



## DEACONESS ACTIVITY REPORT – 1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter 2010

### New Logo Design & Website Updates

The new logo (seen above) was designed and donated by Timothy R. Clausen for use by DORCAS on stationary and electronic media. The file is available against a white background and on a transparency and can be used by member congregations wishing to link to the DORCAS website. Currently, the website located at <http://www.lutheranDORCAS.org> has been updated and plans are underway to redesign the site making it easier to navigate.

### What is the true character of deaconess work?

Over and over again the same question is asked, often by very intelligent persons, and no explanation seems quite sufficient. A deaconess is a Christian woman fitted for useful Christian work, who gives herself solemnly to the Church, and undertakes to perform any labor the Church may give her for which she may be found adapted... In any and every case let it be understood that the deaconess goes forth into a field as wide as the great vineyard of the Master.

Bishop J. M. Thoburn  
1 September 1892

### Received our Lord's Divine Service

St. Paul Lutheran Church	Parkersburg, WV	September 20 <sup>th</sup>
St. Paul Lutheran Church	Ashland, KY	October 18 <sup>th</sup>
Emanuel Lutheran Church	Lancaster, OH	November 1 <sup>st</sup> + December 20 <sup>th</sup>
Trinity Lutheran Church	Sugar Grove, OH	November 15 <sup>th</sup> + December 6 <sup>th</sup>
Trinity Lutheran Church	Logan, OH	November 15 <sup>th</sup> + Nov 29 <sup>th</sup> + Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>
Redeemer Lutheran Church	Charleston, WV	January 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church	Zanesville, OH	January 31 <sup>st</sup>
Redeemer Lutheran Church	Lancaster, OH	February 14 <sup>th</sup>
Our Savior Lutheran Church	Chillicothe, OH	All other opportunities

### Conferences and Workshops

Share Life: A Witness Workshop presented by Rev. Jeffrey B. Stephens  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church on November 13-14, 2009  
Trinity Lutheran Church (Sugar Grove) on January 30, 2010



Lutheran Confessions Symposium: *God: Past, Present and Future*  
 Concordia Theological Seminary on January 20-21, 2010

Grant Writing and Fund-Raising

Ohio District Mission Grant Application  
 Submitted: October 15, 2009; Amount Requested: \$20,000.00  
 Granted: January 15, 2010; Amount Awarded: \$15,000.00

Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, Ohio District – Mission Grant Request  
 Submitted: October 31, 2009; Amount Requested: \$10,000.00  
 2010 LWML Ohio District Convention on June 25-27<sup>th</sup>

Auction: Christmas Food Basket & Gifts  
 Total Raised: \$1,805.00 includes \$450 match from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
 Provided: 25 Food Baskets + Kroger Gift Cards (\$25.00) and Gifts for 64 children  
 10 Volunteers shopped for the children, packed food baskets, & distributed gifts.

Break-the-FAST  
 Total Raised: \$2,076.00 includes \$534 match from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
 4 Volunteers participated in a full-liquid fast for 30 hours on May 2-3, 2009

FUND DISTRIBUTION	
Good Samaritan Network of Ross County	\$ 112.37
Brookside Church Food Pantry	42.68
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of South Central Ohio	363.45
The Assistance House	51.35
Our Savior Lutheran Church Food Pantry	<u>1,506.15</u>
	\$ 2,076.00

Kroger Community Rewards Program  
 On May 1, 2010 participants who have linked their Kroger Plus Card to DORCAS  
 will be required to re-enroll if they wish to continue their support.



## Diaconal OutReach Care and Services

### Human Care and Mercy

Tender Loving Care Ministries

Received the following items for distribution:

- 100 winter coats and jackets
- 100 hat-scarf-glove sets
- 120 pair of shoes
- 50 \$15-Payless gift cards
- 170 sets of clothing for boys & girls sizes 3-12
- 27 pajamas & nightgowns
- 9 large quilts
- candy & stuffed toys

Our Savior Lutheran Church Food and Clothing Pantry

On January 8, 2010, we completed a transition to utilize the talents of volunteers, Jane Shaw and Bonnie Page, who will continue the weekly operation of the pantry.

### Teaching the Faith

Ladies Aid Bible Study hosted by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Zanesville, Ohio on January 7, 2010.

### Graduate Degree Completion

The Professional Counseling Program at Concordia University – Chicago is designed to prepare graduates who are qualified to work as counselors in a variety of settings.

On February 2, 2010, I completed my coursework for my Capstone Experience: Research Topic – “Forgiveness as a Strategy to Promote Marital Functioning.”

Upon receiving my degree, I intend to apply to the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage & Family Therapist Board to become a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). Requirements: Graduate Degree in Counseling, Clinical Coursework, and National Counseling Exam (NCE; given in April and October).

### Alpha Renewal Center

In my 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Deaconess Report for 2009, I noted the opening of a Christian guidance and counseling center in Ross County. At that time, I was a limited partner in the center. I am pleased to report that the community has received these efforts with enthusiasm; however, on December 31, 2009 my partnership interest in the center ended amicably and by mutual agreement.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Teaching the Faith

Sharing & Caring Workshop

3-part series discussing the role of the Church. Hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Logan, Ohio.

February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wandering In and Out of Hell
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Being Prepared
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Marching Orders

Ladies Aid Bible Study

Seven Basic Truths About the Gospel. Hosted by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Zanesville, Ohio on April 1, 2010.

Conferences

June 23 – 26: 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Concordia Deaconess Conference at Concordia University – Chicago, acting as Parliamentarian.

July 10 – 17: 64<sup>th</sup> Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, acting as Advisory Delegate.

Human Care and Mercy

**Serving Along the Appalachian Frontier**

June 13 – June 18	I	Our Savior Lutheran Church	Chillicothe, Ohio
June 27 – July 2	II	Trinity Lutheran Church	Logan, Ohio
July 4 – July 9	III	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
July 18 – July 24	IV	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
July 25 – July 30	V	To Be Announced	To Be Announced

**Concordia Publishing House**

*The Hear Me Read Bible*

by Mary Manz Simon



This Bible storybook helps children develop and grow in their reading ability by sharing 18 different Bible stories in 13-20 words. The colorful illustrations help, too.

August Distribution			
Saturday		Sunday	
7	Chillicothe	8	TBA
14	TBA	15	TBA
21	TBA	22	TBA
28	TBA	29	TBA