree. They are the following: Pastor Christian Anderson, Anacortes, Wash.; Pastor Robert Argot, Bernville, Pa.; Pastor Joseph Eckman, Rushville, Ill.; Pastor Robert Lewis, Bethesda, Md.; Pastor Sherman Martell, West Allis, Wis.; Pastor Richard Schneider, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Pastor Wendell Stavig, Omaha, Neb.; Pastor Gene Stuckey, Greenberg, Pa.; and Mike Murschel, Elgin, Ill.

These chaplains are tentatively assigned as follows: four in the Central Region, three in the Northeast Region, one in the Western Region, one as Headquarters/Central Region coordinator and one on the top of the waiting list.

Keep these individuals and the Lutheran Relationship Booth team in your prayers, as our Lutheran Jamboree Team makes its plans for worship and serving the staff and participants at the 2010 Jamboree.

There will be two all-camp Lutheran worship services at the Jamboree. On Sunday, July 25, at 9 a.m. across from the Heth/Jamboree Headquarters is a worship service for staff. On Sunday, Aug. 1, at 9 a.m. is the Jamboree

Lutheran worship service featuring the group Lost and Found (who have been at both the LCMS and ELCA National Youth Gatherings). This service also will be across from the Heth/Jamboree Headquarters.



Next summer New Orleans will once again be a destination for Lutheran youth and NLAS. The 2010 LCMS National Youth Gathering will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center July 17- 21.

For more than 30 years the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has demonstrated its care and affirmation of young people

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Davey and Goliath to Visit 2010 BSA Jamboree!



Davey and Goliath, admired characters from the 1960s animated children's Christian television series, will be part of the 2010 Lutheran Scouting Jamboree team. Each 15-minute episode featured the adventures of Davey Hansen and his "talking" dog Goliath as they learned the love of God through everyday occurrences. These claymation characters were produced by Art and Ruth Clokey, creators of the Gumby and Pokey television series. The programs, originally made for the Lutheran Church in America, are now property of the ELCA.

DHS Secretary Napolitano and GSUSA Announce New Preparedness Patch

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano and Girl Scouts of the USA CEO Kathy Cloninger unveiled a Girl Scout preparedness patch—designed to engage Girl Scouts and their families in personal preparedness for all emergencies—and announced a new affiliation between DHS Citizen Corps and the Girl Scouts to advance community preparedness nationwide.

“This new preparedness patch will increase citizen preparedness and enhance our country’s readiness for disasters,” said Secretary Napolitano. “As a former Girl Scout, I know the ‘Be Prepared’ motto well—and I look forward to working with the Girl Scouts to spread the preparedness message to all of our nation’s citizens.”

“Girl Scouts are thrilled to be partnering with the Department of



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Homeland Security to encourage girls to learn what to do in case of emergency,” said Kathy Cloninger. “Citizen Corps is a terrific program—one that provides an opportunity for our girls to lead the way in ensuring that their families and their communities are prepared for emergencies.”

The preparedness patch program, developed by the Girl Scout Council

of the Nation’s Capital and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, provides critical emergency preparedness information and activities for all levels of Girl Scouts. The steps and activities required to receive the patch include identifying and preparing for potential emergencies; learning about local alerts and warning systems; and engaging in community service.

In addition to collaborating on the new patch, Napolitano and Cloninger also signed an agreement formalizing an affiliation between Citizen Corps and the Girl Scouts that creates a partnership to motivate young women to become community leaders in emergency management and response fields and raises public awareness about personal preparedness, training and community service opportunities.

—Girl Scouts of the USA

Lutheran Award for Units

Has your unit qualified this year for the Lutheran Recognition of Excellence (LRE) Award? The LRE recognizes outstanding packs, troops and crews chartered to a Lutheran church, school or organization. The requirements run through the calendar year and eligible units usually submit their application at the same time they renew their yearly charter, but an LRE application can be sent in anytime.

The criteria are the following:

- Within the past calendar year earn the Centennial Quality Unit Award
- 10 percent or more of the registered youth members either enrolled or have completed the Religious Emblems Program for their age level and religious affiliation
- The pastor serves or has appointed



someone to serve as the counselor for the PRAY program

- The unit participated in the congregation’s Scout Sunday observance
- Completed at least one service project for the chartering organization
- Provided regular worship opportunities

when away on Sundays for outings and trips

- The Chartered Organization Representative is a member of the chartering Lutheran congregation or, for schools and other organizations, is a member of a local Lutheran congregation
- (For Boy Scout Troops only) the Chaplain Aide(s) is trained and actively working with a Lutheran pastor, youth minister or designated lay person.

Each unit that submits an application for earning the LRE will receive a certificate and ribbon for free. LRE patches also are available at \$3.50 each. (Make checks payable to NLAS.) All proceeds help the NLAS Chaplains Fund. Applications can be printed from www.nlas.org - click on the LRE link.

From The Past...*Looking Back at NLAS History*

Editor's Note: Bill Runnion wrote a letter detailing some past history of the formation of the National Lutheran Association on Scouting. It was decided to share what he wrote with the readers of this newsletter.

Before there was a National Lutheran Association on Scouting there were a number of council "Lutheran Association of Scouters." Our guidance came from Ralph Dinger, director of the LCMS Department of National Youth Agency Relationships. A need was felt for a national association, and in my area we were blessed with the abilities, desire and drive of John Cook. As president, Lutheran Association of Scouters of my council, I was invited to participate in the Area 3 Lutheran Association of Scouters, East Central Region Committee, to investigate the possibility of forming a national association.

There were a number of committee meetings with a meeting attendance of anywhere from three to 15 persons, usually held in a Missouri Synod Lutheran church in Des Plaines, Ill. Committee members were intelligent, ambitious and all were in accord to develop a national association. This eventually led to inviting all local associations to a conference to discuss a formation of a national association. What occurred was, to this day, extremely gratifying. The response was dramatic. The Area 3 committee was divided into sub committees, each with a particular function. Mine was the food for the attendees. Arrangements were made for rooms for attendees and reservation of a social hall at a Travelodge Motel very close to O'Hare Airport.

As attendees arrived we had a

cracker barrel on Friday night. Arrangements had been made to transport all attendees to a church not far away on Saturday morning. The pastor and

thoughtful, kind, funny and just plain likeable.

I guess you can say the rest is history that you already have documented. We remember that the 21st Lutheran Conference on Scouting was held at Philmont in July 1981 and was the first held under the leadership of the National Lutheran Association of Scouters. Ralph Dinger served as consultant for the conference. The staff members for this conference were outstanding.

I am now physically restricted in what I can do but still have a love for BSA and LAS. My deepest appreciation for all of you that continue in this work.



ladies of the church did everything possible to take care of our needs.

What was a huge gratification was that about four or five members of the Department of National Youth Agency Relationships attended and added immensely to the discussions that occurred during the day. At times these give-and-take sessions became heated, but in all cases civil. This conference was one of the most outstanding I have ever attended.

The end result was that attendees went home to share these deliberations with their local associations before committing themselves, but were extremely positive as to going in this direction, with positive encouragement to do so from the representatives of the National Youth Agency Relationships Committee. I would like to add, personally, that these persons were a pleasure to be with:

Association News

The **Lutheran Association of Scouters, Southern California**, met on Nov. 7 for the annual banquet. The gathering at Jagerhaus restaurant included a recap of the Campout held in September, other business and the installation of officers.

Thanks to a generous matching gift from the **Thrivent Clackamas Chapter** more than 7,000 Scouts in the Cascade Pacific Council in Oregon benefited from a vibrant Chaplain ministry last summer in their local summer camps.

BSA and LCMS Finish Successful Recruitment Drive

In early October professionals and volunteers alike gathered at the LCMS International Center in St. Louis, Mo., to kick off a two-week campaign to recruit new Lutheran congregations to Boy Scouting. The effort involved calls and visits to more than 220 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod churches in a two-council area. At the conclusion 23 new units were organized and five more prospects were strongly interested. Follow-up visits are planned in the coming weeks for undecided congregations.

Rev. Mark Kiessling, LCMS asso-

ciate director for Youth Ministries, hosted the kick-off along with Keith Walton from BSA National Community Alliances. An introductory letter had been previously sent to prospective congregations that included a personal appeal from Rev. Mart Thompson from Zion Lutheran Church in Pevely, Mo. Mark Hazlewood from PRAY helped to conduct a training session before sending everyone out on calls.

“The personal letter from Pastor Thompson was very well received and made a big difference,” Walton stated. “Pastor Mart spoke of the benefits and

new families his congregation at Zion has gotten from hosting all three Scouting programs: Pack, Troop and Venturing Crew.”

Special thanks also goes out to local Council Executives Myron Lofton and Alicia Lifrak and Field Directors Nick Roberts and Jeff Doty who were instrumental in organizing volunteers and staff. A similar type of local initiative previously has been conducted in other parts of the country and plans are to expand this recruitment drive to other Boy Scout councils.

Dear Pastors of the LCMS,

Christ's peace be with you!

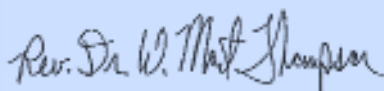
We are writing to tell you about opportunities that our Lutheran congregations will soon have to involve more youth in our congregations and in the Scouting programs operated by the Boy Scouts of America.

In October you will be contacted by Scouting representatives who will share with you the programs that currently benefit thousands of Lutheran congregations and tens of thousands of youth. These are the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing Programs of the B.S.A. We are asking you to take some time out of your busy schedule and hear what they have to say.

Besides the tremendous blessing these programs offer youth in life skills and leadership development in a fun and safe setting, they can also provide a wonderful spiritual benefit. Since Lutheran congregations that charter Scouting units “own” their local program, they can promote Scouting's Lutheran religious awards (God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, God and Life) and participation in worship services. Especially where the local pastor and congregation members establish relationships with the Scouts and Scouters, we have found there is also great potential for evangelism of unchurched families. The Scouting representatives will share these opportunities with you when they call.

Recently, School Night for Scouting has been promoting Scouting in schools. However, because of Scouting's strong religious stance, fewer public schools host Scouting groups. This is a tremendous opportunity for our Lutheran churches to support an excellent program which can also serve the mission of the Church.

Thank you for sharing your precious time.



Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Rev. Dr. W. Mart Thompson
Lutheran Scouting Initiative Chairman
Zion Lutheran Church
Pevely, MO



Rev. Mark Kiesling
LCMS Youth Ministry Office
Associate Director

Nominations Underway for 2010 Elections

NLAS reminds all members that elections will be held in April 2010 for national offices on the Executive Board. Those offices include president-elect (who ascends to the president position in 2012), treasurer, secretary, and two member-at-large positions. All positions serve two-year terms.

Current President-elect, Cole Petersen (who will take office as the president in 2010), will be chairing a nominating committee to seek out interested members willing to serve if elected. Other members of the committee are Bill Banta of York, Pa., Hans Friedrichsen, Lilburn, Ga., Myron Galchutt from Orange, Calif., and Ken Oughton, Warren, Mich.

What qualifications are needed? National officers shall be members of NLAS and registered adult leaders in a recognized youth-serving agency.

They are elected to two-year terms and all can stand for re-election except the president-elect who, of course, takes office as the president at the end of his or her term.

What are the duties of office? The president serves as the chair of the Executive Board, presiding over the annual meetings and any other special meetings of the membership. He/she is the spokesperson for the organization, keeping the board and participating Lutheran church bodies informed. He/she leads and directs the affairs and activities and signs, in the name of the organization, all contracts and business authorized by the board.

The president-elect serves as a vice-chair to the board, chairs the nominating committee and other duties assigned by the president. He/she may also perform the duties

of president in the event of their absence and automatically succeeds to the presidency at the end of the term.

The treasurer maintains accounting on all assets and liabilities, pays the bills and gives an accounting through financial statements. The secretary acts as a recorder at all meetings and keeps the minutes. He/she also sends all notices to the members. The member-at-large represents the membership on all matters before the board. They also perform duties assigned to them by the president.

Please give some thought as to who should lead our association in 2010. If you are interested in running for an office, or wish to nominate a fellow member for office, please contact Cole Petersen, 11673 Langford Circle, Burnsville, MN 55337-3205; 952/882-1781, smc4196@msn.com.

NLAS Welcomes Keith Walton



Keith Walton serves the Boy Scouts of America as the associate national director/membership specialist for community alliances and his relationship responsibilities include NLAS as well as the National Jewish Committee on Scouting and the Islamic Scouting Association. His primary responsibility is the New Unit Growth Program where he provides leadership and support to local councils through the New Unit Blitz campaigns and the New Unit Task Force.

A professional Scouter for more than 19 years, Keith began his career in Chicago, Ill. After serving the Chicago Boy Scout Council in many assignments, he was then promoted as urban director and subsequently field director for the Simon Kenton Council in Columbus, Ohio. While working in Ohio, Keith was responsible for many

creative programs for the Ohio council including the establishment of a statewide Scout Olympics in collaboration with the National Guard, a Physical Fitness Awareness program with Columbus State Community College and an African American Heritage Camp for the youth in Columbus' inner city area. After his tenure in Ohio, Keith was then promoted to director of field services for the Florham Park, N.J., Boy Scout Council where he served successfully for four years.

As a youth, Keith was a member of Boy Scout Troops 631 in Chicago and 375 in Harvey where he attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He credits all his success and accomplishments to both of his Scoutmasters, his parents and church leadership who supported him and continue to do so to this day.



P.R.A.Y. FOUR-STAR RECIPIENTS

Four-star recipients are individuals who have completed all four levels of the Protestant/Christian religious award series (i.e. God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, and God and Life). Congratulations to the following Lutheran Scouts for achieving this prestigious four-star status!

Karl Muhlbach, Baltimore Area; Quinn Jacobs and Alex Stark, Gamehaven; William Bryant, Grand Canyon; Steve Heim, Greater St. Louis Area; David Gregory, Heart Of America; Michael Lewczak and Adam Weaver, Minsi Trails; Mark Hudak, Taylor Wright, and Andrew Zimmerman, Orange County; Thomas Beatty and Brian Bumgarner, Piedmont; Josh Osler, Longs Peak; Zachary Burklund and Benjamin Burklund, Mid-America; Erica Bobka, Brian Taintor, and Jeffrey Zakoski, Northern Star; Karl Nielsen, Pacific Harbors.

Adults Recognized with Lamb, SOY Awards

NLAS congratulates the following adults who have received the Lamb and Servant of Youth Awards from January through October of 2009. These honorees come from 28 states. These are Lutheran awards that recognize adults for their volunteer service with civic youth-serving agencies. For more information on the awards, please visit the NLAS Web site.

The Lamb Award honorees are the following: from *California*, George Hegner, Galt, Renny Gardner, Costa Mesa; from *Connecticut*, Steven Schumacher, Bristol; from *Delaware*, Richard Foskett, Dover; from *Florida*, Miles Donahue, Jacksonville; from *Illinois*, Jerome Pelz, Decatur, Deborah Blankenship, Markham; from *Iowa*, Alan Fabel, Burlington; from *Kansas*, Jeanette Bosch, Wichita; from *Kentucky*, Clarence Browder and Carol Scalf, Louisville; from *Maine*, James Rausch, Ellsworth; from *Maryland*, Charles Kaltwasser, Solomons, Walter Varner, Gaithersburg; from *Minnesota*, Myron Barnes, East Grand Forks, Michael Gardner, Willmar, Elden Ehrich, Kenyon; from *Missouri*, Linda Kelly, Farmington; from *Montana*, Donald Stadler, Missoula; from *New Hampshire*, William Wurst, Amherst; from *New Jersey*, Wade Sjogren, Bridgeton; and from *New York*, Charles

Mayrer, East Schodack.

More Lamb recipients are from *North Carolina*, Jeffrey Kaylor and Bruce Roffey, Conover; from *North Dakota*, Monty Strehlow and John Wagar, Fargo; from *Ohio*, Raymond Penner, Cleveland, Mary Strausbaugh, Bowling Green, Stephen Szekely, South Euclid, Jeffrey Carley, Stow; from *Pennsylvania*, Cindy Selby, York, Melissa Corbin, Sunbury, Margaret Kinsley, East Stroudsburg, Harvey Kichline, Center Valley, Joel Grove, Sellersville, James Daley and Keith Shook, both of Nazareth, Teresa Knepp, Middleburg; from *South Dakota*, Hazel Rogers, Rapid City; from *Texas*, Larry Matschull, Midland, Paul Witthoeft, Dallas, Roger Boyer, League City; from *Washington*, Robert Ellingwood, Vancouver; and from *Wisconsin*, Keith Pierce, Muskego, Steve Shulta, Janesville, and James Ribnek, Milwaukee.

The Servant of Youth Award recipients are the following: from *Arizona*, Ray White, Phoenix, Gregory Ogden, Kimberly Ogden and Philip Pederson, Tucson; from *California*, Bert Rapp and Renee Rapp, Oak View, George Hegner, Galt, Steve Greving, Bellflower, Gary Poteet, Fountain Valley, Ron Hegg, Vista; from *Colorado*, Carrie Swaim, Montrose;

from *Florida*, Jeffrey Pollitt and Danielle Pollitt, Marco Island; from *Iowa*, Kristin Rogahn and Matthew Rogahn, Newton; from *Kansas*, Donald Rectenwald, Salina; from *Maryland*, Donna Van Dine, Severn; from *Minnesota*, Phill Lawonn, Mounds View; from *Missouri*, Bryan Bohall, St. Louis, David DeVeydt, Ballwin; from *Montana*, Daniel Callahan, Missoula; and from *New Jersey*, Edna Black, Howell.

Other Servant of Youth honorees are from *New York*, Douglas Snyder, Farmington, Barbara Kassay, Smithtown, Edward Spear, Nesconset; from *North Carolina*, Ralph Bumgarner, Maiden, Tom Barber, Sanford, Glenn Yount, Newton; *North Dakota*, Jerry Kallod, Fargo; from *Ohio*, Rodney Lanning and Tom Wagner, Bowling Green; from *Pennsylvania*, Kimberly Allen, Grantville, David Gower, Brodheadsville, Harvey Kichline, Center Valley, Daniel Knauss, Tipton; from *Texas*, David Moore, Midland, Diane Hannaman and James Hannaman, both of Austin; from *Virginia*, Carolyn Campbell, Hampton, Jane King, Hardy, Damon King, Roanoke, Gordon Weiss, Woodbridge; from *Washington*, Kim Fischer, Everett; from *Wisconsin*, Douglas Hinson, Greenfield; and from *Wyoming*, Richard Moler, Cheyenne.

Send News Items

The deadline to submit articles for the next issue is Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010. Send Association and other news for the *Lutheran Scouting* newsletter to Barbara Parks, 4240 Birchwood Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740 or barbara@bparks.org. Please spell out acronyms and give state and area or city locations so complete information is included in the publication. For events, be sure to include the date. For photos, either e-mail or send a glossy print.

Welcome to New NLAS Members

Since June 1, NLAS gained 31 new members. *Ohio* topped the list of states with five new members. They are Jeffrey Carley, Stow, Charles C. Duerk, Defiance, Gary Nordahl, Perrysburg, Scott Strawn, Solon, and Thomas Wagner, Bowling Green.

Other new members are from *California*, Myron Galchutt, Orange, and Thomas Holland, San Diego; from *Connecticut*, Erik Moore, Ansonia; from *Delaware*, Brittany Price, Wilmington; from *Florida*, Jeff and Danielle Pollitt, Marco Island; from *Georgia*, Sandra Hansen, and Robert and Doris Young Sr., Columbus, and Thomas R. Wayman, Richmond Hill; from *Illinois*, Ruth Bernhardt-Kuehl, LaGrange Park,

and Jerome C. Pelz, Decatur.

More are from *Maryland*, Bill Floria, Jefferson, and Martin Predoehl, Olney; from *Minnesota*, Phill Lawonn, Mounds View, and Lloyd C. Wangerin, Savage; from *Missouri*, Carlos Camarillo, Perryville; from *New Hampshire*, William Wurst, Amherst; from *North Carolina*, Ralph Bumgarner III, Maiden, and Stephen Leansbury, Lincolnton; from *Pennsylvania*, David Gower, Brodheads ville, Don Harrold, Millersville, and Kenneth Mann, Palmerton; from *South Carolina*, Ron and Madaline Pearson, York; and from *Wisconsin*, Brent Anderson, Cedarsburg, and Jim Enerson, Janesville.

New Life Members

NLAS welcomes new Life members, Rev. Cory Eckstrom from Cortland, N.Y., and Scott Sieg from Columbus, Ga.

In Memoriam

Dr. Timothy Matthys, a dedicated Lutheran Scouter and chaplain for many years, passed away suddenly on June 4 of a heart attack.

A perpetual memorial endowment has been set in place through the Lutheran Foundation of Texas (c/o LCMS-Texas District Office, 7900 East Highway 290, Austin, Texas 78724) to yearly benefit three groups: NLAS, Laborers for Christ and a Memorial Camping Scholarship fund for his local Boy Scout Troop 287. Also, renovations are being done to the Protestant chapel at Philmont in his memory through a special donation.

“Those who knew Tim were aware of his deep love for his Lord,

his family and giving of himself to others,” wrote his widow Naomi Matthys. “We are thankful to have been part of his life and thank God for his witness among us.”

Dan Murphy, a member of NLAS and Trinity Lutheran Church in Kearney, Mo., died on Sept. 24. A recipient of both the Servant of Youth and the Lamb awards, Dan was assistant district commissioner for the North Star District in the BSA Heart of America Council.

Memorial donations may be made to Lutherans for Life, 1120 South G Ave., Nevada, Iowa 50201.

Harry A. Volz, who received the Lamb award in 1974, died July 23. He was from Massapequa Park, N.Y.

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by providing National Youth Gatherings. These gatherings help equip youth and adults to recognize that youth ministry happens in a variety of settings in their parish, community and world. NLAS has been invited to host an exhibit promoting Scouting as one of those youth ministries for LCMS congregations and schools.

Over the course of five days participants will have the opportunity to interact with thousands of other youth and adults from across the United States and other countries.

Service is always a big part of any gathering experience and this event will focus on the areas of human care, construction, environment and outreach. These will include off-site events in the New Orleans community and projects located at the convention center site.

If you are planning to attend as an adult guide for your youth group or as a gathering volunteer, please consider spending a few hours helping at the NLAS exhibit. Contact Trent Christian at tmchristiannlas@mindspring.com or 770/957-6589.

NLAS Membership Report

as of November 1, 2009

Number of members for 2009/2010

TOTAL	404
New Members	32
Unrenewed Members	45



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