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Laborers Leave Memories and More at Sheridan, Wyo.

Laborers, working for Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sheridan, Wyo., have finished their construction on the new 5,200 sq. ft. fellowship hall addition. But Pastor William Heine hasn't forgotten them.

LFC workers traded lots of good-natured teasing with the pastor about the abundance of rabbits that populated the parsonage backyard where Laborers parked their RVs during their two-month stint. The Laborers left the pastor parting gifts (a puzzle, dish, coffee mug) decorated with—you guessed it—bunnies.

"I think it just typifies what I have seen in Laborers—people who are good-natured. They love what they're doing, and it shows," said Pastor Heine, who is no stranger to the LFC program. His father, Gilbert Heine, served 10 years as a Laborer and was an LFC Standing Committee member and LFC regional consultant before his death in 2002.

Immanuel's new fellowship hall—a first for the 104-year-old congregation—seats 130 people and includes a kitchen, offices, two restrooms, and storage space. For two decades, members talked about the need for such an addition, Pastor Heine says.

LCEF got the ball rolling by assisting the congregation with its vision, fund raising, and



Dale Busse from Akron, Ohio, works atop a ladder at the Sheridan, Wyoming, project site. Busse and his wife, Lucy, former missionaries, have worked with LFC since 1996.

a \$400,000-plus loan. Laborers, working for the congregation, framed the building, and installed windows, interior doors and siding.

Pastor Heine said he was impressed by the 14 Laborers, who did top-notch work and also "participated in the life of the church" by leading their own daily devotions, taking part in Bible classes, and worshiping with the congregation. Working with LCEF and the Laborers, he added, was "a nice, seamless way of getting this done."

Laborer Don Foth, project manager for the congregation, says Immanuel provided so many willing workers that the project moved along faster than others its size. Three to five volunteers pitched in every day, he said, providing an estimated 1,000 total hours of work over two months.

In a gesture of appreciation, one Laborer—who also is an Immanuel member—made a 4-by-9-ft. wooden cross that now hangs on the side of the new fellowship hall. Dedication of the building was scheduled for September 9.



Laborers and volunteers from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sheridan, Wyo., erect walls on the 5,200 sq. ft. fellowship hall, the first for the 104-year-old congregation.

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Laborers For Christ Rendezvous

April 4–6, 2008 ■ Perryville, MO.

“Come Back to Your LCMS Roots”

- Friday April 4, 2008 Let the Discovery Begin!**
 10:00 a.m. Rendezvous registration at Travelodge Hotel, Perryville, MO.
 Various activities as desired: Golf tourney, Games, Visiting, Crafts, etc.
 Bus tour to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (if there is enough interest).
 4:00 p.m. Happy hour hosted by LCEF
 6:00 p.m. German “KETTLE BEEF” dinner, hosted by LCEF
 Presentation by LCEF
- Saturday April 5, 2008 The Discovery Continues at Brazeau Hall!**
 9:00 a.m. Welcome
 9:15 a.m. Bible study
 10:15 a.m. Catered brunch (cost included in registration fee)
 11:15 a.m. Tours (maps provided):
 Saxon Memorial, Altenburg Museum and first LCMS Seminary
 Wittenburg (on the Mississippi River where Saxons landed).
 Or, stay at Brazeau Hall to visit, play games or do crafts.
 4:00 p.m. Wine & cheese at Brazeau Hall
 5:30 p.m. Tour Concordia Lutheran Church in Frohna, MO.
 6:30 p.m. Chicken dinner at Concordia School (cost included in registration fee)
 Music by Saxon Hills Band
- Sunday April 6, 2008**
 7:30 a.m. Worship service at Immanuel in Perryville

**Any questions?
 Contact Denny or
 Flo Tellinghuisen at
 (605) 376-4359 or
 E-mail:
 dennynflo@juno.com**

Thanks For Registering By MARCH 1, 2008! No refunds after March 15, 2008.

REGISTRATION FORM

Laborers For Christ Rendezvous

April 4-6, 2008

Badge Name: _____ 1 @ \$25.00\$ _____
 Badge Name: _____ 1 @ \$25.00\$ _____
 Number of bus tickets to tour Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, on Friday, April 4, 2008 ___ @ \$20.00\$ _____
 TOTAL\$ _____

Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Cell/Other Number: _____
 E-mail: _____ Would you direct a choir? ___ Play piano/organ? ___ Sing in a choir? ___

Send registration fee AND form to: Dennis & Flo Tellinghuisen
 1110 N. Henness Road #867
 Casa Grande, AZ 85222

Do you need transportation from/to airport? If so, give the following information:

Arrival information: Date, Time, Airline, Flight Number: _____
 Departing information: Date, Time, Airline, Flight Number: _____



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 “Come Back to Your LCMS Roots”

Hotel/Motel Information:

There are three hotels/motels available at Highway I-55, Exit 129. Hotels/motels vary in their advance reservations, and prices are subject to change.

- **Travelodge Hotel**
 1500 Liberty St., Perryville, MO. Phone: (573) 547-1091
 (Mention “LFC Rendezvous” for a discount.)
- **Super 8 Motel**
 1119 Vincent Drive, Perryville, MO. Phone: (573) 517-7888
- **Comfort Inn**
 1517 S. Perryville Blvd., Perryville, MO. Phone: (573) 547-1727



Driving Directions:

Highway I-55, Exit 129, Perryville, MO.
 39 miles north of Cape Girardeau, MO.;
 72 miles south of St. Louis, MO.

RV Park Information:

KOA Kampgrounds
 89 KOA Lane, Perryville, MO.
 Phone: (573) 547-8303
 On Outer Road, just north of Exit 129.

2007 rates were \$31–\$36.
 2008 rates will be set in December.
 Discounts are available if there are 10 or more units.
 When calling, be sure to identify yourself as part of the “LCEF Rendezvous.”



Laborers For Christ

Thanksgiving for Retiring Laborers

Are are those individuals who are willing to give of themselves with little recognition or personal benefit—especially at a time when our society often and daily hears the question, “What’s in it for me?” Dedication to, and the desire to do a good job for the sake of simply returning the bigger blessing of our heavenly Father, is difficult to witness these days. We find great encouragement in LFC retirees for their example of servanthood, care, and love of God’s people wherever they have volunteered their time, talents, and treasures to work on behalf of organizations that desire to grow its future in the Lord. They have been God’s light to so many people and in so many places (Matt. 5:14).

These retirees have provided a gift that lives on and on as they shared their time and labor for the organization that hired Laborers For Christ. They have been a splendid example of how Romans 12 mentions the benefit of sharing encouragement and what comes back to us when we “contribute to the needs of others.” They were willing to share their baptismal calling only to give glory to God. Thank you so very much!

The following Laborers For Christ have volunteered their time, energy, skills, and ability for so many years to labor for others in God’s Kingdom:

- Ralph Burtis..... Project Manager • April 1989 to March 2006
11 Projects
- Gene & Delores Eytchison Regional Consultant for Illinois & Missouri
Project Manager, Laborer • May 1990 to January 2007
16 Projects
- Mert Hendricks..... Regional Consultant for Alaska, Oregon, western
Washington, Project Manager
September 1989 to March 2007
5 Projects
- Rod Maxson..... Regional Consultant for Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas,
Laborer • March 1990 to March 2007
8 Projects
- Fred Nielsen Standing Committee 1992-1998,
Project Manager • March 1986 to April 2006
18 Projects
- Bill & Glenda Ziche Project Manager, Laborer
September 1993 to January 2007
11 Projects
- Frank Bottorff..... Laborer • August 1995 to January 2007
10 Projects
- Marty Honig Laborer • October 2000 to July 2006
5 Projects
- Ken Malek..... Project Manager
November 1993 to March 2006
8 Projects
- Bob & Bev Neuhaus..... Project Manager, Laborer
October 1997 to May 2006
5 Projects
- Bruce Whitmarsh..... Laborer
September 1990 to March 2007
14 Projects

NEW LABORERS LIST

- Ted Beise
1412 Fairway Ct.
Chaska, MN
- Emil and Marilyn Cattau
119 E. Clay St.
O’Neill, NE
- Dave and Bea Morse
PO Box 20002
Cheyenne, WY
- Tom Weiss
2868 Walsh Drive
Rochester Hills, MI



Project Changes

- Redemer, Lebanon, CT
Postponed until 04/2008
- Christ the Vine, Clackamas, OR
Postponed until 05/2009
- Our Savior, Clyde, NC
Postponed until 04/2008
- Grace, Ashland, OR
Postponed until 05/2010
- Christ, Yuma, AZ
Postponed until 02/2008
- Shepherd of the Valley,
Junction City, OR
Postponed until 06/2009
- Trinity, Oregon City, OR
Postponed until 06/2009
- Faith, Pocatello, ID
Postponed until 04/2009



LFC Program Active Project List

EST. START DATE	CITY	ST	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION
Nov 07	Kingsland	GA	Holy Trinity	Classrooms/Fellowship, addn, rural: 5,000 sf
Nov 07	Slidell	LA	Good Shepherd	Sanctuary/Int, new, suburb: 8,200 sf
Jan 08	Hemet	CA	Prince of Peace	Preschool/Multi, addn, suburb: 11,400 sf
Feb 08	Yuma	AZ	Christ	Multipurpose/Classrooms/Int, new, suburb: 15,000 sf
Mar 08	Cape Girardeau	MO	Hanover	Family Life Center/Int, new, rural: 15,000 sf
Mar 08	Topeka	KS	Kansas District	Retreat Center, new, suburb
Apr 08	Clintonville	WI	St. Martin	Daycare, addn, urban: 16,000 sf
Apr 08	Clyde	NC	Our Savior	Office/Handicap, addn, suburban: 1,300 sf
Apr 08	East Wenatchee	WA	Faith	Sanc/Kitchen, new/addn, sub: 8,000 sf
Apr 08	Fort Dodge	IA	Good Shepherd	Fellowship/Ofc, addn/rem, suburb: 5,000 sf
Apr 08	Haven	KS	St. Paul	Family Life Center/Int, new, rural: 4,320 sf
Apr 08	Lakefield	MN	Immanuel	Narthex/Ofc/Ele, addn/remod, rural: 7,500 sf
Apr 08	LaPine	OR	Faith	Sanctuary, new, rural: 8,100 sf
Apr 08	Laramie	WY	Zion	Sanctuary, new, suburb
Apr 08	Lebanon	CT	Redeemer	Parish hall, new, suburb: 5,700 sf
Apr 08	Minier	IL	Good Shepherd	Fellowship/Classrms, addn, rural: 5,472 sf
Apr 08	Sauk Rapids	MN	Trinity	Multipurpose, addn, suburb: 5,000 sf
Apr 08	Seaford	DE	Christ Evangelical	Fellowship/Sanc, addn, suburb: 5,386 sf
May 08	Bear Creek	WI	Grace	Sanc/Fellowship, rem/addn, rural: 4,000 sf
May 08	Indianapolis	IN	Our Shepherd	Classrooms, new, suburban: 22,000 sf
May 08	Pocatello	ID	Faith	Fellowship, new, rural: 7,000 sf
May 08	Stoughton	WI	Good Shepherd	Sanctuary/Preschool, urban, new: 9,000 sf
Jun 08	Spokane	WA	St. John	Fellowship/Ofc, new, rural: 6,000 sf
Jun 08	Stafford	VA	Living Hope	Childcare Ctr, new, rural: 15,838 sf
Sep 08	McCall	ID	Our Savior	First Unit, new, rural: 7,500 sf
Oct 08	Atwater	CA	Holy Cross	Classrooms, addn/remod, suburban
Nov 08	Sierra Vista	AZ	Immanuel	Classrooms, new/addn: 6,400 sf

Project Signup Form

Actual starting dates will depend on the organization's timely completion of its work on plans, permits, and financing. If these are not completed in a timely manner, the organization's project will be delayed. Your understanding and flexibility are appreciated. **Please do not leave for any project until you have been specifically called to the project by the organization.**

I am willing to serve as a Laborer For Christ for any of the following projects:

(Please indicate all preferences. Use a separate sheet of paper for additional projects.)

LOCATION

PROJECT

Name: _____

Address (current location): _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone (current): _____ Cell Phone: _____ Date Submitted: _____

E-mail: _____

Return to: Laborers For Christ, c/o Lutheran Church Extension Fund, PO Box 229009 • St. Louis, MO 63122-9009;

Fax: 314-996-1131 • E-mail: laborers@lcef.org



LFC Sympathy

■ James R. Buffaloe

Jim, an 85-year-old retired electrician, passed away on June 20, 2007. A funeral service was held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas. He once led the "Texas Laborers" and was a project manager for LFC.

■ Sam Eakins (Bobbie)

Former Laborer, passed away on June 29, 2007. Sam served in the U.S. Air Force 583rd Band as a flutist. In 1990, he worked on the Bremerton, WA, project at Peace Lutheran Church and School. A memorial service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Everett, WA, on July 12, 2007. A second memorial service was held at the Warm Beach Senior Community Center located at 20420 Marine Drive, Stanwood, WA. Cards may be sent to: Bobbie Eakins, PO Box 2575, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

Prayer Requests

■ **Al Neumann (Harriett)** experienced a stroke and was hospitalized. Please send cards to: PO Box 539, Houghton Lake Heights, MI 48630-0539.

■ **Bob Shelton (Lois)** will be undergoing radiation for cancer in his left shoulder. Please send cards to: PO Box 105, Sedgewick, CO 80749.

■ **Bev Patterson (Harry)** received a pacemaker on September 27, 2007. Harry continues to improve from cancer. He has undergone five rounds of chemo with one remaining. Please send cards to: 923 Duck Lake Road Apt. 116, Highland, MI 48356-1536.

Anniversaries

■ **Del and Stella Carman** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 12, 2007. Praise God for this milestone in marriage. Please send cards to: 2025 W. Northwood, Bolvier, MO 65613-2265.

Pictured below: Dale and Erma Mellendorf celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30, 2007. They would like to thank everyone for the cards and good wishes.



Laborers at LWML and LLL Conventions

If you attended the 2007 LWML or LLL conventions, then you might have also seen our very own Laborers staffing the LCEF exhibit displays!

John and Rhonda Johnson joined more than 5,000 other men and women at the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Standing along side the LCEF exhibit table, John and Rhonda could be found at the LFC table sharing their enthusiasm for furthering the Lord's work through the LFC ministry. To increase interest, the Johnson's gave away a small tool-kit to a lucky participant whose name was drawn from those visiting the display.

At the Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) convention in Duluth, Minnesota, John and Lorraine Robinson happily served as exhibitors at the LCEF/LFC table.

The Johnson's and Robinson's are a wonderful asset to the LFC ministry. We appreciate them and their time and talents.



Above: John and Rhonda Johnson at the LWML convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Right: John and Lorraine Robinson served as exhibitors at the LLL convention in Duluth, Minnesota.



Laborers, working for Peace Lutheran Church, Andover, Kan., erect walls for the 8,200-sq. ft. hall that will replace the double-wide trailer the congregation now uses for fellowship activities.

Rain Delay in Andover, Kansas, Lends Helping Hand in Greensburg

A rain delay that pushed back one construction project also gave Laborers For Christ, working for an Andover, Kan., congregation, the opportunity to help another nearby Lutheran church after a devastating tornado.

Two precipitation-filled months postponed the start of an 8,200 sq. ft. fellowship hall at Peace Lutheran Church, Andover. Although Laborers typically work for one congregation at a time, some of the workers for Peace, Andover, headed 120 miles west to Peace Lutheran Church, Greensburg. A May tornado destroyed that congregation's building and wiped out much of Greensburg.

Laborers, working for the congregation, helped erect a 14-by-54-ft. modular unit, supplied by Orphan Grain Train and LCMS World Relief and Human Care. Jim Young, project manager in Andover, was among those who trekked to Greensburg. The Laborers were happy to help "because those people (in Greensburg) need a place

to worship," he said.

Once the skies cleared in Andover, Laborers returned to Peace to work on the new fellowship hall that will include four

classrooms, two offices, and a new entryway into the attached church building. The congregation currently uses a double-wide trailer for fellowship activities.

The expansion, which is expected to be completed in October, "is a visible symbol to the community that the church is growing, just as the community is growing," said Rev. Dean Von Stroh, Peace's pastor. A developer is building 2,000 homes across the street from the church, he said, and two nearby elementary schools recently opened.

"That's why we had to do this—to meet the demands of the community's growth," Von Stroh said. Only about a fifth of the congregation's 130 worshipers were members when Von Stroh began serving Peace six-and-a-half years ago. "The rest are new," said the pastor, who expects membership to continue climbing.

A \$500,000-plus loan from LCEF "made the project possible" by providing a much lower interest rate than what was available from commercial lenders, according to Von Stroh. "It's been a blessing," he said.

For more information about Peace, Andover, visit the congregation's Web site at www.lutheransonline.com/peaceandover.

Below: Peace Lutheran's new fellowship hall will include four classrooms, two offices, and a new entryway into the attached church. Heavy rains forced Laborers, working for the Andover, Kan., congregation, to postpone the project that is expected to be completed in October.





New York Congregation Dedicated Addition

Laborers For Christ worked with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canandaigua, New York. Laborers helped with an addition to the existing church (on the left). Workers had to remove an older section of the education wing in order to build the addition. Good Shepherd has a wonderful ministry there including Moms in Touch, MOPS, Little Lambs and Ewe, and a preschool. The dedication was held in early 2006.



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