



Chicago Area Circuit ~ Abiding Peace ~ May 2012

Our Mission in Canada

Missionary Ben Schmeling in Saskatchewan, Canada reports that he returned his call to Jefferson, WI.

Their Moms & Kids play group is expanding to 2 groups and they are still looking into starting a preschool. The parsonage mortgage has been paid off.

• The newly elected Chicago Area Circuit Board members are:

- President: Paula Danekas (Good Shepherd, Downers Grove)
- Vice President: Julie Epple (St. Matthew, Niles)
- Secretary: Caryn Grossman (Abiding Peace, Elgin)
- Pastoral Advisor: David Carlovsky (Lord & Savior, Crystal Lake)
- Spiritual Growth: Ella Behrens (Lord & Savior, Crystal Lake)
- World Mission Project: #WM-2012-10 Russia Projects
- Home Mission Project: #HM-2012-17 WELS-Canada Evangelist

Our Mission in Mexico

Missionary Brad Krause in Leon, Mexico is happy to report that he and Heidi are expecting their first child, a daughter, in July.

They had 51 in attendance for Easter Sunday and a good # in Bible Information classes. 2014 is the next Mexican LWMS Convention and we are all invited!



Retreat Recap

The Spring Retreat of the Chicago Area Circuit of LWMS was held at Christ the King Lutheran, Palatine, IL on Saturday April 21, 2012. Pastor Phil Huebner, our keynote speaker, gave his presentation titled *Ministry with Confidence in the Lord!* Christ the King in Palm Coast, FL began as a mission in 2007 with 8 adults & 3 children in the living room of the Huebner home. They soon rented a space in an elementary school and every week had to bring in chairs, tables, sound system, Bibles, etc... Christ the King received the last WELS grant to begin a preschool with 18 students, but two weeks prior to opening they were nowhere near ready! Pastor sent out 212 letters as they were looking for land with some acreage. This yielded a nice deal on an 8 acre parcel situated on Hwy. 1. In 2008, CtK hosted 76 for Easter worship and 90 in 2009. An architect drew up plans for a 2 million dollar building project. Prior to the opening in 2010, they were robbed of all they owned – chairs, tables, sound system, Bibles, etc...and were left with 2 candles for the opening of their new facility. The services were a BYOC (bring your own chair) operation for a few weeks.



30,000 homes have been canvassed and 500,000 postcards have been sent out in 4 years, and their fall Kids Carnival has resulted in huge numbers for their congregation. By next year, their school will include up to 8th grade / Hard Work + God's Blessings = GROWTH. In the next 3-4 years, there are plans for a 10 million dollar building complete with a school, Community Center, and a Fitness Center. A Florida Lutheran High School is also on the horizon!

Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4



Winston-Salem, NC is the location of the 49th Annual LWMS Convention, *Our God Reigns*, June 21st-24th. There is still time to register! Go to www.lwms.org for registration forms or see Margaret Schubring or Caryn Grossman for more information. You can also sign up for e-mail updates from LWMS if you wish!